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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

During a recent book discussion, Katie Wilson remarked, “Someone’s obviously going to make a lot of money selling condos,” highlighting Christian Zionist support for plans to redevelop Gaza. This redevelopment effort raises concerns about the erasure of Jewish presence and the portrayal of Jews as villains, issues that cannot be overlooked. The surge in antisemitism following October 7 is not a transient misunderstanding that will dissipate with any political change in Israel, such as the defeat of Netanyahu ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

Carol Greenwald, board chair of CAMERA, told JNS that recent edits to Robert Kraft’s Wikipedia page are less about him personally and more about how anti-Israel activists have hijacked the platform to promote false accusations of genocide against Israel. In a separate incident, Capt. Smit Machchhar was assaulted by another pilot aboard a Flydubai flight bound for Tel Aviv. Israel’s prime minister stated that the pilot who attempted to seize control of the plane clearly intended to bring it down ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [BBC News](#)).

### **Wars & Security (Israel and Region)**

Syria has repaired a sabotaged gas pipeline near Deir Ezzor and is currently restoring another line near Damascus as the government contends with ongoing threats to its energy infrastructure. These efforts occur amid broader challenges, including persistent Islamic State activity and shortages of electricity, water, and fuel. In September, U.S. federal prosecutors filed three cases alleging support for Middle Eastern terrorist groups: one against a Department of Energy engineer accused of aiding the Houthis, and two others charging Louisiana brothers and a Florida beauty-store owner with financing Hamas. On September 29, Syria’s Internal Security Forces, in coordination with the General Intelligence Directorate, announced the foiling of a sabotage plot in the Yarmouk Basin in Daraa and arrested a three-member cell affiliated with Hezbollah ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).



The withdrawal of U.S. and coalition forces from Iraq was completed on September 30, officially ending Operation Inherent Resolve. Baghdad marked this milestone as a restoration of Iraqi sovereignty. However, concerns remain regarding the influence of Iran-backed militias and gaps in Iraq's air-defense capabilities. In Middle Eastern societies, revenge remains a culturally accepted response for men coping with grief and wounded pride following violent losses. This dynamic has influenced Iranian foreign policy since 1979, shaping its regional posture and actions ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

On October 2, the Syrian Petroleum Company announced it had restored a gas pipeline near Deir Ezzor after sabotage damaged the line. The company reported on Telegram that crews replaced an 18-meter section to resume operations amid ongoing infrastructure challenges ([FDD](#)).

Reflecting on the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan launched in October 2001 to dismantle Al Qaeda leadership and remove the Taliban from power, terrorism expert Thomas Joscelyn discussed with Generation Jihad host Bill Roggio the failures of Operation Enduring Freedom. Meanwhile, the U.S.-backed Board of Peace unveiled a \$2.45 billion plan to rebuild Gaza over six months, although disagreements over Hamas's disarmament and Israeli withdrawal continue to impede progress. The day after the plan's announcement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the United Nations General Assembly ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

More than fifty protests are scheduled for Saturday after the government failed to pass emergency legislation through parliament. The Republic of China Air Force recently received aircraft after a 20-year wait, raising questions about their intended role amid regional tensions. While the nation has shown it can scale up military assets, it is expected to pursue a different strategic path moving forward ([BBC News](#); [The Diplomat](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

Iran continues to feel the strain of ongoing conflict, compounded by a U.S. troop increase and the G7's coordinated release of oil reserves, which aim to stabilize global energy markets. These developments highlight persistent pressures on the global system, including fuel shortages and shifting military postures among great powers ([Bloomberg](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**



Researchers in China have identified a new tick-borne virus responsible for flu-like symptoms, including fever, fatigue, digestive issues, and low platelet counts. Most patients infected solely with this virus recovered, but coinfections with another dangerous tick-borne pathogen worsened outcomes. In related research, scientists have resurrected antimicrobial peptides from ancient mammals dating back millions of years. Some of these evolutionary relics demonstrated greater potency against drug-resistant bacteria than their modern human counterparts, offering promising avenues for developing new treatments amid rising antibiotic resistance ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

### **Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens**

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.1 earthquake near Johannesburg, California, and a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near Güiria, Venezuela ([USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

Additionally, a magnitude 4.2 earthquake was recorded near Wauna, Washington. Meanwhile, Indonesia has issued a green forest fire notification, indicating ongoing environmental monitoring efforts ([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 ancient diplomatic relations. A larger photograph of the find is available. South of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, excavations have revealed a monumental complex with three ritual baths, a rectangular pool, and an elaborate drainage system, along with two nearby plastered vats. This site likely served as an ancient fortress guarding Egypt's western frontier ([BiblePlaces](#) ; [BiblePlaces](#)).