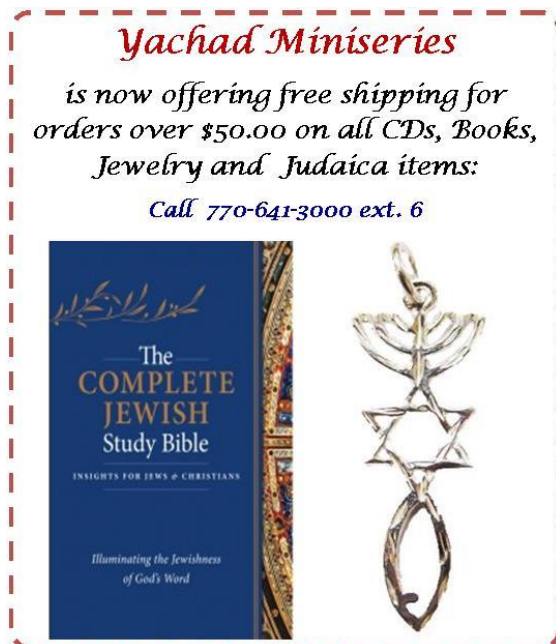


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TRUMP SIGNS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE GOLAN HEIGHTS: With Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu looking on, President Donald Trump signed a proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. "Our relationship is powerful," Trump said Mon. 25 March 2019 at the White House ceremony. "We will confront the poison of anti-Semitism through our words and more importantly our actions." Trump's formal recognition comes four days after he said on Twitter that it was time to do so and two weeks before elections in Israel. The proclamation is one of several actions taken by the Trump administration to boost Netanyahu, perhaps the international leader Trump is closest to, ahead of Israel's 9 April 2019 vote.

TRUMP REAFFIRMS USA COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY: The White House on Monday night 25 March 2019 released a statement on USA President Donald Trump's meeting with Israeli PM Netanyahu. The statement said that the two leaders "reaffirmed the strong and special bond between the United States and Israel. President Trump and PM Netanyahu discussed their mutual interest in increased cooperation across a range of issues, including regional security, trade, research, and telecommunications security. President Trump underscored the United States' ironclad commitment to Israel's security, including the maintenance of Israel's qualitative military edge. PM Netanyahu expressed appreciation for the President's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, and the two leaders reaffirmed the need to continue to counter Iran and its proxies to protect Israel and the region from Iranian aggression," the readout said.

Trump and Netanyahu held a joint press conference at the White House Monday afternoon in which Trump signed an executive order officially recognizing Israel's sovereignty on the Golan Heights. Netanyahu later departed from Washington as he had cut his trip short due following the rocket attack on the Sharon region. Before leaving, Netanyahu told reporters, in reference to Trump's recognition of Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights, "I am returning from a historic visit to Washington and this is something that will be

remembered for generations. It took us 50 years to achieve this. It belongs to us. We have historical foundations in the Golan Heights. When you put a hoe there, you discover magnificent synagogues that we are restoring. The Golan Heights is ours through our historical rights and the right to self-defense. And President Trump recognized that," said Netanyahu.

AIR FORCE HITS ENEMY TARGETS AFTER 30 ROCKETS POUND ISRAEL: Israel Defense Force fighter jets assaulted 15 enemy targets early Tue. Morning, 26 March 2019 as the rocket attacks on Israel's southern communities continued into a second day. The targets included a military compound belonging to the Hamas terrorist organization in Beit Hanun and a military compound belonging to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organization in Beit Lahiya. Over 30 rockets were shot into Israeli airspace, some being taken out mid-air by the Iron Dome defense system and others hitting open areas. The red alert siren sounded throughout the night in Sderot, the Eshkol Regional Council, the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, and the Shaar Hanegev Regional Council, where a spokeswoman for the cluster of communities said power was cut due to the attacks. Many residents reportedly slept in bomb shelters, as communities in the Gaza belt region have 15 seconds from the time the "code red" warning siren is sounded until rocket impact. The latest wave of rockets caused no injuries or property damage, but some residents were treated for shock. School was canceled for Tue. 26 March 2019 in the city of Ashkelon and the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, areas that have been hit by rockets in past flare-ups.

