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

Israel & Jerusalem

An event in Peru brought evangelical Christians and leaders from the country's local Jewish community together amid a large march against antisemitism. In Samaria, Israeli forces arrested six suspects accused of belonging to a Palestinian rocket cell; an indictment is expected in the coming days, according to Israeli police and the Shin Bet. In Gaza, five officers from the Hamas-run police were killed in Khan Younis, while three people, including a child, were killed in Gaza City, officials said. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Al Jazeera reported further developments in the region. (Al Jazeera)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Afghanistan's anti-Taliban National Resistance Front claimed a surge in attacks during October, though the emergence of new factions and the loss of another commander highlight the movement's internal divisions and operational challenges. In Syria, a deadly attack on a Christian funeral in Jordan and subsequent Jordanian airstrikes in Syria have triggered a dispute between Amman and Damascus. Separately, Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa hosted Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi on October 28 to discuss closer ties, trade, and energy cooperation as Syria continues to face security challenges in its north and south. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

A 15-year-old student in Gainesville, Florida, allegedly sought advice from Islamic State members and supporters on making drones and explosives for an attack at an unidentified indoor location. Separately, President Donald Trump's decision to hold back a $14 billion arms package for Taiwan has raised questions about Washington's security commitments after last year's trade dispute with Beijing. (Long War Journal; FDD; FDD)

The conflict with Iran remains active across multiple fronts, extending beyond the Strait of Hormuz. Analysts are assessing Tehran's efforts to challenge the U.S. naval blockade and the wider role of Iran-backed groups in the confrontation. (Long War Journal)

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Taliban and Pakistani forces have clashed at least three times since October 19. Reports that Pakistani military and intelligence officials met with members of Afghanistan's anti-Taliban resistance point to a possible shift in Islamabad's approach to the border conflict. Poland, meanwhile, has been selected to host Europe's first dedicated maintenance facility for Patriot PAC-3 missiles, a move intended to shorten repair times and strengthen regional air-defense readiness amid shortages of critical munitions. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

The United States carried out defensive strikes against Iranian targets on Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz, according to a U.S. official, as the country entered a consequential midterm election period. The war with Iran is also imposing domestic political and economic costs, with higher gasoline prices and broader economic pressure weighing on the administration. In Poland, security forces intervened after detecting suspicious activity near the border with Russia's Kaliningrad exclave; Prime Minister Donald Tusk said the action may have prevented a provocation attempt. (France24; Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

A nonexistent precedent cited in alleged child rape case adds to dozens of artificial intelligence-related errors plaguing court proceedings. A senior Crown prosecutor in a high-court case cited an imaginary legal precedent, sparking fresh concerns about AI hallucinations infecting the justice system. Ravinder Dhillon, representing the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), referenced an entirely made-up case (The Guardian).

Pestilence & Global Health

Johns Hopkins researchers have identified a mechanism linking the gut bacterium *Bacteroides fragilis* to colorectal cancer. The bacterium produces a toxin that damages the colon's protective lining, offering a possible explanation for how it may contribute to cancer development. Researchers have also described an unusual bacterial defense system that activates its toxin only after an infection begins, reversing the sequence seen in more familiar bacterial immune mechanisms. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

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The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.3 earthquake near Beluga, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.9 earthquake near Palekastro, Greece. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 6.4 earthquake southeast of Easter Island. A forest-fire alert was also issued in Indonesia. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority has published two archaeological studies by Paula Rut Zajac. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

A restored 12th-century B.C. Canaanite or Egyptian fortress in the Guvrin Forest has reopened to the public. Other recent features discuss the search for Ai, archaeological scholarship by Amihai Mazar, and a synthesis of biblical and extrabiblical evidence in a history of ancient Israel, including the reign of Solomon. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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