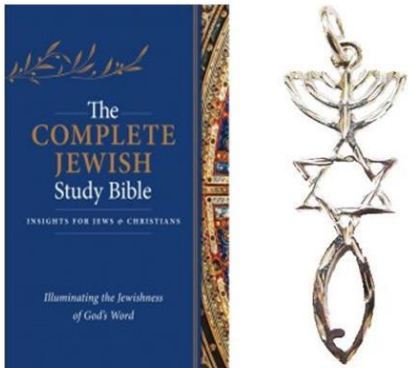


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Hezbollah's Rocket Architect Killed in IDF Drone Strike in Lebanon; An Israeli drone strike killed a senior Hezbollah official in the area of Bazouriyeh on the outskirts of Tyre in southern Lebanon on Friday, March 29. Ali Abed Akhsan Naim served as the deputy commander of the terror group's rockets and missiles unit, the IDF said. Naim "was considered to be a significant source of knowledge in the terrorist organization, and was a leader in the field of rockets. He was also one of the leaders for heavy-warhead rocket fire and responsible for conducting and planning attacks against Israeli civilians," the army added. Rocket sirens sounded in the North shortly after the attack. Hezbollah claimed to have struck Israel's Ramim ridge on Saturday morning after Lebanese media reported that the IDF carried out three strikes in the southern village of Taybeh on Friday. Northern residents reported that a rocket fell in the border town of Margaliot later on Saturday, with no siren sounding prior. Lebanese media reported that Israeli drones were observed flying over the Iqlim al-Tuffah and Nabatiya regions. (JPost / VFI News)

Al-Aqsa Brigades Threaten: "We Will Pursue You Wherever You Are"; The Fatah movement, headed by Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) defines the "first national priority" in the following statement: "Strengthening our people's firm standing in their homeland and preventing deportation, ending with the removal of the occupation and the realization of freedom, independence and return." The Telegram channel of the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the military arm of the Fatah movement, published a poster in which an armed operative of the organization is seen bearing the inscription: "We will pursue you wherever you are", and another poster praises the organization's terrorists, Muhammad Manasra and Mujahid Barakat Mansour as "heroes." Muhammad Manasra, an officer in the Palestinian police, killed Yitzhak Zeiger, 57 years old, from Shavei Shomron, and Uriya Hartum, 16.5 years old from Dolev, in the attack near Eli, and Mujahid Barakat Mansour killed Major General Ilai David Garfinkel in the attack near Dolev. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in Judea & Samaria and the Gaza Strip Details also reported on their daily terrorist activities. On Saturday, March 30, operatives shot and threw explosives at IDF forces in Qabatia, Tubas, and Qalqilya, and also fired from an ambush at IDF forces in the Khan Yunis area and the soldiers moving in the Al-Marraqa area in the center of the Gaza Strip. On Sunday, the organization's operatives shot and threw explosives at a military force that entered the Balata camp in Qalqilya and the al-Yamun settlement west of Jenin, and also launched mortar bombs at the IDF headquarters in the Shifa Hospital compound in Gaza. (INN / VFI News)

Mother of Hostage Victim Pleads with International Community to Pressure Hamas; Simona Steinbrecher had no information about her youngest daughter, Doron, for more than 100 days after Hamas kidnapped her from Kibbutz Kfar Aza on the morning of October 7. The last message Simona received from Doron was a WhatsApp voice note in which she mentioned that the terrorists had taken her. After 107 days of captivity, on January 26, Hamas released a video featuring Doron and two other hostages,

Daniella Gilboa and Karina Arielev. The video was edited together, and the women asked the Israeli government to bring them back home. According to Simona, Doron has a serious hormonal health issue and needs to have medicine every day. “I can see from how she looks in the video that they didn’t give her the medicine,” Simona said. Simona relayed the story of returned hostage Amit Soussana, who recounted sexual assault while in captivity, a thought that terrifies Doron’s mother. Amit shared with the world that while in Gaza, she was held alone, chained up in darkness, and forced to commit sexual acts for her Hamas captor. “What else does the world need to know?” asked Simona. “Why do they say it [sexual assault] is not happening there, when the women who are coming back tell us that it happened? The whole world should cry about it and do everything to stop this!” exclaimed Simona, an incredibly strong and courageous woman whose feelings are beyond description. (JPost / VFI News)

Jordan Valley Shooter Arrested; The terrorist who carried out the shooting attack in the Jordan Valley last week was arrested in the village of Al-Auja. Israeli media reported that he turned himself in to the IDF force that was operating in the village of Al-Auja as part of the hunt for him on Sunday, March 31. He was then transferred to Shin Bet for further investigation, according to the IDF. The terrorist who carried out a shooting attack on Route 90 and wounded three Israelis was identified as Abu Rida al-Saadi, a member of the Palestinian Authority security forces. On Thursday, he had opened fire on a school bus and several vehicles traveling along Route 90 in the Jericho area. He wore a mask and had managed to flee the scene. (INN / VFI News)

