

**California Imam Urges Killing of Jews:
"Annihilate Them Down to the Very Last One
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqWZGxkcfRw>**

"By far the most numerous and most flagrant violations of personal liberty and individual rights are performed by governments. The major crimes throughout history, the ones executed on the largest scale, have been committed not by individuals or bands of individuals but by governments, as a deliberate policy of those governments, that is, by the official representatives of governments, acting in their official capacity."
-- John Hospers (1918-2011) Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Southern California, author

Read the Prophets & PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

That is the only hope of this nation! Plead for Grace and Mercy

Please remember
these folks in prayer-
Check often – they
change

That the world would WAKE UP.

Time for a worldwide repentance!

ALL US soldiers fighting for our freedom around the world
Pray for those in our government to repent of their wicked corrupt ways.

Pray that the American people **WAKE UP**

to the truth concerning our government and take a positive act

Pray for JEP – medical problem

Pray for JZ – with pain and surgical problem

Pray for Sister of SH – non drinker with severe liver failure.

Pray for CB – Australian with severe mental distress

Pray for MD – Has chronic progressive lung problem.

Pray for JM – Spine surgery last week

Pray for IR – fell and fractured shoulder had surgery. – improved in rehab.

Pray for MS – family problems – doing better

Pray for Chaim Simcha son of Chaya Hilka - **improved but still with problems**

Pray for DF and wife's ability to cope – problems Alzheimer's disease problems

Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?

1Samuel 28:²⁰And Saul hurried and fell the full length of his stature to the earth, and greatly feared from the words of Samuel. And there was no power in him, for he had not eaten food all that day, and all the night. ²¹And the woman came to Saul. And she saw that he was much terrified, and said to him, Behold, your servant has listened to your voice, and I put my life in my hand, and I obeyed your words which you spoke to me. ²²And now please, you listen to the voice of your servant, and I will set before you a bit of bread; and eat, and there will be strength in you when you go on your way.

Air Force holds missile defense drill over central Israel

Military warns residents that explosions may be heard during routine exercise of aerial defense systems

By *Judah Ari Gross* August 15, 2017, 10:42 pm

The Israeli Air Force conducted a test of its aerial defense systems on Tuesday evening, firing multiple interceptor missiles into the air over central Israel, the army said.

The military would not elaborate on the types of air defense systems being fired in the exercise, but warned residents there would be several launches and they could expect to hear explosions.

The army stressed that the exercise was not connected to any specific threats, but was instead planned in advance as part of the military's yearly training calendar.

Prayer Requests

With hundreds of thousands of rockets and missiles pointed at Israel from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Iran, Israel maintains one of the world's most advanced multi-tiered air defense system, designed to intercept incoming short-, medium- and long-range missiles.

The lowest layer of Israel's multi-tiered missile defense system is the Iron Dome, capable of shooting down short-range rockets, small unmanned aerial vehicles and some mortar shells like those that have been fired at Israel from the Gaza Strip or from southern Lebanon.



The David's Sling missile defense-system seen at the Hatzor Air Base, Israel. Sunday, April 2, 2017. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

The middle tier is the David's Sling, also known as the Magic Wand, which was declared operational in April. It is designed to shoot down incoming missiles with ranges of 40-300 kilometers (25-190 miles), meaning it could be used against Hamas's longer-range rockets, but would more likely be deployed against missiles fired by Hezbollah or Syria, such as the Iranian Fateh 110 or its Syrian equivalent, the M600.

At the top are the Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 systems, which are intended to engage long-range ballistic missiles. The Arrow was put in use for the first time on March 17, when it downed an incoming Syrian anti-aircraft missile.

Israel also operates the long-range Patriot missile system, with

which the air force has shot down multiple [unmanned aerial vehicles](#), most recently on April 27, as well as a Syrian Air Force Sukhoi Su-24 in 2014.

But even with the full complement of missile defense systems, defense officials warn that it is not a hermetic seal and some rockets will inevitably slip past the array. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/air-force-holds-missile-defense-drill-over-central-israel/>

Israeli aid arrives in Sierra Leone after deadly mudslides

Israel's envoy to West Africa says crates of food, enough for 10,000 meals, are the first international assistance to reach country

By [Times of Israel staff](#) and [AFP](#) August 15, 2017, 11:24 pm

The first international aid arrived in Sierra Leone on Tuesday after Israel sent enough food for 10,000 meals for the thousands displaced by the deadly mudslides in the West African country.

Israel's Ambassador to West Africa Paul Hirschson, who has been tasked with coordinating Israeli assistance in Sierra Leone, tweeted that he was "proud to say" the food was the first international aid to arrive in the country, along with an image of thousands of tins of baked beans.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon also tweeted an image of other packages of food sent by Israel that had arrived in Sierra Leone, adding that the initial shipment was enough for 10,000 meals.

Israel has also promised to send in further assistance, including medical assistance and other help depending on the needs of Sierra Leone, where more than 300 people have died in the flooding and mudslides.

Also Tuesday, the Israeli aid agency IsrAID said that it had a team on the ground who were "providing relief and psycho social support" for those effected.

It's been a long day. 1st international aid to [#SierraLeone](#) delivered. Proud to say it's from [@Israel](#) through [@MASHAVisrael pic.twitter.com/zaKCsyKtcx](#)

— Paul Hirschson (@paulhirschson) [August 15, 2017](#)

Initial Red Cross estimates said as many as 3,000 people were left homeless and the figure is expected to rise.

Very proud of [@IsraelMFA](#) , [@IsraelinSenegal](#) and [@MASHAVisrael](#) !! Food assistance for thousands for [#SierraLeoneMudSlide](#) already in places I [pic.twitter.com/xwd3xGTVzk](#)

— Emmanuel Nahshon (@EmmanuelNahshon) [August 15, 2017](#)

On Monday night Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu instructed the Foreign Ministry to send the aid to Freetown as soon as possible.

Sierra Leone's President Ernest Bai Koroma visited Israel in January, and at that time Netanyahu discussed with him the possibility of sending a delegation to support economic development. Addressing the media in Regent, one of the areas hit hardest by the flooding, Koroma fought back tears Tuesday as he said the devastation "was overwhelming us."

"Entire communities have been wiped out," Koroma said at the disaster site, where heavy rains streaming down the hill caused a landslide and engulfed homes three or four storeys high on Monday, many of them built illegally. "We need urgent support now," he added.

The Sierra Leone government has promised relief to the more than 3,000 people left homeless, opening an emergency response center in Regent and four registration centers.

