



## Global Watch Daily – November 26, 2025

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

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### **Israel & Jerusalem**

Recent events in Israel and Jerusalem have highlighted ongoing tensions and diplomatic developments. Ben-Gurion’s grandson publicly criticized the presence of a Kahanist minister at a memorial event, calling it “disrespectful” due to the minister’s controversial political stance ([Times of Israel](#)). In a significant diplomatic move, Lebanon and Cyprus signed a maritime demarcation deal aimed at fostering cooperation on energy exploration in the eastern Mediterranean, signaling a potential thaw in regional relations ([Times of Israel](#)), ([Al-Monitor](#)).

Domestically, tensions surfaced when ultra-Orthodox protesters overturned a Military Police car in Ramat Gan, leading to two arrests as authorities sought to maintain order ([Times of Israel](#)). Efforts to reunite lost tribes of Israel after 2,700 years have been reported, reflecting ongoing interest in biblical heritage and identity ([Israel365 News](#)). Meanwhile, Poland has seen troubling rhetoric from a Polish MP who used Auschwitz as a platform to declare that Jews have no place in Poland, sparking controversy and concern ([Israel365 News](#)).

In Gaza, over 16,000 aid trucks have entered since the October 10 truce, providing humanitarian relief amid ongoing conflict ([JNS](#)). Israel’s Foreign Minister announced that Argentina may open an embassy in Jerusalem in the spring, a diplomatic development that could further solidify Jerusalem’s international status ([JNS](#)). Additionally, the Israeli Defense Forces issued an evacuation order for Tehran ahead of planned strikes, underscoring heightened military alertness in the region ([Jerusalem Post](#)).

### **Wars & Security (Israel and Region)**

Israeli military operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon have continued through mid to late November, with targeted actions aimed at curbing militant activities along the northern border ([Long War Journal](#)). The United States has offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to the capture of the leader of Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent,



reflecting ongoing counterterrorism efforts in South Asia ([Long War Journal](#)).

In the broader Middle Eastern conflict context, a recent analysis cautions against labeling current developments as peace deals, emphasizing the persistence of jihadist movements and ongoing instability ([Long War Journal](#)). Legal actions have also been initiated by victims of the October 7 attacks, who have sued the cryptocurrency exchange Binance for allegedly facilitating payments to terror groups, highlighting the complex financial dimensions of modern terrorism ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)).

Meanwhile, Ukraine has agreed to a U.S.-backed peace proposal. However, questions remain about Russia's willingness to accept such a deal, with ongoing diplomatic efforts continuing to seek resolution to the conflict ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)), ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)).

## **Apostasy & Religious Developments**

In religious and cultural news, filmmaker Rian Johnson has shared insights into the mystery of miracles and his personal Christian faith in his recent work "Wake Up Dead Man," reflecting ongoing conversations about faith in contemporary media ([Religion News Service](#)). A conservative Christian family has been actively pushing back against policies of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), illustrating the intersection of faith and social activism ([Religion News Service](#)).

Pro-Israel synagogue events have recently sparked fiery protests, indicating the continuing tensions surrounding Israel-related issues within various communities ([Religion News Service](#)). Notably, Michael Youssef announced his decision to step down as pastor to focus on leading the Way Ministry, marking a significant transition in Christian leadership ([Crosswalk](#)).

Reports from the persecuted church include the release of a Chinese pastor after 12 years of imprisonment, a development welcomed by advocates for religious freedom ([International Christian Concern](#)). In India, two missionaries have been cited under anti-conversion laws, reflecting ongoing challenges faced by Christian workers in restrictive environments ([International Christian Concern](#)). Additionally, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a mother was killed amid an attack while her baby was rescued, underscoring the dangers faced by believers in conflict zones ([International Christian Concern](#)).

## **Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering**



Scientific advances continue in the fields of biotechnology and genetic engineering, with new research uncovering a hidden brain energy signal that drives depression and anxiety, offering potential pathways for improved treatments ([Science Daily](#)). Another study has identified a specific body trait that helps maintain brain youthfulness, contributing to understanding cognitive health and aging ([Science Daily](#)).

Research also reveals how personalized algorithms can trick the brain into incorrect answers, highlighting challenges in cognitive processing in the digital age ([Science Daily](#)). In cancer research, a combination of bee venom and thymoquinone has been shown to inhibit cancer cells by inducing cell cycle arrest and apoptosis, suggesting new avenues for treatment ([Nature](#)).

