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ISRAEL TO EUROPE: 'WE WARNED YOU': Israel's outspoken embassy in Ireland this week again stirred the pot with a post to its Twitter feed reminding Europe that the Jewish state had warned it about failing to take seriously enough the threat of radical Islam. The post, which featured the Mona Lisa in Muslim head garb and holding what appears to be a missile, came just days after Muslim terrorists killed 17 in three separate attacks in Paris. Under the title "Israel Now - Paris Next," the image was a repeat of an earlier Israeli PR campaign at the height of the ISIS conquest in Iraq and Syria, warning Western nations that if they didn't halt the jihadists in the Middle East, a new wave of terror would soon reach European shores. The tweet, sent on Sept. 12, included the message: "Don't say we didn't warn you." The embassy later posted a tweet linking to an op-ed on the Ynet news portal that insisted the West's anti-Israel propaganda is a major motivator of Islamic terrorism both against the Jewish state and increasingly vulnerable European nations. (Israel Today/Ynet)

POLL: BRITISH JEWS FEAR FUTURE IN EUROPE: 45% of British Jews fear they have no long-term future in Britain and 58% were concerned they have no long-term future in Europe, according to a survey published Wednesday by the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism (CAA). A quarter of those surveyed said they had considered leaving Britain in the past two years. The CAA said 2014 saw the most anti-Semitic incidents recorded since records began 30 years ago. "The results of our survey are a shocking

wake-up call straight after the atrocities in Paris," said CAA chairman Gideon Falter. "Britain is at a tipping point. Unless anti-Semitism is met with zero tolerance, it will grow and British Jews will increasingly question their place in their own country." The organization explained that anti-Semitism in Britain tended to rise during crises involving Israel, "but the sentiment behind it does not disappear when the crises end." (AFP)

THREATS TO SWEDISH JEWISH COMMUNITY DOUBLE SINCE PARIS ATTACKS: The number of threats to the Swedish Jewish community has spiraled since the attacks in Paris and the killing of four Jews at a kosher supermarket, a community representative said Thursday. "The threats have at least doubled in Sweden," a representative from Council of Jewish Communities in Sweden told media sources. Security was increased around Jewish institutions, especially in the Swedish capital. "The Säpo (intelligence services) and the police believe that we must have more protection," said the spokesperson. "They have a very good understanding of our situation. This is very important because our members are worried," she added. (Ynet)

IN BRUSSELS, JEWISH SECURITY PROFESSIONALS TRAIN FOR THE NEXT ATTACK: Seventy-two hours after a deadly attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris, dozens of Jewish community officials from across Europe were operating a hectic situation room at a hotel in the Belgian capital. But crisis managers and community leaders were not dealing with the horror unfolding 200 miles away in the French capital. Rather they were preparing for the next crisis situation, playing out a practice scenario with multiple casualties at a Jewish facility somewhere in Europe. Staffers were training to handle the deluge of queries, pleas, disinformation and even threats that often follow attacks on Jewish facilities. It was said to be the first pan-European simulation of its kind and was the latest step in a plan by the European Jewish Congress' Security and Crisis Centre, or SACC. The drill aimed to prepare communities to manage the consequences of the terrorist threats on a continent with nearly nonexistent national borders and vast disparities in law-enforcement and crisis-management standards. The drill comes as many French Jews, reeling from the attack last week that killed four at a kosher supermarket, have publicly questioned whether public authorities are capable of ensuring their security. On Monday, thousands of French soldiers and police were dispatched to protect the country's 700 Jewish schools. (JTA)

EUROPE'S LEADING RABBI: JEWS MUST BEGIN CARRYING GUNS: One of Europe's most prominent Jewish organizations is petitioning the EU to pass new legislation that would permit Jewish community members to carry guns "for the essential protection of their communities." The European Jewish Association (EJA), which represents Jewish communities across Europe, says that gun license laws must be altered following a string of deadly attacks on Jews in France and other European countries, where anti-Semitism has been growing at an alarming rate. The recent attacks, including one on a Kosher market that killed four, "have revealed the urgent need to stop talking and start acting" in a way that empowers Europe's Jews, according to a letter sent