The Red Cross said 600 people were still missing, though the Interior Minister put the number in the thousands.



People look on as floodwaters rage past a damaged building in an area of Freetown on August 14, 2017, after landslides struck the capital of the west African state of Sierra Leone. (AFP Photo/Saidu Bah)

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world, according to UN indicators.

Sierra Leone's military, police and Red Cross volunteers were deployed in an all-out effort to locate and rescue citizens trapped in their homes or under rubble.

The Red Cross said it was struggling to excavate families buried deep in the mud that engulfed their homes, though several bodies were pulled up by machines in Regent on Tuesday, according to an AFP journalist at the scene.

The Sierra Leone meteorological department did not issue any warning ahead of the torrential rains to hasten evacuation from the disaster zones, AFP's correspondent based in Freetown said.

The scale of the human cost of the floods

was only becoming clear on Monday afternoon, as images of battered corpses piled on top of each other circulated and residents spoke of their struggles to cope with the destruction and find their loved ones.

Freetown, an overcrowded coastal city of 1.2 million, is hit each year by flooding during several months of rain that destroys makeshift settlements and raises the risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-aid-arrives-in-sierra-leone-after-deadly-mudslides/>

Mossad chief to visit Washington to give security briefing on Syria

Mossad director Yossi Cohen will be part of a security delegation sent by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington to discuss the security situation in Syria and Lebanon.

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is sending a security delegation to the United States that will include Mossad director Yossi Cohen.

American news site Axios reports that the delegation will arrive in Washington later in the week and will meet with National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster, his deputy Dina Powell, US Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt and other senior officials. According to the report, the meetings will not deal with renewing negotiations with the Palestinians, but rather the security situation in Syria and Lebanon.



Mossad chief Yossi Cohen
(Photo: Alex Kolomoisky)

President Trump's son-in-law and close advisor Jared Kushner, together with Greenblatt, helped organize the visit.

The visit comes after Netanyahu [warned of Iran's expanding regional influence](#), particularly in Syria.

Following a briefing about security challenges facing Israel, Netanyahu said, "I'll give you a summary in one sentence—ISIS going out, Iran coming in. Simple. We're mostly talking about Syria.

"Our policy is clear: We firmly oppose to the military buildup of Iran and its proxies, primarily Hezbollah, in Syria. We will do whatever it takes to protect Israel's security," he stressed.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5003132,00.html>

Halamish terrorist's home razed as family members face charges

Clashes reportedly break out in Kobar as security forces demolish first floor of building used as al-Abed family home
By [Times of Israel staff](#) August 16, 2017, 8:09 am

Security forces demolished the family home of a Palestinian terrorist who killed three Israelis during a West Bank home invasion and stabbing attack last month, the Israeli military said Wednesday, as relatives faced charges for failing to stop the deadly assault.

Omar al-Abed, 19, killed three members of the Salomon family on July 21 after sneaking into the West Bank settlement of Halamish. The family had been about to celebrate the birth of a new grandson and let him in, thinking that he was the first guest to arrive.

Israeli forces entered the village of Kobar in the central West Bank early Wednesday and demolished the bottom floor of an apartment building that was the al-Abed family's home.

After the demolition, Michal Salomon, whose husband, Elad, was stabbed to death in the attack, said the measure was insufficient and called for harsher punishments for terrorists, including the death penalty.

"Their house can be rebuilt, my home has been destroyed forever," she said in a statement. "We need the death penalty so that these terrorists will not be able to build a new home, and if not the death penalty, then we need to seriously toughen their imprisonment conditions and withhold from them everything but the minimum, things like television or the possibility of education."

Coming less than a month after the Halamish terror attack, the accelerated home demolition was out of the ordinary. Home demolition orders generally take months to be carried out, as the families of terrorists often appeal the decision to the High Court of Justice. The court typically upholds the military demolition order, but the process delays its implementation by several months. **MORE** - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/home-of-halamish-terrorist-razed-as-family-members-face-charges/>

Likud limits party registration options in effort to stop New Likudniks

Party takes down online registration form and blocks options to join up via phone, email or fax as well, forcing activists to arrive in person to Likud offices; New Likudniks: 'We're not planning a coup, nor are we a fifth column. We are here to bring back the Likud's values of old.'

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party limited the registration to the movement on Monday in an effort to stop the mass registration of the "New Likudniks" faction, which currently has over 12,000 members.

"They want to take over the Likud in undemocratic manners," a party official said of the New Likudniks.

Last week, Netanyahu's supporters in the party said they intend to petition to the Likud court against the registration of the New Likudniks, claiming it was "unkosher" because the new members had no intention of voting for the party in the general elections.

Citizens who tried to join the party on Monday said access to the online form on the Likud's website has been blocked. After calling the party's headquarters to inquire about it, they were told there was no longer an option to register via the website, phone, email or fax.

The only way one can register for the party is by arriving in person and joining up at one of the party's offices or otherwise through a "central registrar" who gathers the registration forms of a group of activists and then hand-delivers them to the party headquarters.

Another party official claimed the move was not meant to push out the New Likudniks. "There are indications of improper use of the party website's registration form, so it was decided to temporarily stop online registration. Registration for the party using (physical) forms continues uninterrupted," he said.

The New Likudniks faction denied the accusations against them, saying, "We're not planning a coup, nor are we a fifth column. We are here to bring back the Likud's values of old: An exemplary society, ethicality and morality, fighting against corruption, the rule of law. These are the values that should lead the Likud movement. These are the principles that have led it since its glory days. Stopping registration is an inappropriate action, and we call on the Likud to once again allow the public to join up en masse." <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-5003390.00.html> **[These poor misguided youths must realize that there is no place for those principles in elected government any longer. – rdb]**

Israel set to become major exporter of medical cannabis

Inter-ministerial committee recently recommended the export of cannabis abroad; Public Security Minister Erdan opposes the committee's recommendations, warning that the country is unprepared to handle the ramifications of the export of this 'dangerous drug.'

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Israel will soon become a major exporter of medical cannabis and be one of the only nations in the world to officially export the plant to countries that approved it for medicinal use, all the while marijuana remains an illegal, controlled substance in Israel.

According to estimates, revenues from the export of Israeli cannabis could reach about NIS 1 billion a year.

A government committee appointed to examine the issue by Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon and Health Minister Yaakov Litzman has recently recommended to approve the export of medical cannabis.

Ministers Kahlon and Litzman made it clear in advance they intend to adopt the recommendations of the committee, which was headed by Finance Ministry Director-General Shai Babad and Health Ministry Director-General Moshe Bar Siman Tov.