The escalation started early Monday morning 25 March 2019 when Hamas launched a rocket that flew toward the center of the country, slamming into a private home in Kfar Saba. Seven people were injured and four dogs were killed. Located in the Sharon region, Kfar Saba, unlike the southern region, does not border on Gaza attesting to the range of the Gaza rockets. PM Netanyahu canceled his scheduled speech at the AIPAC policy conference in Washington and boarded a plane home to Israel following the attack. "We gave a very strong, very powerful response," he stated of the retaliatory attacks on Gaza following the destruction of the home on Monday. "Hamas needs to know that we will not hesitate to enter and take the necessary steps," he added.

BENNETT: 'GIVE THE IDF THE ORDER TO DEFEAT HAMAS': Chairman Naftali Bennett of the New Right Party said on Tue. 26 March 2019, "From here, I say, with the arrival of Prime Minister Netanyahu, the IDF must be given the order to defeat Hamas, to uproot Hamas from its ability to harm the residents of the south, not to speak of deterrence, but to take the sword to Hamas and break it. There is something to be done and we have to do it." The education minister added, "Even the strongest army in the Middle East cannot win when the political echelon does not have the courage. The security leadership is not providing security for the south. It's okay to ask for some time and credit. My plan will also take time until everything is resolved, but the result will be uprooting the root of terror in Gaza."

CARDOZA-MOORE: IN GAZA THEY USE MISSILES, IN CONGRESS THEY USE ILHAN: Cardoza-Moore, the head of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations, a non-profit organization established to educate Christians about their Biblical responsibility to stand with their Jewish brethren, made her statement hours after a Hamas rocket pounded into a Jewish home in the Sharon region of Israel. "The objective remains the same, the utter destruction of Israel and America," Cardoza-Moore said of the rocket and Omar. "We the people cannot stand by as she continues to raise money for organizations that seek our demise while professing to represent the constitution." In a statement, she said that she "connected the dots between Washington and Gaza" after Monday morning's 25 March rocket attack. Cardoza-Moore has vowed to double down her efforts to oust Omar from Congress after the Minnesota representative spoke at a fundraising event for the American division of the Muslim Brotherhood in Los Angeles last weekend. Many Christians joined grassroots protests outside the event. Cardoza-Moore made a personal and public request for Christians in the area to join and take action. In addition, she has amassed tens of thousands of signatures on a

petition calling to remove Omar from Congress. Cardoza-Moore has a vast following. Her Christian TV program "Focus on Israel" has more than 2 billion weekly viewers.

POMPEO TO AIPAC: 'ANTI-ZIONISM IS ANTI-SEMITISM': "Israel should be admired, not attacked, embraced, not vilified," Pompeo stated at the annual gathering of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "I'm proud to lead American diplomacy to support Israel's right to defend itself, stand with the Jewish people, and champion the perennial cause of religious liberty." Pompeo was one of the many elected officials from both Israel and America to speak at the event hosted by the pro-Israeli lobby. The State Department has historically been viewed by many pro-Israel activists as leaning toward pressuring Israel into compromise vis-a-vis the Palestinians. However, the Trump Administration has shifted the narrative, recognizing Israel's right to the Golan Heights on Mon. 25 March 2019. The strategic highlands was controlled by Syria from 1948 to 1967. Last year, USA President Donald Trump defended Israel's right to both eastern and western Jerusalem, moving the USA embassy to the capital. "The rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism strikes at the very foundation of freedom," Pompeo added. "The Trump Administration opposes it unequivocally and will fight it relentlessly, from the fever swamp of the UN Human Rights Council to the world's number one proponent of anti-Semitism: Iran." PM Netanyahu was scheduled to speak at the conference but returned to Israel early due to the rocket attack crisis.

REPUBLICANS TO INTRODUCE TWO BILLS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM: Senate Republicans are set to introduce two bills that oppose anti-Semitism, media sources reported on Mon. 25 March 2019. The bills follow the controversy surrounding Rep. Ilhan Omar, the freshman Muslim Democrat from Minnesota, who has caused an uproar over anti-Semitic remarks she made about Israel and its supporters. Omar came under fire after she suggested on Twitter that Republicans were attacking her at the behest of the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC. She subsequently issued a half-hearted apology before ultimately deleting the controversial tweets. Omar later caused another uproar when, at a public event, she appeared to refer to domestic support for Israel as "allegiance to a foreign country". One of the bills to be proposed by the Republicans is a resolution declaring that "anti-Semitism has for hundreds of years included attacks on the loyalty of Jews." The resolution is meant as a criticism of Omar. It is expected to be introduced this week by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX). The second, called the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, is a bipartisan bill first introduced in 2016 to use resources in the Education Department's Civil Rights Division to combat anti-Semitism on college campuses.

