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2Samuel 7:<sup>8</sup>And now, so you shall say to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah of Hosts, I have taken you from the resting place, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will designate a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and not be made to tremble any more. Nor shall the sons of evil afflict them again, as at the first, <sup>11</sup>even from the day I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. And Jehovah declares to you that Jehovah will make you a house.

## Facebook post leads cops to nab Palestinian suspected of planning attack

Police say suspect wrote 'farewell to the world,' said he would 'knock on heaven's door with Jewish skulls'

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 1:32 pm

## **Border Police officers arrested a Palestinian man suspected of planning a terror attack on Tuesday morning after he posted an apparent suicide message on Facebook, police said.**

The man, identified by Palestinian media as Abd al-Rahman al-Jalis, was picked up in the Jalazoun refugee camp where he lives in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

**“A post on social media, in which he made farewells to the world, raised the suspicion that the Palestinian... was going out carry out a terror attack** in the Judea and Samaria region,” police said in a statement, using the Hebrew name for the West Bank.

**A spokesperson for the Border Police said he could not comment on whether al-Jalis, who is in his 30s, was in possession of a weapon at the time of his arrest.**

On a Facebook account with the same name and basic information as al-Jalis, a post was published on Saturday night in Arabic, reading: “Don’t bring flowers to my grave, the dead can’t smell.”

**A day later, there was another, misspelled post in which he said he “will certainly knock on heaven’s door with Jewish skulls someday.”**

Al-Jalis was apparently aware of the attention his posts could bring him. Just after midnight, he wrote that he had not meant that he was planning to carry out an attack and that his posts were written out of grief for his cousin who died.

“Please don’t share [them] and help the occupation, like some ignorant folks have done,” he wrote.

Police said after his arrest that al-Jalis was questioned by the Shin Bet security service.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/facebook-post-leads-cops-to-nab-palestinian-suspected-of-planning-attack/>

## **PM to Russian defense minister: Israel won’t allow Iranian presence in Syria**

*In meeting with Sergei Shoigu, Netanyahu repeats warning that Tehran is on track to get a nuke in the next decade*

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 2:10 pm

Prime **Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Russian defense chief Sergei Shoigu on Tuesday that Israel will not tolerate the presence of Iran on its borders, his office** said. Netanyahu also repeated his view that without a renegotiation of the Iran nuclear deal, the Islamic Republic would be in possession of an atomic weapon within the next decade.

Shoigu arrived in Israel on Monday for his first official visit.

“Iran needs to understand that Israel will not allow it” to militarily entrench itself in Syria, Netanyahu said during the meeting.

Shoigu’s Israeli counterpart, Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman, was also present at the meeting.

**On his first day, Shoigu met separately with Liberman, who was joined by members of the IDF General Staff and officials from the Defense Ministry.**

Liberman also raised Iran’s growing presence in Syria, as well as its proxies’.

“We will not get involved in internal matters in Syria,” Liberman told the Russian defense minister on Monday, “but, on the other hand, we will not allow Iran and Hezbollah to turn Syrian territory into a forward operating base against Israel.”

Liberman told Shoigu that Israel is “operating responsibly and with determination” in Syria. “We will not allow the transfer of advanced weaponry by Iran through Syria to Lebanon,” he added.

**Israel attributed great importance to Shoigu’s visit, his first since entering his position in 2012, and the first visit by a Russian defense minister to the Jewish state in many years.**

“I am very glad to see the Russian defense minister in the State of Israel. This is the first visit, and the first visit of a defense minister has exceptional importance,” Liberman said. “We greatly appreciate our relations with Russia,” he said. “We don’t always agree, but we always speak directly and openly. We believe that the moment there’s open dialogue, you can overcome all problems.”

Shoigu’s trip got off to a rocky start, coming hours after the IDF bombed an anti-aircraft battery belonging to Russia’s ally Syria after it had earlier fired an interceptor missile at an Israeli plane. **MORE -**

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## **Netanyahu warns Syria Israel prepared to strike ‘as needed’**

*Following IAF strike on Syrian anti-aircraft battery and threats of retaliation from Damascus, PM says ‘anyone who tries to hurt us, we will hurt them’*

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) and [Dov Lieber](#) 16 October 2017, 7:45 pm [1](#)

**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday warned Syria that Israel would continue to carry out airstrikes “as needed” after the Israeli Air Force destroyed a Syrian anti-aircraft battery in response to the firing of an interceptor missile at Israeli reconnaissance planes.**

**“Our policy is clear: Anyone who tries to hurt us, we will hurt them,” he said in a statement. “Today, they tried to hit our planes — this is not acceptable.”**

**“The air force acted with precision, swiftness and destroyed what needed to be destroyed,”** Netanyahu added. “We will continue to act in the arena as much as needed to defend Israel’s security.”

