

# **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update April 17, 2025 (Nisan 19, 5785)**



[For the Yachad Report Newsletter For April 2025](#)

Donate



## ***Israel-Hamas War 559 Days, Palestinians Report 29 Killed in IDF Strikes Across Gaza***

- *Lapid says he proposed attacking Iranian oil fields in October, but Netanyahu was 'afraid, and stopped it',*  
*NYT: Israel planned to strike Iranian nuclear sites as early as May, but Trump favored deal*
  - *GAZA: Rescue services say 29 killed in Israeli strikes on Thursday*
  - *RUSSIA: Iranian foreign minister arrives in Moscow to discuss Iran-U.S. nuclear talks; Putin meets with freed hostage Sasha Troufanov*
  - *CEASE-FIRE TALKS: Report: Hamas rejects Israeli proposal for hostage deal*
    - *GAZA: Defense Minister says IDF to remain in seized Gaza buffer zones, no humanitarian aid will enter*
    - *U.S.: Steve Witkoff says any deal must shut down Iran's nuclear program*
      - *IRAN: Right to enrich uranium is 'non-negotiable' in talks with U.S.*
    - *LEBANON: IDF struck vehicle in south Lebanon, killed Hezbollah member*

Donate



*If you are interested in having Yachad Ministries to come your church and share about what is going on in Israel and the Middle East, and how the Bible is unfolding right in front of our eyes.*

*Please contact Jeffery @ Yachad Ministries*

*Phone 770-641-3000 ext. 6*

E-mail [yachad@mindspring.com](mailto:yachad@mindspring.com)



*Happy Passover!*

*Day 5 of Unleavened Bread, we wish all of our readers a wonderful week of festivities! May you enjoy family gatherings, get the leaven out of your homes and hearts, and worship the Lord Your God in freedom and joy. As you observe the Passover, we pray that you receive all of God's blessings, health, happiness, brotherhood, and reflect on Yeshua, our Passover Lamb, and His sacrifice for us. We are immensely grateful for you, your love and continual support. Let us also remember the hostages who are still in captivity and pray for their quick release into freedom.*

***Terror Tunnel Shaft Found in Gaza Kindergarten's Yard;*** Troops of the Golani Brigade have been operating in the Rafah area to locate and dismantle Hamas terrorist infrastructure both above and below ground. During the operation, IDF troops located a tunnel shaft belonging to the Hamas terrorist organization within a compound that had previously served as a kindergarten, and approximately 100 meters from another compound that had previously served as a civilian school in the Rafah area. Troops of the Yahalom Unit, under the Golani Brigade's command, examined the tunnel shaft, which led to a booby-trapped underground route stretching for dozens of meters and connecting to a central route used by the Hamas terrorist organization. The shaft and the tunnel route were subsequently dismantled. The IDF stated, "The Hamas terrorist organization systematically violates international law, cynically exploiting civilian institutions and the population as human shields for terrorist activities. The IDF will continue to operate with strength and determination against terrorist organizations." (*INN/VFI News*)

***Manchester Arena Terrorist Left 3 Prison Officers with Life-Threatening Injuries;*** A Manchester Arena terrorist has 'attacked three prison officers with cooking oil and makeshift weapons', according to the Prison Officers' Association (POA). The officers received life-threatening injuries after being assaulted by Hashem Abedi at HMP Frankland, County Durham, on Saturday, April 12, the union said. Abedi, 28, is serving life at a high-security prison for helping his brother plot 22 murders in the Manchester Arena bombing. The officers suffered burns, scalds and stab wounds when Abedi threw hot cooking oil over them before using makeshift weapons to stab them in the 'unprovoked' and 'vicious' attack, the POA added. A source told media that Abedi was preparing food in a kitchen at the category A jail, dubbed 'Monster Mansion,' when his terrifying rampage began and he started throwing scalding oil on a pair of guards. The attacker is then said to have produced two huge homemade weapons with 20cm long blades before he started slashing at the duo as well as another officer. One of the guards was stabbed in the neck once and another officer was stabbed five times in the back, according to the source. All three officers were rushed to hospital after the vicious assault. Two are still receiving treatment, and Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) — who are leading the investigation into the attack — said on Saturday evening that they have

serious injuries. Prison service sources said the third, a female, was released after being treated. Prison union sources suggested that Abedi may have stolen a weapon from a kitchen although there were unconfirmed reports that a knife may have been carried into the prison via a drone, according to British media. The attacker was restrained by prison officers who bravely raced to the horrific scene before a riot squad arrived. (*DM/VFI News*)

***Trump Says He Expects to Make a Decision on Iran Very Quickly;*** US President Donald Trump said on Sunday, April 13, that he expected to make a decision on Iran very quickly after both countries said they held "positive" and "constructive" talks in Oman on Saturday and agreed to reconvene this week. Trump, who has threatened military action if no deal is reached on halting Iran's nuclear program, told reporters aboard Air Force One that he met with advisers on Iran and expected a quick decision. He gave no further details. "We'll be making a decision on Iran very quickly," he said. An American news outlet cited two sources with knowledge of the issue as saying that a second round of nuclear talks between the United States and Iran would take place next Saturday in Rome. The talks held in Oman on Saturday were the first between Iran and the Trump administration, including the US president's 2017-2021 first term. Officials said they took place in a "productive, calm and positive atmosphere. On Saturday, Trump told reporters the US-Iran talks were going "okay," adding, "Nothing matters until you get it done, so I don't like talking about it, but it's going okay. The Iran situation is going pretty good, I think." Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araqchi will visit Russia this week, the foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday and will consult with Moscow regarding the latest talks between Iran and the US in Oman. (*JPost/VFI News*)