Minister of Public Security Gilad Erdan, meanwhile, said Tuesday he is against exporting cannabis from Israel.

In a letter to Kahlon and Litzman, Erdan wrote he was "surprised" to see reports of the inter-ministerial committee's recommendation to allow exports under government supervision.

He expressed reservations about the economic gain from the cannabis market and asserted it does not justify "the damages that could be caused by Israel waving the flag of cannabis export."

Erdan also noted the timetables proposed by the Ministries of Finance and Health are unrealistic in regards to police preparations to issue export permits, adding "there is a great problem in promoting exports, certainly at this time, before examining the implications and finalizing the regulation of medical cannabis in Israel."

He then insisted the police will have to significantly increase its drug enforcement activities, including expanding the inspection system for workers and owners of cannabis greenhouses, increasing enforcement systems for local and international supervision, developing means for remote detection of illegal greenhouses, supervising the burning of confiscated cannabis, secured transportation to laboratories throughout the country, and an increase in the legal system's allotments for attorneys in drug cases.

He went on to argue it would be "irresponsible, unprofessional and unwise" to do so as long as the regulations are not finalized for growing the plant in a more limited capacity for the immediate needs of patients in Israel.

Erdan claimed promoting the export of cannabis abroad requires more strict and meticulous regulation. He noted that an examination of the cannabis markets in the Netherlands, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy and France shows most countries do not export medical cannabis, and those that do, do so under government supervision. **MORE** -<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5003120,00.html>

Ashdod hospital opens advanced operating theaters

By *JUDY SIEGEL* August 16, 2017 12:58

Ashdod's new Assuta public hospital enters running-in period.

The first operation at the new public hospital built by a private company – Ashdod's Assuta Medical Center – was performed this week. Now in its running-in period, the hospital is expected to carry out some 17,000 annually in surgical theaters specially built to reduce the prevalence of nosocomial (in-house) infections.

The government has not built and run a new public hospital on its own for many years, preferring for the first time to pay private interests to do so.

The Ashdod hospital, which was initially planned in a deal between the Finance and Health Ministry – and with much impetus from Ger hassidim who live in the city – to have private medical services (SHARAP) as well as public ones, received additional money from the Treasury so it would be only public. **A total of NIS 1 billion was invested in the hospital by the state and by Assuta, which is a private subsidiary owned by Maccabi Health Services.**

The operating rooms, which function on a protected underground floor, will can function even in emergency situations such as missiles and rockets from Gaza.

The large and spacious operating rooms were equipped with the most advanced multimedia systems, enabling doctors to receive in real time and throughout the surgery the patient's medical history, including imaging the results of tests performed in the past. In addition, the surgery could be used in real time for teaching, learning and specialization purposes, as Assuta Ashdod is a university hospital affiliated with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

The hospital will eventually have eight general surgical theaters, in addition to two operating rooms for eye surgery and two for cesarean sections in the obstetrics ward. **MORE** - <http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Ashdod-hospital-opens-advanced-operating-theaters-502568>

New immigrants to Israel feted as miracles, and a threat to Iran

233 US olim make their way to their ancestral homeland on a Nefesh B'Nefesh charter flight, among them 68 future IDF soldiers... and an ambassador's daughter

By *Elie Leshem* August 15, 2017, 7:01 pm

NEW YORK — They could easily have passed for Israelis: the clamorous crowd of several hundred Jews, many of them Orthodox, in a corner of the arrivals hall Monday, the teenagers in a frenzy to say their goodbyes, many singing or waving flags. The passengers on Nefesh B'Nefesh's charter flight of olim, or immigrants to Israel, were gearing up for takeoff at a farewell ceremony at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The dignitaries who addressed the 233-strong group, each sponsor and partner in the El Al flight eager to get a word in, emphasized its diversity — **many couples and singles, professionals in a variety of fields; 75 children, the youngest of whom was eight months old — and the miraculousness of their return to their ancestral homeland.**

"The entire spectrum of our nation is represented," said Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, who, along with businessman Tony Gelbart, founded Nefesh B'Nefesh in 2002 to circumvent Israel's byzantine bureaucracy and ease the integration — or, as Israelis call it, absorption — of American and British immigrants.

Fass hinted at that infamous red tape in his speech, saying the flight was a “miracle” not only in that it had brought together a diverse group of American Jews for a singular cause, but also in that the various Israeli sponsors of the flight were able to cooperate to achieve such an end. Those included the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Jewish National Fund-Keren Kayemet Le’Israel and the Jewish Agency.



A new immigrant to Israel blows a shofar after landing at Ben Gurion Airport on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 (Shahar Azran)

Another sponsor was the Israel Scouts’ Garin Tzabar, which provides a support system to young Jews who immigrate to serve in the Israel Defense Forces. In all, 68 lone-soldiers-to-be — 36 women and 32 men — were on board.

While most of the speakers shied away from politics, Israel’s consul-general in New York, **Dani Dayan, said the new immigrants represented “233 mortal blows to the delegitimization of Israel”** and would be a source of conversation far beyond the arrivals hall at JFK.

“They take notice of it in Tehran,” he said. “When Hezbollah threatens Israel, they know that you will defeat it.” Turning to the future soldiers in the crowd, he added, “You are the commanders of the Jewish people... My young friends, you are

about to join the first Jewish army in 2,000 years.”

One of those soldiers, 18-year-old Ron Yitzhak from Chicago, said he was eager to follow in the footsteps of his father and uncles and serve as a paratrooper in the IDF.

“Already at my bar mitzvah, I told my cousins that I would come to Israel and do the army,” he said, brushing aside any notion of concerns about risking his life to serve thousands of miles from home. “I’ll get along,” he said, beaming, in accentless, nonchalant Hebrew, and predicted that after his release, he would settle somewhere in the south of the country, preferably Eilat, “because I love the beach.”

From Kennedy to Ben Gurion

When the plane touched down at Ben Gurion Airport, the olim broke out in thunderous applause, as Israelis do, and then in song. Afterward, on the stairs leading down from the plane, one man stopped and blew a massive shofar, or ritual rams’ horn, while below the future IDF recruits huddled, whooping loudly, for group pictures.

Among those waiting on the tarmac was David Friedman, the American ambassador to Israel, who had turned out to greet his 23-year-old daughter, a nurse, who will reportedly be settling in Jerusalem.