On Monday morning, the Syrian air defense battery fired an interceptor missile at Israeli reconnaissance planes. In response, a second IAF sortie, reportedly made up of F-16 fighter jets, attacked the SA-5 missile defense system that launched the interceptor, some 50 kilometers (31 miles) east of the Syrian capital of Damascus.

**Following the airstrike, the Syrian military warned Israel of “dangerous consequences for its repeated attempts of aggression,”** in a statement published in official state media.

The Syrian military claimed the IAF aircraft entered its airspace, prompting the anti-aircraft attack. **But IDF spokesperson Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus said, both initially and in response to the Syrian assertion, that the reconnaissance planes “were in the skies over Lebanon, and not in Syria.”**

According to the Syrians, the planes were flying near the Lebanese city of Baalbek, which is located near the Syrian border, approximately 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of Damascus.

The IDF would not confirm where the reconnaissance aircraft were flying when they were targeted. Conricus said the reconnaissance planes were not struck by the interceptor missile, but the Syrian military claimed one Israeli plane was “directly hit” and “forced to flee.”

**In response to the anti-aircraft missile, the IAF sent out a second sortie, which targeted the anti-aircraft system and “incapacitated” the offending SA-5 battery,** the IDF said.

The SA-5, also known as the S-200, is a Russian-designed anti-aircraft system that has been in use since the late 1960s.

**According to the Syrian statement, the anti-aircraft battery targeted the Israeli planes at 8:51 a.m., and the IAF retaliated approximately three hours later — which basically matched the timeline described by the Israeli military.**

The Syrian military said the Israeli strike caused “material damage” to the battery, but did not report any casualties.

**The exchange of fire was out of the ordinary for a number of reasons, notably that the Syrian military launched its interceptor missile not in response to an Israeli airstrike, but to a more mundane reconnaissance mission,** and that the IDF did not retaliate immediately, but waited several hours before bombing the Syrian battery.

Analysts ascribed the former to Syrian dictator Bashar Assad’s battlefield successes, which may have prompted him to take a more aggressive approach toward Israel.

The delay in Israeli response, meanwhile, was seen as coming from the impending visit of Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, who is due to arrive in Israel on Monday afternoon.

The Russian military is allied with Assad and operates extensively in the war-torn country, and so an airstrike against Syrian forces hours before Shoigu lands in Tel Aviv would likely require a more serious consideration and approval process.

**According to Conricus, the Russians were notified of the Israeli airstrike on the SA-5 battery “in real-time.”**

The spokesperson said that when Shoigu arrives in Tel Aviv, “he will get a full briefing on the matter.” Conricus acknowledged the sensitivity of the timing of the incident and the potential for it to cause tension during Shoigu’s visit, but said the military was “confident it won’t influence anything else.”

“This was obviously not a pre-planned event,” he added. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-warns-syria-israel-prepared-to-strike-as-needed/>

## **Syria warns of 'serious repercussions' following Israeli airstrike**

By [Anna Ahronheim](#) October 16, 2017 17:39

### **Israeli jets destroyed Assad regime SA-5 anti-aircraft battery after it fired on Israeli reconnaissance planes.**

4 minute read.

An Israeli Air Force F-35 fighter jet flies during an aerial demonstration at a graduation ceremony for Israeli airforce pilots at the Hatzerim air base in southern Israel December 29, 2016.. (photo credit:REUTERS/AMIR COHEN)

The Syrian Army has warned of “dangerous consequences” [following an air strike by Israel on a regime SA-5 anti-aircraft battery east of Damascus](#), after it fired a surface-to-air missile at Israeli jets.

Syria’s SANA state news agency reported that the Assad regime “warned of the dangerous repercussions of

Israel's repeated aggression attempts, stressing Syria's determination to continue its war against the terrorist groups, Israel's arm in the region."

**According to SANA, the Syrian air defense "directly hit one of the jets, forcing the enemy to retreat," contradicting Israeli military claims that all planes had returned safely from the operation.**

The SA-5 missile battery, which was stationed some 50 kilometers east of the Syrian capital, fired at the Israeli jets which were on a routine aerial reconnaissance flight in Lebanese airspace, IDF spokesman Brig.-Gen. Ronen Manelis stated.

Israel believes that the Syrians fired at the Israeli jets at 10 a.m. Monday after thinking that they intended to attack.