SOUTH KOREA COMPANIES TO INVEST 12 MILLION USD IN ISRAELI INNOVATION: South Korean Yozma Group Asia and group BioLeaders Corporation announced this week that they will invest roughly 12 million USD in Israeli anti-cancer technology based on technology developed at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. Yozma Group Asia will invest 2 million USD in On-Sight Medical Inc., which is currently developing an easy-to-use ultrasound technology that patients may use on their own and analyze the results. Once in service, the technology will solve the deficit in the numbers of trained technicians, as well as help, ease the workload in hospitals. Another company to receive investments from Korea is BioLeaders, which is currently developing an anti-cancer drug. The cancer therapy will be founded on the discovery by Israeli scientists that the p53 protein is disabled in roughly two-thirds of cancer types. Israeli scientists developed a new protein [peptide] which restores p53 protein's normal functions. During the therapy in lab mice with human cancer tumors, the mice experienced a diminishing of the tumors and, in some cases, their complete disappearance.

THOUSANDS OF STORKS REST IN ISRAEL AS THEY FLY TO EUROPE: One-quarter of the planet's stork population can be found in Poland, yet Israel is a significant resting point on their long journey from Africa to central Europe. Hundreds of thousands of storks are currently gathering in Dudaim park in the northern Negev to rest and eat before they continue on their migration from Africa to Europe. Tel Aviv University Scientist Daniel Berkovitch said that the storks will remain in the country for a period of between a week and a month. "A stork arrived to the land of Israel with an African spear stuck in it in the 19th century,"

he said, "which is the first time it became apparent they fly here from Africa. One-quarter of white storks reside in Poland," he said, "and the oldest known stork was 38 years old when it died." Hundreds of people flock to the park to see the majestic birds in this time of year, the park reported.

BILLIONS OF BUTTERFLIES VISIT ISRAEL ON THEIR WAY TO CYPRUS: Billions of painted lady butterflies were spotted in Israel on Thur. 21 March 2019 during the holiday of Purim as the colorful insects make their way to Cyprus, the Israel Nature and Parks Authority reported. The butterflies pass through the country at the rate of 25,000 per hour. Common to all continents except Antarctica and South America, painted lady butterflies now fill the sky above Israel from the Negev to the north of the country. The butterflies seen in the Middle East travel from Saudi Arabia to Greece, while the ones seen in North America travel from California to Mexico. Unlike monarch butterflies, chemical signatures of painted lady wings reveal they make such immense trips within a single generation. The migration has been noted since antiquity, yet humans have not been able to fully understand what triggers it and how it is performed. It had been observed that when painted lady butterflies are separated from the sun, they can no longer navigate.

"NEWSWEEK" RANKS ISRAELI HOSPITAL IN WORLD'S TOP TEN: "Newsweek" has ranked Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer near Tel Aviv as one of the world's top ten hospitals. In citing its reasons for selecting Sheba, "Newsweek" says the hospital is, "a leader in medical science and biotechnical innovation, both in the Middle East and worldwide. The center's collaborations with international parties have advanced innovative medical practices, hospital systems, and biotechnology. The tertiary referral hospital, affiliated with Tel Aviv University, includes centers for nearly all medical divisions and specialties and serves over 1 million patients per year. More than 25% of all Israeli medical clinical research takes place at its state-of-the-art facilities, and as a hospital, it works with nearly every Israeli medical institute to educate students and advance the future of the medical profession."

ISRAELI AGRI-TECH HELPS ADDRESS GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY CHALLENGE: In the past decade, the Israeli agri-tech sector has produced a high number of innovative companies addressing global agricultural issues. Israel is developing areas such as robotics, precision agriculture, eco-friendly pesticides and herbicides, and new animal breeding techniques. Drones, software, and robots are used more and more in the fields of Israel. Israeli scientists closely collaborate with farmers to invent cutting-edge products such as heat-tolerant tomatoes, drought-resistant cucumber seeds, and ultra-efficient drip irrigation. "Israel already uses its innovative technology to sterilize the soil with solar energy instead of using robust harmful chemicals, before seed crops," said Haim Rabinowitch, a professor at the faculty of agriculture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

TRUMP SET TO SIGN OFFICIAL PAPER DECLARING ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OVER GOLAN: USA officials are preparing an official document that would recognize the Golan Heights as a sovereign Israeli territory, which USA President Donald Trump is likely to sign this week. The document echoes Trump's remarks made on Thur. 21 March 2019 when he said that "it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the Golan Heights." Trump is likely to sign the presidential document when Israeli PM Netanyahu visits Washington on Mon. 25 March 2019. The Golan Heights area was captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war and annexed in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally. Netanyahu has pressed the United States to recognize its claim and raised that possibility in his first White House meeting with Trump in February 2017. The statements drew criticism from the Arab league nation as well as from Syria who vowed to recover the Golan Heights.

