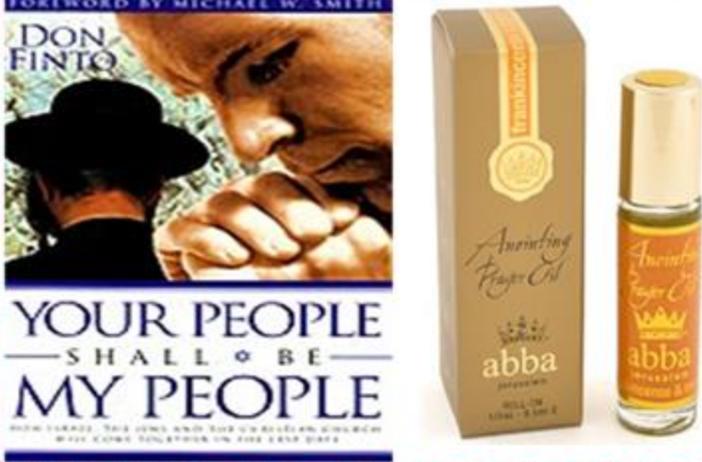


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USA DECLASSIFIES DOCUMENT REVEALING ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM: In a development that has largely been missed by mainstream media, the Pentagon has quietly declassified a Department of Defense top-secret document detailing Israel's nuclear program, a highly covert topic that Israel has never formally announced to avoid a regional nuclear arms race, and which the USA until now has respected by remaining silent. But by publishing the declassified document from 1987, the USA breached the silent agreement to keep quiet on Israel's nuclear powers for the first time ever, detailing the nuclear program in great depth. The timing of the revelation is highly suspect, given that it came as tensions spiraled out of control between PM Binyamin Netanyahu and USA President Barack Obama ahead of Netanyahu's March 3, 2015 address in Congress, in which he warned against the dangers of Iran's nuclear program and how the deal being formed on that program leaves the Islamic regime with nuclear breakout capabilities. Aside from nuclear capabilities, the report acknowledged that in some cases, Israeli military technology "is more advanced than in the USA." Declassifying the report comes at a sensitive timing, as noted above, and is seen as having been the choice of the American government. (INN)

FALSE CLAIMS THAT ISRAEL SPIED ON US WERE AIMED AT DAMAGING TIES: Responding to recent reports that Israel had spied on the USA during the Iranian

negotiations, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said this week, "There is no way, and there was no way, that Israel spied on the Americans. That is seriously forbidden among every level of Israel's policy leaders. Someone is just trying to stir conflict. It's a shame that such winds are blowing into the clandestine channels in which we conduct this relationship." Likewise on 24, March, 2015 Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said "We got our intelligence from other sources, not from the United States. The instruction has been clear for decades now: you don't spy on the United States, directly or indirectly." Israel had not "intercepted" briefings, and the report was "inaccurate, to say the least." (Ha'aretz/Times of Israel)

CLAIMS OF SPYING: AMERICAN "CHUTZPAH": The claims of Israeli spying are part of an intentional American campaign to undermine Israel's standing among the American public and their elected officials, with the aim of limiting Israel's ability to argue against the bad agreement that the West is poised to sign with Iran. For Israel, this is a vital struggle focused on a highly sensitive matter of national security. The American administration knows this and is still sparing no effort to undermine Israel's determination and abilities. The ugly accusation alleging Israel was spying on the USA is part of this American campaign. Israel does not spy on the USA and they know it. Everything else is manipulation meant to undermine Israel's credibility in American public opinion. It is a shame things had to come to this, but the determination of the American government to reach an agreement - any agreement - with the Iranians is leading to an unavoidable conflict. *The writer, former Israeli National Security Advisor and head of the National Security Council, served 36 years in senior IDF posts.* (Israel Hayom)