**All Israeli aircraft returned safely to base and a few hours later responded by launching four missiles** toward the same battery, destroying it

We see the Syrian regime as responsible and see these missiles as a clear Syrian provocation, and it will not be accepted," Manelis stated, adding that while Israel has no intention to enter into the civil war in Syria, Israel will react to all provocations and is prepared for the possibility of retaliation.

"If anti-aircraft fire is being carried out for any military activity, we will respond as we did now," he said on a call with journalists, adding that Russia was updated about the incident in real time and that it would be brought up during the visit of Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, who landed in Israel hours after the attack.

Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman met privately with Shoigu at the Kirya military headquarters in Tel Aviv on Monday evening before being joined by IDF Chief of Staff Lt.- Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, Military Intelligence chief Maj.-Gen. **MORE** - <http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Syria-warns-of-serious-repercussions-following-Israeli-airstrike-507573>

## **Netanyahu tells Iranian foreign minister to quit Twitter**

*Responding to Zarif's post in support of Revolutionary Guard, PM says ordinary Iranians aren't proud of a group that murders innocent people*

By [Raphael Ahren](#) 16 October 2017, 11:25 pm 0

**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday called on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to shut down his Twitter account.**

**In a video message posted to his own social media accounts, Netanyahu attacked Zarif for having tweeted on Saturday that all Iranians, including women and children, support the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. A branch of the Iranian army, the IRGC was in the news lately** as the US administration leveled additional sanctions against its officials and threatened to declare it a foreign terrorist organization.

"I hope you're sitting down, because this one's a whopper," Netanyahu said at the beginning of the short clip, before citing Zarif's tweet.

Today, Iranians—boys, girls, men, women—are ALL IRGC; standing firm with those who defend us & the region against aggression & terror.

— Javad Zarif (@JZarif) [October 14, 2017](#)

**"I'd love to know what the Iranian people think of that tweet," Netanyahu said. "Sadly, the regime bans them from using Twitter. Ironic, don't you think?"**

My message to Iran's foreign minister: Delete your account [pic.twitter.com/i0Ca57uc4u](http://pic.twitter.com/i0Ca57uc4u)

— PM of Israel (@IsraeliPM) [October 16, 2017](#)

**"Apparently I have a higher opinion of the Iranian people than their leaders. See, I'm sure that ordinary Iranians aren't proud when the Revolutionary Guard murders innocent men and women around the globe. I'm sure that ordinary Iranian mothers and fathers wouldn't have blown up a Jewish community center in Argentina filled with little children. Because that's what the Revolutionary Guard did."**

Netanyahu was referring to the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, which killed 85 people.

"Iran initiated, planned and carried out these horrible attacks through its proxy, Hezbollah" Netanyahu said during a [ceremony at the site of the bombing last month](#). Top IRGC leaders, such as former defense minister Ahmad Vahidi, were also involved in the attack.

**"I am sure that ordinary Iranians want to live in peace and don't want their government to shoot students in the streets, hang gays from cranes, torture journalists in prison,"** Netanyahu said in the video, posted on Monday.

"One day the Iranian people will be free. Free to tweet, free to express how they felt when their dictators compared them to the Iranian version of ISIS. So I have a simple message for Iran's foreign minister: Delete. Your. Account."

Zarif's controversial tweet garnered more than 5,000 "Likes" and was retweeted nearly 900 times. Almost 2,000 Twitter users responded to the post, including many Iranians opposed to the regime and the IRGC.



No, I'm not.

— Amin Anvary (@AminAnvary) [October 14, 2017](#)

Your hands are drenched in the blood of millions across the region. #Iranians hate the #IRGC & you represent none of the Iranian people. [pic.twitter.com/OAGG7P4doU](https://pic.twitter.com/OAGG7P4doU)

— heshmat alavi (@HeshmatAlavi) [October 14, 2017](#)

The replies to this tweet by Iran's foreign minister helpfully explain why his regime bans Twitter for its citizens: [pic.twitter.com/zsSxdY9iU2](https://pic.twitter.com/zsSxdY9iU2)

— ((Yair Rosenberg))) (@Yair\_Rosenberg) [October 16, 2017](#)

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## Labor head says he won't evacuate settlements under peace deal

*Avi Gabbay: Idea that West Bank homes would need to be uprooted in accord with Palestinians is 'not correct'*

By [Alexander Fulbright](#) 16 October 2017, 9:25 pm [2](#)

**Labor party head Avi Gabbay said he would not evacuate West Bank settlements as part of a peace deal with the Palestinians**, in remarks that represent a dramatic break from the historical stance of the dovish party. **“I won't evacuate settlements in the framework of a peace deal,” said Gabbay, in a preview broadcast Monday of an interview with Channel 2 set to air in full Tuesday. “If you are making peace, why do you need to evacuate?”**

Elaborating on his comments, Gabbay said the notion any peace deal would by necessity require the evacuation of settlements is mistaken. “I think the dynamic and terminology that have become commonplace here, that ‘if you make peace — evacuate,’ is not in fact correct,” he said. “If you make a peace deal, it is possible to find solutions that don't require evacuating.”

