Global Watch Daily – November 16, 2026

Global Watch Daily – November 16, 2026

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

Israel & Jerusalem

A Lufthansa flight diverted to Belgrade after a flight attendant suffered a severe allergic reaction. In Yemen, Saudi-backed forces said they were redeploying troops from the Bab al-Mandab Strait to protect the interim capital, Aden. The United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and Italy said Israeli authorities were preventing vital supplies from crossing into Gaza, including 150,000 tents (JNS; BBC News; BBC News).

Israel's Christian ambassador, George Deek, called for a Bible-based campaign to counter disinformation funded by Qatar and Russia. He said anti-Israel rhetoric from the far left, Islamists, and parts of the right can converge in hostility toward Jews. A JNS series, "Judeacation," explores the history, faith, and contemporary life of Judea and Samaria, challenging misconceptions about the region commonly called the West Bank. Separately, a report said France had barred an Israeli official from entering the country (JNS; JNS; Al Jazeera).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani's crackdown on oil smuggling has increased tensions with Kataib Hezbollah. Meanwhile, the Houthis have continued missile and drone attacks across Saudi Arabia amid ongoing fighting in Yemen and Saudi-led airstrikes against Houthi targets. These developments underscore the security risks facing key regional infrastructure and shipping routes (Long War Journal; Long War Journal).

Iran's Baluch insurgency is widening: Ansar al-Furqan, a Sunni Baluch militant group, announced on November 11 that it had joined a coalition of armed Baluch factions fighting the Islamic Republic. The merger comes as the insurgency has expanded beyond its earlier focus on sectarian violence and attacks (Long War Journal).

Clashes between Taliban and Pakistani forces have continued along their border since October 29. A November 11 ambush by the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan killed 10 Pakistani police officers, as Washington signaled its willingness to help address

© 2025 SpearNet | www.spearnet.org | All Rights Reserved

Islamabad's concerns about militant groups. In the United States, Providence's decision to divest from Israel has drawn criticism over the city's reliance on the United Nations as a guide for the policy (Long War Journal; FDD).

Debate over the Muslim Brotherhood's influence in Western institutions has raised concerns about free speech, Islamist politics, and national security. Separately, Ukrainian intelligence described a redesigned Russian Geran-5 cruise missile, part of Moscow's effort to adapt to Ukrainian defenses and intensify attacks on civilian infrastructure (Long War Journal; Long War Journal).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Estonia plans to close all border crossings with Russia from December 1, following a suspected arson attack on a drone manufacturer that Tallinn attributed to Moscow. The move reflects rising security concerns on NATO's eastern flank and the deepening strain in relations between Estonia and Russia. In Brazil, analysts raised forecasts for next year's benchmark interest rate and inflation amid concerns about the government's economic strategy and widening budget deficit (France24; Bloomberg; Catholic News).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Shufti has launched its on-device age verification tool. A release from the UK provider says the product combines on-device facial age estimation (FAE), encrypted age tokens and flexible verification methods, helping businesses confirm a user's age eligibility without transmitting users' facial images to a verification server (biometricupdate.com).

Robotics companies are investing heavily in the belief that data will solve the most difficult problems in robotics. Once artificial intelligence systems have ingested enough data from human demonstrations, the thinking goes, robots will be able to perform most of the manual tasks humans now do (IEEE Spectrum).

Pestilence & Global Health

Research from Rockefeller University suggests that arginine, a common amino acid, may influence immune defenses against cancer and viral infections. The researchers found that low arginine levels can interfere with the immune system's ability to recognize dangerous cells. Separate mouse research found that an acute viral infection can leave lasting changes in the spleen and weaken immune responses even after symptoms have passed,

© 2025 SpearNet | www.spearnet.org | All Rights Reserved

raising questions about how some infections affect long-term immune function (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily).

Researchers identified traces of a sheep virus in ancient manuscripts, including the 1,000-year-old York Gospels. The findings suggest the virus has persisted with little change for more than 3,700 years, showing how historic documents can preserve evidence of past disease (ScienceDaily). A separate study reported that a bioengineered chewing gum reduced human papillomavirus levels by up to 93% in oral samples from cancer patients and nearly eliminated two harmful bacterial species after one use; further research will be needed to establish its potential role in health care (ScienceDaily).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 0.7 earthquake near Cobb, California, and a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near Sarangani in the Philippines (USGS; USGS).

Forest-fire notifications were issued for areas in Chad and Australia (GDACS; GDACS).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published two survey maps showing the location of finds and the recorded findspots (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority).

Researchers in Denmark have developed an inexpensive, LED-based multispectral imaging system to help archaeologists examine sites before excavation. In the Shephelah, the Horbat Burgin archaeological complex—including underground tunnels used by Jewish rebels during the Bar Kokhba revolt—has opened to the public (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces).

© 2025 SpearNet | www.spearnet.org | All Rights Reserved