“We’re so proud of our daughter Talia. She always wanted to live in Israel, and she’s realizing her dream,” [he told reporters](#) after warmly embracing her. “Our whole family is very proud of her. We’re here just to greet her and give her a hug and wish her *behatzlaha raba* [much success] here in Israel.”

He added, “We just want her to be happy. This is something she always wanted to do. She loves Israel. We all love Israel. Our whole family loves Israel. And this is her dream. We’re very proud of her.”

Nearby, one of El Al’s hangars had been appointed with hundreds of lawn chairs, refreshments ranging from Elite coffee to lemon popsicles and a live band playing a string of contemporary Israeli pop hits alongside more traditional tunes. There, the new arrivals were treated to a second round of speeches.

The most prominent politician on hand was Yair Lapid, who chairs the opposition Yesh Atid party. He spoke of his late father, a former minister in the Israeli government, who was an *oleh* to Israel 70 years ago, describing the move to the Jewish state as “a deep experience of the soul of the nation.”

“Israel welcomes you happily,” he said. “We need you because without you our family is incomplete. Welcome back. Welcome home.”

Natan Sharansky, the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, invoked recent events in the United States, drawing a parallel between the demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the weekend, during which neo-Nazi chanted “Jews will not replace us,” and the Dyke March in June in Chicago, where participants were barred from displaying Jewish symbols. “There are anti-Semites on the right and anti-Semites on the left,” he said. “Our best answer is what you’re doing: We continue to build together our home, the State of Israel.” **MORE - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/new-immigrants-to-israel-feted-as-miracles-and-a-threat-to-iran/>**

Court extends remand of top Islamic cleric by 2 days

Sheikh Raed Salah slams his arrest for incitement as a witch hunt aimed at diverting attention from Netanyahu investigations

By [Times of Israel staff](#) August 15, 2017, 5:15 pm

The Rishon LeZion Magistrate’s Court on Tuesday extended the remand of firebrand Muslim cleric Sheikh Raed Salah, arrested overnight Monday, for two more days.

Salah, from the Israeli city of Umm al-Fahm, was arrested on suspicion of incitement to violence and terror, as well as supporting and being active in a banned organization — the Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement, which he heads.

The judge reprimanded police for not disclosing all of the information that led to Salah's arrest.

Before the hearing, Salah dismissed his arrest was simply a tactic to divert attention from various corruption investigations into Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"What is happening today is a continuation of the persecution of the Arab public by the Israeli government," he said. "This is political persecution and an attempt to confuse the media so that they will pay attention to my arrest and ignore the accusations against the prime minister," he said.

Joint List lawmaker Masud Ganaim said the arrest was persecution against the religious leader and the people of Umm al-Fahm. "The police flexed their muscles, Rambo-style, early this morning, with their barbaric entrance to the home of a Palestinian public leader," he said. "This is part of the intimidation and incitement against our Palestinian people and against public symbols, as part of the persecution of the residents of Umm al-Fahm. Our people will not sit idly by in the face of this persecution."

Neighbors said large police forces arrived at the home in the Mahajaneh neighborhood of the city, searched the residence, and took Salah in for questioning.

In a statement, police said Tuesday morning that they had arrested for questioning under caution "a central instigator" of the Islamic Movement on suspicion of incitement to violence and terror, as well as supporting and being active in a banned organization. The statement was apparently referring to the Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement, which split from the main organization. **MORE** - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/court-extends-remand-of-top-islamic-cleric-by-2-days/>

Abbas sends greeting to North Korea's Kim Jong-un

In greeting for 'Liberation Day,' the Palestinian president wishes the North Korean dictator 'all health and happiness,' thanking him for the support Pyongyang shows Ramallah.

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As the United States and North Korea exchange threats of nuclear annihilation, Palestinian President Mohamoud Abbas sent the leader of the isolated nation a telegram congratulating him for "Liberation Day," when both North and South Korea celebrate their liberation from Japanese colonial rule.

In an official letter to Kim Jong-un, Abbas said the Korean people "sacrificed the most precious sacrifices for its freedom and honor" and expressed his appreciation to the support North Korea has shown the Palestinian people in their fight for freedom.

Abbas also expressed hope the "historical friendly relations between Palestine and North Korea and their two peoples will continue to develop and grow" and wished Kim "all health and happiness." [Obviously Abbas isn't too anxious for any 'peace negotiations' with this kind of activity and rhetoric. – rdb]

His greeting, published by the state-run Wafa news agency, made no mention of North Korea's nuclear threats or dispute with the US.

The Palestinian leader also sent a greeting to the President of South Korea, Moon Jae-in, for Liberation Day as well, wishing the country prosperity and stability.

He also expressed hope to strengthen bilateral ties between the Palestinian Authority and South Korea, and likewise expressed his appreciation of the country's contribution to the Palestinian economy and its support in building Palestinian institutions. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5003396,00.html>

Nikki Haley: Iran can't use nuclear deal to hold world hostage

US envoy to UN says 2015 agreement must not become 'too big to fail,' as Iranian president warns Tehran could bail if US keeps imposing sanctions

By Agencies August 16, 2017, 1:30 am

UNITED NATIONS — **US Ambassador Nikki Haley says Iran should not be allowed "to use the nuclear deal to hold the world hostage."** Haley commented Tuesday after Iranian President Hassan Rouhani warned that the landmark 2015 nuclear agreement with the US and five other world powers could fall apart. Rouhani said Tehran could quickly ramp up and advance its nuclear program if the US continues "threats and sanctions" against Iran.

Haley warned that "the nuclear deal must not become 'too big to fail.'" She added that "Iran, under no circumstances, can ever be allowed to have nuclear weapons."

Haley said Iran must be held responsible for launching missiles, supporting terrorism, disregarding human rights and violating UN Security Council resolutions.

She plans to visit the UN nuclear agency in Vienna next week.

Earlier Tuesday, Rouhani said Iran could abandon its the nuclear deal with world powers if the United States keeps on imposing new sanctions.

In a speech to parliament, he also hit out at US counterpart Donald Trump saying that he had shown the world that Washington was “not a good partner.”

Rouhani’s comments came with the nuclear deal under mounting pressure after Tehran carried out missile tests and strikes, and Washington imposed new sanctions — with each accusing the other of violating the spirit of the agreement. Rouhani warned that Iran was ready to walk out of the 2015 deal, which saw the lifting of most international sanctions in return for curbs on its nuclear program, if Washington persisted.

“Those who try to return to the language of threats and sanctions are prisoners of their past delusions,” he said in the televised address.

“If they want to go back to that experience, definitely in a short time — not weeks or months, but in the scale of hours and days — we will return to our previous situation very much more stronger.”