Islamic State Calls on Followers to Attack Christians and Jews in US, Europe, Israel; The Islamic State urged its supporters to carry out lone-wolf attacks against Christians and Jews across the United States, Europe, and Israel. In a 41-minute-long audio speech issued on Thursday, March 28, titled “By Allah, this matter will be made possible,” Islamic State spokesperson Abu Hudhayfah al-Ansari praised the deadly Moscow shooting earlier during the previous week and called for more violence in commemoration of the 10th anniversary since the Islamist terror organization declared a caliphate in Iraq and Syria in 2014. Al-Ansari spoke about further attacks on the United States troops in Iraq and called on its cells in Mozambique and the Philippines to continue their activities. At least 143 people were killed in Moscow on March 22, but authorities fear the death toll may rise. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, but many doubt the group had the capacity to actively participate in the organization of such a large-scale attack. (YNet / VFI News)

89-Year-Old Holocaust Survivor, Imprisoned in Dachau at Age 4, Heckled by Anti-Israel Protesters; On Tuesday, March 26, as the Berkeley, California City Council held a meeting at which a Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation was being considered, anti-Israel demonstrators bullied an 89-year-old Holocaust survivor who was sent to Dachau Concentration Camp in Nazi Germany when she was four years old. Susanne DeWitt spoke before the council, saying, “Over six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust and many more were left with scarred lives. I urge the Berkeley City Council to pass the Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation because we are currently witnessing a horrendous surge in anti-Semitism. Jews are now under existential threat; the invasion by Hamas, which broke a ceasefire —” She was interrupted by demonstrators yelling, “Time! Time!” The moderator interceded as Dewitt stepped away from the microphone, “Okay, Ma’am. Ms. DeWitt, ladies and gentlemen, if you can, please let me facilitate the meeting.” Permitted to continue, DeWitt stated, “ — led to the murder of 1,200 Israelis, and the brutal torture and rape of women.” Despite the fact that Hamas’ rape and torture of women during the October 7 massacre has been well-documented, demonstrators screamed, “Lies! Lies! Lies!” At the meeting, the demonstrators referred to “Zionist pigs,” chanted “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” called the council “cowards” and “traitors,” “spies for Israel,” “Racist Zionists who are upholding violence, apartheid, occupation,” told someone, “Get the f*** out of here, you Zionist pig,” and were warned by the moderator, “Do not circle other speakers. Back away.” (DW / VFI News)

'Soon It Will Be Too Late': Iranian Opposition Activist Urges US to Strike Iran; Iranian Opposition Leader and former political prisoner Vahid Beheshti told the Middle East Forum in Congress on Thursday, March 28, that the US should strike the Iranian regime now before Iran acquires nuclear weapons. “The Iranian regime is weak, it’s a paper tiger,” said Beheshti. “The Iranian regime created 18 proxies around the region, but my message to the US is not to spend your time fighting proxies, aim for the head of the octopus. Israel knows that they are not fighting Hamas solely, they are fighting Iran. Without Iran, Hamas wouldn’t have survived a few weeks.” “90% of the Iranian people are against the regime. The moment Americans and their allies hit the Iranian regime, the people of Iran will rise up and finish the job,” he added. Beheshti, who addressed Israel’s Knesset in January, told Congress that the massacre and hostage-taking during Hamas’s October 7 attack was inspired by the Iranian success in gaining access to significant funds by releasing the Islamic Republic’s Western hostages. “For four decades, the Iranian regime has taken our people hostage, forcing the West to sit around the negotiating table to provide the funds that they need,” Beheshti explained. “Three weeks before October 7th, the current US administration released \$6 billion in exchange for five hostages. Of course, they will push Hamas to take 250 hostages, imagine what they can get for that many hostages.” (JPost / VFI News)

Iran Is Preparing to Murder A Hip-Hop Artist for Committing ... Music; In 2022, Iran had a 22-year-old woman murdered for improperly wearing a hijab. Now, it’s preparing to have a 33-year-old killed for rapping about it. It’s only more evidence of the lengths to which Tehran’s mullahs will go to oppress dissidents and maintain iron-fisted control over the country - and, indeed, over every aspect of Iranian life. On October 30, 2022, Iran’s goons arrested Toomaj Salehi, a 33-year-old Iranian hip-hop artist, and detained him in its notorious Isfahan prison. His crime: committing music. His lyrics, roughly translated: “Someone’s crime was that her hair was flowing in the wind. Someone’s crime was that he or she was brave and [was] outspoken.” The words are an obvious reference to the 2022 murder of Mahsa Amini, whom Iran had killed for “violating” the mandatory hijab law — because a few strands of her hair were showing. Her death sparked a women-led revolution, though it was strongly backed by men and boys, like Salehi. The hip-hop artist could’ve been rapping about his future self: For “bravely” committing the “crime” of being “outspoken,” he was arrested and held on the absolutely absurd charges of “corruption on earth,” “spreading propaganda,” “cooperating with a hostile government” and “incitement to violence.” The Iranian regime put off his trial until 230 days after his arrest. It didn’t allow him any real contact with his lawyer and he was eventually sentenced to six years. Salehi remained in detention for 384 days, 252 of them in solitary confinement. After a ruling by Iran’s Supreme Court, Salehi was released, but (to the shock of no one), hauled back in again just 12 days later. This time, he posted a video describing the torture he endured in detention. Now, he’s facing essentially the same charges, one of which carries the death penalty. (NYP / VFI News)

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