POMPEO: ISRAEL'S BATTLE FOR THE GOLAN 'WAS ISRAELI HEROISM AT ITS MOST AMAZING': Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told PM Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Thur. 21 March 2019: "As a West Point cadet, I studied the battles of the Golan. There's a famous battle called the Battle of the Valley of Tears, and it was Israeli heroism at its most amazing, saving this great nation at a time of enormous challenge,

a threat that came from east of the Golan, from Syria, a tank battle of epic and historic proportion, of amazing Israeli bravery. Tonight [Thur. 21 March 2019] President Trump made the decision to recognize that that hard-fought real estate, that important place, is proper to be a sovereign part of the state of Israel. The people of Israel should know that the battles they fought, the lives that they lost on that very ground, were worthy and meaningful and important for all time."

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES CANCEL THEIR ATTENDANCE AT AIPAC: Some of the Democratic candidates for the USA presidential elections said on Thur. 21 March 2019 that they would not attend the annual AIPAC conference in Washington DC this week. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, former House of Representatives member Beto O'Rourke and Senator Kamala Harris of California, all of whom announced they would run for the Democratic primaries next year, decided not to attend the conference. Former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who considers running for president as an independent candidate, will also avoid attending the conference. The absence of these Democratic candidates comes as the organization MoveOn called on the Democratic presidential candidates not to attend this year's conference, claiming that AIPAC worked to derail the nuclear agreement with Iran, on which former President Barack Obama worked hard, and on the grounds that the lobby uses "anti-Muslim and anti-Arab rhetoric." However, the fact that the Democratic candidates will not attend the conference has given USA President Donald Trump an opportunity to emphasize his ties with the Israeli government. On Thur. 21 March, Trump announced in a historic step that the time has come for the USA to recognize Israel's sovereignty on the Golan Heights.

The Democratic Party's disagreements over the USA-Israel relations were evident last month when New Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who is the first Muslim Congresswoman in USA history, claimed that AIPAC lobbyists pay Congress members to support Israel. Her words drew harsh criticism from both parties, and Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also scolded her for the anti-Semitic statements. Omar's remarks since her swearing in to Congress in January 2019 underscore the deepening crack in the Democratic Party between its old establishment members, who are closer to the Center camp, and the radical Left camp that is growing stronger within the party. USA President Trump accused the Democratic Party two weeks ago of becoming an anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli party.

J STREET: GOLAN RECOGNITION ENHANCES NETANYAHU'S REELECTION PROSPECTS: J Street reacted to the recent statement by USA President Donald Trump regarding the Golan Heights. "Trump's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over Golan is a needlessly provocative move", J Street wrote in their official response. J Street claims that the recognition "defies international law and does not enhance Israeli security". The official statement ended with a political message: "What it does enhance is Netanyahu's reelection prospects - & the timing suggests that's Trump's intent

PRO-ISRAEL AMERICAN ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE J-STREET CLASSIFIED AS A HATE GROUP: Of all the anti-Israel Jewish groups, none are more repulsive and vicious than J-Street. The American ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, referred to members of J-Street as "worse than Kapos." Senator Ted Cruz has called the organization "rabidly anti-Israel." Former Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz has said that "J-Street has done more damage to Israel than any other American organization." J-Street was founded in 2007, in part to weaken AIPAC. They receive funding from George Soros and other anti-Zionists. The members of J-Street describe themselves as "the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people." They are lying. On the contrary, J-Street is a political home for anti-Israel and pro-Jihad Americans, who are bent on destroying the world's only Jewish state. J-Street has done tremendous damage to Israel's relationship with Jewish young people in the United States by vilifying Israel on college campuses and providing support to the BDS movement. J-Street has also played a significant role in ruining Israel's relationship with the Democrat Party by using their immense influence to have Democrat lawmakers support their anti-Israel policies. J-Street

has lobbied Congress to fund the Palestinian Authority, despite its support of terrorism against Israel. J-Street also aggressively lobbied for the genocidal Iran nuclear deal. J-Street's members have slandered Israeli PM Netanyahu and President Trump, and they have hosted rabid Israel haters, such as Bernie Sanders, at their banquet dinners.

