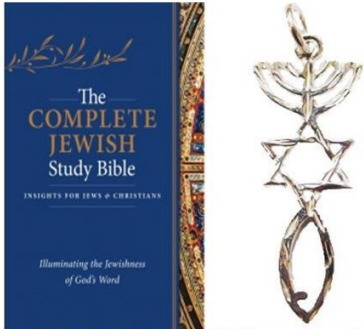


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One Killed, 10 Wounded After Rocket Hits Home in Northern Israeli City

- **ISRAEL:** Fourteen people lightly wounded in several rocket barrages into northern Israel on Monday
- **LEBANON:** U.S. envoy Hochstein to arrive in Beirut on Tuesday in an attempt to secure a cease-fire deal
 - **GAZA:** Hamas-run health ministry reports 76 killed, 158 wounded in last day
- **ISRAEL:** IDF says some 15 Hezbollah rockets fired at Haifa and northern Israel; several intercepted, rest fell in open areas
 - **LEBANON:** Israeli strike in Beirut kills Hezbollah's media chief Mohammad Afif, two security sources say
- **GAZA:** Some 90 Palestinians killed in central, northern Gaza following three IDF strikes, Hamas officials say

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IDF: Majority of Hezbollah Missile Production Sites in Dahieh, Beirut Destroyed; The IDF revealed new details on Tuesday, November 12, about the sites and warehouses of Hezbollah that were attacked during the war by the IDF in the heart of the Dahieh area of Beirut and stated that the majority of Hezbollah's missile production and ammunition storage sites in the neighborhood had been destroyed. "Over the past 20 years, the Hezbollah terrorist organization has established dozens of weapons production sites and storage facilities in the heart of the Dahieh district, the organization's governing stronghold. These sites, systematically concealed beneath civilian buildings, have produced and stored hundreds of missiles and rockets intended to inflict significant harm on the State of Israel," the IDF stated. The statement continued, "New details can now be revealed about the sites and storage facilities targeted by the IDF... Over the years, the Intelligence Directorate has developed a situational assessment of the locations of Hezbollah terror infrastructure in the area, and in recent weeks, IAF aircraft have carried out a series of strikes to dismantle them." "One of the primary sites targeted was revealed by Israel at the United Nations General Assembly in 2020, along with several other sites. This site was established in the heart of the Choueifat neighborhood, beneath a complex of five residential buildings housing about 50 families, and is located approximately 85 meters from a school." (*INN / VFI News*)

Literal Terrorists Are Attending UN Climate Summit This Year; The Taliban are attending the 2024 U.N. Climate Change Conference, also known as COP29, in Azerbaijan, American media reported on Sunday, November 10. Representatives from the Taliban will join attendees from all over the world in Baku, Azerbaijan, for the proceedings, marking the first time that the group is sending delegates to the U.N.'s climate confab since it took power over Afghanistan after the U.S. withdrew from the country in 2021, the news outlet reported. The Taliban's delegation will look to enhance its cooperation on climate issues with other countries and highlight the country's needs concerning securing financing for climate and green energy initiatives. The Taliban, which fought against the U.S. and Western allies for 20 years following the September 11 attacks in New York, is not currently recognized by most other nations as the legitimate government of Afghanistan despite their de facto control of the country, according to the American news outlet. The National Environmental Protection Agency, a government entity under the Taliban regime, announced that it had sent several individuals to Baku to participate in the climate talks. (*DC / VFI News*)

CIA Official Arrested for Allegedly Leaking Classified Documents on Israeli Attack Plans; An official from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been arrested and charged for allegedly leaking classified material about Israel's attack plans on Iran last month. American media first reported on Wednesday morning, November 13, that Asif W. Rahman, who works overseas for the CIA, was indicted last week on federal charges and arrested on Tuesday in Cambodia. He was brought to a federal courthouse in Guam where he was arraigned on two counts of willful retention and transmission of national defense information. Rahman had a top-secret security clearance and access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), the news outlet reported. The information that was leaked was compiled by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which analyzes satellite imagery. The classified

documents that were leaked were intended to only be viewed by members of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance, which includes the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The documents showed a summary of what U.S. spy satellites observed the Israeli military doing in preparation for the operation, including moving planes and munitions and conducting “a large exercise.” (DW / VFI News)

