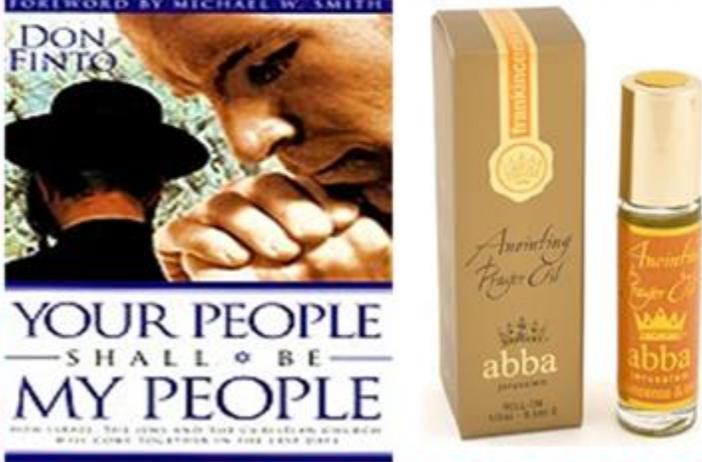


## ***Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update July 10, 2015***

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**TWO ISRAELI CITIZENS HELD BY HAMAS:** An Israeli citizen was arrested by Hamas over ten months ago and has been held there ever since, it was cleared for publication Thursday, 9 July, 2015. Avraham Mengistu, 28, an Israeli citizen of Ethiopian origin, attempted to cross the border into Gaza in September, 2014. The IDF spotted him and tried to stop him, but he ran across before he could be apprehended. Hamas reportedly arrested him upon his arrival and passed on information to his family shortly thereafter. The Defense Ministry determined that Mengistu crossed the fence due to mental illness and that the move was not in any way a deliberate security risk. The Israel Security Agency determined, as well, that Mengistu was prone to disappear from home for long stretches of time without contacting his family. Social services in Ashkelon were aware of the situation. A Hamas official claimed Mengistu was actually released months ago into Gaza civilian life but has not been seen or heard from since. A second citizen, an Israeli Arab from the Bedouin village of Hura, is also reportedly being held by Hamas. The cases has been under gag order until now in Israel. (INN)

**OFFICIAL: IRAN TALKS MUST END BY FRIDAY:** Hours after Iran and major powers extended their talks on a final agreement, earlier this week, an official made clear that the latest extension until Friday, 10 July, 2015 would be the last one. "We've come to the end," the source said on condition of anonymity. "We have just made one, final extension. It is hard to see how or why we would go beyond this. Either it happens in the

next 48 hours, or not." Diplomats said a discussion on Monday night, 6 July, 2015, between Iran and the major powers became testy over the issue of UN sanctions, which Iran wants scrapped as part of a deal to curb its nuclear program. "It was a very heated exchange of views," a senior Western diplomat told reporters.

This week's extension marked the fourth time the parties have extended the interim deal struck in November 2013, which gave Iran limited sanctions relief in return for its restricting its nuclear program, including halting production of 20 percent enriched uranium. Iran continues to refuse inspections of sensitive nuclear sites, refuses to disclose the military aspects of its nuclear program, demands that all sanctions be dropped immediately after a deal is signed, and on Monday, 6 July, 2015 Iran demanded yet another concession in ending the UN arms embargo on the Islamic Republic. The Islamic regime has also let slip that it plans to use advanced nuclear centrifuges after a deal is signed, while its Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has revealed that the talks are a tactic to stall international pressure and gain time for Iranian nuclear development. (Arutz-7)