He said Iran did prefer to stick with the nuclear deal, which he called “a model of victory for peace and diplomacy over war and unilateralism” but that this was not the “only option.”

Rouhani said Trump had shown he was an unreliable partner not just for Iran but for US allies.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/nikki-haley-iran-cant-use-nuclear-deal-to-hold-world-hostage/> **[Iran should have been turned into a glass parking lot years ago. – rdb]**

Former IDF soldier stabbed to death over parking space in New York

Omri Dahan, 23, knifed in the chest during altercation; police catch 41-year-old suspect at airport as he waits to board flight to Haiti

By [Times of Israel staff](#) August 16, 2017, 10:04 am

A former IDF soldier was killed in a fight over a parking space in the New York borough of Brooklyn, police said.

Omri Dahan, 23, was stabbed to death during an altercation after his older brother returned home on Sunday night to find a man’s car blocking his driveway on E. 73rd Street, police said.

The brother honked his horn until the car owner, who was visiting a neighboring home, walked out. An altercation ensued during which both the older Dahan brother and the car owner, identified by police as 41-year-old Djems Jean-Paul, called on others for help.

According to a witness, the elder Dahan tried to hit Jean-Paul with a baby gate.

During the fight, Jean-Paul drew a knife and began swinging it, stabbing the elder Dahan in the arm and Omri in the chest. The older brother was hospitalized in stable condition, but Omri was pronounced dead at Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital a short time later. **MORE -** <http://www.timesofisrael.com/former-idf-soldier-stabbed-to-death-over-parking-space-in-new-york/>

Quaint U.S. town: Man named 'Hussein' tries to behead police officer with sword

Cops respond with firepower, kill attacker in city known for high refugee population

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A 46-year-old man identified as Hussein Hassan attacked a police officer in Kennewick, Washington, over the weekend with a large sword, striking at the officer’s head before he was shot and killed.

A spokesman for the police said two officers responded to a 9-1-1 call at 6:38 p.m. Sunday about a man walking down Olympia Street near 10th Avenue armed with a sword.

The two officers arrived on the scene at the same time in separate cars at about 6:40 p.m. One officer got out of his car to confront Hassan and police say the man started swinging the sword, striking the officer at least once in the head with the blade.

Both officers opened fire on the suspect and put him down.

The officer was treated and released from an area hospital after receiving 17 staples to close the head wound.

Almost 24 hours later, on Monday evening, police [identified the dead man as Hassan](#), but gave only scant details – his age and current city of residence.

The Tri-City Special Investigative Unit, or SIU, said it is continuing the investigation into the officer-involved shooting, which occurred near the Aspen Hills Apartment complex. **MORE -** <http://www.wnd.com/2017/08/quaint-u-s-town-man-named-hussein-tries-to-behead-police-officer-with-sword/> **[Do you suppose anyone can figure out this turkey’s motive so we can call it terror. – rdb]**

Amazon selling fake eclipse glasses

Offering refunds on products not safe to view space event

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(BUSINESS INSIDER) Amazon is pulling eclipse glasses listings and issuing refunds after sellers allegedly offered products that aren't safe.

As supplies of the glasses run short, some customers are turning to knockoffs that don't offer the protection from damage that the space event can cause. The real glasses have very dark lenses, designed for viewing the space event.

WND NOTE: See video of eclipse glasses approved for safe viewing of eclipse:
http://www.wnd.com/2017/08/amazon-selling-fake-eclipse-glasses/?cat_orig=diversions

'Anti-Trumper' accused of executing Republican neighbor

'That guy is a menace to society'

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A Pennsylvania man, who is a well-known critic of President Donald Trump, is now behind bars, accused of executing his Republican neighbor with two bullets to the head in a long-running "feud."

Clayton Carter, 51, allegedly fatally shot George Brooks Jennings, also 51, outside his home in West Chester in the early morning hours of August 8.



Clayton Carter is accused in the fatal shooting of his neighbor.

Carter, whose front lawn is filled with hand-painted anti-Trump signs, reportedly had a history of disputes with other neighbors, some of whom described him to police as "unpredictable."

Jennings was married and the father of a 9-year-old son. He was also a member of the Chester County Republican Committee.

The men "cursed" and argued on the night of the fatal shooting and police were called. The cops diffused the situation and left, only to be called back hours later after reports of another argument, this time over a spotlight.

Carter accused Jennings of shining a light into his eyes as he was returning home, and went inside to fetch a .380-caliber Ruger semi-automatic handgun. He then parked his car on Jennings' lawn with his lights on full beam, according to a criminal complaint obtained by Philly.com.

Another heated argument ensued and Carter shot Jennings in the head, knocking him to the ground

Carter then shot Jennings a second time in the head while standing over his body, according to police. Carter admitted shooting Jennings, but said he acted in self-defense after Jennings threatened him with a knife.

"My client is claiming self-defense and justification," Carter's attorney, Terrence Marlowe told the paper. "Mr. Jennings was tormenting him and attacked him with a knife."

Police did recover a knife at the scene, according to the complaint, but Carter had no injuries and did not call 9-1-1.

"That guy is a menace to society," said Steve Oliver, brother of Jennings' wife, Jill. **MORE -**
http://www.wnd.com/2017/08/anti-trumper-executes-republican-neighbor/?cat_orig=us

What is Civilization Jihad?

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/174076001>

It seems rather obvious to me that with all the current idiot rhubarb from the media and the left (perhaps that is redundant) that people might look up what words actually mean and not what kind of perverted twist they want to put on them. For instance:

na·tion·al·ist noun: **nationalist**; plural noun: **nationalists**

1. a person who advocates political independence for a country.

"a Scottish nationalist"

a person with strong patriotic feelings, especially one who believes in the superiority of their country over others.

Adjective **nationalist**

1. relating to nationalists or nationalism.

"a nationalist movement"

I would suggest that this country was built by and on the premise of nationalism. This ties in with the concept of American Exceptionalism which, up until the last occupier of the Whitehouse who continually made his tours of apologies to the world for the existence of this country, was considered a positive and a factual event. I still believe in the fact that this country WAS and could be Exceptional

however it would appear that a substantial portion of our population bought into the disgusting and pathetic concepts of the last occupier of the Whitehouse. They don't share the pride of over 200 years of extraordinary advances that this country made. They forget that were it not for this country and their pride in what our founding fathers created, we would all probably be speaking German or Japanese now. The liberal nitwits many of whom are in our educational systems have brainwashed the youth to think we need to continually apologize for our history and to literally 'woe' the issue that we have a country based upon our extraordinary history and abilities. Perhaps if those who don't think being nationalistic and having pride in their country is good or that other countries are better than ours, then they should find another country to inhabit where they can be proud, however I think most of the left have such perverted perceptions that no country would be acceptable for them. When they finally get their socialistic ideal they will find that it simply doesn't work, is not economically feasible, nor will it fit their disturbed ideology.

