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

Israel & Jerusalem

The Israel Defense Forces killed four Hamas operatives, including Youssef Aidi, who participated in the October 7, 2023, massacre and in the group's propaganda spectacle surrounding the release of three Israeli captives in February 2025. In a separate strategic development, Ukrainian strikes on Russian naval assets off Libya expose Moscow's regional vulnerabilities and raise questions about Israel's relations with Russia, Russian-Iranian military cooperation, and the balance of power in Syria. Despite regional tensions, markets and restaurants in Riyadh remain busy, with residents expressing confidence in their government's ability to protect them. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

More than 250 lone soldiers and National Service volunteers gathered for a "Friendsgiving" celebration at the Nefesh B'Nefesh Aliyah Campus. A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Israel's campaign against Hezbollah is intended to secure the country's north over the long term, not to pursue territorial ambitions. Israeli strikes also continued against targets the military identified as Hamas positions, amid a near-daily pattern of attacks. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran-backed groups continue to challenge the authority of internationally recognized governments in Iraq and Yemen. In Iraq, Baghdad is seeking to disarm Iran-aligned militias while the Houthis continue to advance. Syrian authorities have seized hundreds of millions of Captagon pills and intercepted weapons bound for Lebanon, prompting praise from U.S. Central Command. Washington is also reportedly considering a multinational initiative to train Syrian forces in demining. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Eight months after Israel assassinated Iran's intelligence minister, Iranian lawmakers are advancing two bills that would give Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei more direct authority over the ministry and tighten monitoring of Iranians' foreign contacts. The proposals come as five potential candidates emerge to lead the ministry. (Long War

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Journal)

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Gadi Eisenkot reportedly plans to announce the formation of a new government next week, although negotiations remain deadlocked. In Gaza, implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire agreement remains stalled, and the Board of Peace has acknowledged the impasse. (Long War Journal)

A report examines the Rohingya community's long wait for a judgment in a genocide case, as families in a Bangladesh refugee camp watched proceedings on November 19. A separate analysis considers the difficulty of anticipating future conflicts and preparing militaries to prevail in wars that may differ sharply from those of the past. (FDD; FDD)

Iraqi security forces entered Jurf al-Sakhar, a longstanding stronghold of the Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah militia, on November 20 as part of an investigation into oil smuggling. The continued presence of militia fighters and the deployment of Popular Mobilization Forces brigades raise questions about the government's ability to consolidate authority. In Iran, a new nationwide platform is expanding neighborhood intelligence efforts by mapping communities and identifying influential residents, amid concerns about renewed protests and the regime's growing reliance on loyalist networks. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Ukraine's supply chains remain under pressure as food prices rise, forcing households to cut back on essentials or stockpile supplies ahead of another difficult winter. The strain adds to the economic and logistical burdens facing a country entering another season of war and disruption. (France24)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

The UK's Government Digital Service (GDS) has selected iProov for a three-year contract with an option for a fourth to supply biometric identity verification for GOV.UK One Login. The contract is worth up to 45 million British pounds (approximately US$59 million). Toss is making a major play in the South Korean market with an in-house self-service kiosk that accepts facial recognition payments, in what Seoul Economic Daily says is a challenge to the market dominance of national payments giant Naver. Toss developed its large-format biometric payments terminal in-house through its Toss Place payment solutions unit. The kiosks are equipped with Facepay facial recognition cameras and card readers, and

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feature (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Two studies describe potential additions to gum-disease treatment. One found that omega-3 supplements combined with low-dose aspirin produced results comparable to antibiotics when used alongside standard care for severe disease, with benefits continuing after supplementation ended. Researchers in Japan are also developing a treatment using egg-yolk antibodies and near-infrared light to target harmful bacteria while preserving beneficial microbes. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

The United States has lost its measles-elimination status after more than 25 years. As cases rise, a new survey found that more than one-third of Americans either believe or are unsure about widely debunked claims concerning measles and its vaccine, underscoring the challenge of countering misinformation. (ScienceDaily)

A study of more than 2,500 people found that medications taken years earlier may leave lasting changes in the gut microbiome. Common drugs, including antidepressants, blood-pressure medications, and anxiety treatments, were associated with persistent microbial “fingerprints.” (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.3 earthquake near Ludlow, California, and a magnitude 4.8 earthquake near Vilyuchinsk, Russia. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 4.2 earthquake near Point MacKenzie, Alaska. A green-level forest-fire notification was also issued in Australia. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Trial excavations were conducted at the village of Kabul in advance of construction. One took place in January 2025 under Permit No. A-9949/2024, at map reference 220932/752080; a second excavation was also carried out ahead of construction at map reference 23311-5/738825-70. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

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