***Yemeni Gov't Reportedly Preparing 80,000-Man Assault on Houthi-Controlled Hodeidah Port;*** Yemen's government is reportedly preparing to launch a massive assault to recapture Hodeidah Port in western Yemen from the Houthis, according to a Friday report, April 11, in Emirati state media. Yemen's internationally recognized government is preparing to mass nearly 80,000 troops for what would be the largest offensive of the civil war, according to statements by Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, chairman of the Gulf Research Center based in Saudi Arabia, on Friday. "To my best knowledge, there is a preparation of almost 80,000 soldiers from the legitimate Yemeni government in different locations in order to take over [Hodeidah]," Dr Sager said. 80,000 soldiers would represent a majority of all non-Houthi forces in Yemen. This would constitute the largest offensive of the civil war and would also set the stage for an assault on the capital city Sana'a, which has been under Houthi control since 2014. The Emirati state newspaper reported on Friday that renewed airstrikes on the Houthis generally, but in particular on Hodeidah, had helped pave the way for an upcoming assault, with reports indicating that strikes had killed several key Houthis. Hodeidah is considered one of Yemen's key ports and was a major source of food imports before the war. (*JPost/VFI News*)

***Columbia Anti-Israel Protester Can Be Deported, Judge Rules;*** An immigration judge has ruled that Mahmoud Khalil can be deported from the U.S. due to his involvement in leading last year's pro-Palestinian protests at Columbia University. Judge Jamee Comans ruled in Louisiana on Friday, April 11, that Khalil, 30, can be deported, saying that the U.S. government met its burden of proof to remove him. "I would like to quote what you said last time that there's nothing that's more important to this court than due process rights and fundamental fairness," Khalil told the court. "Clearly, what we witnessed today, neither of these principles were present today or in this whole process." "This is exactly why the Trump administration has sent me to this court, 1,000 miles away from my family. I just hope that the urgency that you deemed fit for me are afforded to the hundreds of others who have been here without hearing for months." Khalil's team of attorneys has until April 23 to file relief applications. During the hearing on Friday, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) attorneys also spoke about how Khalil misrepresented himself on his green card application. DHS attorneys said that he willfully failed to disclose his employment with the Syrian office in the British Embassy in Beirut when he applied for permanent U.S.

residency. Federal officials also alleged that Khalil was "inadmissible at the time of his adjustment" because of "fraud or willful misrepresentation of material fact" in his status application. The agency further accused Khalil of failing to disclose his work with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and membership in Columbia University Apartheid Divest. (*FN/VFI News*)

***Resilience in Aliyah: 27,281 Immigrants Make Israel Their Home Amid Uncertainty;*** New immigrants have not been deterred by the war; they've looked past the security challenges and have decided to uproot their lives, heading to the Holy Land. The Aliyah and Integration Ministry published a summary of immigration data on Wednesday, April 9, tracking the progression of the 27,281 who have moved to Israel since April 2024. New beginnings are afoot for new immigrants, or olim, hailing from countries in all corners of the world. The country with the most new immigrants is Russia, with 15,188. Following that are the United States, France, and Ukraine. Beyond the "typical" countries of origin, immigrants also arrived from South Korea, Kenya, Zambia, and even Afghanistan, adding a unique twist to the olim community. Olim come at various ages: 212 immigrants in the last year were at or above 85, and 5,700 were under 18, moving as part of one of the 15,020 families who immigrated. The largest group, making up 16% of immigrants, was the 25-34 year age range at 4,519 people. Among those who moved here in the last year was Salomé Bokobza, 30, who moved from France. "I never really considered aliyah until my trip here two [Passovers] ago in 2023. I am pretty traditional; I keep Shabbat and kosher, and I found it harder and harder to do so in France, especially as a young professional," she told Israeli media on Wednesday. (*JPost/VFI News*)

***Israeli Men's Track Team Wins Gold in Marathon at Belgium's European Running Championships;*** Israeli track team won the men's team gold medal in the marathon event at the European Running Championships on Sunday, April 13, in Belgium. The race was run from Leuven to Brussels. Members of the Israeli team, Gashau Ayale, finished second, Maru Teferi, finished third, and Haimro Alame, finished fourth. The winner was Italian national Iliass Aouani. In the women's competition, Israelis Chemtai Lonah Salpeter and Maor Tiyouri finished in third and fourth place, respectively. The Israeli team won second place in the team event. "In every competition I enter, I aim for the top. I want us to keep the team medal in the years to come. We want to dedicate this medal to the hostages and to uplift the people. I'm the happiest person in the world," Ayale told the Israeli media following the team's victory. "I'm very happy for myself and for my team, also on a personal level. I'm pleased with the bronze medal, and I want to thank everyone," Teferi told the same news outlet. "I came here just to run with the rest of the team—I wasn't aiming for the podium." (*JPost/VFI News*)

Donate



*Robert I. Solomon: Messianic Rabbi*

*Jeffery Blalock: Ministries Coordinator, [jeffery@yachad.com](mailto:jeffery@yachad.com)*

*Yachad Ministries, 950 Pine Grove Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075*

*E-mail: [info@yachad.com](mailto:info@yachad.com), Web Page: <https://www.yachad.com>*

*Phone: 770-641-3000 (ext. 6)*

***Sharing Yeshua in unity with both Jew and Gentile***

*To unsubscribe [click here](#).*