USA ACCUSATIONS OF ISRAELI ESPIONAGE - WHY NOW? The accusations from the USA over Israeli espionage, published this week in the Wall Street Journal, are unfair and even a little ridiculous. The American administration and the government official who leaked the information are well aware that Israel is capable of obtaining this information in a completely legitimate manner from those who are party to the negotiations with Iran. What is unacceptable for Israel should also be unacceptable for the USA. The article specifically states that the USA intercepted Israeli transmissions. Is it acceptable for the Americans to spy on a Middle Eastern ally? The reports are part of a calculated campaign waged by America with a clear political purpose. (Ynet)

JEWISH ESTABLISHMENT SOUNDS ALARM AS WHITE HOUSE RHETORIC INTENSIFIES: Criticism of Israel from the Obama administration has intensified to such a degree that Washington's Jewish leaders are sounding the alarm. For years, defensive of their support for USA President Obama and his White House, Washington's pro-Israel establishment now fears that the train of USA-Israel relations is running off the tracks. "The fact that the outcome of a Democratic election in Israel seems to be of great concern" to the Obama administration, said David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, "is cause for anxiety and puzzlement. Whatever the failings

of the prime minister, the way this is unfolding runs contrary to the spirit of USA-Israel relations," Harris said. "The USA appears to have a reasoned interest in prolonging the crisis." Since Netanyahu secured re-election as prime minister last week, Obama administration officials have fiercely criticized his pre-election campaign rhetoric, including his declaration that the two-state solution would not come to fruition under his premiership. Netanyahu has apologized for his remarks, and says that his commitment to the creation of a Palestinian state remains the same. But the White House will not accept his apology, and has gone so far as to publicly question the fundamental sincerity of the prime minister. USA officials have also suggested a willingness to remove their shield of support for Israel at the UN Security Council. "As someone who was critical of several steps by Netanyahu during the campaign leading up to his re-election," said Abe Foxman, longtime director of the Anti-Defamation League, "I am even more troubled by statements now coming out of the White House." In a rare public statement issued last week, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee criticized the president for continuing the public fight. All of these organizations - AIPAC, AJC, ADL and the Rabbinical Assembly - together represent the voice of the American Jewish community to its representatives in Washington. Several leaders say that, at a minimum, they will lobby the administration to turn down the temperature on its public "attacks" against Netanyahu. That's if they can get the White House on the phone. (J.Post)

BUSH: 'PATTERN OF DIPLOMATIC SCOLDING OF ISRAEL' FROM OBAMA: Jeb Bush, former President George W. Bush's brother and possible Republican presidential candidate, wrote an article in the National Review about President Obama. In it, he criticized the Obama government for giving into America's enemies and attacking its friends, particularly Israel. He elaborated by writing, "Anyone who claims to pursue peace in the region - especially between Israel and her neighbors - must know that Israel will make no sacrifices for peace when she feels threatened." Instead of unilateral measures, as the Palestinian Authority is currently taking, he encouraged Palestinian leaders to deliver on their promises. Regarding the nuclear talks with Iran, Bush, 62, said that Obama appears determined to sign a "risky agreement that may well allow Iran to intimidate the entire Middle East, menace Israel, and threaten America." (INN)

'ANTI-MISSIONARY' BILL PUSHED IN ISRAEL'S COALITION WRANGLING: Israel's ultra-Orthodox parties didn't make a particularly good showing in last week's elections, but they did well enough to make firm demands as PM Netanyahu tries to cobble together his next ruling coalition. The anti-missionary organization Yad L'Achim hopes one of those demands will be to advance new legislation targeting Messianic Jewish and Christian activity in Israel. The legislation Yad L'Achim is pressing Shas to put before Netanyahu would specifically and substantially target the activities of those who believe in Yeshua. This legislation was tabled during Netanyahu's last government, but was ultimately scuttled by officials who apparently had no taste for Yad L'Achim's campaign of discrimination and fear-mongering.

