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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israeli citizen Sarai Givaty filed a defamation suit against Francesca Albanese, alleging that a selectively edited clip falsely portrayed her as justifying the killing of children. “One cannot attribute statements to me that I never made, nor portray me to millions of people as someone who justifies the killing of children,” Givaty said. Separately, an Israeli citizen was among nine people charged with illegally voting in U.S. elections ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#))

Pittsburgh Public Schools defended its ethnic-studies course, saying it “does not train students to become political activists or require them to adopt particular political positions.” Meanwhile, two Israeli soldiers were killed Friday morning when two Palestinian gunmen attacked a checkpoint outside a West Bank city ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The Iran-backed Houthis are increasing pressure around the Red Sea, one of the world’s most important maritime chokepoints, and bringing renewed security concerns closer to Saudi Arabia. A new Russian missile, the Filin, adds to Moscow’s growing stock of low-cost, long-range weapons, challenging Ukraine’s overstretched air defenses. Ukraine is expected to expand production of faster interceptor drones, though these systems address only part of the threat ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Protests broke out in southern Syria and Damascus on October 23 over Israeli operations in the Golan buffer zone, following reports that an Israeli raid killed a Syrian man with disabilities. In the United States, federal agents arrested a 17-year-old Texas teenager accused of plotting to assassinate Republican Representative Keith Self at a veterans’ fundraiser as part of an Islamic State-inspired terrorist plot. The suspect allegedly acquired a firearm ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented a concise document outlining his national-security doctrine, drafted under his direct guidance. Separately, analysis examined the role of defense research and development in strengthening Israel’s capabilities and



technological edge ([FDD](#))

Canada's pursuit of closer ties with Turkey has raised questions about how the shift may affect its relationship with the United States. Meanwhile, Iran has intensified attacks on Kurdish Iranian opposition groups, while the Kurdistan Workers' Party withdraws from positions in northern Iraq. Iran says it has reached an agreement with Iraq to expel the opposition groups ([FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Pakistani forces and the Taliban exchanged heavy fire along their border as Russia, European countries, and China pressed for dialogue and action against terrorist groups operating from Afghanistan. Lebanon has revoked Bank Saderat Iran's operating license amid U.S. pressure to disrupt Hezbollah's financial networks. The bank has a documented history of channeling Iranian funds to Hezbollah, though it remains unclear whether authorities have closed its branches or begun liquidation proceedings ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Starlink disruptions affected Ukraine's military and drone operations for a week before service returned to normal, underscoring the operational dependence private satellite networks create in wartime. In France, authorities are deploying tens of thousands of police officers and changing protest routes in an effort to prevent a repeat of violence and looting from the previous weekend ([BBC News](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#))

([Reuters](#))

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Data breaches are mounting as artificial intelligence enables new identity fraud techniques. In South Korea, a "Connecting Information" (CI) identifier functions much like a permanent identity number: once assigned, it is not ordinarily changed. Enterprises deploying artificial intelligence agents are struggling to maintain trust and oversight, even in some high-risk scenarios. To help them regain human control, iProov has launched a biometric human authorization service based on the Human Approval and Presence Specification (HAPS). OpenAI's artificial intelligence will cut frontier models off from the internet weeks after one of its engineers said that solution wouldn't work ([biometricupdate.com](#); [TechCrunch](#)).



A question period for companies interested in delivering Bermuda's national digital identity system closes today, as the island nation explores whether a digital identity framework could provide "meaningful benefits," according to a report from the Royal Gazette. Interested parties now have a month to consider the government's responses and develop an approach before the November 27 submission deadline. The UK Home Office has published its data protection impact assessment (DPIA) for live facial recognition technology, including software, hardware and associated operational processing. Per the government website, it "details the steps taken by Immigration Enforcement to evaluate and reduce the data protection risks of live facial recognition, fulfilling UK GDPR accountability requirements and demonstrating compliance."

Jumio has reported strong third-quarter 2026 momentum across its global operations, pointing to the full worldwide rollout of its reusable identity product selfie.DONE, advances in AI-powered fraud detection, and more than 30 new customers. The company also appointed a new chief revenue officer and highlighted its platform's performance under heavy traffic loads during the 2026 World Cup (biometricupdate.com).

Evin Mc Mullen calls it "Black October." A series of digital security incidents has exposed the risks of compromised credentials and artificial intelligence agents operating without adequate controls. "We are unfortunately seeing the downside of what happens when artificial intelligence agents approach sensitive data without the proper security measures and controls in place," says Mc Mullen, CEO of Amantrue. No more pretending you're not fazed by horror films. New Scare Score smartwatch app reveals exactly how your body reacts as the film plays. Paravision, the San Francisco-based Identity artificial intelligence company, has released the Paravision ISO/ICAO Image Quality Suite, software that evaluates facial images against requirements drawn from ISO/IEC 19794-5, ISO/IEC 39794-5 and ICAO Doc 9303. The launch targets a familiar weak link in biometric systems: a poor-quality capture undermines matching accuracy and forces users through repeated attempts (biometricupdate.com; forbes.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Research into dental-implant infections suggests that titanium particles released as bacteria corrode implants may interfere with immune cells, fuel damaging inflammation, and help explain why some infections resist antibiotics. Other researchers have identified specialized immune cells that can recognize and attack small-cell lung cancer, even when tumors evade immune detection. Scientists have also observed virus-like particles assembling step by step, revealing how trial-and-error processes can produce complex



structures with precision ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Studies suggest that excess RNA, including messenger RNA, can disrupt mitochondria without relying on immune responses. A naturally occurring compound has shown early promise against *Clostridioides difficile* while sparing beneficial gut microbes, potentially offering a more targeted approach to recurrent infections. Laboratory work also indicates that some common sweeteners may alter gut bacteria; certain combinations with medications produced particularly strong effects, including reduced beneficial bacteria and microbial diversity when one sweetener was paired with a widely prescribed antidepressant ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

A further study points to a potential treatment pathway for liver disease and possibly other serious conditions, though the source material provides no additional details on the findings ([ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Basco, Philippines, and a magnitude 4.9 earthquake near Kilmia, Yemen ([USGS](#); [USGS](#))

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 6.9 earthquake near Port-Olry, Vanuatu. A separate magnitude 4.9 earthquake occurred in the eastern Gulf of Aden at a depth of 10 kilometers; no one within 100 kilometers was reported affected ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published a plan of graves in a new archaeological report dated October 21, 2026 ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#))

A 1,000-foot section of the Lower Aqueduct between Bethlehem and Jerusalem has been uncovered. The system was used from around 100 BC until roughly a century ago. A seal impression discovered near the Temple Mount was also noted in the archaeological roundup. Separately, a BiblePlaces newsletter discussed why a new history of ancient Israel is needed ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#))