**IRAN'S 'DEATH TO ISRAEL DAY' COINCIDES WITH NUKE DEAL DEADLINE:** Iran's "Death to Israel Day," officially known as Quds Day or Jerusalem Day, will take place this Friday 10 July, 2015, - bizarrely timed to coincide with the newly re-extended deadline for a final deal on Iran's nuclear program. American officials said Tuesday 7 July, 2015 that the latest extension on the deadline will be the last, indicating that there is a great likelihood that calls to destroy Israel will echo Iranian celebrations of a deal that Israel and other critics see as paving the Islamic regime's path to a nuclear arsenal. Quds Day is held annually on the final Friday of the Muslim fast month of Ramadan. Each year the protest - which is held in Tehran and around the world in events that reportedly are largely organized and funded by Iran - is punctuated by shrill calls of "Death to Israel," often accompanied by a refrain of "Death to America." USA President Barack Obama's administration cannot claim to be unaware of the telling coincidence in timing, as the Quds Day rallies are to be held in 19 cities throughout North America on Friday, 10 July, including a rally in New York City's iconic Times Square. (Israel National News)

**USA LEAVING ISRAEL IN THE DARK ON IRAN TALKS, SAY ISRAELI OFFICIALS:** The American negotiating team at the Iran nuclear talks in Vienna has not updated Israel on developments in the talks in two weeks, Israeli and American officials agreed. A senior official in Israel's Prime Minister's Office confirmed that the last update from Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman, who has led the Iran talks for the USA took place late last month, but insisted, "we have not declined any offers for further updates." High-level contact between the Obama and Netanyahu administrations has all but ceased as the Iran negotiations entered their critical final phases in recent weeks, according to media sources. PM Benjamin Netanyahu has not

spoken once with USA Secretary of State John Kerry since the latest round of talks began in Vienna. (Times of Israel)

**ISRAEL SLAMS UNESCO FOR IGNORING JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN CONNECTION TO JERUSALEM:** Israel slammed the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization this week for adopting a "completely one-sided resolution" on the Old City of Jerusalem that "deliberately ignores the historical connection between the Jewish people and their ancient capital." The resolution, adopted during the latest World Heritage Committee meeting, takes Israel to task for engaging in "illegal excavations" in the Old City, damaging the "visual integrity" of the Old City with the Jerusalem light rail, and deploring Israeli projects at the Western Wall Plaza, which it referred to as the "Buras Plaza." Foreign Ministry Director-General Dore Gold said that not only does the resolution gloss over any Jewish connection to Jerusalem, it also fails to acknowledge Christianity's ties to Jerusalem and refers to the Temple Mount area only as a "Muslim holy site of worship." Gold noted that "the Jewish attachment to Jerusalem has survived from ancient to modern times. The Jewish people restored their majority in Jerusalem in the mid-19th century. Their ancient synagogues were destroyed and desecrated by a coalition of invading armies in 1948, who ethnically cleansed the Old City of any Jewish presence." It is Israel that defends religious freedom "against the tide of intolerance" sweeping the Middle East. (Jerusalem Post)

**NUMBER OF SYRIAN REFUGEES TOPS 4 MILLION MARK:** More than four million Syrians have fled the civil war ravaging their country to become refugees in the surrounding region - a million of them in the past 10 months alone, the UN Nations said Thursday, 9 July, 2015. "This is the biggest refugee population from a single conflict in a generation," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Gutierrez stated, "It is a population that needs the support of the world but is instead living in dire conditions and sinking deeper into poverty," he warned. The UN refugee agency said a surge in new refugee arrivals in Turkey had pushed the total number of Syrian refugees in neighboring countries to over 4,013,000 people. (Times of Israel)

**AS PA EXPRESSES 'SHOCK' AT INDIA'S UN VOTE, ISRAEL VOICES APPRECIATION FOR ABSTENTION:** The Palestinian Authority was shaken at India's abstention on an anti-Israel resolution passed at the UN Human Rights Council. The PA's ambassador to India, Adnan Abu Alaina, said Tuesday, 7 July, 2015, "We were shocked! The Palestinian people and the leaders, we were very happy with the UN resolution, but the voting of India has broken our happiness. Its abstention from voting can be seen as a departure from India's traditional position on Palestine, which has remained unwavering over the last seven decades." Israel expressed its appreciation for the vote at a high-level Israeli- Indian political dialogue that took place in the Foreign Ministry earlier this week. Mark Safer, a deputy director-general in the ministry, said the dialogue came at a particularly auspicious moment since the steadily growing connection

with India has transformed into a “completely normal relationship, without hang-ups.” (Jerusalem Post)