A number of recent reports have shown that a growing majority of Israeli Jews no longer have a problem with Messianic believers in their midst, and are even increasingly open to exploring the person of Yeshua, if not faith in him as Messiah. “We cannot emphasize enough how urgent it is to demand legislation against missionary activity in Israel,” read a frantic letter from Yad L’Achim, to members of Shas and United Torah Judaism, which concluded by noting that “in the past 19 years, more Jews have converted to Christianity than in the 1,900 years before that.” Local believers have expressed concern over the possibility of this legislation being passed, but have also noted that if Yad L’Achim is growing increasingly agitated, then perhaps they are doing something right. Meanwhile on Wednesday 25 March, 2015, ultra-Orthodox party Shas head Aryeh Deri was told in a meeting with Netanyahu he would be made Interior Minister. (Israel Today)

ONLY IN ISRAEL: PORCUPINE FINDS 1,400-YEAR OLD OIL LAMP ONLY TO HAVE ITS TREASURE TAKEN BY ARCHAEOLOGY COPS: A large porcupine digging a burrow unearthed a perfect 1,400-year old oil lamp – only to have its prize seized by "archaeology cops" on a routine patrol to frustrate robbers. Specifically, Israel Antiquities Authority inspectors were on their routine rounds to thwart thievery from archaeological sites, which is about as common as the artifacts themselves in the Middle East. During their visit to Horbat Siv, a site from the late Roman-Byzantine period in central Israel, they noticed a remarkably well-preserved lamp lying on the rim of a porcupine burrow. The creature in the process of digging out its new residence had tossed the priceless treasure to one side. It never stood a chance, with the “archaeology cops” on duty, to put it to good use. (Ha’aretz)

IN A STRONG SHOW OF FORCE, EARLY THURSDAY MORNING SAUDI ARABIA AND ITS GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) allies launched Operation Storm of Resolve against the Iranian-backed Shiite Houthis in Yemen. The rebel group’s advancement into the southern port city of Aden, where the current President of Yemen, Abdo Rabu Mansour Hadi, was taking refuge, sparked Saudi’s rapid intervention. Saudi Arabia’s ambassador to the U.S., Adel al-Jubeir, said that “a 10-country coalition had joined in the military campaign in a bid ‘to protect and defend the legitimate government’.” Reuters described the Saudi-led incursion into Yemen as “a gamble by the world's top oil exporter to check Iranian influence in its backyard without direct military backing from Washington.” The latest flare-up of instability and chaos in Yemen comes at a vitally important time in the negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program. The Sunni Arab states and more specifically, Iran’s regional foe, Saudi Arabia, have articulated their deep anxiety over what they see as the grave concessions given to Iran. According to The Times of Israel’s Avi Issacharoff, “Arab leaders and decision makers in Israel are still struggling with the White House’s insistence on demonstrating exceptional weakness in its ongoing talks with Tehran.” If a final agreement is reached, Iran will be allowed to keep thousands of centrifuges and continue enriching uranium. Issacharoff explained that the GCC states expect Iran to behave as it does therefore their anger is primarily directed at the U.S. for allowing Iran to go unchecked, while they are