**Asked how this position differed from that of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has vowed he will not uproot any settlements, Gabbay said, “There is a huge gap between those who at least want to get there [to a peace deal] and those who don't want to get there.”**

**Gabbay's comments represented a shift in his position on settlements** since he was elected Labor's head in July, when he said “Dimona, not Amona,” referring respectively to a development town in southern Israel and a now evacuated illegal outpost in the West Bank that right-wing lawmakers waged an arduous campaign against demolishing.

**The center-left Labor party has long been the Israeli political standard bearer for reaching a peace agreement** with the Palestinians — involving the relinquishing of most of the West Bank and many of the settlements — with former Labor prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak all investing considerable efforts to negotiate an accord. Their efforts, brokered by the United States, did not yield a permanent agreement.

Ironically, it was a then-Likud prime minister, Ariel Sharon, who ordered the 2005 “Disengagement” in which Israel withdrew from the entire Gaza Strip, with all of Gaza's settlements demolished along with four in the West Bank and their 7-8,000 residents required to leave.

The comments confirmed a dramatic right-wing shift in Labor since Gabbay's election.

At an event over the weekend, Gabbay said he would not sit in a government with the Joint (Arab) List — the 13-member Arab Knesset party.

“We will not sit with them, unequivocally,” Gabbay said. “I do not see anything that connects us to them or allows us to be in the same government with them.”

Since he was chosen as Labor chairman, the party has seen a leap in the polls, with a number of the seats it is expected to pick up coming at the expense of Yair Lapid's centrist Yesh Atid party. Like Gabbay, Lapid has tacked rightward on a number of issues, in a bid to pick up support from more moderate members of the ruling Likud party.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/labor-head-says-he-wont-evacuate-settlements-under-peace-deal/> **[In another article people from his party criticized him bitterly for making these statements about the 'settlements'. – rdb]**

## Government advancing bill to ban Breaking the Silence — report

*New legislation, said to be pushed by Netanyahu, would allow for closure of groups critical of IDF or that advocate Israel boycotts*

By [TOI staff](#) 16 October 2017, 11:44 pm [0](#)

**The government is reportedly advancing a new bill that would allow it to shutter left-wing NGOs critical of the Israel Defense Forces**, like Breaking the Silence, which has long been in the government crosshairs.

**The bill, which would also target groups that advocate boycotts of Israel, is being backed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who instructed Tourism Minister Yariv Levin (Likud) to craft the legislation**, Channel 2 reported Monday.

**While the Knesset passed legislation last July that dramatically ups transparency requirements for Israeli NGOs that get most of their funding from foreign governments, the new bill would go significantly further by allowing for the government to ban these groups.**

The report said the bill will soon undergo a legal review before being presented to Netanyahu for approval ahead of voting.

Following the publication of the report, Breaking the Silence, which collects and publicizes anonymous testimony of alleged IDF wrongdoing against Palestinians, said the bill was an effort to distract from the legal woes of the prime minister, who is currently under investigation in a pair of corruption cases.

“Every time the prime minister sinks deeper into the mud of the criminal investigations, he searches for enemies and uses IDF soldiers that broke their silence and oppose the [use of] the occupation as a human shield against the public consequences of his criminal entanglements,” the group’s head Avner Gravyahu said in a statement. **[Israel should have put a muzzle on this group years ago. They are a bunch of leftist insurrectionists that should actually move to Ramallah where their hearts really live. - rdb**

**In addition to cracking down on NGOs by way of the new bill, Netanyahu on Sunday said he intends to establish a parliamentary committee to investigate the funding NGOs receive from foreign governments.**

Netanyahu told a gathering of Christian journalists at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem that the committee will probe “organizations that operate against” Israeli soldiers.

According to a report from the Haaretz daily, the decision to set up the committee was taken earlier in the day at a meeting of coalition party chiefs.

**Netanyahu has in the past pressed foreign governments to end funding for left-wing NGOs** and refused to meet with visiting dignitaries who meet with these groups. In particular, he has singled out Breaking the Silence, an organization that collects testimonies from former Israel Defense Forces soldiers about alleged human rights violations they witness in the Palestinian territories during their military service.