**BOYCOTT CALL: LUFTHANSA OMITTS ISRAEL FROM ‘FREE BAGGAGE’ LIST:** For the first time since 1933, an organized Jewish boycott of German products has been called. The reason: Lufthansa's admission that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that cannot benefit from the German airline's special baggage allowance policy. The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) is now officially urging travelers not to fly Lufthansa because of its discrimination against travelers to Israel. Economy Class travelers are permitted one free suitcase of up to 50 pounds. However, a special baggage policy exists for those traveling to "Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen." The more generous policy, which allows two suitcases up to 50 pounds each free of charge, conspicuously excludes travelers to and from Israel. The ZOA wrote to Lufthansa this past May, 2015 asking for an explanation for the policy: "We hope that Israel's omission was merely an oversight and was not done intentionally." Lufthansa, in its response, did not dispute or justify the existence of the policy, though it denies that it is discriminatory. ZOA then wrote again to Lufthansa, urging it to include travelers to Israel in its special baggage policy. No response was forthcoming. The ZOA is thus calling on all concerned individuals to boycott Lufthansa, Europe's largest airline, until its anti-Semitic policy is changed. (Arutz-7)

**2000-YEAR-OLD ROMAN ARMY CAMP DISCOVERED IN NORTHERN ISRAEL:** The permanent camp of the Roman legion that ruled all of northern Israel almost 2000 years ago was discovered recently by archaeologists, hidden between two major archaeological sites in the north of the country – Tel Megiddo and the village of Otnai, where one of the world's earliest churches was discovered. The camp was uncovered last winter in the heavy rains. It housed about 5,000 Romans soldiers at a site known as Legio. Today, parts of streets, sewage channels and water pipes still remain; a large bathhouse also survived. The Roman army brought new technologies with them – eight-wide meter roads, irrigation and sewage systems. The legion camp held a close relationship with the nearby Otnai village, with families of soldiers living there alongside Jewish and Samaritan residents. The Legio camp is situated in the place many Christians believe to be the site of the New Testament-prophesied Battle of Armageddon. One archaeologist said the new discovery is significant because no military headquarters have ever been found in this part of the vast territories the Romans once ruled. “It’s the first legion camp found in the Eastern side of the Roman Empire.” (Times of Israel)

**WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA OVER IRAN’S NUCLEAR PROGRAM HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 10,** it appears that the Obama administration may back away from its previous position of anytime, anywhere inspections of Iranian nuclear and military facilities. After the announcement of the Lausanne framework on April 2, President Obama said, "Iran has also agreed to the most

robust and intrusive inspections and transparency regime ever negotiated for any nuclear program in history.” A few weeks later, Ernest Moniz, the U.S. Energy Secretary who has been closely involved the negotiations, was quoted as saying, “We expect to have anywhere, anytime access.”

In the past several days, however, there has been a shift in rhetoric that may be indicative of backtracking from this stance. Jofi Joseph, a former nonproliferation official in the Obama White House, told the Los Angeles Times on Monday that anytime, anywhere inspections would be unrealistic in the case of Iran: “What is forgotten is that Iraq [which faced such inspections under the Saddam Hussein regime] was militarily defeated in a humiliating rout and had little choice but to accept such terms.” Last Friday, a senior Obama Administration official told reporters, “The entry point isn't 'we must be able to get into every military site,' because the United States of America wouldn't allow anybody to get into every military site.”

In another indication of a shift, administration officials and supporters of the deal have begun to extol technology that could be used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to verify Iranian compliance with the deal. “It lowers the requirement for human inspectors going in,” said Moniz. Similarly, Daryl Kimball, the executive director of the Arms Control Association, asserted that with the use of remote technology, the IAEA “can detect [nuclear activities] without going directly into certain areas.”