in the midst of nuclear negotiations. He also wrote that in any final agreement, the Sunni Arab states and Israel expect “the world’s major powers will at least try to pressure Tehran to halt its military operations in a variety of destinations in the Middle East.” American’s Sunni allies see Iran’s growing influence and intervention in the region as a direct affront to their security. In early March, Saudi’s Prince Turki al-Faisal told the BBC that “Iran is already a disruptive player in various scenes in the Arab world, whether it's Yemen, Syria...[or] Iraq.” With Yemen sitting at the Gulf Monarch’s backdoor, the Saudis have already declared their readiness for a ground operation and reportedly have 150,000 soldiers deployed on their southern border.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CONSIDERING ALLOWING IRAN TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE HUNDREDS OF CENTRIFUGES AT FORDOW, AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR COMPLEX OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF QOM. The Iranians would reportedly be able to feed elements such as zinc, xenon, or germanium at the site, rather than uranium, which could be used for science or industry but not a nuclear weapon. However, experts are concerned that the retained technology could easily be repurposed to enrich uranium. David Albright, a nuclear proliferation expert at the Institute for Science and International Studies, said that this concession “keeps the infrastructure in place and keeps a leg up, if they want to restart (uranium) enrichment operations,” Last week, the AP reported that American officials were fearful of that very fact. It is also of concern that the concession would be made at the Fordow site, located in a fortified mountainside, “making it resistant — possibly impervious — to air attack.” In April 2012, the United States and European countries demanded that the Fordow site be dismantled as a condition for lifting sanctions. An Iranian official declared in February 2013, “Fordow will never be shut down because ... our national duty is to be able to defend our nuclear and vital centres against an enemy threat.” The official went on to say that the demands to close the site were “meant to help the Zionist regime.” The Times of Israel and AP reported on March 16 that Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif had made “a sudden... demand that the Fordo nuclear facility, buried deep underground, be allowed to keep hundreds of centrifuges that are used for enriching uranium — material that can be used in a nuclear warhead.” Last year, Iran’s insistence on keeping its enrichment infrastructure intact prompted commentator Fareed Zakaria to call Iran’s position a diplomatic “train wreck.” In addition to the reported reversal on Fordow, the Western nations involved in the nuclear negotiations are considering backtracking on the demand that Iran come clean about its past nuclear research. (via The Tower.org)

THE COMPLEX PROCESS OF VALUATION — DETERMINING THE CURRENT WORTH OF A PRIVATE STARTUP OR ITS SECURITIES – HAS BEEN DISRUPTED BY A BREAKTHROUGH CLOUD-BASED SOFTWARE PLATFORM FROM ISRAELI FINANCIAL-TECH STARTUP ALGOVALUE. Built by former PricewaterhouseCoopers valuation experts Raphael Meyara and Tsachi Hageg, AlgoValue’s SaaS (Software as a Service) platform streamlines valuation

assessments (as well as audits and simulations) for the range of professionals who generate these reports: CFOs of private companies, accountants, valuation experts, venture capitalists, angel investors and lawyers. Standard processes and tools for valuation are expensive, time-consuming and prone to error, Meyara tells ISRAEL21c. “When we worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers, we were struck by the bitter disappointment experienced by both investors and entrepreneurs when they witnessed the painful gap between the sums they thought they would receive from a particular venture, and what they actually obtained,” Meyara says. “As a result, we developed a breakthrough one-stop-shop cloud-based platform, which is going to change the way valuations are performed and set a new standard for valuations and related added-value services.” Studies by AlgoValue have shown that the software has not only simplified valuations, but improved margins by as much as 80 percent, while avoiding the mistakes that occur in Excel-based valuations, Meyara says. The company has enjoyed a rapid rise in user ship. “Today we have more than 100 clients using the platform and we’ve only been marketing it for a year and a half. We have significant market penetration in the US, Israel and other locations including South America,” says Meyara. “We have many of the top 100 CPA firms and accounting firms in the US using our product.” (via Israel21c)

7 JEWISH CHILDREN DEAD AFTER HOTPLATE LEFT ON FOR JEWISH SABBATH IGNITES BROOKLYN FIRE: A malfunctioning hotplate left on to keep food warm over the Jewish Sabbath sparked a fire that claimed the lives of 7 siblings, 4 boys and 3 girls, in a Brooklyn house Saturday morning, March 21, 2015. Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro said the victims were 5 to 15, and that a woman and a teenage girl survived after jumping from the second floor. They were in critical condition. The woman, 45, is believed to be the mother of all eight children. The father reportedly was in a conference and authorities were having trouble locating him. “It’s a tragedy for this family. It’s a tragedy for this community. It’s a tragedy for our city,” Nigro said. “This is the largest tragedy by fire that this city has had in seven years.” Firefighters received a call at 12:23 a.m. about the fire at a private two-story brick home in Midwood, Brooklyn, a tight-knit predominately Orthodox Jewish enclave with a low crime rate. More than 100 firefighters responded to the blaze and brought the fire under control in about an hour, as paramedics struggled to help victims. (Fox)