Nationalism is what allowed the US to win every one of its wars including the war against Germany and Japan. Why is this an issue? It is because the left and the globalist groups don't want any nationalism or individual country pride because it hinders their ability to bring all the diverse nations of the world under their centralized control. Nationalism is the antithesis of globalism and we have a media and enormous group (read that the cadre of Soros) that want to remove individual sovereignty from the nations of the world. That is why the left began having absolute cataplexy with Trump because he believes in American Exceptionalism and the independent sovereignty of our great nation. That was the theme of his very first speech. Nationalism is not a negative trait. Words have meanings and it is time for our so called MSM and leftist nitwits to learn what the meanings of words are.

As a little addendum I am also a white man and very proud of that as well. I am not a slave holder but I am told that my great grandfather did buy slaves to send to the Civil war and fight for the Yankees so his sons would not have to serve. Am I responsible for what he did? No. Do I think it is wrong Yes but that is simply a fact of history that can't be erased. Therefore I suppose that makes me a white nationalist, one who doesn't believe in destroying history or catering to snowflakes looking for safe places. They need to put on their big boy pants and grow up. All you have to do to see what happens when you destroy history is look at what the islamics are trying to do to Israel.

If this country really wants to get to the point that was striven for by MLK there will no longer be White Americans (or nationalists) nor 'black or African' Americans (or nationalists) or Hispanic or Mexican Americans (or nationalists) there will simply be Americans with no prefix or suffix. It will then be a color blind society. Unfortunately the left and particularly the previous occupier of the Whitehouse did everything he could to emphasize our differences instead of our American identity, but unfortunately that was by design of those on the left who chose to destroy the land we live in. – rdb]

Eric Holder eviscerated for Trump-Charlottesville rant

Social media reminds ex-AG of 'workplace violence' at Fort Hood

Published: 7 hours ago [Alicia Powe](#)

WASHINGTON – Former Attorney General Eric Holder slammed President Trump for not immediately labeling the incident in Charlottesville, Virginia, in which a suspect rammed a car into a crowd of counter-protesters an act of “domestic terrorism.”

But Holder now is being accused of hypocrisy for insisting a few years ago that a jihadist's attack at Fort Hood, Texas, was “workplace violence.”

“If ISIS rammed a car into a crowd this would be labeled quickly & logically. Charlottesville – call it what it is, domestic terrorist,” Holder tweeted Saturday night.

If ISIS rammed a car into a crowd this would be labeled quickly & logically. Charlottesville – call it what it is, domestic terrorism.

— Eric Holder (@EricHolder) [August 13, 2017](#)

But while he was at the Department of Justice, his tune was different for acts of violence committed by Muslim jihadists. **MORE - <http://www.wnd.com/2017/08/eric-holder-eviscerated-for-trump-charlottesville-rant/> [Typical leftist hypocrisy garbage. Holder was probably one of the worst AG's this country ever had. Totally biased and his actions were absolutely stilted to the PC Left. – rdb]**

Commentaries:

If We Erase Our History, Who Are We?

[Pat Buchanan](#) Posted: Aug 15, 2017 12:01 AM

When the Dodge Charger of 20-year-old Nazi sympathizer James Alex Fields Jr., plunged into that crowd of protesters Saturday, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer, Fields put Charlottesville on the map of modernity alongside Ferguson. Before Fields ran down the protesters, and then backed up, running down more, what was happening seemed but a bloody brawl between extremists on both sides of the issue of whether Robert E. Lee's statue should be removed from Emancipation Park, formerly Lee Park.

With Heyer's death, the brawl was elevated to a moral issue. And President Donald Trump's initial failure to denounce the neo-Nazi and Klan presence was declared a moral failure.

How did we get here, and where are we going?

In June of 2015, 21-year-old Dylann Roof gunned down nine Christians at an evening Bible study in Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. A review of Roof's selfies and website showed him posing with the Confederate battle flag.

Gov. Nikki Haley, five years in office, instantly pivoted and called for removal of the battle flag from the Confederate war memorial on the State House grounds, as a "deeply offensive symbol of a brutally offensive past."

This ignited a national clamor to purge all statues that lionize Confederate soldiers and statesmen.

In Maryland, demands have come for removing statues and busts of Chief Justice Roger Taney, the author of the Dred Scott decision. Statues of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, President Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee have been pulled down in New Orleans.

After Charlottesville, pressure is building for removal of the statues of Lee, Jackson, Davis and Gen. "Jeb" Stuart from historic Monument Avenue in Richmond, capital of the Confederacy.

Many Southern towns, including Alexandria, Virginia, have statues of Confederate soldiers looking to the South. Shall we pull them all down? And once all the Southern Civil War monuments are gone, should we go after the statues of the slave owners whom we Americans have heroized?

Gen. George Washington and his subordinate, "Light Horse Harry" Lee, father of Robert E. Lee, were slave owners, as was Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe and Andrew Jackson. Five of our first seven presidents owned slaves, as did James K. Polk, who invaded and annexed the northern half of Mexico, including California.

Jefferson, with his exploitation of Sally Hemings and neglect of their children, presents a particular problem. While he wrote in the Declaration of Independence of his belief that "all men are created equal," his life and his depiction of Indians in that document belie this.

And Jefferson is both on the face of Mount Rushmore and has a memorial in the U.S. capital.

Another term applied to the "Unite the Right" gathering in Charlottesville is that they are "white supremacists," a mortal sin to modernity. But here we encounter an even greater problem.

Looking back over the history of a Western Civilization, which we call great, were not the explorers who came out of Spain, Portugal, France, Holland and England all white supremacists?

They conquered in the name of the mother countries all the lands they discovered, imposed their rule upon the indigenous peoples, and vanquished and eradicated the native-born who stood in their way.

Who, during the centuries-long discovery and conquest of the New World, really believed that the lives of the indigenous peoples were of equal worth with those of the colonizers?

They believed European Man had the right to rule the world.

Beginning in the 16th century, Western imperialists ruled much of what was called the civilized world. Was not the British Empire, one of the great civilizing forces in human history, a manifestation of British racial superiority?