Tuesday by EJA Director Rabbi Menachem Margolin to EU leaders. "The EU, which has enacted very stringent gun control laws, should train Jews to be proficient with guns in order to maintain their safety." Margolin said he and the EJA have been warning for "a very long time" that anti-Semitism is growing in Europe and that it poses a direct threat to the continent's Jewish population. "We demanded from the European governments some time ago that action should be taken and were not surprised to see the results in Paris." Many Jews are living in fear and have shunned community outposts such as synagogues and kosher markets out of fear of an attack like that in Paris. (Free Beacon)

EXPERTS REPORT BOKO HARAM LIKELY USING ABDUCTED GIRLS AS SUICIDE BOMBERS: Three suicide bombings by girls aged as young as 10 indicate Nigeria's Boko Haram has employed a new tactic of forcing abducted children to blow themselves up, according to experts. The Islamist sect has been carrying out almost daily killings and kidnappings across northeast Nigeria in a campaign of violence now in its sixth year. Deadly hits last weekend were carried out by three young female suicide bombers. These came just days after a week-long killing spree by Boko Haram, in which the group torched at least 10 towns leaving as many as 2,000 people dead. "It is highly likely that Boko Haram is conscripting young girls to use as suicide bombers," said Elizabeth Donnelly, assistant head of the Africa program at London's Chatham House think tank. "These conscripts were little more than slaves fed by countless abductions since the crisis started." The number of young girls kidnapped by Boko Haram is near-impossible to estimate. The group's most high-profile kidnapping came in April last year, which it took 276 girls from a school in Chibok. Donnelly said abducted girls have provided the group with a resource of bombers it sees as completely expendable. "These girls just do not matter to them. They are disposable bodies. How do you fight this?"

The leader of Nigeria's brutal Islamist sect Boko Haram praised the perpetrators of last week's Paris terror attacks in a video posted online Wednesday. The video featured an animated eight-minute speech from Abubakar Shekau, the little-known figure believed to be the group's commander. He said Boko Haram was greatly pleased by the attacks. (NBC)

JIMMY CARTER BLAMES ISRAEL FOR PARIS ATTACKS: Former US President Jimmy Carter once again provided his sagacious insight into the root causes of Islamic violence by pointing an accusing finger at, where else, Israel! Carter made the remarks on Monday while appearing on Comedy Central's The Daily Show. When asked by host Jon Stewart what drove the kind of Islamic violence that claimed the lives of 17 people in Paris last week, Carter responded: "Well, one of the origins for it is the Palestinian problem. This aggravates people who are affiliated in any way with the Arab people who live in the West Bank [Judea & Samaria] and Gaza. So I think that's part of it." Carter has a long history of blaming all Middle East woes, and, indeed, most of the problems in the world, on Israel. And he is absolutely convinced that the lack of peace in this small sliver of land is no one's fault but the Jews, as detailed in his 2006 book

“Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid.” The former peanut farmer-turned-most powerful man in the world has gone so far as to extol Hamas as totally trustworthy, unlike those Israeli Jews and their hordes of “Zionist” cohorts. In late 2008, Carter during a trip to Damascus boasted over having advised Hamas leader Khaled Mashal on what price to demand for then-hostage Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. (Israel Today/Ryan Jones)

KERRY SAYS HE’S GOING TO FRANCE TO GIVE ‘A BIG HUG TO PARIS’: US Secretary of State John Kerry clarified this week that his trip to France on Thursday was not to apologize for the Obama administration's failure to send a senior official to last weekend's unity march, but rather to give "a big hug to Paris" in the wake of terrorist attacks that have left the city reeling. Kerry told reporters he plans "to share a big hug with Paris and express the affection of the American people for France and for our friends there who have been through a terrible time." He said he had no plans to apologize or try to explain the lack of a high-profile US presence at Sunday's march, which the White House has acknowledged was a mistake. Some 40 world leaders and more than a million people took part in the march to show solidarity with France after the attacks on the Charlie Hebdo satirical newspaper and a kosher supermarket. (ABC) **In the words of one blogger, “Pathetic, just absolutely pathetic.”**

