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

Israel & Jerusalem

Prime Minister Netanyahu stated, “Precisely because Hamas is so weak, it will try to challenge us. We are ready for this.” His remarks underscore ongoing tensions as Israel prepares for potential provocations ahead of upcoming elections ([JNS](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Pakistan reported that its recent airstrikes in Afghanistan killed 22 terrorists, while the United Nations confirmed 10 civilian deaths, most of them children. The Taliban accused Islamabad of deploying anti-Taliban fighters into Afghan territory. Meanwhile, Syria has restored a sabotaged gas pipeline near Deir Ezzor and is repairing another near Damascus amid ongoing threats to its energy infrastructure. These efforts occur against a backdrop of Islamic State activity and widespread shortages of electricity, water, and fuel. In the United States, federal prosecutors filed three cases in September 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 ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

On September 29, Syria’s Internal Security Forces, in coordination with the General Intelligence Directorate, announced they had thwarted a sabotage plot in the Yarmouk Basin in Daraa, arresting a three-member cell affiliated with Hezbollah. In the United States, state governments face limited access to cybersecurity resources as funding for the federal State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program lapsed on September 30, raising concerns about the resilience of state cybersecurity defenses. Additionally, questions have emerged regarding a Flydubai pilot incident and the U.S. decision to withdraw bombers from a U.K. air base, highlighting ongoing strategic recalibrations ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#)).

The United States and other members of the anti-Islamic State coalition completed their withdrawal from Iraq on September 30, officially ending Operation Inherent Resolve.



Baghdad marked this milestone as a restoration of Iraqi sovereignty, though concerns remain about the influence of Iran-backed militias and gaps in air-defense capabilities. This transition reflects shifting U.S. military priorities in the region ([FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Reflecting on the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan launched in October 2001, terrorism expert Thomas Joscelyn discussed with Generation Jihad host Bill Roggio the shortcomings of Operation Enduring Freedom. They highlighted failures in achieving long-term objectives, including the elimination of Al Qaeda leadership and the ousting of the Taliban from power ([Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Amid Russia's intensification of strikes in the Black Sea as part of its ongoing war against Ukraine, attacks on commercial vessels along the sea's western coast have increased, further straining already congested trade routes. Philip Ingram, a former British military intelligence officer, explained that incidents such as those near RAF Fairford are part of a broader security challenge involving conventional military operations and intelligence activities across Europe. Meanwhile, Morgan Stanley's Head of FX and Emerging Markets Strategy, James Lord, warned that the euro could decline further toward \$1.10 amid mounting risks related to political developments in France, Europe's overall stability, and Brazil's upcoming election ([BBC News](#); [France24](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

Russian attacks targeting commercial shipping off the Black Sea's western coast threaten to exacerbate disruptions in regional trade flows. In Canada, a U.S. state senator based in Ottawa has raised concerns about religious freedom, reflecting ongoing debates about the safety and rights of Christian communities ([Bloomberg](#); [rebelnews.com](#)).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Public awareness campaigns are expanding across West Africa as ECOWAS pushes toward mutual recognition of its common biometric identity card at air, land and sea borders by December 2026. The campaigns, launched recently in Ghana and Nigeria, are part of efforts to streamline regional travel and support trade and mobility across West Africa. Group biometric processing from Idemia Public Security is coming to airports across Asia-Pacific over the next half-year to year. The Pa Xpress Smart Lane captures and matches the face biometrics of multiple people, not just at once for simultaneous group processing but also on the move to deliver a smoother, faster experience. A new working draft of the



standard for “Information technology – Biometric performance testing and reporting” has been released by JTC 1/SC 37 (biometricupdate.com).

Beyond the potential misuses of its services, Wikimedia said activity by artificial intelligence agents can drain web platforms already operating with limited resources (therecord.media).

Pestilence & Global Health

Researchers have identified five seemingly unrelated conditions—including long Covid, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome, and post-traumatic stress disorder—that disrupt many of the same biological networks involved in immunity, metabolism, and cellular energy. These findings may explain overlapping symptoms and pave the way for new blood tests to aid diagnosis and treatment ([ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.7 earthquake near Karluk, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.9 earthquake near Kokopo, Papua New Guinea. Additionally, a magnitude 4.2 earthquake was registered near Wauna, Washington. In Thailand, a green flood alert has been issued ([USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [GDACS](https://www.gdacs.org)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

In March 2025, a salvage excavation (Permit No. A-10018/2025; map ref. 26345-70/79448-65) was conducted in an area designated for the development and expansion of Kibbutz Senir. The excavation was carried out on behalf of relevant authorities to recover and preserve archaeological materials. A recent study based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 promises to improve the accuracy of dating other ancient volcanic eruptions. Meanwhile, the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology at the University of Michigan has opened new exhibits highlighting discoveries from the region ([Israel Antiquities Authority](https://www.israelantiquitiesauthority.org); [BiblePlaces](https://www.bibleplaces.org)).