And if being a segregationist disqualifies one from being venerated in our brave new world, what do we do with Woodrow Wilson, who thought "Birth of a Nation" a splendid film and who re-segregated the U.S. government?

In 1955, Prime Minister Churchill, imperialist to the core, urged his Cabinet to consider the slogan, "Keep England White." [So how PC was that? – rdb]

Nor is a belief in the superiority of one's race, religion, tribe and culture unique to the West. What is unique, what is an experiment without precedent, is what we are about today.

We have condemned and renounced the scarlet sins of the men who made America and embraced diversity, inclusivity and equality.

Our new America is to be a land where all races, tribes, creeds and cultures congregate, all are treated equally, and all move ever closer to an equality of results through the regular redistribution of opportunity, wealth and power.

We are going to become "the first universal nation."

"All men are created equal" is an ideological statement. Where is the scientific or historic proof for it? Are we building our utopia on a sandpile of ideology and hope?

Nevertheless, on to Richmond!

<https://townhall.com/columnists/patbuchanan/2017/08/15/if-we-erase-our-history-who-are-we-n2368654>

[History is there as a learning tool. Edmund Burke (1729-1797) statement, "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it" If you destroy your history, including your statues etc, you will never learn from it but then of course it appears that this group doesn't want to learn anything. – rdb]

The Real Lessons from Charlottesville

by [Ruthie Blum](#) August 15, 2017 at 4:00 am

A day before the car-ramming attack in Charlottesville, Virginia -- which left 32-year-old Heather Heyer dead and 19 others wounded -- the White House announced that it would be [dispatching](#) President Donald Trump's son-in-law and special adviser, Jared Kushner, Special Adviser on International Affairs Jason Greenblatt, and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategy Dina Powell to the Middle East for the second time since June.

The stated purpose of their trip, the scheduled date of which has yet to be disclosed, is to revive the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA). Justifiably, the Trump administration's declaration that it would resume efforts to broker negotiations between Jerusalem and Ramallah was drowned out by the events in Charlottesville.

The act of domestic terrorism, committed by 20-year-old James Alex Fields Jr. of Ohio, mimicked a choice method employed by Palestinian organizations Hamas and Fatah in Israel, and ISIS in Europe. The car-ramming so horrified the American public that it instantly became the key issue of the day, with candlelight vigils and memorials held across the country -- indicating mass consensus that such abhorrent behavior is anathema to American values and will not be tolerated.

The otherwise universal condemnation of the Charlottesville clashes between the "Alt-Right" and extreme "Antifa" (short for anti-Fascist) movements -- sparked by the city's decision to remove a [statue](#) of Civil War Confederate General Robert. E. Lee from Emancipation Park -- has, however, been clouded in two points of controversy.

One involves the fact that, while dubbed "Unite the Right," the protest was actually a gathering of neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and other racists, xenophobes and anti-Semites -- most, it turned out, imported from [out-of-state](#).

Although the sight of their angry faces and banners was reminiscent of the Old South, it was being attributed to the current climate, ostensibly created by the Republican Party, conservatives in general, and Trump in particular.

The other controversy surrounds the [wording](#) of Trump's denunciation of the "many sides" of the violence.

Conservatives promptly dissociated themselves from the Charlottesville bullies, but simultaneously took Trump to task for not exhibiting the same moral outrage towards the white supremacists that he expresses against "radical Islamic terrorism."

On the Left, columnists went even further, blaming not only Trump but the United States itself for the climate that led to the events in Virginia.

In Politico, for example, Joshua Zeitz argued that "[What Happened in Charlottesville Is All Too American](#)."

To put things in perspective, however, conservative (and Jewish) political commentator Ben Shapiro -- whose own criticism of Trump has turned him into a target of anti-Semitic vilification on the web -- explained that the "Alt-Right" is neither "conservative" nor particularly widespread in America, in spite of its trying to create the impression that it is growing exponentially.

"They fill up comments sections at sites like Breitbart, and they email spam, and they prank call people, and they live on 4chan boards, but the vast majority of alt-right anti-Semitic tweets came from [just 1,600 accounts](#)," Shapiro wrote, citing Anti-Defamation League (ADL) statistics.

In a separate report, the ADL listed examples of events held by white supremacists to mobilize and spread a culture of hatred, yet referred to them as a "fringe movement."

This is not simply due to their relatively infinitesimal numbers in the United States, but to American culture as a whole, which is overwhelmingly liberal.

Well before college, children in the U.S. are treated to heavy doses of progressive ideas in their [schools](#) and on [television](#). It is not racism and xenophobia with which they have been bombarded, particularly in the last decade, but rather with "identity politics." American kids are taught to respect people of different ethnic backgrounds, religious affinities, gender identities and sexual preferences -- as long as those meet "victimhood" criteria.

They are told that "white privilege" is an evil to be eradicated. In this context, "white" is a misnomer, of course, because Jews and Asians who excel in school are included in the derogatory category. Still, the principle is understood, and it both emanates from and is disseminated by left-wing groups.

It therefore beggars belief that the most vocal supporters of the Palestinian Authority -- an entity whose leadership purposely fosters a culture of hatred, racism, gender-abuse and anti-Semitism -- hail from those same groups.

On August 13, a day after the Charlottesville travesty, convicted Palestinian terrorist [Rasmea Odeh](#) was [honored](#) in Chicago. Odeh, who in 1969 placed a bomb in a Jerusalem supermarket, killing two innocent people and wounding nine, and days later carried out an attack on the British Consulate, was released from Israeli prison as part of a prisoner swap in

1980. In March 2017, she was convicted in the United States of immigration fraud, for lying about her past to U.S. authorities. A plea deal, however, is enabling her to travel to Jordan, without serving any time behind bars.

Odeh emerged as a hero of many Americans. She led the anti-Trump [Women's March on Washington](#) and served as a key figure in the March 8, 2017 "[Global Women's Strike](#)."

She is also celebrated in the Palestinian Authority, an entity whose leadership fosters a culture of hate against [Jews](#), Christians and the [West](#) in general. As has been extensively documented by [Palestinian Media Watch](#), PA [schools](#) and [summer camps educate children](#) to believe not only that that murdering on behalf of the "liberation of Palestine" -- and in the [name of Allah](#) -- is honorable, but worthy of glorification. PA [imams](#) preach jihad. PA [sports](#) arenas and tournaments are named after "martyred" terrorists, all of whose families receive a monthly [salary](#) of more than \$3,000 per month for life, courtesy of the American taxpayer -- a beneficence that led this month to the [Taylor Force Act](#), approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to stop incentivizing PA murder by stopping the payments for it.