Breaking the Silence has been a frequent target of ire for right-wing parties in Israel.

Last year, Israeli lawmakers passed into law the controversial Transparency Bill, which dramatically increases transparency requirements for fewer than two dozen Israeli NGOs — Breaking the Silence among them — that get most of their funding from foreign governments.

**A Justice Ministry analysis of the legislation showed that nearly all the existing Israeli organizations set to be affected by the law’s new requirements were groups that oppose Israel’s presence in the West Bank.**

During the discussion Sunday, Education Minister Naftali Bennett reportedly asked Netanyahu if there is a precedent for government involvement in the matter of NGOs and if there is a precedent of an investigative committee into such an issue. Netanyahu responded by giving the example of the ongoing US congressional committee investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential elections.

Such parliamentary committees in Israel mostly serve as a way to shed light on a pressing public issue and tend not to have much bite.

The NGO law was opposed by the US, and condemned by various European countries.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/government-advancing-bill-to-ban-breaking-the-silence-report/>

## **For first time in 15 years, Israel okays new homes for Hebron settlers**

*Move seen as a response to UNESCO listing divided West Bank city as a Palestine heritage site; Palestinian municipality to petition against the 31 housing units*

By [Jacob Magid](#) 16 October 2017, 5:04 pm [1](#)

**The Jewish settlement in Hebron received building permits for 31 housing units Monday, marking the first time in 15 years that Israeli construction has been approved in the flashpoint West Bank city.**

**The move was seen as an Israeli response to the recent decision by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to list Hebron’s Old City as an [endangered Palestinian world heritage site](#).**

**The Civil Administration’s Licensing Subcommittee — a Defense Ministry body responsible for approving construction over the Green Line — granted the building permits under a number of conditions, most notably that the authorization is subject to appeal.**

**Hebron’s Palestinian municipality is expected to petition against the decision in the coming weeks, claiming that it is the owner of the land in question.**

Samer Shiahieh, who is representing the municipality, argued that the building permits were not issued properly. “The Jewish settlers were never allocated the land so they had no legal right to even be requesting the permits in the first place,” he said.

**The land in question is located at the heart of Beit Romano, one of the Jewish settlement’s** four neighborhoods in Hebron’s H2 area.

Under the Hebron Protocol signed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in January 1997 with Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, the West Bank’s most populous city was divided into two sections. H1 includes 80 percent of the city and lies under full Palestinian control. In H2, which is under Israeli military control, 500 Israeli settlers live surrounded by 40,000 Palestinians.

Due partly to the sensitive nature of the ancient city, the Jewish settlers have been unable to receive building approvals from the Civil Administration since 2002, when 10 housing units were approved for the Tel Romeida neighborhood.

The settlers refer to the area where they plan to build an apartment complex and various educational complexes as the Hizkiya Quarter. **It was under Jewish ownership prior to Israel’s establishment in 1948, but the Civil Administration later leased the property to Hebron’s Palestinian municipality** for the establishment of a central bus station, which was built and later moved.

While the land was seized from the municipality in the 1980s for the establishment of an IDF base, the Palestinians’ protective tenancy status remained intact.

Shiahieh explained that if the military base is moved for the development of the settlers’ project, the Palestinians’ protective tenancy status allows them to regain control of the property.



*Security forces gather on July 1, 2016 near the entrance of the Cave of the Patriarchs, in the flashpoint West Bank city of Hebron (AFP PHOTO / HAZEM BADER)*

“These are indisputable points that the Civil Administration will be unable to ignore,” Shiahieh said. However, the attorney added, he is preparing a High Court of Justice appeal in case the Licensing Subcommittee rejects his petition.

**Beyond surviving the expected appeal, the Hebron settlers will also have to provide documents proving ownership and allocation of the land before they can proceed with building,** a process that could take months.

Regardless, the Jewish settlers in Hebron praised Sunday’s Civil Administration decision.

“Upon receiving the building permits for the Hizkiya Quarter, we thank the prime minister, government ministers, Knesset members and all public figures who

worked with determination and dedication together with us to promote this construction,” the settlement said in a Monday statement. “We ask everyone to ensure that the construction is indeed carried out without delay.”

The settlement’s international spokesman, Yishai Fleisher, said there was a “general linkage” between the approvals and the July UNESCO vote. “The response to the narrative that suggests that we are foreigners here is not just to pull out of UNESCO, but also to strengthen Jewish presence in Hebron,” Fleisher said.

The Peace Now settlement watchdog harshly criticized the green-lighting of the building permits. “If there is anything that harms Israel’s reputation in the world, it is the settlement in Hebron.”

