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

Israel & Jerusalem

The USS Gerald Ford has docked in Croatia for scheduled maintenance following a laundry fire that injured two sailors and damaged numerous beds. During its stay, the carrier hosted visits from local officials ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, Iran's Revolutionary Guards have begun recruiting children as young as 12 for checkpoint duty and logistics roles, raising concerns about the militarization of youth ([JNS](#)).

Displacement continues in Lebanon, with over a million people uprooted amid ongoing instability, as documented through interviews with affected families ([BBC News](#)). In sports, Issa Diop's debut for Morocco adds complexity to the post-AFCON dispute with Senegal, highlighting regional tensions that extend beyond politics ([Al Jazeera](#)).

In diplomatic developments, Ukrainian President Zelensky announced defense cooperation with Abu Dhabi amid ongoing Iranian attacks targeting Gulf nations, following a similar agreement with Saudi Arabia ([Times of Israel](#)). Domestically, Israel has deployed 60 bomb shelters to unprotected farms as part of "Operation Roaring Lion," aiming to enhance rural security ([JNS](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran and its allied militias have continued launching drone and missile attacks on energy infrastructure, airports, and residential areas across multiple Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and the UAE, escalating regional tensions ([Long War Journal](#)). Concurrently, Russia is reportedly supplying Iran with complete drones, enhancing Tehran's capabilities against the US and Israel ([Long War Journal](#)).

Humanitarian efforts in conflict zones have received recognition as Sudan's volunteer-led Emergency Response Rooms were awarded the 2025 Chatham House Prize for their impartial aid during the ongoing war, highlighting grassroots resilience amid crisis ([Chatham House](#)). Additionally, young policy innovators contributed ideas for AI adoption in



governance through a recent Chatham House hackathon, emphasizing the role of technology in future security and civic infrastructure ([Chatham House](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

The US government shutdown continues as House Republicans have rejected a Senate deal, leaving airport security agents unpaid and causing widespread travel disruptions nationwide ([BBC News](#)). In Nepal, the former Prime Minister was arrested in connection with a deadly protest crackdown that resulted in over 70 deaths last year ([BBC News](#)).

Indonesia has begun enforcing a social media ban for children under 16, citing concerns over online harms such as cyberbullying and addiction ([France24](#)). Meanwhile, Cuba conducted nationwide civilian military drills amid a worsening fuel crisis, reflecting increased militarization as a response to economic hardship ([France24](#)).

In East Asia, Tokyo faces challenges due to a lack of informal social spaces, impacting community interactions, while the Japan-South Korea-US alliance recalibrates towards practical cooperation in technology and economic security ([The Diplomat](#); [The Diplomat](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

Scientists have identified a unique immune cell state associated with long COVID symptoms, particularly fatigue, offering new insights into this persistent condition ([ScienceDaily](#)). Meanwhile, concerns are rising as antibiotics accumulate in a Brazilian river, with banned drugs detected in fish sold for consumption, posing food safety risks ([ScienceDaily](#)).

A shingles vaccine shows promise beyond its original use, reducing heart attack and stroke risk by nearly half in high-risk individuals, rivaling the benefits of quitting smoking ([ScienceDaily](#)). Additionally, researchers discovered tiny rocket-like engines inside malaria parasites that may lead to new drug targets and innovations in microscopic robotics ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Innovations in vaccine technology continue, with DNA origami vaccines demonstrating strong immune responses in early studies, potentially surpassing mRNA vaccines in stability and ease of production ([ScienceDaily](#)). Meanwhile, MIT scientists identified a gut protein, intelectin-2, that fortifies the mucus barrier and traps harmful bacteria, offering new avenues for combating infections ([ScienceDaily](#)).



Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Recent seismic activity includes a magnitude 3.3 earthquake near Tecopa, California, and a magnitude 1.3 earthquake near Whites City, New Mexico, both monitored by the USGS ([USGS](#); [USGS](#)). Additionally, a magnitude 1.7 quake occurred near Chickaloon, Alaska ([USGS](#)).

NASA continues to advance lunar exploration, with Intuitive Machines awarded \$180.4 million to deliver science and technology payloads to the Moon under the Artemis program, enhancing understanding of lunar composition ([NASA](#)). Personal stories, such as that of Erik Richards, Near Space Network Mission Manager, highlight the human dedication behind Artemis missions ([NASA](#)).

Weather patterns show critical fire weather conditions in the Plains and unseasonably warm temperatures in the Southwest and Southern US, factors that may influence disaster preparedness ([weather.gov](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Recent archaeological discoveries include a Byzantine church with colorful mosaics unearthed at Nitzana in the Negev, shedding light on early Christian art and architecture ([BiblePlaces](#)). Excavations in Upper Egypt revealed around 3,000 ostraca and pottery fragments this season, contributing to the largest known collection of inscribed pottery from a single site in Egypt ([BiblePlaces](#)).

Reflection

We should interpret these developments soberly, resisting both panic and apathy while attending to what is true. Our aim is prayerful discernment—grounding convictions in Scripture and keeping watch with steadiness and hope.