However, Olli Heinonen, a former deputy-director of the IAEA, expressed skepticism that the technology would be accepted by Iran or that it would be comparable in effectiveness to on the ground inspections. The New York Times reported that Heinonen believed “it would be naïve to expect that the wave of technology could ensure Iran’s compliance with the nuclear deal.”

**ALI AKBAR HASHEMI RAFSANJANI, A FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRAN AND AN ALLY OF CURRENT PRESIDENT HASSAN ROUHANI**, called for the destruction of Israel and described the country as “alien” and “temporary,” according to a report Monday in Iran’s official IRNA news agency. Rafsanjani, who heads the powerful Expediency Council, which advises Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, made the comments in an interview with a Hezbollah-affiliated news outlet.

In response to a question why the Zionist regime has done its best to prevent the path for reaching a nuclear agreement between Iran and the West, Ayatollah Rafsanjani said that even Tel Aviv knows well that Iran is not after acquiring nuclear weapons. ‘By doing so the Zionist wish to keep Iran engaged in problems permanently, knowing that the Islamic Republic’s political, economic, cultural and propagation status will all improve after such an agreement,’ he said.

Asked about the future of the Palestinian nation, Rafsanjani said that he still believes that eventually one day the forged and temporary Israeli entity, which is an alien existence forged into the body of a nation and a region be wiped off the map.

Rafsanjani, who along with Rouhani is often characterized as a moderate, appears to associate Israel's destruction with the completion of the nuclear deal.

Iran's top leaders have a long record of threatening Israel's existence. Khamenei last year tweeted out "9 key questions about the elimination of Israel."

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs published a study (.pdf) in 2012 cataloging the various calls Iran's leaders have issued for Israel's destruction. (via TheTower.org)

**ONE DAY AFTER SAMSUNG ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO LAUNCH A STARTUP ACCELERATOR IN ITS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE YAKUM INDUSTRIAL PARK,** Intel announced the new Intel Ingenuity Partner Program (Intel IPP) initiative for nurturing and promoting Israeli startup companies. Both international technology giants will provide mentoring opportunities for the Israeli startups and access to resources in their facilities. "Intel IPP offers a carefully-structured collaboration process between Intel and startup companies under Intel's leadership. The process was designed to expand the value that the companies generate from the collaboration," Intel IPP director Roy Ramon said at the launch event in Tel Aviv. "Intel initiated the program in order to strengthen its ties with startup companies and promote them. Israeli entrepreneurs chosen to collaborate with Intel will receive wealth of opportunities for growth. We look forward to share our knowhow with them and work together." Intel has already chosen nine mature and early-stage companies for its first accelerator program. The tech giant is working with companies in wireless technologies, connected devices, mobile, IT, internet of things (IoT), wearables, big data analytics, perceptual computing and robotics. (via Israel21c)

**AGREEMENT DEADLINE PASSES: IRAN WANTS UN ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED:** An Iranian diplomat on Tuesday, 7 July, 2015 said there were still differences to overcome in nuclear talks with six world powers as the deadline passed on reaching an agreement on Iran's nuclear work. "Still there are three issues to be resolved, which are sanctions, UN resolutions and nuclear work," the unnamed diplomat told media sources. In one of its latest moves, Iran is pushing for a UN arms embargo to be completely lifted in the wake of an emerging nuclear agreement. USA officials have said a new UN Security Council resolution must be drafted as part of any final agreement to lift sanctions, but that the resolution must maintain elements of the arms embargo and other restrictions. Current resolutions ban Iran from producing nuclear fuel, mining uranium, and developing ballistic missiles that could be used to carry an atomic bomb. Iran is also under a broader UN arms embargo that seeks to prevent it from aiding and arming political and military allies in Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and the Palestinian territories. The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Ed Royce (R-Calif.), sharply criticized Iran's calls this week, for a lifting of the arms embargo and the curbs on its missile program. He noted, "With tens of billions of sanctions-relief cash likely coming, Iran now wants free rein to arm Hezbollah terrorists, assist Assad in Syria, and aid Houthi rebels in Yemen." (Wall St. Journal/J. Post)