“The plan approved today in Hebron is expected to increase the number of settlers in the city by 20 percent, and it required considerable legal acrobatics that are unlikely to withstand the test of the High Court of Justice,” the NGO said.

“Netanyahu is doing everything he can to please a small minority of settlers at the expense of Israel’s name in the world, while bending the law and trampling the basic principles of democracy,” the statement concluded.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/for-first-time-in-15-years-israel-okays-new-homes-for-hebron-settlers/>

## **Hezbollah claims to have captured 3 Mossad agents**

*The Lebanese terrorist organization publishes photographs, confessions of three supposed agents who work for Israeli Mossad, whose mission was to gather information on political figures in Lebanon, as well as on military sites in Lebanon and Syria.*

*Roi Kais|Last update: 16.10.17, 23:54*

**Lebanon-based terrorist group Hezbollah claimed on Monday that Lebanese security forces have detained three "agents on behalf of Israel," allegedly recruited by the Mossad.** Hezbollah-affiliated Al-Manar television network broke the news, while the pictures and alleged confessions of the three men were published

on the internet. The three's arrests were published last week in the Al-Akhbar newspaper, which is also affiliated with the organization.

**According to reports, the three were members of a spy cell that operated on behalf of Israel in the Mount Lebanon region.** The members of the captured cell are reportedly from Lebanon. According to Al-Akhbar, the cell's key operative instructing its members from afar was a Lebanese citizen who is currently in Israel.

According to the Al-Manar network, the three are Karem Akram Idris, Kamal Ajud Hassan and Abbas Mustafa Salameh. Reports state that Hassan had admitted to be in contact with several Israelis in '11, among others with the IDF's Spokesperson Unit's Arab Media Liaison, Maj. Avichai Adrei. In addition, he said that he was in contact with an agent named Yosef Fahar, and that his operative's code name was "cowboy."

Idris allegedly began working for the Mossad in '15. Among his other instructions, he was sent to photograph Hezbollah artillery stations in the city of al-Qusayr, located on the outskirts of Homs, where Hezbollah's involvement in the civil war in Syria and the Beqaa Valley had begun. He then sent his operative footage of the organization's positions in al-Qusayr and its deployment there.

Salameh, a teacher, reportedly began collaborating with the Mossad about two years ago, through social networks. He contacted Samar Araj, another supposed Mossad agent, now believed to be on the run, who asked Salameh to photograph several areas in southern Lebanon. Salameh was also reportedly asked by the cell's operative to provide him with information about military sites and places belonging to the Lebanese political parties.

Salameh, for his part, asked for financial support in order to start a civil revolt in Lebanon. He told the operative that he was capable of rallying one of the civilian groups to action in an effort to slander Hezbollah's reputation. He also tried to get closer to people who knew Hezbollah members in order to obtain information from them that he would pass on to his Israeli operative.

In an article published last week in the Al-Akhbar newspaper, it was claimed that several people working for the Mossad in Lebanon have recently been arrested, and that their interrogations revealed that most of their missions were related to reconnaissance on Hezbollah operatives and strongholds. <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340.L-5029457,00.html> **[Pity those poor folks because innocent or guilty their life expectancy is very short. – rdb]**

## Islamic State cleared from Syria's Raqqa

*After 4 months of fighting, US-backed militias completely retake the city, once a stronghold for ISIS; local field commander says no ISIS fighters left in stadium and hospital, where they've been entrenched.*

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**RAQQA - US-backed militias have completely taken Syria's Raqqa from Islamic State, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Tuesday. The fall of Raqqa city, where Islamic State staged euphoric parades after its string of lightning victories in 2014, is a potent symbol of the jihadist movement's collapsing fortunes. From the city, the group planned attacks abroad.**

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish and Arab militias backed by a US-led international alliance, has been fighting Islamic State inside Raqqa since June.

A **Reuters witness said fighting appeared to be almost at an end with only sporadic bursts of gunfire.** Militia fighters celebrated in the streets, chanted slogans from their vehicles and raised a flag inside Raqqa stadium.

An SDF spokesman said the alliance would capture the last Islamic State areas in the city within hours. The stadium and a hospital, the SDF said they had captured earlier on Tuesday, were the jihadists' last bases. **MORE -** <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340.L-5029726,00.html>

## Netanyahu congratulates Austria's Kurz, but silent on partnership with far right

*PM thanks the 31-year-old election winner for his country's efforts to battle anti-Semitism and invites him to visit Israel*

By [Alexander Fulbright](#) and [Raphael Ahren](#) 16 October 2017, 10:33 pm [0](#)

**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday called to congratulate Sebastian Kurz on his victory in Austria's elections, according to a statement from his office** that made no mention of the success of the far-right Freedom Party.

