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Lebanon Army Chief Elected President, Drawing Israeli Hopes for Postwar Stability; Lebanon’s lawmakers elected on Thursday, January 9, army chief Joseph Aoun as president, ending a stalemate that left the post vacant for two years, in a step toward lifting the war-battered country out of financial ruin and solidifying a ceasefire between Israel and the Hezbollah terror group. Israel was swift to congratulate Beirut on picking Aoun, and Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar expressed hope for “good neighborliness” as the new Lebanese leader indicated that he would keep Hezbollah on a tight leash and uphold the fragile truce that ended its fight with Israel in late November. Aoun was widely seen as the preferred candidate of the United States and Saudi Arabia, whose assistance Lebanon will need as it seeks to rebuild following Israel’s campaign against the Iran-backed Hezbollah. The session was the legislature’s 13th attempt to elect a successor to Michel Aoun, whose term ended in October 2022. The two Aouns are not related. Hezbollah had previously backed another candidate, Suleiman Frangieh, the leader of a small Christian party in northern Lebanon with close ties to deposed Syrian president Bashar al-Assad. However, on Wednesday, Frangieh announced he had withdrawn from the race and endorsed Aoun, clearing the way for the army chief. (TOI/VFI News)

Devastated Jewish Communities Rally to Support Members as California Wildfires Rage; A fast-moving fire broke out in the Hollywood Hills on Wednesday night, January 8, threatening one of Los Angeles’s most iconic spots as firefighters were already battling three other major blazes that killed five people, put 130,000 people under evacuation orders, and ravaged communities from the Pacific Coast to inland Pasadena. Nearly 1,900 structures have been destroyed in the Eaton and Palisades fires, and the number is expected to increase. The fires that have been raging since Tuesday have ravaged some local Jewish communities, whose leaders are striving to offer comfort amid the disaster. Though the fire in the Palisades continues to blaze, the building that houses the Kehillat Israel synagogue remains standing, for now. The same, however, could not be said for the homes of many of the community’s 920 families, including that of Daniel Sher, the associate rabbi. “We lost our home today,” he told Israeli media as he choked back tears. Still, he did not want to focus on his personal loss, saying, “It’s not even so much about the loss of your own home, though I will not lie that that is devastating. The whole area has been desecrated, and every five minutes, I’m learning of more families who have lost their homes,” Sher said. Rabbi Noah Farkas, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, was up all night with his staff doing everything they could to support the Jewish community. “This is all too familiar,” Farkas told the Israeli news outlet, referencing several fires over the years that have impacted Southern California. “But in many ways, it’s also completely unprecedented,” he added, “having four fires simultaneously.” (TOI/VFI News)

US Anti-Israel Activists Blame Israel for Los Angeles Wildfire Crisis; Anti-Israel activists and commentators in the US blame Israel for the wildfire crisis in Los Angeles. Code Pink, a far-left activist group, said on Instagram, “When US taxes go to burning people alive in Gaza, we can’t be surprised when those fires come home.” The New York branch of the anti-Zionist Jewish Voice for Peace, in a post about the fires, said, “Instead of putting resources toward making our country livable, our government is putting

billions toward Israel's genocide of Palestinians in Gaza." A leader of another hardline anti-Israel group Within Our Lifetime, posted an image of the fires and said, "The flames of Gaza will not stop there." "Dropping hundreds of thousands of bombs on Gaza, turning it into a blazing inferno, has consequences," she says. "There are climate consequences that will find us all." It should be noted that the Los Angeles Fire Department is mainly funded by the city of Los Angeles, while aid to Israel is from the federal government. New York Congressman Ritchie Torres, one of Israel's most outspoken supporters in Washington, lashed out against Code Pink for blaming Israel for the fires. Amy Spitalnick, the head of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, also spoke out against the Code Pink statement stating it is "the latest example of a relentless scapegoating of Israel or Jews for virtually any global problem." (*TOI / VFI News*)

Trump Warns Hamas to Release All Hostages Before His Inauguration; US President-elect Donald Trump gave a news conference from Mar-a-Lago in Florida on Tuesday, January 7, less than two weeks ahead of his inauguration on January 20. During the question and answer session following his speech, Trump was asked about the ongoing hostage situation in Gaza, where 100 Israeli hostages continue to be held by Hamas and other terrorists. "If they're (the hostages) not back by the time I get into office, all hell will break out in the Middle East," Trump said, reiterating his previous threats on the hostage issue. "It will not be good for Hamas, and it will not be good, frankly, for anyone," he added. "All hell will break out. I don't have to say anymore, but that's what it is." Trump stated, "They should have given them back a long time ago, [and] they should have never taken them. There should have never been an attack on October 7th. People forget that. But there was, and many people are killed – they're no longer hostages." He noted that some of the hostages are American citizens and recounted how many parents of hostages have come to him asking for his help in getting back the bodies of their children. (*INN/VFI News*)

UN Says Iran Executed 901 People in 2024, Including Dozens of Women; The number of people executed in Iran rose to 901 last year, including 31 women, some of whom were convicted of murdering their husbands to fend off rape or after being forced into marriage, the UN human rights office said on Tuesday, January 7. Most of the executions were for drug-related offenses, but political dissidents and people connected with mass protests in 2022 over the death in police custody of a 22-year-old woman were also among the victims, the UN statement said. "It is deeply disturbing that yet again we see an increase in the number of people subjected to the death penalty in Iran year-on-year," United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said in a statement sent to journalists. "It is high time Iran stemmed this ever-swelling tide of executions." In total, at least 901 people were executed by hanging last year in the Islamic Republic, compared with 853 in 2023, the UN rights office said. That represented the highest number since 2015 when 972 people were executed. (*JPost/VFI News*)

In Vote of 243-140, ICC Sanctions Bill Passes House, Heads to Senate; The bill seeking sanctions against members of the International Criminal Court over its issuing of arrest warrants against PM Benjamin Netanyahu and former defense minister Yoav Gallant, passed 243-140 in the Republican-led House of Representatives on Thursday, January 9, marking the body's second vote in favor of the legislation. The "Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act," reintroduced this week by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Brian Mast and Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX), received overwhelming Republican support. Roy spoke against the International Criminal Court's "unprecedented action of issuing arrest warrants" for the sitting prime minister and former defense minister of Israel. "Let that sit in," he said. "This is an entity, the International Criminal Court, that has no jurisdiction over the people of the United States. [The ICC] should have no authority over our people, no authority over the prime minister of Israel." "If you're boosting the morale of Hamas, you are on the other team. And in November, the ICC's Trial Chamber approved the arrest warrants," Mast said. (*JPost /VFI News*)

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