**IRANIAN COMMANDER: WE WILL NEVER HOLD “POSITIVE VIEW” OF AMERICA:** Iran will continue to view the United States as the “Great Satan,” even if a nuclear deal is reached between Iran and world powers, an Iranian commander has made clear. Brigadier General Ahmad Reza Pourdastan underlined that any possible nuclear deal between Tehran and the world powers would never mean friendship between Iran and the United States. "The USA might arrive at some agreements with us within the framework of the Group 5+1, but we should never hold a positive view over the enemy," he said in Tehran on Sunday, 5 July, 2015. Iranians routinely refer to the United States as the “Great Satan” and the slogan “Death to America” is chanted regularly at rallies in Tehran. The Iranian Revolutionary Guards recently made clear that the USA “is still the great Satan and the number one enemy of the Islamic Republic and the Iranian nation will never allow the independence of the Islamic homeland to be endangered by the will of the enemies.” Reaffirming previous threats to those on the list of Iran’s “most hated,” former Iranian president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said Monday, 6 July, 2015 that “the forged Israeli regime is temporary as one day its alien existence will be wiped off the map.” (Arutz-7)

***EXPERT: ISRAEL ‘ON ITS OWN’ WHEN IT COMES TO OBAMA:*** On a visit to Israel this week, Dr. Harold Rhode, a Distinguished Senior Fellow at New York's Gatestone Institute discussed several of the burning issues in the Middle East today. Dr. Rhode, a former Advisor on Islamic Affairs in the USA Office of the Secretary of Defense, traces his career in advising the government on Islamic matters to 1982, and he has studied in and traveled extensively throughout the Islamic world. Based on his observations, Rhode said that the Middle East was in trouble – and much of that trouble was due to the behavior of the current administration in Washington. That trouble extended to almost all aspects of the USA relationship with the Middle East – and with Israel. Iran is a good example of that trouble, said Rhode. The Iran deal, he said, “gets worse each day and it's bad for the world. America is giving in and getting nothing. America appears weak, and when that happens, the world suffers.

The USA is also failing to fight ISIS, said Rhode. “ISIS is a very big threat than can only be taken care of with boots on the ground,” not with the air strikes America has been conducting. Most of all, said Rhode, the administration was failing in its relationship with Israel. President Obama has proven himself as someone Israelis cannot rely on. “What the government is doing with Iran is dangerous for everyone. Israel is a people that dwells alone, and Israel must take care of itself,” he said. (Israel National News)

**EXTREMIST VIOLENCE AGAINST MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS SWEEPS NIGERIA, 60 DEAD:** A day of extremist violence against both Muslims and Christians in Nigeria killed more than 60 people. Boko Haram terrorists were blamed for the suicide bombings Sunday night, 5 July, 2015 at a crowded mosque, a suicide bombing earlier at an evangelical Christian church, and attacks in several northeastern villages where dozens of churches and about 300 homes were torched. It was the latest spasm of violence by

Boko Haram extremists who have killed about 300 people in the past week - apparently after an order by the brutal ISIS group for more mayhem during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Boko Haram has often attacked Muslims it views as too "moderate," aside from its central focus of attacking all Western influences. It has often struck churches in the past, such as in June 2013 when it murdered over 50 people in a series of church attacks, after a November 20, 11 string of assaults on 11 churches. Earlier this year, Boko Haram became an affiliate of ISIS. (Fox)