Although Hamas, the terrorist organization that rules the Gaza Strip, is shunned by U.S. negotiators, Fatah, the party headed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, is considered a potential partner for peace with Israel. Official Fatah [social media pages](#), however, openly laud and encourage "lone wolves" to arm themselves with knives and vehicles with which to slaughter Israelis whenever and wherever possible.

Trump has [expressed "confidence"](#) that a deal can be reached, and is sending his team to the region again for yet another try at bringing both sides of the conflict to the table.

Kushner, however, [told](#) a group of congressional interns that "there may be no solution" to the conflict. Short of wiping Israel off the map, which the PA does in every [cartographic depiction](#) of the "state of Palestine," there certainly will be no solution in the foreseeable future.

Nevertheless, many Americans continue to repeat what Abbas regularly feeds the international community: that the "Israeli occupation" is at the root of Palestinian terrorism. For internal consumption, however, Abbas has made it clear, in word and deed, that Israel's very [establishment](#) in 1948 is what all Arabs should consider the real "catastrophe." This is why he laughably announced that he would [sue the UK for the Balfour Declaration](#), a letter sent 100 years ago to the head of the Jewish community in Britain expressing support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The majority of the Arab citizens of the Jewish state, who make up one-fifth of its population, not only know that Abbas totally distorts history to keep a stranglehold on his people and maintain status at the United Nations, but enjoy full rights as equal members of Israeli society. They have political parties and seats in the Knesset, hold seats on the Supreme Court, and are among the country's prominent academics, doctors, lawyers and other professionals. Israel is a liberal democracy, after all.

In America, two liberal organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Rutherford Institute, [defended](#) the "constitutional and civil right" of the neo-Nazis and white supremacists to hold their rally in Charlottesville.

When the free speech turned into illegal riots, however, the ACLU of Virginia [stated](#):

"What happened... had nothing to do with free speech. It devolved into conduct against individuals motivated by hate that was initially thuggish, and ultimately, deliberately murderous. There will be a time to investigate, assign responsibility, and seek accountability, and we will be a voice in that process. For now, we decry white nationalism, reject hatred, and weep."

Abbas and his henchmen in the PA, in contrast, do not allow freedom of expression. They do not "weep" over the "thuggish" and "deliberately murderous" conduct of their populace; instead, they champion and fund it. A Palestinian who uses his car as a deadly weapon is viewed by his peers and rulers as a hero. Physical violence is officially sanctioned and rewarded. An American who commits violence is demonized by everyone other than a handful of hard-core bigots.

Still, many in the U.S. consider America to be a racist country and the Palestinians worthy of stalwart support. This is the true meaning of what George Orwell called "[doublethink](#)" -- the "power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them."

On the eve of team Trump's imminent visit to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, let us hope that Washington is not becoming similarly afflicted. <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/10833/charlottesville-lessons> **[Blum is a regular contributor and managing editor of the Algemeiner Journal and contributor to the Jerusalem Post- rdb]**

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Officials: North Korea can produce its own missile engines

U.S. intelligence officials say North Korea does not need to rely on imports to produce missile engines.

Arutz Sheva Staff, 16/08/17 04:08

North Korea likely has the ability to produce its own missile engines and intelligence suggests it does not need to rely on imports, U.S. intelligence officials said on Tuesday, according to the *Reuters* news agency.

The assessment disputes a new study by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies that said that the engines for a nuclear missile North Korea is developing to hit the United States likely were made in factories in Ukraine or Russia and probably obtained via black market networks.

The *New York Times*, which cited the study on Monday, said that classified assessments by U.S. intelligence agencies mirrored the finding of the international institute.

"We have intelligence to suggest that North Korea is not reliant on imports of engines," one U.S. intelligence official told *Reuters* on Tuesday. "Instead, we judge they have the ability to produce the engines themselves."

The U.S. officials did not disclose any details of what underpinned the assessment on the high-performance liquid-fueled engines, called RD-250's.

Ukraine has denied that it had ever supplied defense technology to North Korea, noted *Reuters*.

Another U.S. intelligence official told the news agency that the modifications to the RD-250 that resulted in improved reliability may have relied in part on foreign scientists recruited by North Korea or been developed by North Koreans educated in Russia or elsewhere.

The IISS study, which coincides with tensions between Washington and Pyongyang over North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, said the engines probably came from the Ukrainian Yuzhmash plant, which Ukraine says has not produced military-grade ballistic missiles since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

The study based its conclusions mainly on photographs published by North Korea of missile engines that it ground-tested in September and March and flight-tested on Hwasong-12 and Hwasong-14 missiles in May and July.

By comparing the engines in the photographs to others, it found that they likely were modified versions of the RD-250 produced by Yuzhmash and accounted for sudden successes in North Korean missile tests following a slew of failures.

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Abbas outlines conditions for peace talks

PA chairman ready to resume negotiations on the basis of two-state principle and determination that "settlements" are illegal.

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Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday once again outlined his conditions for negotiations with Israel. **Speaking with members of his Fatah movement, Abbas said the PA is prepared to return to the negotiating table on the basis of the two-state solution, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the determination that "settlements" on all Palestinian land are illegal.**

He reiterated that the issue of prisoners is a top priority and that the PA will continue to support the prisoners until they are all released from Israeli prisons. [These are all non-starters so you might just as well exile the turkey and call off the process. Give them the option of living under Israel peacefully or leaving the Land for Jordan or elsewhere. – rdb]

"We adhere to a peaceful popular struggle because we are aware of what the occupation wants, and we adhere to our policy while coordinating with our people in Al-Quds, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and wherever our people are," said Abbas. **[There is nothing peaceful about his incitement to the people and the murdering of Jews. – rdb]**

The PA chairman has repeatedly rejected calls by Israel to sit down for direct negotiations, choosing instead **to impose preconditions** on such talks.

His comments come ahead of a visit to the region by U.S. President Donald Trump's senior advisor, Jared Kushner, **meant to advance the peace process.**

In **his remarks on Tuesday, Abbas also discussed the ongoing tensions with Hamas, and rejected claims that the PA had taken punitive measures against Gaza.** These steps, he explained, are meant to send a clear signal to the leadership of Hamas that it must abandon its policy, and in particular the Gaza Strip Executive Committee, which functions as an independent government.

Abbas stressed that the PA is serious about its policy and is ready to take additional steps if Hamas did not comply with its call for national unity. **MORE -** <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/233979>

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