MURDER OF JEWS AT PRAYER PROMOTED IN HAMAS VIDEO: Hamas' Islamic Bloc at Al-Quds University in Jerusalem has produced a video promoting the murder of Jews at prayer. The video opens with two Jews in prayer shawls talking and praying near a model of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. A masked man stabs one of the Jews to death. Other masked fighters appear with rifles and shoot the second Jew. The song in the video encourages Palestinians to "open fire, have no mercy, shoot the Zionists!" (Palestinian Media Watch)

UP TO 1.6M TO HAVE TAKEN TO THE STREETS OF THE FRENCH CAPITAL: More than 40 world leaders joined the start of the Paris march on Sunday linking arms in an act of solidarity. The marchers gathered to demonstrate unity after the attacks on satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, police officers, and a kosher supermarket. The French government said the rally turnout was the highest on record. The interior ministry reported turnout across France was at least 3.7 million, including up to 1.6 million in Paris. Rallies also took place outside of France, with thousands of people gathering in London, Washington, Montreal Berlin and Israel. World leaders, including Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, British PM David Cameron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, and Jordan's King Abdullah II joined the Paris march. (BBC)

THOUSANDS IN ISRAEL MOURN PARIS KOSHER MARKET TERROR VICTIMS: Thousands of mourners gathered in Jerusalem on Tuesday for the funeral of four Jewish people who died in an attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris. The victims were killed when a gunman stormed the Hyper Casher (kosher) supermarket in eastern

Paris, before taking hostages inside Friday. Speaking at the funeral PM Netanyahu said that he knows the pain of bereavement and that the people of Israel and the entire State of Israel embrace you with love on the day that four new graves will be dug into the soil of Jerusalem. President Reuven Rivlin said, his voice quivering at the service, this is not how we wanted to welcome you to Israel. We wanted you alive, we wanted for you, life. At moments such as these, I stand before you, brokenhearted, shaken and in pain, and with me stands and cries an entire nation." The four Jews killed in Friday's terror attack in Paris were buried in Jerusalem. Yohan Cohen, 22, who worked at the kosher supermarket, was reported to have been killed trying to stop the terrorist from killing a 3-year-old boy. Yoav Hattab, 21, had just returned from a Birthright tour to Israel. Philippe Braham, 45, a computer engineer, is survived by his wife and four children. Francois-Michel Saada, 64, a pension fund manager, was the father of two children, both living in Israel. PM Netanyahu said the victims were "murdered solely for being Jewish" in "an attack of hatred by a despicable murderer." (Haaretz/J.Post)

NETANYAHU AT PARIS VICTIMS' FUNERAL: TIME FOR CIVILIZED WORLD TO UPROOT ENEMIES IN OUR MIDST: PM Netanyahu spoke Tuesday at the funeral of four Jewish victims of last Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris. Following words of condolence to those bereaved, he called for world leaders, particularly in the West, to take a more forceful stand against radical Islam. "These aren't just enemies of the Jews, but all of humanity," the prime minister said. "It's about time that all of the civilized world unite and uproot these enemies from our midst." Netanyahu said that during his trip to Paris, he came away with the impression that "most leaders understand or are starting to understand that the terror of radical Islam presents a clear and present danger to the world in which we live." (J. Post)

AFTER PARIS ATTACKS, ISRAEL VOWS TO WELCOME EUROPEAN JEWS SEEKING TO IMMIGRATE: Israeli leaders said Sunday they would welcome with open arms French Jews who fear for their safety in the wake of attacks by Islamist extremists in Paris last week. Israeli PM Netanyahu and members of his cabinet linked arms with French politicians on Sunday during a march in Paris to commemorate the 17 people killed in three days. Netanhayu drove home the point that Israel serves as a "front line" against Islamist terrorist groups. "They might have different names - ISIS, Boko Haram, Hamas, al-Shabab, al-Qaeda, Hizbullah - but all of them are driven by the same hatred and bloodthirsty fanaticism." After Islamist terrorists massacred people in the heart of Paris, Jewish Agency head and former Soviet Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky said, "We're not building our aliyah strategy on tragic events. We're building it on the fact there is a place in the world called Europe, where Jews are feeling increasingly uncomfortable." Sharansky predicted more than 10,000 French Jews will move to Israel in 2015 - breaking 2014's record of 7,000. (Times of Israel/Washington Post)