***74 CHILDREN EXECUTED BY ISIS FOR 'CRIMES' THAT INCLUDE REFUSAL TO FAST:*** The blood-soaked executioners of ISIS have spared neither women nor children since the jihadist army declared its caliphate a year ago, putting an estimated 74 kids and even more women to death for such offenses as practicing "magic" and refusing to fast during Ramadan. A total of 3,027 people have been executed by ISIS since it declared itself a state under strict Islamic law in Syria and Iraq, in June of 2014, according to a new report by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Last week, two children were crucified in eastern Syria after ISIS accused them of not properly fasting during Ramadan. The children's bodies, put on public display on crossbars, each bore a sign explaining their violation during the holy month for Muslims that runs from June 17 to July 17, 2015. With each execution justified by ISIS' medieval interpretation of the Koran, the group is attempting to portray itself as the true practitioners of Islam, say experts. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child released a report in February, 2015 documenting the many horrors ISIS has imposed on children who are Kurdish, Yazidi, Christian and even Muslim. Children – even those who are mentally challenged – are being tortured, crucified, buried alive, used as suicide bombers and sold as sex slaves, the report said. (Reuters) How crucial it is that we pray for these little ones facing such frightening torment and evil. Intercede that many children will be rescued and that those who are not will be given His comfort and courage in the moments of brutality and execution.

**ISRAELI ARAB TEACHERS INDICTED FOR BACKING ISIS, PUSHING JIHAD IN CLASS:** Five Arab Israelis from southern Israel, three of whom are teachers in Israeli schools, were indicted for supporting ISIS, the Israel Security Agency said Monday, 6 July, 2014. The teachers were accused of promoting jihadist ideology in their classes, "taking advantage of their status to win over people for the sake of ISIS, among students and teachers, within the school walls." Several of the suspects also planned to travel to Syria to join the ranks of ISIS. The Israel Security Agency "stresses that the vast majority of the Arab public in Israel opposes ISIS, to the point of disgust, and that the involvement of teachers in advocating for ISIS and the activities attributed to them is a cynical exploitation of their role." (Times of Israel) Pray these kinds of influences will be discovered, penalized and and rooted out of Israeli society.

**ISRAEL, CHINA IN TALKS TO BECOME MAJOR FINANCIAL ALLIES:** Israel has been rapidly expanding ties with leading Asian nations even as threats of boycotts

continue to emanate from Europe, and a major breakthrough regarding Israel's presence in Asia appears to be imminent as the state moves towards a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China. Chinese media began discussing the prospect of a FTA with Israel last December, and on Monday 6 July, 2015, Economics Minister Aryeh Deri (Shas) met in Jerusalem with Chinese Ambassador to Israel Zhan Yongxin for the first time to discuss establishing a free trade zone. The two sides agreed that a free trade zone agreement would bring bilateral ties to a whole new level. Currently Chinese investments in Israel stand at \$6 billion, with the Israeli hi-tech industry being a major draw in investment. Israel has expressed a noted shift in focus towards the Far East that has blossomed since PM Netanyahu visited China in May 2013. Various agreements and cooperation deals have been reached with China, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea as well as India. The Israeli focus on China comes as the economic superpower continues to show an ever more assertive position in its region, and as USA President Obama's administration has been seen as promoting a largely hands-off foreign policy. (Arutz-7)

**‘SCHINDLER’S LIST’ OSCAR DONATED TO YAD VASHEM:** A Croatian Holocaust survivor who worked as a producer on “Schindler’s List” will give his Oscar from the movie to Yad Vashem. Branko Lustig, 83, a survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, said that the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum in Jerusalem “is the place where the award should be kept after my death.” Lustig will present the statuette during a ceremony scheduled to be held at the museum in his honor in August, which will coincide with a visit to Israel by Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarov. Lustig is reportedly in ill health. (JTA)

**USA ONLY COUNTRY TO STAND WITH ISRAEL AS UNHRC APPROVES GAZA RESOLUTION:** The United States was the only country to oppose a UN Human Rights Council resolution on Friday, 3 July, 2015 to hold the Jewish state accountable for human rights violations during its war with Hamas in Gaza last summer. Some 41 of the UNHRC's 47-member states that met in Geneva approved the Gaza resolution. But although the resolution's text spoke in general terms of “the parties concerned,” it was largely understood to be speaking about holding Israel accountable for possible war crimes. “We are troubled that this current resolution focuses exclusively on alleged Israeli violations, without any expressed reference to Palestinian violations,” said USA Ambassador to the UN Keith Harper. He added that his country was also disappointed “that this council does not acknowledge the violent attacks directed at Israel by Palestinian armed groups.” Member states of the EU, such as Estonia, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Latvia, Portugal and the Netherlands supported the Gaza resolution.