On Sunday, the **31-year-old Kurz's People's Party (OeVP) swept to victory with a projected 31.7 percent of the vote, ahead of the Social Democrats (SPOe) at 26.9% and the anti-migrant Freedom Party (FPOe) at 26%**, leading to the expectation that Kurz would turn to the far right party as a coalition partner.

In the call, **Netanyahu said, "Austria has done much in recent years to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and in its fight against anti-Semitism." He also raised the issue of "Iranian aggression," according to the statement.**



**Netanyahu also invited Kurz to visit Israel. He was last in the Jewish state in May 2016 as foreign minister.**

**Kurz, for his part, told the prime minister of his interest in boosting Austria's ties with Israel, the PMO said.**

The statement did not make any mention of the Freedom Party's expected role as the junior partner in Kurz-led coalition. In 1999, Israel recalled its ambassador after the party, then under Jörg Haider, joined the government.

The success of the FPÖ, which was founded by former Nazis in the 1950s, has created a dilemma for Israel, whose government refuses to meet with members of the party. If senior party member Norbert Hofer were to become foreign minister, as is common for runners-up in Austrian coalition governments, Jerusalem would have to choose between ending its longstanding policy of not interacting with ultra-nationalist parties and boycotting a top diplomat of a friendly country.

Freedom Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache, [who has been to Israel](#) several times, but was not given meetings with senior officials, has publicly expressed his desire to become interior minister. Hofer, who last year unsuccessfully ran for the largely ceremonial position of president, has his eyes on the Foreign Ministry. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-congratulates-austrias-kurz-but-silent-on-partnership-with-far-right/>

**Scolding UNESCO, GOP lawmakers introduce resolution on Jewish ties to Jerusalem**  
*After Trump administration announces it will withdraw from UN cultural body over anti-Israel votes, Sen. Cruz and Rep. Gaetz accuse agency of 'trying to rewrite history'*

By [Eric Cortellessa](#) Today, 8:48 am

**WASHINGTON — Just one day after the Trump administration withdrew the United States from UNESCO over what it called its “anti-Israel bias,” two GOP lawmakers introduced a resolution that condemns the UN cultural organization and affirms Jewish ties to Jerusalem.**

The UN body has, in recent years, passed a series of its own resolutions [denying a Jewish link](#) to the holy city. On Israel's Independence Day this year, the UN cultural agency [passed a motion](#) that many Israelis saw as denying Jewish historical or religious ties to Jerusalem. Such measures were cited as one reason the US decided to pull out of the agency last week.

**On Friday, Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican from Texas, and Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Republican from Florida, followed up on the move by authoring a resolution that “recognizes and affirms the historical connection of the Jewish people to the ancient and sacred city of Jerusalem.”**

It goes on to cite archaeologically excavated sites, like the City of David, that contain vast quantities of antiquities from the ancient Jewish and Christian presence in the city.

**“The Jewish people, and the people of Israel, have a deep and ancient connection to the holy city of Jerusalem,” Rep. Gaetz said. “Yet the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ... is actively trying to rewrite history.”**

The resolution's text condemns UNESCO for what it characterizes as its attempts to delegitimize the Jewish state. It also calls on the US to partner with its allies in preventing the group from passing similar measures in the future.

“The Trump administration has demonstrated strong moral clarity in deciding to withdraw and continuing to withhold US taxpayer dollars from UNESCO as a result of its relentless hostility towards our close ally Israel,” Cruz said. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/scolding-unesco-gop-lawmakers-introduce-resolution-on-jewish-ties-to-jerusalem/>

**Car bomb kills journalist behind Panama Papers offshore tax evasion investigation**  
**'days after she received threats to her safety'**

*Daphne Caruana Galizia, 53 - dubbed a "one-woman WikiLeaks" - was killed as she was driving near the village of Bidnija in northern Malta*

Patrick Lion 20:27, 16 OCT 2017

**A journalist who led the Panama Papers offshore tax evasion expose was killed today when a bomb blew up her car.**

**Investigative reporter Daphne Caruana Galizia - dubbed a "one-woman WikiLeaks" - was killed as she was driving near the village of Bidnija in northern Malta.**

She had filed a complaint to police a fortnight ago after receiving personal threats to her safety, local media said. Caruana Galizia ran a hugely popular blog relentlessly highlighting cases of alleged corruption, often involving politicians from the Mediterranean island nation.

In Malta, she had led the coverage of the Panama Papers, a leak of millions of legal documents last year detailing financial details of offshore entities used by the rich and powerful to avoid tax.

