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TRUMP: 'WE ARE LOCKED AND LOADED' TO RESPOND TO ATTACKS ON SAUDI OIL FIELDS: Tensions between Washington and Tehran have further escalated in the wake of Saturday's 14 Sept. 2019 drone attack on Saudi oil sites. About 5.7 million barrels of crude oil production, more than 5 percent of the world's daily supply, was interrupted in the drone assault claimed by the Yemeni Houthi terrorist group. Houthi responsibility for the strike has been dismissed however by Washington sources. A USA official said there were 19 points of impact in the strike on Saudi facilities and that evidence showed the launch area was west-northwest of the targets, indicating Iran - not south from Yemen. President Donald Trump authorized the use of the USA emergency oil stockpiles to ensure stable supplies after the attack. He warned that the United States was "locked and loaded" for a response to the hit on Saudi Arabia's oil sites, after a senior official in his administration said the strike did not come from Yemen, but rather from Iran. "Amid all the calls for de-escalation, Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply," he said. Iranian sources have denied the USA allegation that the Islamic Republic carried out the assault. A senior Revolutionary Guards commander warned on Sunday 15 Sept. 2019 that the Islamic Republic was ready for "full-fledged" war.

NETANYAHU: ISRAEL AND HAMAS HEADED FOR ANOTHER MAJOR MILITARY CONFRONTATION: A number of rockets have been fired from the Gaza Strip at southern Israeli over the last week. In one assault on Wed. 11 Sept. 2019, Palestinians in Gaza fired three rockets at Israel. One struck a greenhouse, while a second rocket landed in a community, damaging a home. In response, an Israeli army tank hit two Hamas military positions in Gaza. While no group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, Israel has held the Hamas terrorist group, which has controlled Gaza since 2007, responsible for the aggression. PM Netanyahu on Thur. 12 Sept. 2019 addressed the recent escalation on the Gaza border, predicting that the situation will need to be resolved militarily. "Israel likely will have to go to war with Gaza", Netanyahu said. The prime minister continued that the nation is dealing with a terror group that has

taken over and launches rockets and that doesn't control errant factions even when it wants to. He claimed that because Hamas cannot exercise authority over these factions, "there will be no choice but to enter a war". Israel has fought three wars with Gaza since 2007.

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR GAZA'S SORROW? Palestinian misery in the Gaza Strip portrays a harvest of hatred for the entire world to see: Billions of dollars of humanitarian aid have been seeded into an endless pit of Islamic disdain for Israel and the Jewish people - have been spent on weapons and terrorist tunnels, instead of schools and sanitation facilities - squandered or siphoned into foreign bank accounts by terrorist leaders. The Palestinian people could have had thriving orchards and greenhouses, businesses and homes built by Israelis forced to abandon the Gaza Strip in 2005 "for the sake of peace." But Gaza is in ruins, racked with poverty and despair because her terrorist leaders continue to plot and perpetrate violence and destruction against the Jewish nation. Instead of a new state, global assistance to prosper Gaza's residents, a future for their young, Hamas officials rule over an oozing, putrefying sore of human misery. Like men without reason, they are always preparing for the next war against Israel; building terrorist tunnels, better projectiles, encouraging Gaza families to hurl rockets and firebombs at Israel's Negev communities - then lamenting to the world that they have no food, no fuel when Israel, after restraint beyond human understanding, enforces defensive measures to defend her harassed and outraged citizenry. When mercy comes Palestinians resume tunnel building, terrorists bomb Israel's well-laden aid trucks and return to pot-shooting Sderot and Ashkelon. What Gaza is, is what Gaza Palestinians and their Israel-hating, jihadist leaders have chosen. All that was ever asked of them was to recognize the Jewish nation, stop terrorist violence, and abide by previous peace agreements. They choose instead; gall, destruction, and chaos. Their harvest is bitter fruit, and it is not Israel's fault.

JNN PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE INCREASING HAMAS PROVOCATIONS TO DRAW ISRAEL INTO ANOTHER WAR: Please take the JNN updates to your prayer gatherings for the following suggestions on how to pray for Israel during these these times of mounting crisis on the southern borders of the Jewish state. 1. Intercede that Hamas rocket attacks against Israel's Negev communities and across the country will fall short of civilian areas, and for the infallible accuracy of Israel's Iron Dome system. 2. That terrorist bases and infrastructures, arms factories and weapon's tunnels will be pinpointed and destroyed. 3. Intercede for the safety and protection of Israel's military men and women involved in anti-terrorist activities and for civilians in targeted cities. 4. For the comforting and emotional shielding of victims young and old in the midst of constant life-threatening explosions and disruption of their daily lives. 5. For the wisdom and strategy of all of Israel's government and military leaders as Israel deals with unrelenting antagonists and terrorist murderers piloted by Hamas.

