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18,000 Terrorists Killed by IDF Since October 7; As the country marked one year since the onset of the war on October 7, 2023, the IDF on Monday published new data on its operations in the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria, and Lebanon, from the number of rockets fired at Israel to the number of sites struck by the Israeli Air Force. According to the data, some 17,000 Hamas operatives and members of other terror groups have been killed by the IDF in the Gaza Strip since the beginning of the war, in addition to some 1,000 terrorists inside Israel on October 7, when gunmen rampaged through southern communities massacring some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting 251 to Gaza. Israel responded with a military campaign to topple the Hamas regime in the Gaza Strip, destroy the terror group, and free the hostages. The Hamas-run health ministry has said over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, though the figure cannot be independently verified and is believed to include both civilians and Hamas members killed in Gaza. The IDF's data said that the military has killed eight Hamas brigade commanders and those of an equivalent rank, as well as more than 30 battalion commanders. More than 165 Hamas company commanders and operatives with a similar rank have also been killed, according to the data. Some 40,300 targets have been struck in the Gaza Strip since the beginning of the war, and troops have located some 4,700 tunnel shafts, the IDF said. *(TOI / VFI News)*

IDF Eliminates Hezbollah Headquarters Commander; The IAF conducted a precise, intelligence-based strike in the area of Beirut early on Tuesday morning, October 8, eliminating Suhail Hussein Husseini, Commander of the Hezbollah terrorist organization headquarters. According to the IDF Husseini played a crucial role in weapon transfers between Iran and Hezbollah and was responsible for distributing the advanced weaponry among Hezbollah's units, overseeing both the transportation and allocation of these arms. Additionally, he was a member of the Jihad Council, Hezbollah's senior military leadership council. In his role, Husseini was responsible for the budgeting and logistical management of Hezbollah's most sensitive projects, including the organization's war plans and other special operations, such as coordinating terrorist attacks against the State of Israel from Lebanon and Syria. Furthermore, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seemed to confirm on Tuesday evening that Israel had successfully assassinated projected new Hezbollah leader Hashem Safieddine, who was targeted in an airstrike in Beirut last Thursday, and claimed Israel has also killed the next in line for the job. The IDF also confirmed that Israeli forces have recently demolished a small Hezbollah tunnel that crossed into Israeli territory from Lebanon. According to the IDF, the 20-meter-long tunnel had no exit in Israeli territory, and its path crossed the UN-recognized Blue Line by about 10 meters, in the western sector of the border, near the Lebanese village of Marwahin, just across from the Israeli community of Zar'it. *(INN/ VFI News)*

Danon Speaks to the Lebanese People in Arabic; Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, addressed the UN Security Council on Thursday, October 10, where he turned to the citizens of Lebanon and told them in Arabic that "the land of Lebanon belongs to the Lebanese people, not to Iran!" "Israel has no desire to be in southern Lebanon," Danon said in English. "Our goal is to protect our people, not to occupy Lebanese territory. But to prevent this from happening again, the Council must ensure the right mechanisms are in place for the Lebanese army and UNIFIL to meet their obligations." He then

turned to the Lebanese representative and said, “I have listened to your words and condemnations very carefully, but the truth is that you should be sitting next to me, not next to the Iranian representative. Because whether you can admit it or not, Israel, Lebanon, and the free world are on the same side against the Islamic regime of Iran. All of us should declare, shoulder to shoulder, that Iran must keep its blood-stained hands off Lebanon.” Danon then directly addressed the Lebanese people in Arabic, saying, “Lebanon belongs to the Lebanese, not to the Iranians.” Earlier in the same discussion, the Iranian representative eulogized Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was eliminated in an Israeli strike in Beirut about two weeks ago. (*INN / VFI News*)

Over 60% of US Jews Have Experienced Anti-Semitism Since October 7; A new survey analyzing the impact of antisemitism on American Jews has revealed a significant increase in anti-Semitic experiences since October 7, 2023. The study found that 3.5 million American Jews have personally encountered antisemitism since October 7, 2023. The study revealed that one-fifth of Jewish children (380,000) have personally experienced antisemitism since October 7. There was also a sharp increase in local community experiences, with 25% of Jewish adults reporting antisemitism in their area, more than double previous reports. The survey found that 3 in 4 Jews don’t report incidents to external entities outside their family. The impact of these experiences is profound, with 61% of American Jews reporting feeling less safe since October 7. This growing sense of insecurity has led to changes in behavior— 27% of respondents now avoid displaying their Jewish identity in the workplace, up from 18% before October 7. Furthermore, among respondents who are affiliated with a Jewish organization or synagogue, 25% report that their institution has been targeted with graffiti, threats, or attacks since October 7. 21% say local businesses have been targeted by anti-Semitic vandals in the same period, and 18% felt uncomfortable or unsafe in the workplace because of their Jewish identity. (*INN / VFI News*)

Anti-Semitic Acts Up Nearly 200% in France over Last Year: Report; The number of recorded antisemitic incidents in France soared by a staggering 192% during the first half of this year, according to government figures. The National Directorate of Territorial Intelligence (DNRT) of the French Interior Ministry revealed this week that 887 “antisemitic acts” were committed in the first six months of the year, noting that the trend of rising antisemitism in the country following the October 7 terror attacks on Israel “seems to be long-term.” This represented an increase of 192% compared to the same period of 2023, media reported. The increase means that antisemitic acts represent 67% of all religiously motivated incidents, despite the Jewish population only accounting for less than one percent of the country. Previously, anti-Christian acts were the most recorded in France. According to the DNRT, anti-Semitic incidents appear to be strongly correlated to the news cycle in the Middle East. For example, in the week after Israel bombed Rafah, antisemitic acts in France shot up to 187 compared to 54 the week before. The DNRT also revealed that there was a 165% increase in physically violent antisemitic attacks, with 53 recorded in the first half of the year compared to 20 during the same time in 2023. (*BB / VFI News*)

Afghan Man in Oklahoma Plotted Election Day Terror Attack in US on Behalf of ISIS, Justice Department Says; An Afghan citizen living in Oklahoma has been charged with plotting a terror attack on Election Day on behalf of the Islamic State in which he and an underage co-conspirator expected to die as martyrs, the Justice Department said Tuesday, October 8. Nasir Ahmad Tawhedi, 27, obtained firearms and ammunition to conduct a violent attack on U.S. soil, as well as taking a number of steps to prepare for the plot, authorities said. He entered the United States on Sept. 9, 2021, weeks after U.S. troops pulled out of Afghanistan, on a special immigrant visa, and is currently on parole status pending adjudication of his immigration proceedings, officials said. “I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our investigators and law enforcement officers for successfully uncovering and stopping this terrorist plot before innocent lives were put in danger,” Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt said. “This is a powerful example of how the information-sharing measures we implemented between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies

are making a real difference. Those who seek to harm our nation, threaten our freedoms, and disrupt our way of life will be held accountable and face the full force of the law.” (FN / VFI News)

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