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

Israel & Jerusalem

The series “Judeacation,” hosted by JNS Middle East correspondent Josh Hasten, takes viewers to the heart of Judea and Samaria, exploring where history, faith, and modern Israel intersect. It aims to dispel myths and misconceptions about life in the region commonly referred to internationally as the “West Bank,” but known to Jews as the cradle of their heritage. The October 11 program will feature representatives from nine political parties ahead of Israel’s October 27 election. Notably, three years after the deadly attack on Nir Oz, where 47 people were killed and 76 taken hostage, some survivors have returned to live there ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#)).

Israel has threatened to close the British consulate in Jerusalem, which manages UK relations with Palestinians in the city, in response to British sanctions targeting Israeli settlements. This move highlights ongoing tensions between Israel and the UK over settlement policies ([BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iraq continues to face internal controversy over the influence of Iran-backed militias following the recent departure of US forces. An incident involving members of the Popular Mobilization Forces driving over an American flag has intensified tensions. Prime Minister Ali al Zaidi is advocating for bringing militia weapons under government control. In Yemen, the internationally recognized government, supported by Saudi Arabia, has launched a counteroffensive to reclaim territory seized by the Houthis in September, with the removal of the Houthis from the capital, Sanaa, as a stated objective. Meanwhile, Pakistan claims its recent airstrikes in Afghanistan killed 22 terrorists, though the United Nations reports 10 civilian deaths, mostly children. The Taliban has accused Islamabad of deploying anti-Taliban fighters into Afghanistan, prolonging conflict in the region ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).



Syria has repaired a sabotaged gas pipeline near Deir Ezzor and is working on restoring another line near Damascus amid ongoing threats to the country's energy infrastructure. These efforts come as Syria confronts broader challenges, including Islamic State activity and shortages of electricity, water, and fuel. Additionally, the United Kingdom, France, and the United States have joined Lebanon for a military drill, underscoring regional security cooperation. The withdrawal of US forces from Iraq on September 30 has left Baghdad facing renewed challenges related to Iran-backed militias and gaps in air defense capabilities ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#)).

U.S. and French authorities have taken action against a Hamas fundraising network accused of collecting over \$600,000 from American donors. Prosecutors emphasize the ongoing challenge of preventing the network from reestablishing itself. In September, federal prosecutors filed three cases related to support for Middle East terrorist groups: one against a Department of Energy engineer accused of aiding the Houthis, and two involving Louisiana brothers and a Florida beauty-store owner charged with financing Hamas ([FDD](#); [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 and arrested a three-member cell affiliated with Hezbollah. Meanwhile, US and other anti-Islamic State coalition forces completed their withdrawal from Iraq on September 30, ending Operation Inherent Resolve as Baghdad marked the restoration of Iraqi sovereignty. The withdrawal raises concerns about the influence of Iran-backed militias and gaps in Iraq's air-defense systems ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Following complaints about police using disproportionate force against teenagers, authorities have taken steps to address the issue. China has warned the European Union that it has several tools, including foreign-subsidy investigations and anti-discrimination measures, to respond if trade tensions escalate. In Russia, a prominent tycoon selling his logistics business has pledged to donate most of the proceeds from the \$900 million sale to national security needs, as the Kremlin seeks additional funding to support its ongoing war effort ([BBC News](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

Reports from AP News and Juno News provide updates on ongoing geopolitical tensions and strategic shifts, reflecting the complex dynamics among great powers, alliance realignments, and the challenges posed by sanctions, energy shortages, and migration



pressures ([AP News](#); [Juno News](#)).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

McDonald's faces a federal lawsuit over its alleged use of an artificial intelligence tool to set prices across independent franchises, which prosecutors say violates antitrust laws and has unfairly inflated menu prices for Americans. The vast majority of McDonald's US stores are independently owned ([The Guardian](#)).

A global leader in biometrics has joined the ranks of technology providers confirmed compliant with the European standard for biometric injection attack detection (IAD) to defend against deepfakes, with Idemia Public Security passing an evaluation by Bixie Lab. Independent validation of vendor claims about IAD effectiveness is increasingly crucial in a market where biometric bypass checks are expected to rise at a nearly 100 percent CAGR. The effort aims to help U.S. learners from kindergarten to community college, with an emphasis on math, making, and the constructive use of artificial intelligence ([biometricupdate.com](#); [MIT News](#)).

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) says its biometric technology has helped process more than 1 billion travelers. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has awarded Carahsoft Technology Corp. a blanket purchase agreement (BPA) worth up to \$29.6 million for services including identity verification, document authentication, biometric verification, and fraud and risk detection ([biometricupdate.com](#)).

Airport biometrics are moving beyond matching travelers' faces to their passports at an accelerating pace. UK travelers will soon be able to complete border checks on return without showing their passport, using only face biometrics at updated e-gates ([biometricupdate.com](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

Scientists have discovered that interfering with the chemical signals bacteria use to communicate can shift dental plaque toward a healthier microbial balance. This approach may lead to new treatments for gum disease that selectively control harmful bacteria without damaging beneficial species. Additionally, research has identified that five seemingly unrelated conditions—including long Covid, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome, and post-traumatic stress disorder—disrupt many of the same biological networks related to immunity, metabolism, and cellular energy. These findings may



explain shared symptoms and pave the way for new blood tests ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.4 earthquake near Chickaloon, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.6 earthquake near Mataram, Indonesia, reflecting ongoing seismic activity in these regions ([USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

Additionally, USGS reported a magnitude 5.5 earthquake near Aleneva, Alaska. In France, a green flood alert has been issued, indicating potential flooding risks in affected areas ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

A new study based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 will enable scholars to more accurately date other ancient volcanic eruptions. The Kelsey Museum of Archaeology at the University of Michigan has recently opened new exhibits. By ילאומש ןרוא, Published on 10/07/26 ([BiblePlaces](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).