30% OF FRENCH JEWISH STUDENTS STAY HOME AFTER ATTACKS: As much as 30-40% of France's Jewish schoolchildren stayed home Monday, on the first day

of school after Friday's attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris. France has deployed nearly 5,000 security forces and police to protect the 700 Jewish schools in the country this week following the attacks. Students arriving at school saw policemen or soldiers guarding the entrances like a military base. Some schools, such as the Lubavitch elementary school, were guarded by a full squad of French soldiers on a 24-hour watch - after concrete threats were made against it and shots were fired. At the Pardes Hana School, security has been heightened, and students were asked to present a passport at the entrance. Police are conducting regular patrols around the clock near the school and a police car is parked outside the building at all times. According to sources, students have not stopped talking about death with many saying they are afraid of being attacked and expressing fears their relatives could be murdered. Security is high at synagogues, where "policemen with guns drawn" are already stationed following Friday's attack at the Hyper Casher (kosher) store in southern Paris. (Israel National News)

FRENCH POLICE: 6 TERRORISTS MAY STILL BE AT LARGE: As many as six members of a terrorist cell involved in the Paris attacks may still be at large, including a man who was seen driving a car registered to the widow of one of the slain gunmen, police sources said on Monday. Authorities were reported to be searching the Paris area for the Mini Cooper registered to the widow of Amedy Coulibaly, who is now believed to be in Syria. France deployed 10,000 troops to protect sensitive sites, including Jewish schools and neighborhoods, in the wake of the attacks that killed 17 people last week. Brothers Cherif and Said Kouachi, as well as Coulibaly, their friend who claimed ties to Islamic extremists in the Middle East, died Friday in clashes with police. PM Manuel Valls said the manhunt is urgent because "the threat is still present" after the attacks that began Wednesday. A Frenchman linked to the Kouachi brothers, who carried out the mass acre at the Charlie Hebdo magazine last week, has been arrested in Bulgaria. Threats against people outside France, particularly against journalists, persisted Sunday. (INN)

FRENCH INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL: THIS MAY NOT BE OVER: The French intelligence community believes that last week attacks in Paris could be a prelude to even more lethal attacks. Yves Trotignon, a former top counter-terrorism official, now a private terrorism consultant, said he was in close contact with French intelligence officials investigating the assaults and that there is a strong feeling something more dangerous is ahead. On Saturday, French law enforcement officers were told to delete their social media accounts and to carry their weapons at all times because terror sleeper cells have been activated in the country. Likewise, Britain's MI5 security agency, Andrew Parker, told defense and intelligence experts in London that British intelligence officers believe terror groups are crafting complex and ambitious plots against Western targets. (Arutz-7)

ZOA: OBAMA'S PARIS NO-SHOW IS NO SURPRISE: The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) has issued a strong statement not only criticizing President Barack

Obama for missing the massive anti-Islamic terrorism rally in France, but also showing why his no-show was practically a foregone conclusion. The rally, held in Paris on Sunday, was attended by dozens of national leaders, while the US was represented only by its ambassador to France. By not showing up at "the most important international protest in history against the expanding scourge of Islamic terrorism," the ZOA accuses, "Pres. Obama has humiliated and embarrassed all Americans in front of the whole world, while sending the wrong message to Islamic murderers." Topping the list of reasons why Obama's lack of participation is not surprising, ZOA sources said, "Obama has refused during his entire presidency to even use the term Islamic terrorism. Instead he uses terms such as 'violent extremism' or 'workplace violence'. Furthermore, Obama invited the Muslim Brotherhood, a leading terrorist proponent, to prominently attend his first major speech on Muslims and the Middle East in Cairo - even though Egyptian President Mubarak begged him not to do so. Obama's lack of attendance at the rally against Islamic terrorism can also be explained by these two facts: He has released numerous Islamic terrorists from the Guantanamo prison even though they were officially designated as high risk for future terrorist attacks, and he called the 2009 slaughter of 13 US soldiers at Ft. Hood by a self-proclaimed soldier of Allah an incident of workplace violence." ZOA sources continued that regarding the Israel-PA diplomatic process, Obama has spoken of the "legitimate claims" of Hezbollah and Hamas. He is on record as saying that "everyone knows that," unlike Israelis; PA chief Mahmoud Abbas is "sincere about peace." (Israel National News)