NETANYAHU: I INTEND TO ESTABLISH ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE JORDAN VALLEY: PM Benjamin Netanyahu on Tues. 10 Sept. 2019 announced his intention to apply Israel's sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and the northern Dead Sea, which he called Israel's "essential safety belt in the east." While thinly populated, it is home to dozens of Israeli communities and has been controlled by Israel for more than half a century. Israel considers the Jordan Valley an essential strategic asset to ensure its security and prevent weapons smuggling by Palestinian terrorists into Judea & Samaria. It is literally all that stands between Israel and the remainder of the Middle East, some of which embrace and seriously prepare for genocide against the Jewish nation. Israel's eastern border is difficult to defend because of its geostrategic structure, being Israel's 'narrow waist' of barely 7.5 miles. The center of the country which is Israel's most densely populated urban area has no depth. A military or terrorist attack against Israel from the east would expose not only most of the population but main strategic facilities (military, industrial and civilian) to an unprecedented threat. Military sources have maintained that the Jordan Valley could become another Gaza border situation if caution isn't exercised.

ISRAEL'S LEGITIMATE CLAIMS TO THE JORDAN VALLEY: In Israel's 1948 War of Independence Jordan conquered Judea & Samaria from the Jewish state in a war of aggression carried out with every aim of destroying it. In the aftermath of the war, it was nearly unanimously held that neither Jordan nor Egypt possessed any legitimate claim over the newly acquired territory. (The "West Bank" is the name Jordan gave to Judea & Samaria when it presumed to ostensibly annex it in the 1950s.) Since other countries regarded neither Jordan nor Egypt's claims as legitimate, Israel's claims of sovereignty remained. Thus, when Israel recaptured Judea & Samaria in the Six-Day War in 1967, it liberated these territories. Israel's original title to the land was never actually destroyed. When Israel re-acquired Judea & Samaria, it was under the guise of Article 51 of the UN Charter, which permits a nation to defend itself and has been understood by many scholars to impart that self-defense may necessitate that the non-aggressor assume control over territory previously held by the aggressor. The Jordan Valley in Judea & Samaria, is territory Israel recaptured during the Six-Day War in 1967 and has since monitored. Judea & Samaria as a whole is under varying degrees of Israeli control. Some of it is governed by Palestinian institutions (with minimal Israeli military presence) and the rest is run entirely by Israel. The Jordan Valley is in the section that is fully controlled by Israel, with the exception of the Palestinian city of Jericho.

PARALYMPIC ISRAELI CHAMPION BREAKS WORLD SWIMMING RECORD BY 6 SECONDS: Israel's Mark Mallar a 19-years-old swimmer who has cerebral palsy, last week won the gold medal in the men's 400m freestyle competition in the 2019 World Para Swimming Championships. Mallar won the race with a time of 4:33.64, beating the old world record by 6 seconds, which qualifies him to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. This year's World Para Swimming Championships were set to kick off during July 2019 in Malaysia but were rescheduled after Malaysia announced that Israeli athletes were not allowed to participate. In response to the snub, the event was moved to London. IPC president, Andrew Parsons, said, "When a host country excludes athletes from a particular nation, for political reasons, then we have absolutely no alternative but to look for a new championships host."

JERUSALEM BIKE RENTAL SYSTEM TO BE LAUNCHED IN OCT. 2019: Jerusalem residents will soon be able to rent a bike for their short-distance transportation needs. Jerusalem's bike rental system is expected to be launched in the capital city following the holiday season. The 500 pairs of bicycles and 50 stations will operate throughout the week and will be serviceable on Saturdays through the use of the app. This new program is modeled after the Tel Aviv Bike rental system, which has greatly eased traffic issues in the cosmopolitan city.

NETANYAHU: 'I WILL ESTABLISH JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA': PM Benjamin Netanyahu announced this week, days prior to Israel's 17 Sept. 2019 national elections, that he will establish Israeli sovereignty over all Jewish communities in Judea & Samaria if he is re-elected. Netanyahu emphasized that his first move would be to annex the Jordan Valley, which essentially creates a buffer between Israel and the Arab states farther to its east. "This is the eastern defensive wall that guarantees that we will never again be a mere few miles wide," Netanyahu said on Tues. 10 Sept. 2019. The prime minister stipulated that the measures would be taken in coordination with the administration of USA President Donald Trump. He warned that if he did not win the election, Blue and White leaders Benny Gantz and Yair Lapid, (Netanyahu's political opponents), would fail to take measures to establish Israel's sovereignty in Israel's Jordan Valley or other Jewish communities in Judea & Samaria. The Palestinian Authority has slammed Netanyahu's prospective move.