POMPEO ON GOD SENDING TRUMP TO SAVE THE JEWS: IT'S 'POSSIBLE': Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a news interview it is "possible" God sent President Donald Trump to save the Jewish people from Iran. "As a Christian, I certainly believe that's possible," Pompeo told the Christian Broadcasting Network from Jerusalem when asked if Trump compares to the modern-day Esther, a figure in the Bible who helped save the Jewish people. "So, we were down in the tunnels where we could see from 3,000 years ago, and 2,000 years ago the remarkable history of the faith in this place and the work that our administration's done to make sure that this democracy in the Middle East, that this Jewish state remains." Pompeo, whose remarks came on the same day Trump said the United States should officially recognize the disputed Golan Heights as part of Israel, added he feels God is playing a role in the matter. "I am confident that the Lord is at work here," he said.

DANON: WORLD MUST RECOGNIZE GOLAN IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF ISRAEL: Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, responded to the USA president's statement regarding American recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. "We are at the beginning of a historic moment for the State of Israel, and President Trump proves again the strength of the USA-Israel alliance. The time has come for the world to recognize that the Golan is an inseparable part of the State of Israel," Danon said. Likewise, USA special envoy to the Middle East Jason Greenblatt praised Trump's call to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan heights saying: "Another bold, courageous, and historic decision by President Trump who understands Israel and its security needs. Thank you, President Trump, for your tremendous leadership!"

USA LAWMAKERS PRAISE TRUMP OVER GOLAN HEIGHTS MOVE: USA Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) on Thur. 21 March 2019 welcomed President Donald Trump's announcement recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. "We applaud the president for formally recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, an acknowledgment that enhances the national security of both Israel and the United States," the three lawmakers said in a statement. "At a time when Israel's northern border is threatened by Iranian forces and their proxies in Lebanon and Syria, including by Hezbollah's rockets, armed drones, and newly discovered terror tunnels, this recognition will be great news for our ally and its right to self-defense. Several other USA lawmakers praised Trump's move including; Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Rep Mark Meadows (R-NC), and Rep Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

WHY ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE GOLAN HEIGHTS REMAINS CRUCIAL: Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad has repeatedly made it clear that his government would not hold direct peace negotiations with Israel until the Jewish state agrees to the full return of the Golan Heights captured from Syria during the 1967 Six-Day War. Examining the cost; this would give Damascus control of the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, Israel's main source of fresh water. There are dozens of Jewish settlements on the Heights, with tens of thousands of Jewish residents who have cultivated vineyards and orchards and raise livestock. The region is a major supplier of Israel's fresh fruit and vegetables. Rainwater from the Golan feeds into the Jordan River providing a third of Israel's water supply. The nation's only ski resort is also located on the Golan. The region, overlooking northern Israel and southern Syria, is strategic to the security of the Jewish state as it enables Israel to monitor Syrian movements.

From 1948-67, when Syria controlled the Golan Heights, it used the area as a military stronghold from which its troops randomly targeted Israeli civilians. Syrian soldiers used to stand on the heights and snipe at Israeli

farmers below, forcing children living on kibbutzim to sleep in bomb shelters. In addition, many roads in northern Israel could be crossed only after probing by mine-detection vehicles. In late 1966, a youth was blown to pieces by a mine while playing football near the Lebanon border. In some cases, attacks were carried out by Yasir Arafat's Fatah, which Syria allowed to operate from its territory. In a surprise attack on Yom Kippur 1974, the Syrians overran the Golan Heights before being repulsed by Israel's military forces. Only Israel is denied the right of conquest that has been universally recognized throughout human history: when a nation defeats an aggressor nation that started the conflict, the victorious nation is entitled to take some of the territory of the aggressor nation in order to enhance its security. The Jewish state, relinquishing the Golan to a hostile Syria, an Israel hating Iran, coupled with northern border terrorist groups including Hezbollah - along with many other dangers, would be a suicidal move. It could jeopardize its early-warning system against surprise attack.