SENATOR BOB CASEY (D-PA.) ON TUESDAY WARNED THAT SANCTIONS RELIEF PROVIDED TO IRAN BY THE CURRENT INTERIM JOINT PLAN OF ACTION (JPA) HAD BOLSTERED THE IRANIANS' NEGOTIATING POSITION IN NUCLEAR TALKS WITH THE WEST, and suggested that lawmakers in Washington would vote to boost the leverage of American negotiators in coming months. Casey's remarks underscored longstanding concerns from Congressional lawmakers of both parties that the administration, which remains opposed to any such new legislation, nonetheless lacks sufficient leverage to extract meaningful concessions from Iran. They echo comments from other Democrats calling for increased pressure on Iran and increased Congressional oversight over the talks in general. Reps. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.) and Steve Israel (D-N.Y.) had in October blasted the administration in the aftermath of reports that administration was planning to circumvent Congress in securing a nuclear deal with Iran. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) last week told the Jerusalem Post that the Senate was eager to advance legislation that would boost Western leverage by signaling to Iran that, should it fail to accept a robust deal rolling back its nuclear program; it would face new financial restrictions. Graham signaled that a relevant bill would be moved through committee by the time President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address next week. Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) more specifically told reporters last week that a 2013 sanctions bill coauthored with Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), which was cosponsored by a majority of the Senate but which had never been brought to the floor for a vote, would be reintroduced in an updated form during the coming weeks.

THE DISASTROUS PIPELINE RUPTURE IN THE ARAVA PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT NEW CLEANUP METHODS FROM ISRAELI ACADEMIA. In one of the worst environmental disasters in Israel's history, between three and five million liters of raw crude oil gushed from a burst pipeline near the Evrona Nature Reserve in the Arava Desert on December 3 last year. In the chaotic days that followed, nature authorities employed many methods in the desperate race to contain the four-mile river of toxic oil and mitigate the deadly damage it caused to the Evrona's plants and wildlife. This emergency also provided an unexpected opportunity for Israeli innovators to test their solutions for treating contaminated soil, and results have been encouraging. Prof. Yoel Sasson tells ISRAEL21c that he and Dr. Uri Stoin from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem set up a pilot trial together with the Swiss Man Oil Group (MOG) to test their breakthrough technology for treating contaminated soil. Less than a year ago, MOG licensed the solution from Yissum, the university's technology-transfer company, and has been using it to clean up polluted sites from Siberia to Nigeria. Sasson and Stoin's chemical reagent spray quickly decomposes hydrocarbon molecules from the oil into carbon dioxide and water, which are safe in nature and sewage systems. Sasson explains that six years ago, he and Stoin were focusing on a solution for detoxifying flue emissions from coal power plants. At the university's Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry, their research team developed "scrubbers" containing oxidizing compounds to attack mercury and other toxic materials from flue emission and release leftover benign gases.

