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***'There Will Be No Nuclear Iran,' Lapid Vows after Meeting with Biden;*** Visiting US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Yair Lapid met in Jerusalem on Thursday, July 14, where they discussed stopping Iran's nuclear program and building a coalition of moderate nations in the Middle East among a series of issues of concern between the two countries. "Yes, Mr. President, of course, we... also talked shop about Saudi Arabia and your trip there, which is extremely important to Israel — trying to build a more moderate coalition here in the Middle East, long needed," said Lapid after the meeting, sitting beside Biden. "We have discussed the Iranian threat — and what we think is the right thing to do in order to make sure, which is something we share, there will be no nuclear Iran. This is not only a threat to Israel but to the [whole] world. And we discussed some other issues we're going to keep to ourselves," Lapid said. Biden said the two leaders "talked about how important it was, [and] I talked about how important it was from my perspective, for Israel to be totally integrated into the region, and complete its integration." He emphasized that "the vast majority of the American public, not just my administration, is completely devoted to your security, without any if, ands or buts — without any doubts about it."

***Biden Views Defense Tech at Airport, Including Iron Dome, New Laser-Based Iron Beam;*** US President Joe Biden on Wednesday, July 13, toured a Defense Ministry display of Israel's multi-tier air defense systems at Ben Gurion Airport, shortly after a welcoming ceremony by top officials. The display at the airport included the long-range Arrow, medium-range David's Sling, short-range Iron Dome, and an in-development high-powered laser interception system dubbed Iron Beam. The Iron Beam is designed to work in tandem with systems like Iron Dome, and shoot down smaller projectiles. Israel hopes to partner with Washington on the Iron Beam project, including American investment in further development and deployment of the system. Shortly before he toured the display, Biden was given a mostly classified briefing by Defense Minister Benny Gantz and other security officials. An unsourced report provided a list of some of what was said to Biden by Israeli security chiefs. Much of the focus, unsurprisingly, was on Iran. The key points reportedly put to the president included details on Iran's billions in spending to

develop and arm itself with new weapons and its distribution of weaponry to various proxy groups in the region, with details of which groups and what equipment each got

***Israel Warns Against Non-Essential Travel to Sri Lanka Amid ‘Chaos’;*** The Foreign Ministry recommended on Thursday, July 14, that Israelis avoid all non-essential travel to Sri Lanka, amid political turmoil and violence gripping the country. “Israeli citizens in Sri Lanka are recommended to take into account the deteriorating economic situation that has resulted in an intensified shortage of fuel, cooking gas, and even food,” the Foreign Ministry travel warning said. “This situation could develop into additional deteriorating of authorities’ ability to govern, which could include chaos in some areas of the country,” the warning said. The Foreign Ministry also cautioned that leaving the country could be difficult because of uncertainty around flights leaving the capital, Colombo. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the country on Wednesday, and his replacement declared a state of emergency.

***Israel, Morocco Sign MoU to Further Tighten their Business Relationship;*** In a move on Monday, July 18, in Geneva that will boost innovation and strengthen entrepreneurial relations between Israeli and Moroccan innovators, the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Morocco signed their first official memorandum of understanding (MoU) on intellectual property. The agreement was signed by Israel Patent Office Executive Director Ofir Alon and Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property Director-General Abdelaziz Babqiqi. It was performed on the sidelines of the Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva (WIPO) and witnessed by WIPO Director-General Daren Tang. The MoU will promote cooperation between the two nations in the field of industrial property protection, a subset of intellectual property that pertains to patents for inventions, trademarks, commercial names and designations, protection against unfair competition, and a host of other subjects.

***Iran May Try to Assassinate Trump, Pompeo or Other Ex-Senior Officials;*** A new intelligence report has warned that Iran may be plotting to assassinate top former United States officials in revenge for the drone strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani two years ago. The June 16 intelligence assessment from the National Counter Terrorism Center was issued just two days before President Joe Biden announced his current Middle East tour. Biden on Wednesday opened his first visit to the Mideast since taking office with a stop in Israel, where Iran's nuclear ambitions were expected to be the top item on the agenda. According to the intelligence report, Iran has identified former President Donald Trump, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and other officials as 'priority targets' for their role in overseeing the January 2020 US drone strike that killed Soleimani as he visited Iraq. Iran has long openly made bombastic threats to take revenge for Soleimani's death, but the new report offers further confirmation that US officials are taking the threats seriously.

***Israeli Rhythmic Gymnast Daria Atamanov Scoops Two Golds, a Silver at World Games;*** Israeli rhythmic gymnast Daria Atamanov finished with two gold medals and a silver at the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. Atamanov, 16, took first place for her ribbon routine on Wednesday, July 13, and came second in the batons contest. Her success came the day after she took the gold medal for her ball routine. In the remaining of the four disciplines in the event, the hoops, she came in sixth. As result, Israel finished top of the table in rhythmic gymnastics with three medals, followed by Italy with one gold and two silver, and Bulgaria with gold and silver.