SYRIA CRITICIZES USA'S 'BIAS' TO ISRAEL OVER THE GOLAN HEIGHTS DECISION: Syria slammed the abrupt declaration from Donald Trump that Washington will recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, saying it was "irresponsible" and a threat to international peace and stability. The Foreign Ministry in Damascus said Trump's comments confirm "the blind bias of the United States to the Zionist entity," referring to Israel, and added that Trump's statement won't change "the fact that the Golan was and will remain Arab and Syrian." The ministry also said Syria is now more intent on liberating the Golan, "using every possible means." Russia, an ally of Damascus, said the decision risked "destabilizing" the Middle East. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Turkish president, said Trump's "unfortunate" declaration has brought the region "to the brink of a new crisis and new tensions. We will never allow the legitimization of the occupation of the Golan Heights," Erdogan added. There had been signals that a USA decision was coming. Days ago, in its annual human rights report, the State Department dropped the phrase "Israeli-occupied" from the Golan Heights section, instead calling it "Israeli-controlled."

ISRAELI RESCUE EFFORTS HONORED BY THE UN: The UN ambassador to Mexico - a country where Israel rushed aid workers and humanitarian assistance after a devastating earthquake in 2017 - will be one of the featured speakers next week at the opening of an exhibition in the UN on Israel humanitarian aid around the world. Israel's Ambassador, Danny Danon, said the photo exhibition "showcases how far Israel will go to help others in need, regardless of who they are or where they live. We are often the first to arrive after disaster strikes when time is of the essence and aid is most crucial." Danon said. "Our continued humanitarian activities have saved the lives of thousands of people throughout the world. This exhibition is another opportunity to show the UN the true and beautiful face of the State of Israel, and its moral values." Danon said the event was "another example of how we are bringing Israel to the UN"; He said that "over the past few years, UN ambassadors that have visited Israel, learned about our technology, and been exposed to our traditions have changed their disposition towards Israel in the halls of the UN. "Mexican Ambassador Juan Ramón de la Fuente will speak at the exhibition's opening on 27 March 2019 of Israel's large-scale operation in Mexico City following the major earthquake there a year and a half ago. Israel has, over the years, send humanitarian aid and rescue missions around the world, from Greece and Turkey to Haiti, the Philippines, Nepal and, most recently, Brazil, following the collapse of a dam there in Jan. 2019.

UN CONDEMNS HAMAS FOR SUPPRESSING PROTESTS: The UN has condemned Hamas for using force to suppress protests by Gazans over new taxes, unemployment and electricity shortages in the coastal enclave, media sources reported on Mon.18 March 2019. Hamas has also arrested dozens of protesters and journalists in recent days since the protests began. Nickolay Mladenov, the UN special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, criticized the Hamas tactics. "I strongly condemn the campaign of arrests and violence used by Hamas security forces against protesters, including women and children, in Gaza," he wrote. "I am particularly alarmed by the brutal beating of journalists and staff from the Independent Commission for Human Rights and the raiding of homes. The people of Gaza are protesting the dire economic situation and demanded an improvement in the quality of life in the Gaza Strip. It is their right to protest without fear of

reprisal,” added Mladenov. Other Palestinian Arab factions have called on Hamas to allow peaceful public demonstrations and to release the jailed protesters.

IRANIAN COMMANDER: ALL OF ISRAEL WITHIN REACH OF HEZBOLLAH'S MISSILES: All of Israel is within range of Hezbollah’s missiles, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari said earlier this week. “The current status quo and the current capabilities of the Resistance Front of the Islamic Revolution are all unique accomplishments of the Islamic Revolution,” he said in a media interview. “They [the Jews of Israel] once dreamed of their territorial expansion from the Nile River to the Euphrates River, but after 50 years they have been unable to expand their land even for an inch. They have even lost some of the territories they once occupied and are under full siege from all around their borders,” he continued. Israel and Hezbollah last fought a war – the Second Lebanon War – in 2006 and has since then morphed from a guerrilla group to an army with a set hierarchy and procedures. With the help of Iran, it has rebuilt its arsenal since 2006 and has hundreds of thousands of short-range rockets and several thousand more missiles that can reach deeper into Israel. “To put it in a nutshell, we can say that the enemy has not been successful in the region and all its plots and operations have ended up with nothing but failure for them and success for the Islamic Revolution,” Jafari said.