PM Benjamin Netanyahu slammed the UNHRC for approving the Gaza resolution. “On the day on which Israel was fired at from Sinai, and at a time when ISIS is committing vicious terrorist attacks in Egypt, as Syrian President Bashar Assad slaughters his people in Syria and as the number of arbitrary executions climbs in Iran, the UN Human Rights

Council decides to condemn the State of Israel for no fault of its own, for acting to defend itself from a murderous terrorist organization,” Netanyahu said. Israel’s Ambassador to the UN Eviatar Manor said that the resolution “is an anti-Israeli manifesto.” (Jerusalem Post)

**NETANYAHU: WHAT’S HAPPENING IN IRAN TALKS IS A BREAKDOWN, NOT A BREAKTHROUGH:** PM Netanyahu on Sunday, 5 June, 2015 expressed alarm at the emerging nuclear deal between western powers and Iran currently taking place in Vienna. Speaking at the opening of the weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said that "what's coming out of the nuclear talks in Vienna is not a breakthrough, it's a breakdown." Netanyahu said the world powers were conceding more and more with each passing day. The emerging deal "will pave Iran's way to produce the cores of many atomic bombs and it will also flood Iran with hundreds of millions of dollars that will serve it in its aggression and its mission of terror in the region and the world," the prime minister warned. Netanyahu claimed that the emerging deal with Iran was worse than the nuclear deal that had been signed with North Korea which led to Pyongyang obtaining an arsenal of nuclear weapons. " However, here we are talking about a very big conventional and non-conventional threat against Israel, against the countries of the region and against the world," he stated. (Jerusalem Post)

**TOP ISRAELI OFFICIAL: NUKE DEAL WILL SET UP IRAN TO TAKE OVER MIDDLE EAST:** The prospective nuclear deal with Iran would empower it to take over the Middle East and trigger a regional nuclear arms race, a senior Israeli official warned in an interview published Friday, 3 July, 2015. Ram Ben Barak, director general of the Strategic Affairs Ministry and a leading candidate to be the next head of Israel’s Mossad spy agency, told media source that “the deal which is about to be signed will allow Iran to decide by itself when it will be nuclear armed, which is exceedingly problematic.” He said the lifting of sanctions would give Tehran “an ocean of money,” allowing it to buy influence across the Middle East and “advance to a position where no one will be able to threaten it and it will acquire control wherever it pleases.” Ben Barak noted that there is “almost no area in the Middle East today where Iran remains uninvolved. “Think what happens if I ran will receive billions of dollars. They will have no limitations,” he said. (Times of Israel)

**IDF APPOINTS SPECIAL TEAM TO PLAN STRIKE ON IRAN:** Israeli media sources reported last week that IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Yair Golan has been appointed to head a special team tasked with examining the military options against Iran. The team will explore what kind of striking options are available to Israel after a deal with Iran is signed. By appointing such a senior IDF official to the team, it is estimated that Israel is considering the signing of a deal to be a game changer, which would require a serious reevaluation of the regional situation, and likely necessitate military action against Iran. Sources close to Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon say there is a pressing need to present a powerful military option against Iran. "Our working assumption is that

Iran is lying all the time, beyond the fact that it is funding and directing terror in the Middle East. It is our most bitter enemy today and we must not put off any kind of preparedness against it. In the end we don't believe Iran. We don't believe the nuclear project will be stopped. We need to be ready for the day in which Israel will need to make decisions alone. What if it becomes clear they are pushing the envelope in breach of the agreement? Or if Iran goes down deep underground with its nuclear facilities? And if new sites are found? Will we wait for the USA to take care of them?" (INN)