***New Israeli PM Lapid to Work Toward “Two-State Solution”;*** The newly appointed Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid has agreed to meetings to renew talks with the Palestinians to create a “two-state solution.” The report cited a report published by the Egyptian Presidential Office quoting a phone conversation between Lapid and Egyptian President al-Sisi: “It was agreed to work to organize bilateral

and multilateral meetings that would include Israel, Egypt, and the head of the Palestinian Authority in the near future to re-energize the peace negotiations process,” the report read. The Egyptian announcement stands in contrast to the benign statement by the Israeli government: “The two leaders discussed bilateral and regional matters and emphasized the importance of the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel, which laid the foundation for the countries’ strategic relations and is a central pillar of regional stability,” the Israeli statement read. “The two expressed their commitment to continuing to develop relations, including in the economic sphere.” “President El-Sisi reiterated that Egypt will continue its efforts to achieve just and comprehensive peace, based on the two-state solution and references of international legitimacy, opening up prospects for cooperation and development for all the peoples of the region.” As Foreign Minister under Bennett, Lapid assured the Israeli public that while Bennett was PM, the two-state solution was off the table, and there would be no negotiations with the Palestinian Authority. One year ago, an address to the European Union described the two-state solution as “unfeasible.” Lapid has opposed expanding or building Jewish communities “that will prevent the possibility of a future two-state solution.” A two-state solution would create an unprecedented Palestinian state inside Israel’s borders that is ethnically cleansed of Jews, with its capital in Jerusalem. Even if the state is established with the Palestinian Authority in power, Hamas currently commands popular support and could take over as it did in Gaza.

***Iran Regime Hostage Survivor Urges ‘Do Not Travel’ to Iran;*** Australian Islamic studies academic Kylie Moore-Gilbert, who was held hostage by Iran for 804 days from 2018-2020, urged Western governments to advise their citizens not to travel to the Islamic Republic. “Iran should be classified as DO NOT TRAVEL in Western govts' travel advice,” she tweeted on Saturday, July 9. “If Iran wishes to negotiate a return of Western tourists and their valuable dollars and euros, they should agree to enforceable measures to protect and prevent their arrest.” “Unfortunately, the many good people working in Iran's struggling tourism sector would be damaged by such a policy,” Moore-Gilbert said. “Due to the regime's shocking behavior, however, I believe Western countries are left with no choice. “ The Iranian regime is notorious for seizing mainly Western citizens and dual-nationality Iranian citizens as hostages to extract concessions from the West.

***Putin Announces Visit to Iran as US Warns Russia Is Turning to Tehran for Help with War in Ukraine;*** Vladimir Putin will visit Iran next week, the Kremlin has said, just hours after the US warned he is trying to buy military drones from Tehran to use in Ukraine. The Russian leader will visit the Iranian capital on Tuesday for a meeting with Iran's leaders and Turkey's President Erdogan, ostensibly to hold talks on Syria. But the situation in Ukraine - which sits across the Black Sea from Turkey - is almost certain to feature in discussions. However, he rubbished suggestions that talks could lead to more negotiations with Ukraine, which Erdogan helped facilitate in the early days of the war. The trip marks the second time Putin has been abroad since the war started almost five months ago.

***Blue and White, New Hope Announce Union;*** Defense Minister Benny Gantz’s Blue and White party and Justice Minister Gideon Sa’ar’s New Hope party have inked an agreement to run as a joint slate in the upcoming election, set for November 1, they announced on Sunday evening, July 10. Decrying extremist elements, Gantz said at a press briefing that the two parties will set out to establish a “responsible, realistic, secure, and liberal” government. Such a coalition, he said, will “say no to racism, no to extremism, and yes to unity for all parts of the country and all types of citizens... ultra-Orthodox, Orthodox, secular; Muslims, Christians, Druse, and Jews.” “Israel deserves better,” Gantz said, adding that voters “shouldn’t have to pick from the extremes,” but instead deserve a sane, central option.

***Iranian Women Take to the Streets to Protest Hijab Laws;*** A number of Iranian women removed their hijabs in public on Tuesday in protest of increasing pressure by the Iranian government to enforce

hijab and chastity laws, sharing videos with the hashtag #hijab\_without\_hijab on social media. The protest came as the government marked "hijab and chastity day" on Tuesday, July 12, with measures including a chastity ceremony in a stadium in Tehran, and as the Iranian government makes hijab laws in the country stricter. Earlier this month, the deputy prosecutor of the city of Mashhad in northeast Iran wrote an order preventing women not wearing hijab from entering the metro in the city and accessing offices and banks, with the mayor of the city expressing opposition to the decision but allowing the order, according to BBC Persian. Meanwhile, Iran's Bank Mellat has issued a directive forbidding female employees from wearing high-heels and stockings. Male managers at the bank are also prohibited from having women as administrative assistants. On Tuesday and on the days preceding it, Iranian women shared videos and photos of themselves removing their hijab in public throughout Iran on social media. According to Trendsmap, the hashtag #hijab\_without\_hijab had been used in over 76,000 tweets globally on Monday and Tuesday. On the Iranian Tagminer website, the hashtag was listed as the second most popular tag in the country as of Tuesday evening.

***Celsius, Large Crypto Firm with Israel Ties, Files for US Bankruptcy;*** A month after Celsius Network, a cryptocurrency lending platform with millions of users and ties and offices in Israel, suspended all withdrawals in a move that sent a chill across the digital currency industry, the company filed for bankruptcy. In its statement late Wednesday, July 13, Celsius, which suspended all withdrawals and transfers between accounts in mid-June, said it was seeking to restructure in a way that would maximize value for all stakeholders, and said it had \$167 million of cash available to meet urgent needs in the meantime. Without the freeze on withdrawals, “the acceleration ... would have allowed certain customers — those who were first to act — to be paid in full while leaving others behind to wait,” the special committee of the Celsius board of directors was quoted in the statement as saying.



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