GAZA ROCKET FIRE INTERRUPTS NETANYAHU'S CAMPAIGN SPEECH IN ASHDOD: On Tues. night, 10 Sept. 2019 Gaza-based terrorists fired two intermediate-range rockets toward the Israeli coastal city of Ashdod, which is located approximately 30 miles from the Gaza Strip border. The Iron Dome defense system intercepted one of the projectiles, while the second landed in open territory, causing no damages or injuries. Israeli PM Netanyahu, who was speaking on Tues. evening in Ashdod stopped his

election campaign speech when the sirens went off. "Leave quietly," Netanyahu told the crowd before calmly walking off the stage. He resumed his speech twenty minutes later. In response to the attack, the Israeli Air Force targeted 15 sites in Gaza overnight, the IDF confirmed early Wed. 11 Sept. 2019.

UN NUCLEAR WATCHDOG CONFIRMS RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOUND AT IRANIAN SITE IS URANIUM: In September 2018, Israel's PM Benjamin Netanyahu revealed the location of a "secret atomic warehouse" outside Tehran. "What I'm about to say has not been shared publicly before," Netanyahu told the UN General Assembly in a speech on 27 September 2018. "Today, I am disclosing for the first time that Iran has another secret facility in Tehran – a secret atomic warehouse for storing massive amounts of equipment and materiel from Iran's secret nuclear weapons program." Iran at the time ridiculed Netanyahu's report and identified the location as a "rug factory". Netanyahu, however, urged nuclear inspectors to check the secret warehouse "immediately." The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) examined the site in April of 2019 and confirmed that radioactive material was found. The new twist confirmed in a Reuters' disclosure on Sunday 8 September 2019 is that the radioactive material was, in fact, uranium, the key ingredient in developing nuclear bombs. Iran has refused to comment on Sunday's report. UN inspectors arrived in Iran this week after the regime announced it was reducing its commitments to the 2015 nuclear deal. Last weekend, a spokesman for Iran's atomic agency confirmed that his organization had "started lifting limitations on our research and development imposed by the nuclear deal which will include the development of more rapid and advanced centrifuges."

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON THE WORLD TO STOP IRAN: Traces of radioactive material discovered earlier this year at a secret Tehran weapons warehouse have been identified as uranium. Israel's Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) reacted to International Atomic Energy Agency's Sunday 8 Sept. 2019 announcement that Iran had violated the nuclear agreement by petitioning the world to stop Iran. "I appeal to the governments of France, the United Kingdom, Germany and the other partners to the agreement to immediately announce the activation of the existing mechanism for discussing the breach of the agreement and to lead the cancellation of the agreement and joining with the USA sanctions against Iran. History shows time and again that surrendering to tyrants results in violence and not peace. The world must unite and stop Iran's efforts to attain nuclear power and its support for regional and global terrorism," he added. Also on Sunday, Ali Akbar Salehi, chief of Iran's atomic agency, blamed European powers for the fact that Iran

NEW USA SANCTIONS TARGET IRAN, HAMAS, ISIS: USA President Donald Trump signed an executive order this week imposing new sanctions on various organizations affiliated with Hamas, ISIS, al Qaeda, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards' Quds-Force. Trump said the new sanctions will further enable the USA Government to "starve" terrorists of resources they need to attack the United States and its allies and will hold foreign financial institutions who continue to do business with them accountable. "They serve as a powerful deterrent to radical terror groups and those seeking to aid their nefarious goals," said Trump. (JNN)

ISRAEL MAINTAINS FINCH A+ RATING: Fitch announced this week that it was confirming its A+ credit rating for Israel. According to the company's economists, Israel has had an annual surplus on its external balance sheet every year since 2003, and that surplus is expected to remain in place for 2019-2020. The report confirmed that Israel's foreign currency reserves totaling \$120 billion as of July 2019, and Israel's being a "net external creditor" nation, gives it a stronger position than the median in A-rated or AA-rated countries." Fitch economists estimate that ongoing progress in reducing Israel's debt-to-GDP ratio or continued reduction to political and security dangers will further improve Israel's credit rating.

TINY FIRST TEMPLE CLAY SEAL DISCOVERED IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY: A small 7th century BC clay stamp reading "Belonging to Adoniyahu, Royal Steward," was recently discovered in the City of David's sifting project. The seal inscribed with the name Adoniyahu, meaning literally, "The Lord is my Master" was taken from earth excavated under the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. A national service volunteer in August 2019 discovered the one-centimeter inscribed letter sealer bearing the ancient

Hebrew name of a character found several times in the Hebrew Bible. Archaeologist Eli Shukron described the inscription as being unique and “of utmost importance.” The role of the Royal Steward (Asher al Habayit), he explained, appears several times in the Bible and is used for the highest official in the royal court. For example, the title of Royal Steward was used in the Book of Genesis for Joseph’s powerful position in Egypt. The clay stamp was used in the First Temple period to seal important documents, said Shukron.



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