LAPID TO NETANYAHU: DON’T APPOINT DERI TO A SENIOR MINISTERIAL POSITION: Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid appealed to PM Netanyahu this weekend not to appoint Shas leader Arye Deri to a senior ministerial post in the next government because of Deri's bribery convictions from 1999. Deri spent almost two years in prison on the charges. "Are you comfortable with the idea of appointing a person to a senior ministerial post responsible for budgets of billions of shekels?" Lapid wrote on his Facebook page. Deri wants to return to his former job of interior minister. Lapid included a quote from the court's decision in the case against Deri to underline his point: "This is not the case of a singular failure of a young person who has been exposed to the temptations of governing, but rather someone who consistently bases his way of life on

bribery. The bribe taking occurred over the entire five year period in which the accused held public roles. The five years can be characterized by the desire of the accused to personally enrich himself quickly from his public positions." "Do not leave the public purse in the hands of such a person, Mr. Prime Minister. This is everyone's money," the Yesh Atid leader wrote. The ultra-orthodox Shas party won seven seats in last week's election and is expected to be part of the right-wing nationalist coalition that Netanyahu will form. (J. Post)

KERRY: UP TO IRAN TO MAKE THE DECISION NEEDED TO CLOSE A NUKE DEAL: With few days remaining to a nuclear deal deadline, top USA and Iranian officials spoke over the weekend of substantial headway, and Iran's president proclaimed an agreement was within reach. President Hassan Rohani said "achieving a deal is possible" by a March 31, 2015 target date for a preliminary accord that is meant to lead to a final deal by the end of June that would crimp Tehran's nuclear programs in exchange for sanctions relief. USA Secretary of State John Kerry was more circumspect, as he spoke to reporters after six days of negotiations in the Swiss city of Lausanne. The talks, made "substantial progress," he said, but "important gaps remain. We have an opportunity to get this right," Kerry said, as he urged Iran to make "fundamental decisions" that prove to the world it has no interest in atomic weapons. In a reflection of the delicate state of negotiations, other officials differed on how close the sides were to a deal. French officials insisted the sides were far from any agreement. Meanwhile, an Iranian crowd on Saturday 21 March, 2015 chanted "Death to America" - and the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei agreed. Khamenei accused the USA of using economic pressure and "bullying" to try to turn his countrymen against Islamic rule and reiterated that Tehran would not be pressured into giving in to Western demands in the negotiations. (Newsmax)

FRANCE SAYS DEAL WITH IRAN MUST BE ROBUST, GUARANTEE NO ATOMIC BOMB: France's foreign minister said on Saturday 21 March, 2015 that his country wanted an agreement over Iran's nuclear program that was sufficiently robust to guarantee that Tehran could not acquire an atomic bomb. Iran and six world powers - the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China - suspended negotiations on a nuclear agreement on Friday, 20 March, 2015 and are set to meet again this week to break a deadlock over sensitive atomic research and lifting of sanctions. France has been demanding more stringent restrictions on the Iranians under any deal than the other Western delegations and at one point during the talks French FM Laurent Fabius phoned his team to ensure it made no more concessions. The Europeans and USA Secretary of State Kerry met in London on Saturday, 21 March, 2015 to help bridge differences before an end of March deadline for a political framework agreement and a full nuclear deal by June 30, 2015. (Reuters)

HUCKABEE: ISRAELIS 'FIGHTING FOR THEIR VERY LIVES: Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said Friday, 20 March, 2015 that Israelis are "fighting for

their very lives" as President Barack Obama works feverishly to cut a nuclear deal with Iran. "Israel is not fighting for an extra piece of real estate," Huckabee told Bill O'Reilly on a Fox News program. "They are fighting for their very lives. They have been chased all over this world. They understand what an existential threat means. They know how many people would love to destroy them and annihilate them," said Huckabee. "They had 4,000 rockets aimed into their civilian territory last summer by the Iranian-financed Hamas terrorist organization, and are expected to give up land for peace. When they have done that, [in times past] they have lost the land and have not gained peace. They are facing surrounding areas that want to destroy them - and they are facing an Iranian threat, where the elected Iranian leader says we want to wipe Israel off the face of the Earth," he said. "So, for them, this is no abstract geopolitical discussion. This is survival." Huckabee's remarks came a day after Obama warned that the United States would "reassess" its relationship with Israel in light of PM Netanyahu's victory in elections last week. (Newsmax)