IN A KOSHER GROCERY STORE IN PARIS, TERROR TAKES A DEADLY TOLL: For more than four hours, Noemi shivered through the biting chill and the abject terror of being hidden away inside the refrigerated cellar of a kosher grocery store as a murderous gunman rampaged above. The cold-storage room had been her salvation when she dashed inside Friday afternoon, escaping the bullets that felled others. But as night fell, she huddled with fellow hostages and worried it would become her death chamber. Right at sundown, dozens of armed officers stormed the store in a furious assault of smoke, sound and fire. The hostages made a desperate run for the doors as officers shot the gunman dead, ending the standoff. But the siege of the Hyper Cacher market, in Paris had already taken a terrible toll, with four Jewish hostages dead and France's half-million-strong Jewish community feeling newly vulnerable to the scourge of radical Islamist violence. Two hostage situations related to Wednesday's massacre at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo ended Friday evening when police simultaneously stormed both sites. All three suspects were killed. In three days that traumatized a nation, three men with deep histories of association with terrorist organizations carried out three deadly attacks: The first against a newspaper, the second against a police officer and the third against a kosher grocery store. The last, said President François Hollande Friday evening, was unquestionably an anti-Semitic attack." (Washington Post)

KOSHER SUPERMARKET ATTACKER CLAIMED IS BONDS; WANTED TO TARGET JEWS AND DEFEND PALESTINE: Amedy Coulibaly, the hostage taker who killed four people and wounded four others in a kosher supermarket in eastern Paris on Friday, called BFM-TV before he died to claim allegiance to Islamic State, saying he wanted to defend Palestinians and target Jews. Coulibaly said he had jointly planned the hits with the Kouachi brothers, who were responsible for the bloody attack on the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo on Wednesday. Police confirmed they were all members of the same Islamist cell in northern Paris. Altogether 17 victims have died along with the three hostage-takers since Wednesday. Hollande denounced the killing of the four hostages at the kosher supermarket in Paris. "This was an appalling anti-Semitic act that was committed," he said. World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder warned that Jewish life in France is under threat if terror does not stop. France hosted a unity rally to protest on Sunday against the attacks. David Cameron, Angela Merkel and Binyamin Netanyahu were among world leaders who arrived Sunday at the French Elysee presidential palace, poised to take part in a historic march involving tens of thousands against terror. (Jerusalem Post)

NETANYAHU CALLS ON FRENCH JEWS: COME HOME TO ISRAEL: Israeli PM Netanyahu led calls in Israel for French Jews to "come home to Israel" Saturday, after 17 people were killed in France during three days of Islamist attacks. "To all the Jews of France, all the Jews of Europe, I would like to say that Israel is not just the place in whose direction you pray, the state of Israel is your home," he said in a televised statement, referring to the Jewish practice of facing Jerusalem during prayer. "Unless the world comes to its senses, terror will continue to strike in other places," he added. Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman met Saturday evening with Israeli ministry and security officials. The meeting addressed strengthening ties with the heads of the Jewish community in France and the security of the various institutions of the Jewish community there. Meanwhile, MKs has been similarly responding to the attack by calling on Jews in France to make aliyah. (Israel National News)

TERRITORY: Terror experts and US and Nigerian officials say Boko Haram carried out a series of attacks last week, killing as many as 2,000 civilians in northern Nigeria. District leader Musa Alhaji Bukar said that 2,000 residents in Baga and 16 other towns had been killed by the radical Islamist terrorists. He described the town - which had a population of 10,000 - as virtually nonexistent with dead bodies covering the entire area, following Wednesday's massacre, one of the most deadly terror attacks in history. After days of razing villages and pitiless massacre, Boko Haram finished the week with its most chilling atrocity. As people bustled through the Saturday market in the Nigerian city of Maiduguri, a device borne by a, likely unsuspecting, ten year-old girl exploded near the entrance. The explosion killed 20, including the girl, and injured 18. The Islamic insurgents have increasingly used young girls as human bombs as they carve an African Caliphate from the plains of northern Nigeria. Today, Boko Haram controls an area the size of Belgium, with a population exceeding 1.7 million people. The Nigerian army,

crippled by corruption and incompetence, has proved unable to resist the jihadist advance. (UK Telegraph)

ISRAELI DOCTORS IMPLANTING TITANIUM JAW IN WOUNDED SYRIAN:

A 23-year-old Syrian has received a pioneering jaw implant made from titanium after a bullet completely destroyed his lower jaw. The man reached Haifa's Rambam Medical Center in critical condition, unable to speak or eat. One day after surgery, the patient was eating and speaking. The customized artificial jawbone was created on a 3D printer. (J. Post)