Mike Huckabee Will Be the Next US Ambassador to Israel; U.S. President-elect Donald Trump announced on Tuesday, November 12, that former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee is his choice for the next U.S. Ambassador to Israel. “I am pleased to announce that the Highly Respected former Governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee, has been nominated to be The United States Ambassador to Israel. Mike has been a great public servant, Governor, and Leader in Faith for many years. He loves Israel, and the people of Israel, and likewise, the people of Israel love him. Mike will work tirelessly to bring about Peace in the Middle East!” Trump stated. Israeli officials welcomed Huckabee’s nomination. Defense Minister Gidon Sa’ar wrote, “Congratulations @GovMikeHuckabee on the announcement of your nomination as US Ambassador to Israel.” “I look forward to working with you to strengthen the bond between our peoples. As a longstanding friend of Israel and our eternal capital Jerusalem - I hope you will feel very much at home,” Sa’ar added. Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon stated, “Welcome to Israel Ambassador Huckabee! Congratulations my dear friend Mike on your appointment to the position of United States Ambassador to Israel. I look forward to continuing to work together and further strengthening the strong alliance between our countries!” (INN/VFI News)

'Keep Our Nation Safe': Senators Vow to Ban Pro-Hamas Migrants from Entering US with Bipartisan Push; Two senators from both sides of the aisle are introducing legislation to explicitly ban any immigrants tied to Hamas or involved in the October 7 attack on Israel from entering the United States. Sens. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., and Jacky Rosen, D-Nev., are introducing the No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act, which aims to prevent any immigrant tied to Hamas from entering the U.S. While terrorist activities and ties are more broadly a bar to admissibility into the U.S. under U.S. immigration law, the bill would explicitly add a ban to representatives, officers, members or spokespersons of Palestinian Islamic Jihad or Hamas, and anyone involved in the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel. It would also add a clause stating that “any alien who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, afforded material support to, or otherwise facilitated any of the attacks against Israel initiated by Hamas beginning on October 7, 2023, is inadmissible.” It would also make them ineligible for any relief under immigration laws. It had previously been introduced in the House last year by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., and had passed overwhelmingly in a 422-2 vote. It is likely to pass in the Senate, sending it to President Biden or President-elect Trump’s desk. (FN/VFI News)

Protesters in Amsterdam Torch Tram as Fresh Riots Erupt; Fresh rioting broke out on Monday evening, November 11, in Amsterdam’s Nieuw-West district, where protesters damaged public property and set a tram ablaze, France-based media reported. The incident occurred as the Dutch capital remains under a state of emergency following last week’s violent attacks on Israeli soccer fans after the match between AFC Ajax and Maccabi Tel Aviv. Local media reported that alongside the tram fire, which police quickly extinguished, rioters pelted and damaged several vehicles with stones. Video footage showed crowds wielding sticks and firecrackers while vandalizing property. Meanwhile, on Monday, Amsterdam police announced five new arrests related to the pogrom last week, involving men aged 18-37 from Amsterdam and nearby areas. Four suspects remain in custody, with one having been released but still under investigation, police added. Four previously arrested individuals, including two minors (aged 16 and 17), remain detained. Further, on Sunday night, violence erupted in Amsterdam’s Dam Square when law enforcement confronted Palestinian Arab demonstrators who had gathered despite a temporary protest ban. (INN /VFI News)

Meyer Habib: I Am Very Worried About France, It Is Much More Antisemitic than Belgium; Former French parliamentarian Meyer Habib warned of the complex and dangerous reality in which the Jews of France live, in an interview on Tuesday, November 12. Habib described the disturbing reality of rising antisemitism but refused to give in to fear and warned against the slippery slope of hiding Jewish identity, saying, “At first we will hide our Star of David, and then what will happen - will they cut their beard?” “France is a much more problematic country than Belgium and the rest of Europe,” Habib said in the interview. He then listed a series of severe anti-Semitic incidents, stating, “I remind you that Jews were killed because they were Jews in France. It started in Toulouse; it even started with Ilan Halimi in 2003. 13 Jews were killed, and that’s only in France.” Habib also mentioned a recent event, “Also in Paris a few months ago, a 12-year-old girl was raped, because she is Jewish, by three members of minorities of Muslim origin.” (JPost / VFI News)

Israel's Deficit Shrinks to 7.9% of GDP Despite War Expenses, Still Above Annual Target; Israel’s deficit has narrowed to 7.9% of GDP from 8.5% in the previous month as of October 2024, according to a report released by the Finance Ministry. Although the deficit was expected, given the Israel-Hamas war surpassing the one-year mark, the Finance Ministry stated that the main reason the year-end deficit is projected to exceed the budget target of 6.6% is due to uncertainty regarding U.S. aid. Though the war has unexpected costs, the past year has allowed for some stability as time continues. When the war broke out in October 2023, the month ended with a deficit of approximately NIS 22.9 billion, whereas October 2024 ended with approximately NIS 11.2 billion. So far, this year has seen a cumulative deficit of about NIS 104.1 billion, down significantly from 2023’s NIS 154.1 billion. (JPost/ VFI News)

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