THE UN FINDS GREATEST VIOLATOR OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS – ISRAEL, OF COURSE: The UN has found the greatest violator of women's rights in the world - and it's Israel for "violating the rights of Palestinian women." The report released by the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), was disputed in an article on the website of Fox News written by Professor Anne Bayefsky, director of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust. The 2015 CSW resolution on Israel says "the Israeli occupation remains the major obstacle for Palestinian women with regard to their advancement, self-reliance and integration in the development of their society," according to Bayefsky. "Not Palestinian men. Not religious edicts and traditions. Not a culture of violence. Not an educational system steeped in rejection of peaceful coexistence and of tolerance," she wrote. "Instead, the fault for a UN statistic like this one – an average of 17% of Palestinian women are in the labor force as compared to 70% of Palestinian men – lies with the Jewish scapegoat.

Bayefsky noted the CSW makes no mention of countries which truly violate women's rights such as Syria, where government forces routinely employ rape and other sexual violence and torture against women as a tactic of war; Saudi Arabia, where women are physically punished if not wearing compulsory clothing, are almost entirely excluded from political life, and cannot drive; and Iran, where crimes such as "adultery" are punishable by death by stoning of the woman and where every woman who registered as a presidential candidate in the last election was disqualified. "In fact, not only is there no possibility that the UN Commission on the Status of Women will criticize Iran, Iran is an elected member of CSW. Sudan – whose president has been indicted for genocide and crimes against humanity – is currently a CSW Vice-Chair," noted Bayefsky. (Arutz-7)

ISIS MASSACRES KURDS ON THEIR NEW YEAR: Forty-five people, including five children, were killed in attacks on Syrian Kurds as they celebrated their new year, a monitor said Saturday, 21 March, 2015 accusing the ISIS terrorist group of responsibility. The attacks occurred the previous day in what was one of ISIS's bloodiest days in Syria

as the Sunni Muslim extremist group left dead more than 120 people across the war-ravaged country. Fear of additional attacks dimmed the spirit of the Nowruz celebrations in Hasakeh the following day. Hasakeh city is under the control of the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) and regime forces, but ISIS terrorists have launched deadly attacks on towns nearby. (Arutz-7)

ISIS POSTS NAMES, INFORMATION OF 100 USA MILITARY PERSONNEL THEY WANT KILLED: The ISIS terrorist group has posted online what it says are the names, USA addresses and photos of 100 American military service members, and called upon its "brothers residing in America" to kill them. The Pentagon said after the information was posted on the Internet that it was investigating the matter. (Jerusalem Post)

SOCIOECONOMIC ISSUES LOOM OVER NEXT GOVERNMENT: Despite the outcome of this week's election, the past few months have clearly demonstrated that the Israeli public is at least as concerned with socioeconomic issues as it is with the Iranian threat and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Opposition parties put social and economic issues at the forefront of their campaigns. Each appealed to the underprivileged, to families that can't make ends meet, to young couples who cannot afford to buy an apartment, and to parents worried about their children's education and future. One of the major problems the new government will have to address is the issue of poverty in Israel – which has one of the highest rates in the Western world, standing at some 20.9 percent, nearly twice the OECD average of 11.3%. Additionally, the next government will need to address the growing outcry from parents regarding conditions in the public schools, which are overcrowded and understaffed - especially, in preschools. (J. Post)