Israel’s air defenses currently include the Iron Dome, designed to shoot down short-range rockets, the Arrow system, which intercepts ballistic missiles outside of the Earth’s atmosphere, and the David’s Sling missile defense system, which is designed to intercept tactical ballistic missiles, medium- to long-range rockets, as well as cruise missiles fired at ranges between 40 to 300 km. In early March 2019, the IDF announced that the United States deployed its THAAD anti-ballistic missile defense system in Israel as part of a month-long joint drill. The THAAD system is considered one of the most advanced systems of its kind in the world, and during the drill will be added to the existing Israeli air defense systems which defend against long-range ballistic missiles.

HUNDREDS DEMONSTRATE AT UN IN GENEVA OVER HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS: Hundreds of people from cities throughout Europe demonstrated in front of the UN in Geneva, protesting the Human Rights Council’s bias against Israel. The demonstration took place on Mon.18 March 2019 as the council reached Agenda Item 7, the only permanent agenda item, which is devoted solely to condemning Israel. During the dialogue under the agenda item, the council discussed seven separate reports alleging Israeli war crimes and other human rights offenses, the most reports against any country in the world. The report also noted that the council keeps dossiers on Israeli officials involved in what it considers war crimes. United State ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell told the crowd at the rally organized by 24 groups that oppose anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias that Agenda Item 7 “speaks to the fundamental flaws of the Human Rights Council that singles out Israel on a permanent basis. This is not just a form of bigotry. It is a sign of intellectual and moral decay,” he said. Protesters came from cities throughout Europe including Zurich, Lausanne, Milan, Lyon and Grenoble, as well as London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Stockholm, Budapest, Vienna, and Jerusalem. The USA last year dropped out of the Human Rights Council, citing its treatment of Israel. Israel joined the USA in leaving the council.

9 IN 10 FRENCH JEWISH STUDENTS REPORT SUFFERING CAMPUS ANTI-SEMITISM, POLL FINDS: Nearly 90 percent of French Jewish students said they have experienced anti-Semitic abuse on campus, a poll found. Nearly 20% of the 405 respondents in the Ifop survey said they have suffered an anti-Semitic physical assault at least once on campus. Of those, more than half reported suffering violence more than once. More than half of the students who reported experiencing anti-Semitic incidents on campus said they did nothing about it. Only 8% complained to faculty. Nearly 20% said they did not report the incident or incidents for fear of reprisals. The results of the survey taken this month were published Tue. 19 March 2019 by l’Express.

THOUSANDS MARCH IN GREECE IN MEMORY OF HOLOCAUST VICTIMS: 2,000 people held a silent march in Greece's second city Thessaloniki on Sunday 17 March 2019, marking the anniversary of the departure in 1943 of the first train taking members of its Jewish community to the Auschwitz death camp. Participants held white balloons bearing the message "Never Again". They gathered at the city's old railway station where that train pulled out on 15 March 1943. Among those present for the 76th-anniversary commemoration was Jurgen Haus, grandson of a German soldier, who expressed his "deep regret" for the actions of his Nazi forebears. "I am here to break the silence. I love Israel, I cannot remain silent in the face of anti-Semitism," he said in a speech. Thessaloniki had a thriving 50,000-strong Jewish community before World War II but there now remains only around 1,000 Jews. About 96 percent of the city's 50,000 Jews were murdered in Nazi camps. In recent years, Thessaloniki has held commemorations in mid-March, initiated by mayor Yannis Boutaris, to remember the first of the convoys of Jews rounded up and sent off to the camps from Thessaloniki's railway station. This week's turnout was the biggest yet. Before that, the fate of Greek Jews had become something of a taboo subject. It was only in 2004 that teaching about the Holocaust became compulsory in Greece and ten years later that a monument would be erected at the site of the former Jewish cemetery which the Germans razed and where the city university now stands. There are also plans to build a Holocaust museum in the city, funded in part by Germany.

BGU OPENS INNOVATIVE NEW NATIONAL AUTISM RESEARCH CENTER: Ben-Gurion University will be opening the National Autism Research Center with funding support by the Health and Science and Technology ministries. The center is slated to be the country's leading information and research center on autism. Scholars will be able to access research, and those who seek new treatment methods or wish to create shared national databases will be able to do so through the center. The new facility will serve academic researchers and healthcare professionals alike with a wealth of up-to-date research, detailed case studies, treatment methods and more, making the National Center for the Study of Autism "an invaluable warehouse of information," according to BGU President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz.



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