**HAMAS FINALLY ADMITS: ISIS ACTIVE IN GAZA:** ISIS-affiliated jihadist groups in Gaza have carried out sporadic rocket attacks against Israel over the past several months, shattering the delicate ceasefire between Israel and Gazan terrorist factions. The assaults have been seen both as a direct attack on Israel, as well as a challenge to Hamas - and specifically intended to provoke an Israeli response against Hamas. ISIS jihadists have also been directly engaged in a sometimes violent struggle with Gaza's Hamas rulers, accusing them of not fully implementing Islamic law. Hamas has officially denied ISIS has any presence in the territory it rules, even as it continues to arrest ISIS supporters. But on Friday, for the first time a senior Hamas official admitted ISIS has a presence in Gaza. Political Bureau official Mousa Abu Marzouk said there were mere "dozens" of ISIS members in Gaza and that they "are not organized," while vowing that Hamas authorities would soon stamp them out. Most analysts believe ISIS's presence in Gaza - while still relatively small - is significantly larger than Marzouk's estimates, ranging from several hundred to a few thousand active members or affiliated terrorists. (Arutz-7)

**ISIS IN SINAI CLAIMS ROCKET ATTACK ON ISRAEL:** The ISIS jihadist group's affiliate in Egypt claimed responsibility for a rocket attack from the Sinai Peninsula into southern Israel on Friday, 3 July, 2015. Three Grad rockets were fired at Jewish positions in occupied Palestine," the group, known as Sinai Province said in a statement on Twitter. Residents of the Gaza Belt were forced into rocket shelters after sirens sounded at approximately 4:20 p.m. 3 July, 2015 local time on Friday afternoon. The rockets exploded in open fields. No damage or injuries were reported. Sinai Province, a group affiliated with ISIS has claimed responsibility for most of the terrorist attacks in the Sinai over the last few years. Last week, the group carried out a multi-pronged jihadist attack against the Egyptian military in the Sinai that left up to 50 Egyptian soldiers dead. Days ago, the group threatened to topple Hamas, and likewise threatened the "state of the Jews." Egyptian media source reported Sunday, 5 July, 2015 that Egyptian military and police are carrying out extensive operations against ISIS in the northern Sinai. Most targets are around the Rafah border with Gaza. (Israel National News)

**FRENCH GOV'T WILL CONTINUE FUNDING RADICAL GAZA FLOTILLA NGO:** The French government will continue to fund a militantly anti-Israel NGO, despite its involvement in last month's flotilla to break the Israeli army's blockade on Hamas-controlled Gaza, the French Foreign Ministry told media sources. As revealed by an

investigation in June, 2015 one of the leading sponsors of the Freedom Flotilla III - the Platform of French NGOs for Palestine has received more than half a million euros in grants from the French government since 2010. Roughly half of that funding was released as recently as 2014 which means the Platform was receiving French taxpayers' money even as it attempted to breach both Israeli and international law by challenging the IDF off the shores of Gaza. The report prompted Israel's embassy in Paris to lodge a formal complaint with the French foreign ministry. But the French government is refusing to withdraw its funding for the Platform, which is in fact a coalition of more than 40 anti-Israel NGOs, claiming that since the funds were not earmarked for use on the flotilla specifically it will continue to finance the group. A French embassy spokeswoman publicly admitted "it is true that the French government has financed and is financing the Platform of French NGOs for Palestine."(INN)

**NEO-NAZIS PROTESTING LONDON'S 'JEWIFICATION' MEET THEIR MATCH:** The usual morass of tourists milling around Downing Street were treated to a rare sight on Saturday afternoon, 4 July, 2015: A couple of dozen neo-Nazis holding nationalist flags, were massively outnumbered by counter protesters, with the two groups divided by crash barriers and an enormous crowd of extremely polite police officers. After a dramatic build up the anti-Semitic initiative turned out to be a damp squib. Some two dozen Nazi demonstrators were vastly exceeded by around 200 Jewish and anti-fascist counter-protesters. As promised by fascist activists, their members protested the "Jewification" of London, though police ordered the event to be moved to Westminster, rather than the intended location of Golders Green, during the Jewish Shabbat, where the majority of the residents are Jewish. (Ha'aretz/INN)

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