WHITE HOUSE: US 'TO REEVALUATE' BACKING FOR ISRAEL AT UN: The White House on Thursday, 19 March, 2015 pointedly raised the prospect of withdrawing crucial diplomatic cover for Israel at the UN, following PM Netanyahu's decisive election victory. "Steps that the United States has taken at the United Nations had been predicated on this idea that the two-state solution is the best outcome," said spokesman Josh Earnest. "Now our ally has said they are no longer committed to that solution. That means we need to reevaluate our position in this matter." Earnest's comments address Netanyahu's statements in days leading up to this week's elections, in which he promised a Palestinian state would not be established if he is elected. The USA holds veto power at the UN Security Council and has blocked anti-Israel resolutions recognizing the Palestinian Authority as a state from being passed in the past. Such unilateral moves for international recognition are a breach of the 1993 Oslo Accords. (Arutz-7)

SENATOR RUBIO RIPS OBAMA'S 'HISTORIC MISTAKE' ON ISRAEL: Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) on Thursday, 19 March, 2015, delivered a powerful speech against USA President Obama's increasing hostility towards Israel after PM Netanyahu's elections victory, as the White House threatened to pull support for Israel at the UN.

Rubio began by noting "Israel is everything we want that region of the world to be." He expressed his pride that America has "stood behind the Jewish state for all of these years." However, that support is in danger he charged, pointing that as of the time of his speech Obama had yet to call Netanyahu to congratulate him on his victory - the call came later on Thursday night, 19 March, 2015 a full two days after elections. Rubio revealed the hypocrisy of the delay, given that in 2012 Obama was among the first to call and congratulate Russia's Vladimir Putin, President Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, as well as Chinese Communist leaders. In 2013 he likewise rushed to call Iranian president Hassan Rouhani. Speaking of Israel's leaders, Rubio said "They deserve to be treated with more respect, not less, than this president is giving the supreme leader of Iran. If America doesn't stand with Israel, who would we stand with? If they are not worthy of our unconditional support, then what ally of ours around the world can feel safe in their alliance with us?" Obama has also harped on Netanyahu for saying the conditions for a two-state solution do not exist, threatening to reconsider the US's position in the UN and possibly allow a resolution recognizing the Palestinian Authority as a state. Rubio argued the conditions are not right for a peace deal. He pointed to how Israeli withdrawals from southern Lebanon and Gaza turned them into rocket launching grounds, how the PA turned down every peace offer, how 6% of the PA budget goes to jailed terrorists, and gave multiple illustrations of PA incitement. "I think Netanyahu is right that the conditions do not exist for a peace deal with people who teach their children that killing Jews is a glorious thing that there's no such thing as a Jewish people, that any methods of destroying them is valid, and who pay salaries and benefits to those committing acts of terror." (Arutz-7)

ISRAEL RESPONDS TO UN CALL FOR PEACE DEAL WITH PALESTINIANS: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon responded to Israeli PM Netanyahu's election victory with a call for the new government to negotiate a final peace agreement that will create "a viable Palestinian state." Israel's UN Ambassador Ron Prosor responded: "The United Nations may disagree with the policies of the Israeli government, but there is one fact that can't be disputed - that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. If the UN is so concerned about the future of the Palestinian people, it should be asking why President Abbas is in the tenth year of a five-year presidential term or why Hamas uses the Palestinian people as human shields." (AP)

IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS HIT SNAG OVER LIFTING OF SANCTIONS: A dispute over when international sanctions against Iran would be lifted following a potential nuclear agreement reportedly is the latest issue to bog down negotiations. Iran's negotiators say sanctions must be lifted immediately after a deal is concluded. USA and European diplomats hold that sanctions should only be lifted once Tehran accounts for its past nuclear activity and is confirmed to be using nuclear energy for peaceful means by the UNs' nuclear watchdog. One European diplomat said there was "no way" Western negotiators would budge from their position, which the diplomat said the Iranians

considered a "deal-breaker." Amid the dispute, officials from Iran and the USA said Friday, 20 March, 2015 that talks will resume next week. (Fox)