Further developments include optimization of isothermal dry particle coating to enhance buccal permeation of vancomycin, improving drug delivery methods ([Nature](#)), and intravenous administration of CpG7909 lipoplex which enhances anti-PD1 immunotherapy by modulating the tumor microenvironment, inducing durable tumor regression ([Nature](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

New scientific findings have emerged regarding ancient viruses, with a tiny ancient virus revealing secrets that could aid in fighting modern superbugs, offering hope for combating antibiotic resistance ([Science Daily](#)). Additionally, strange microscopic structures have been found in the blood of Long COVID patients, contributing to ongoing research into the virus's long-term effects ([Science Daily](#)).

Historical research has clarified misconceptions about the Black Death, revealing how a 14th-century story misled the world about the nature of the plague ([Science Daily](#)). Meanwhile, widespread avian influenza in birds has increased the risk of human exposure, prompting public health vigilance across Europe ([ECDC](#)), ([ECDC](#)).

## **Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens**

Seismic activity has been reported globally, including minor earthquakes in California and Alaska, with magnitudes ranging from 1.5 to 2.2, indicating ongoing tectonic movements ([USGS](#)), ([USGS](#)), ([USGS](#)). Several active volcanoes, including Santiaguito, Fuego, Popocatépetl, and Merapi, continue to be monitored for activity, with recent advisories issued regarding volcanic ash emissions ([Volcano Discovery](#)), ([Volcano Discovery](#)).



NASA continues its space observation initiatives, with the Roman Space Telescope recently passing key tests, enhancing capabilities for astronomical research and monitoring ([NASA](#)). Additionally, NASA's GLOBE program connects people, land, and space to foster scientific learning and global collaboration ([NASA](#)).

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

In global political developments, the United Kingdom experienced an unprecedented budget leak, causing significant political embarrassment and raising questions about information security ([Politico](#)). The European Union has launched an investigation into the online retailer Shein over allegations related to the sale of illegal goods, including child-like sex dolls and weapons, highlighting regulatory challenges in e-commerce ([Politico](#)).

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen stated that there is now a “starting point” for a peace deal in Ukraine. However, she also expressed skepticism about Moscow's real intent to engage in peace talks ([Politico](#)), ([BBC](#)). In the Middle East, the Israeli army launched a major counterterrorism operation in the northern West Bank, aiming to disrupt militant networks ([France24](#)).

The United Nations has called for an impartial investigation into Israeli strikes in Lebanon, reflecting international concern over civilian casualties and regional stability ([France24](#)). Meanwhile, Israel confirmed the receipt of the body of Gaza hostage Dror Or from Hamas, a development that has drawn attention to the ongoing hostage crisis ([BBC](#)), ([France24](#)).

Tragically, a fire in Hong Kong apartment blocks has resulted in at least 13 deaths, underscoring ongoing urban safety challenges in densely populated cities ([BBC](#)), ([BBC](#)).

## **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeological discoveries continue to shed light on the ancient history of Jerusalem and the surrounding region. An Assyrian inscription dating from the First Temple period was recently uncovered, providing valuable insight into the era's historical context ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)). Additionally, the largest dam from ancient Israel has been excavated in the City of David, illustrating advanced engineering capabilities of the time ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

A rare gold coin of Egyptian Queen Berenice II was discovered in the City of David, highlighting the region's connections with neighboring cultures and rulers ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)). Furthermore, a rare Year Four Revolt coin was found in Jerusalem,



offering tangible evidence of the Jewish revolt against Roman rule ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

## **Reflection**

The developments reported today reveal a world marked by both conflict and hope, especially in the land of Israel and its neighboring regions. Diplomatic efforts such as the Lebanon-Cyprus maritime deal and Argentina's potential embassy in Jerusalem suggest ongoing attempts to foster cooperation and recognition amid persistent tensions. At the same time, military operations and security challenges remind us of the fragile peace and the need for vigilance in a region frequently touched by conflict.

Religious developments and the persecution of believers worldwide underscore the cost of faithfulness in turbulent times. The release of a Chinese pastor after long imprisonment and the challenges faced by missionaries in India and the Congo highlight the ongoing trials of the global church. Meanwhile, advances in biotechnology and global health research offer hope for healing and restoration, even as ancient viruses and new diseases remind us of the fragility of human life.

Finally, the archaeological discoveries in Jerusalem connect us to the biblical past, affirming the enduring significance of this land in God's redemptive plan. These artifacts serve as reminders of God's faithfulness throughout history and of the hope for ultimate restoration. As believers, we are called to pray for peace, protection, and perseverance in a world that continues to experience both turmoil and divine providence.

- Pray for the peace and security of Israel and Jerusalem amid ongoing regional tensions.
- Pray for strength and protection for persecuted Christians around the world.
- Pray for discernment, faithfulness, and courage for believers navigating complex and challenging times.