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

Israel & Jerusalem

Security concerns remain high in Israel as two suspected Palestinian attackers killed two people in a stabbing and car ramming incident in northern Israel, underscoring ongoing threats to civilian safety ([BBC News](#)). In related developments, Israeli forces arrested a terrorist who rammed an IDF vehicle in Judea, reflecting continued vigilance against militant actions ([JNS](#)). Meanwhile, a terrorist accused of raping prison guards faced punishment for attempting to incite a riot while incarcerated, highlighting challenges within Israel's correctional system ([Times of Israel](#)).

The plight of hostages remains a grim reality, with ex-hostage Romi Gonen recounting repeated sexual assaults by captors, a testimony that calls for justice and compassion ([Times of Israel](#)). On the home front, Jewish communities abroad face antisemitic acts, as mezuzahs were stolen for the second time in weeks from a Toronto apartment building, a troubling sign of rising intolerance ([Times of Israel](#)).

International relations are tense, with the European traffic safety watchdog suspending Israel due to recent government actions, signaling diplomatic friction ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, demand for iconic Jerusalem homes is rising as the ultra-luxury market takes off, reflecting economic shifts amid ongoing conflict ([Times of Israel](#)).

Questions persist about the Palestinian Authority's role, with reports questioning whether it continues to protect terrorists responsible for bloodshed, a critical issue for peace and security ([JNS](#)). France is set to serve as president of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2027, a commitment to remembering history and combating antisemitism ([JNS](#)).

Amid rising tensions, the IDF issued an evacuation order for Tehran ahead of planned strikes, signaling heightened military readiness ([Jerusalem Post](#)). Additionally, the Defense Ministry announced an army exercise on Highway 35, emphasizing ongoing preparedness ([Jerusalem Post](#)).



In the international arena, the US condemned the shooting of Colombian presidential candidate Miguel Uribe, reflecting global concerns over political violence ([Jerusalem Post](#)). An Israeli man was arrested in Albania for attempting to leave with undeclared funds, highlighting issues of financial security ([Jerusalem Post](#)).

Pope Leo expressed sorrow over the conditions of Palestinians living in tents in Gaza, calling attention to humanitarian needs in the region ([BBC News](#)). UN experts urged Iran to halt the execution of a woman activist, spotlighting human rights concerns ([BBC News](#)). Israel extended an order allowing the closure of foreign broadcasters, a move with implications for media freedom ([BBC News](#)).

A baby who had been treated abroad returned to a Gaza hospital, a small sign of hope amid ongoing conflict and suffering ([BBC News](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The United States conducted strikes against Islamic State targets in Nigeria, aiming to disrupt the group's operations in West Africa ([Long War Journal](#)). Iraqi militias remain divided over disarming and accepting government control, reflecting ongoing instability in Iraq's security landscape ([Long War Journal](#)).

In Libya, the parliament speaker declared a maritime deal with Turkey invalid but expressed openness to renegotiation, indicating fluid regional diplomacy ([Long War Journal](#)). Israeli operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon continued during mid-December, demonstrating ongoing efforts to counter militant threats ([Long War Journal](#)).

Following a deadly attack in Palmyra, the US launched widespread airstrikes against Islamic State positions in Syria, aiming to degrade the group's capabilities ([Long War Journal](#)).

The plight of persecuted Christians and activists in Burma was highlighted, with calls not to abandon their cause amid ongoing oppression ([FDD](#)). Insights into the status of Christians in China were also provided, highlighting the challenges they face under restrictive regimes ([FDD](#)).

A revised National Security Strategy under former President Trump was analyzed, outlining shifts in US defense and foreign policy priorities ([FDD](#)). Meanwhile, Syria's integration deal nears collapse, signaling potential further fragmentation in the war-torn country ([FDD](#)).



Global Macro & Geopolitics

The US military's strikes against the Islamic State in Nigeria were also reported internationally, underscoring global efforts against terrorism ([BBC News](#)). The stabbing and ramming attack in northern Israel that killed two was covered by multiple outlets, highlighting the persistent threat of violence in the region ([France24](#)).

In Southeast Asia, Thailand bombed a Cambodian border area as ceasefire talks continued, reflecting ongoing regional conflicts ([BBC News](#)). Ukrainian President Zelensky welcomed new ideas on peace following talks with US envoys, signaling diplomatic efforts amid ongoing conflict ([BBC News](#)).

A US judge blocked the detention of a British social media campaigner, highlighting legal and human rights issues in the digital age ([BBC News](#)). In sports, Morocco aims to qualify early for AFCON 2025 against Mali, showcasing regional enthusiasm for football ([France24](#)).

Efforts to rehabilitate ex-child soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo were highlighted, emphasizing humanitarian initiatives in conflict zones ([France24](#)). A deadly blast at an Alawite mosque in Syria's Homs province killed at least five, underscoring ongoing sectarian violence ([France24](#)).

Bangladesh's prime ministerial front-runner, Tarique Rahman, returned after 17 years, marking a significant political development ([France24](#)). The US-Malaysia trade agreement raised concerns about forced labor and its implications for Taiwan and global supply chains ([The Diplomat](#)).

A humanitarian rescue story from the war era in North Korea challenges official propaganda, offering a glimpse of hope amid oppression ([The Diplomat](#)). India's vulnerabilities in global tech supply chains were analyzed, highlighting economic and strategic challenges ([The Diplomat](#)). Nepal's second biggest party faced accusations of political self-sabotage, reflecting internal political strife ([The Diplomat](#)). South Korea's foreign policy is experiencing a return of factional conflict, complicating diplomatic efforts ([The Diplomat](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

Scientific advances offer new hope for global health, including a novel method to prevent gum disease that preserves beneficial bacteria and advances oral care (ScienceDaily).



Researchers have identified viral suspects that may be fueling long COVID, advancing understanding of this complex condition ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Mental health improvements were noted as children's anxiety and depression dropped rapidly following COVID-19 school reopenings, indicating the importance of social environments for youth well-being ([ScienceDaily](#)). Artificial intelligence has uncovered a surprising weak spot in the monkeypox virus, which could lead to improved vaccines ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Additionally, NAD+ supplements show early promise in alleviating long COVID symptoms such as fatigue and brain fog, offering potential therapeutic avenues ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Several minor earthquakes were recorded recently, including a magnitude 2.5 event near Pāhala, Hawaii, and more minor tremors in California and Alaska, reminding us of the earth's ongoing dynamic activity ([USGS](#)).

NASA's Artemis II mission continues preparations with crew launch day rehearsals and team demonstrations, marking a significant step toward returning humans to the moon ([NASA](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Recent archaeological updates from the City of David highlight discoveries that continue to shed light on Jerusalem's biblical and historical heritage, enriching our understanding of the ancient world ([City of David](#)).

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Reflection



The ongoing violence and unrest in Israel and the broader Middle East remind us of the fragile nature of peace and the deep need for justice and reconciliation. As believers, we are called to pray for protection over innocent lives and for wisdom among leaders to pursue paths that lead to lasting peace. The suffering of hostages and persecuted minorities challenges us to respond with compassion and steadfast faith.

In a world marked by conflict, natural upheavals, and health challenges, we see the hand of God sustaining creation and offering hope through scientific progress and human resilience. May we remain vigilant in prayer, seeking God's guidance and mercy in turbulent times.

- Pray for peace and protection for Israel and all innocent civilians affected by violence.
- Ask God to grant wisdom and courage to leaders working toward justice and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- Lift up those suffering from illness and persecution worldwide, that they may find healing and hope through God's grace.