AMERICAN LAWMAKERS WRITE ANOTHER LETTER ON IRAN: A bipartisan letter on Iran signed by 360 members of Congress will be sent to President Barack Obama, one of its House signers said on Thursday, 19 March, 2015. The letter, similar to the one 47 Senate Republicans recently sent to Tehran's leaders, reminds the administration that permanent sanctions relief on Iran as part of a deal to rollback its nuclear program would require new legislation from Congress. It comes as international negotiators approach a March 24 deadline to reach a framework agreement. "Should an agreement with Iran be reached, permanent sanctions relief from congressionally-mandated sanctions would require new legislation," the letter says. "In reviewing such an agreement, Congress must be convinced that its terms foreclose any pathway to a bomb, and only then will Congress be able to consider permanent sanctions relief," it adds. The letter stops short of supporting legislation pursued by the Senate that would allow Congress 60 days to weigh in on any final deal before its implementation. However, it adds, "We are prepared to evaluate any agreement to determine its long-term impact on the United States and our allies." (INN)

WHITEWASHES IRANIAN TERRORISM: The Obama administration is shamelessly whitewashing the Iranian regime's state sponsorship of global terrorism. It also did the same thing for Iran's jihadist proxy terrorist group, Hezbollah. The administration's most recent version of the Worldwide Threat Assessment of the USA Intelligence Community report published on February 26, 2015, conspicuously omitted any reference to the ongoing terrorist threat posed by Iran and Hezbollah. In the small section devoted to Yemen, the report made no mention of Iranian support for the Huthi rebels. It simply portrayed Iran as a beneficiary of the Huthis' rise to power. By contrast, in the previous Worldwide Threat Assessment of the USA Intelligence Community report dated January 29, 2014, Iran and Hezbollah figured prominently under a section entitled "Terrorist Activities Overseas." In addition to mentioning the large role played by Iran and Hezbollah in propping up the Assad regime in Syria, which they view as "a key partner in the 'axis of resistance' against Israel, the earlier intelligence report said that "Iran and Lebanese Hezbollah continue to directly threaten the interests of USA allies." In the specific section of the January 29, 2014 report devoted to Iran, the report stated: "In the broader Middle East, Iran will continue to provide arms and other aid to Palestinian groups, Huthi rebels in Yemen, and Shia militants in Bahrain to expand Iranian influence and to counter perceived foreign threats." What happened between 2014 and 2015 to merit deleting any association of Iran and Hezbollah with continued global terrorist activity in the most recent intelligence assessment report? (Front Page Magazine)

WHY IRAN IS NOT A RELIABLE NEGOTIATING PARTNER: It has been an Iranian tradition since 1979 to end Friday prayers with chants of "Death to America!" In a purely rational world, that would be all one needed to know that Iran is not a reliable

negotiating partner. But there's more. Iran, according to the USA State Department, has been the chief exporter of terrorism for the last three decades. It has worked closely with al-Qaeda. Most of the Sept. 11 hijackers traveled through Iran with the help of the government. USA judges have ruled that Iran was an accomplice in the 1998 USA Embassy bombings in East Africa and the Sept. 11 attacks. During the Iraq war, Iran was responsible for numerous American deaths. Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mike Mullen, said this week that he fears Iran more than ISIS. (L.A. Times)

BLOOD ‘RUNNING LIKE A RIVER’ IN DEADLY MOSQUE ATTACKS: Quadruple suicide bombers hit a pair of mosques controlled by Shiite rebels in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, on Friday, 20 March, 2015 unleashing blasts through crowds of worshipers. Al-Masirah TV, said a total of 137 people were killed and 345 injured in bombings, making it the deadliest violence to hit the fragile war-torn country. The bombers attacked the Badr and al-Hashoosh mosques, located across town from each other, during midday Friday prayers, traditionally the most crowded time of the week. One witness said he was thrown two meters away by one of the blasts. "The heads, legs and arms of the dead people were scattered on the floor of the mosque," Mohammed al-Ansi told media sources adding, "blood was running like a river." A group claiming to be a Yemeni branch of ISIS, posted an online statement saying that five suicide bombers carried out what it described as a "blessed operation" against the "dens of the Shiites. Supporters of the ISIS affiliate also cheered for the attack on Twitter. (CBS)

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