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A concise summary of significant developments in Israel and the world through a grounded Christian worldview.

Israel & Jerusalem

Witnesses report that Raseel's tent was struck by an Israeli helicopter attack, though Israel's military denies any record of such an operation. Following a security meeting, the opposition leader sought to reassure the public, stating there is no cause for panic. ([BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#); [JNS](#))

The singer Bono, citing disputed quotes, questioned why the minister remains free, prompting Ben-Gvir to respond with a video encouraging Gazan emigration to Ireland. Meanwhile, two homes belonging to the al-Tubasi family were set ablaze, and Israeli security forces faced attacks from settlers. ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The US-backed Board of Peace has unveiled a \$2.45 billion plan to rebuild Gaza over six months; however, disagreements regarding Hamas's disarmament and the conditions of an Israeli withdrawal continue to impede progress. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the United Nations General Assembly shortly after this announcement. In the region, hostilities between Pakistan and the Taliban have escalated, involving airstrikes, cross-border attacks, targeted operations, and a car bombing. These clashes, which resumed on September 18, ended a nearly three-month ceasefire between the former allies. Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al Zaidi has proposed a plan to disarm Iran-backed militias by June 2027, coinciding with an agreement for Turkey to gradually transfer control of its Bashiqa-Zilkan military base to Iraq. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Authorities in four countries recently announced arrests, charges, and an extradition related to alleged Islamic State activities, including an assassination plot, a chemical attack, propaganda dissemination, and financing travel to Syria. On September 23, the Board of Peace reiterated its Gaza recovery plan, though implementation remains stalled due to unresolved issues surrounding Hamas's disarmament and Israel's security



concerns. Meanwhile, Iran and the United States have signaled progress in resuming diplomatic talks. ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#))

Jonathan Sayegh, a Middle East analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, highlighted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent visit to the United Arab Emirates. The Kurdistan Regional Government announced the successful unification of the Peshmerga armed forces under the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs, ending longstanding divisions between units affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. ([FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#))

While most Americans recognize GPS as a navigation tool, they appreciate its critical role in national security less. The Foundation for Defense of Democracies emphasizes the urgent need for a backup plan to safeguard the United States' reliance on GPS infrastructure. ([FDD](#))

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Online age checks are driving traffic from responsible pornographers, allowing the least ethical adult content platforms to flourish in their stead, according to an adult industry titan. A better solution, Aylo argues, is Apple's device-level age verification, which could level the playing field ([biometricupdate.com](#)).

Kenjiro Tsuda wins case against TikTok account in landmark Japanese verdict to protect publicity rights. A court in Japan ruled that the human voice has legal protection in a landmark case involving a well-known actor and a TikTok account he claimed cloned his "lustrous" baritone voice in its AI-generated videos. Tokyo district court said on Wednesday that voices should enjoy the same protection as publicity rights. ([The Guardian](#)).

Deepfakes and misinformation driven by artificial intelligence have become a point of deep concern for legislators, advocates, and the public. An image of College Park, Georgia mayor Bianca Motley Broom kissing a man – who was not her husband – in a bar spread far and wide on Facebook. The fact that it's fake is spreading faster now, but only after it had been seen by thousands of people. "I think this is a sad commentary about where we are in our society. ([The Guardian](#)).

Nonprofit science and technology organization Noblis has been awarded a U.S. patent for an electronic access control system that continuously verifies both user identity and environmental conditions using biometric sensing, environmental monitoring, and machine



learning. Modulate has raised \$25 million, bringing its total funding to \$60 million, as investors put more money behind technology that analyzes human speech, including whether the voice on the other end of a call is real. (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Scientists in China have identified a new tick-borne virus causing flu-like symptoms, which may explain previously unexplained cases of fever, fatigue, digestive issues, and low platelet counts. Most patients infected solely with this virus recovered, but coinfections with another dangerous tick-borne virus increased risks. Researchers have also resurrected antimicrobial peptides from ancient mammals, finding some more effective against drug-resistant bacteria than modern human versions, offering potential pathways for new treatments amid rising antibiotic resistance. A major Swedish study involving 3.7 million people found that rare TORCH infections transmitted from pregnant women to fetuses are linked to significantly higher risks of autism and intellectual disabilities in children. Those with congenital TORCH infections were approximately three times more likely to experience these developmental challenges. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.8 earthquake near Tonopah, Nevada, and a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near Kupang, Indonesia. Additionally, a magnitude 4.2 earthquake occurred near Wauna, Washington. Thailand is currently under a green flood alert. ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Archaeologists in Turkey have uncovered another fragment of the treaty between Pharaoh Ramesses II and Hittite King Hattusili III, shedding further light on this ancient diplomatic agreement. South of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, excavations revealed a monumental complex featuring three ritual baths, a rectangular pool, an elaborate drainage system, and two nearby plastered vats. This site likely served as an ancient fortress guarding Egypt's western frontier. ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#))