BRAZILIAN CHRISTIANS URGED TO BUY SETTLEMENT GOODS TO COUNTER BOYCOTT:

Christian and Jewish Zionists in Brazil are marketing Israeli products targeted for boycott. Titled Support 729 I endorse, the project was launched last month in Brasilia, the Brazilian capital, at an event attended by at least 3,000 people. The event featured a market comprising Israeli products including wines, olive oil, salt, and baked goods. The market will be set up in additional cities across Brazil this year, according to organizers. Support 729 is an initiative designed to invite Evangelical Christians to intensify their relationship with Israel beyond merely prayers and support on social networks. Consuming Israeli products helps Israel's economy at a time when the campaign to boycott Israeli products is growing. This project helps create a path that runs contrary to that campaign." The Israeli Economy Ministry's mission to Brazil noted that the selection on offer was designed especially to include products that originate from areas that are internationally considered to be illegal Israeli settlements. For example wines from the Golan Heights that were chosen not only for their excellent quality but also for being industries that are particularly affected by the international boycott, in reference to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against Israel. Brazil has 40 million Evangelical Christians. (JTA)

A SERIES OF BOASTS BY IRANIAN OFFICIALS IN RECENT WEEKS IS DEEPENING CONCERNS THAT WESTERN NEGOTIATORS NOW LACK THE NECESSARY LEVERAGE TO EXTRACT MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS FROM TEHRAN.

The comments, which range from boasts about Iranian military power to its relations with the Western countries it is currently engaged in negotiations with, comes days before diplomats from Tehran are set to meet with the P5+1 global powers over the country's nuclear program. Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps General Ramezan Sharif over the weekend boasted that Western powers had foreclosed the possibility of military intervention against the Islamic Republic. Sharif blasted Western media outlets – he specifically cited the BBC – as, per the Jerusalem Post, “being complicit in an insidious propaganda campaign to undermine the confidence of Iran's citizens and spread disinformation about its interests.” Iranian media had last week carried boasts from the deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (IAEO), Asqar Zarean, concerning Iranian development of laser technology for medical purposes. Analysts have recently suggested that the technology could equally be turned toward

laser enrichment of uranium. The technique is considered a "silver bullet" in creating weapons grade uranium, allowing the Iranians to build significantly smaller and better hidden infrastructure. Iranian media on Sunday also quoted nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi as saying that Iran would need to increase its enrichment twelve-fold over the next eight years. Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), the new chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, told Bloomberg View this week that lawmakers in Washington were skeptical that Iran has been negotiating in good faith. Nunes is one of several top lawmakers who are expected to lead the charge on Capitol Hill for increased Congressional oversight over Iran negotiations, as well as for new sanctions to be put in place against Tehran.

ISRAELI DOCTORS AT RAMBAM HEALTH CARE CAMPUS PRINT INNOVATIVE 3D JAWBONE FOR CIVIL WAR SHOOTING VICTIM. A new groundbreaking procedure was used by doctors at Rambam Health Care Campus to implant a titanium jawbone in a Syrian shooting victim, who had come to Israel for medical treatment after a bullet demolished his lower jaw. The 23-year-old Syrian man arrived at Rambam in critical condition after a rifle bullet had completely destroyed his lower jaw, rendering him unable to speak or eat. Israeli doctors outfitted him with a custom-made jaw printed on titanium using 3D CT and then implanted it into the victim's face. Professor Adi Rachmiel, director of Rambam's Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, performed the ground-breaking operation with Dr. Yoav Leiser, who recently returned from training in Germany, where he specialized in restoring eye sockets, jaws, and cheek bones. One day after surgery, the patient was eating and speaking. "We succeeded in returning his human quality," Leiser said of the patient, whose face had been torn, jaw smashed, and bottom teeth blown out. In the procedure, called a Patient Specific Implant (PSI), doctors created a jaw perfectly suited to the patient. Rambam said that following this success, three additional patients are scheduled to undergo similar innovative treatments.

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