**MORE -** <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/car-bomb-kills-journalist-behind-11352821> [In case you have forgotten about these Here is the Wiki intro on them: The Panama Papers are 11.5 million [leaked](#)

documents that detail financial and attorney–client information for more than 214,488 offshore entities.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The documents, some dating back to the 1970s, were created by, and taken from, Panamanian law firm and corporate service provider Mossack Fonseca,<sup>[3]</sup> and were leaked in 2015 by an anonymous source.<sup>[4]</sup>

The documents contain personal financial information about wealthy individuals and public officials that had previously been kept private.<sup>[5]</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama\\_Papers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama_Papers)  
There are a lot of questions concerning the legality of a lot of these investments and corporations.  
– rdb]

## Drag-queen demon reads to kids at Michelle Obama Library

*'It was one of the best experiences I've been given'*



Published: 32 mins ago [Alicia Powe](#)

**The Michelle Obama public library in Long Beach, California, has presented to children who are part of its young readers program a huge array of diversity and “inclusion” agendas.**

In one shot.

It was when Xochi Mochi arrived for a visit.

That made the program pro-LGBTQ.

And transgender.

And drag queen-friendly.

**And Satanist-approved, with the character’s red-tipped, demon-like horns.**

**All to read to children for LGBTQ History Month.**

The following is a video of another such event, this one in New York.

<http://www.wnd.com/2017/10/drag-queen-demon-reads-to-kids-at-michelle-obama-library/>

[Go to the web site for more of this trash. It all sounds pretty appropriate for the Obamination and his wife after whom the library is named. I certainly would never take my kids or grandkids to something like this. – rdb]

## Newspeak! U.N. now calls abortion part of basic 'right to life'

*'These lobbies of the 'culture of death' are about to win a decisive victory'*

Published: 24 hours ago [Bob Unruh](#)

**Perhaps the ultimate example of bureaucratic double-speak is developing at the United Nations, where officials are set to adopt a new definition of the “right to life.”**

**It apparently now will include a “right to abortion.”**

The Human Rights Committee’s proposed revision regarding the right to life in Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights says, “States must provide safe access to abortion.”

[The European Center for Law and Justice](#), which has a presence at the U.N., has submitted a statement in opposition, charging the proposal is an “attempt to create a universal right to abortion.”

“Indeed, the Human Rights Committee, in its last draft general comment on Article 6 on the right to life, is trying to impose the legalization of abortion and euthanasia against the will of states parties, against the letter of the text, and in contradiction with its mandate.”

The organization points out “the draft fails to mention the right to life of the unborn child, and presses states to legalize abortion on demand and without limitations.”

“Any limit on abortion is seen by the committee as a potential violation of women’s rights,” ECLJ says. **MORE -** <http://www.wnd.com/2017/10/newspeak-u-n-now-calls-abortion-part-of-basic-right-to-life/> [Just when you think it can’t get any more insane – IT DOES! Isaiah 5: 19ff pretty well sums up today:

*And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near*

*And come to pass, that we may know it!”*

<sup>20</sup> *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;*

*Who <sup>[n]</sup> substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;*

*Who <sup>[o]</sup> substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*

<sup>21</sup> *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes*

*And clever in their own sight!*

<sup>22</sup> *Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine*

*And valiant men in mixing strong drink,*

<sup>23</sup> *Who justify the wicked for a bribe,  
And take away the <sup>[D]</sup>rights of the ones who are in the right!*

**What is Civilization Jihad?**  
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/174076001>

## **Watchdog: FBI has located 30 pages of documents related to Clinton-Lynch tarmac meeting**

by [Diana Stancy Correll](#) / [Oct 13, 2017, 7:47 PM](#)

**Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group, announced that the FBI has found 30 pages of documents concerning the 2016 tarmac meeting between former President Bill Clinton and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch.**

**"The FBI is out of control. It is stunning that the FBI 'found' these Clinton-Lynch tarmac records only after we caught the agency hiding them in another lawsuit,"** Judicial Watch Tom Fitton said in a statement. "Judicial Watch will continue to press for answers about the FBI's document games in court. In the meantime, the FBI should stop the stonewall and release these new records immediately."

The watchdog group expects to receive the newly revealed documents by the end of November.

**Lynch met Bill Clinton on a private plane at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Ariz., on June 26, 2016, while the FBI investigation concerning Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server was still underway, raising concerns about Lynch's independence.**

In July 2016, Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act request regarding "all records of communications between any agent, employee, or representative," concerning Clinton's use of a personal email server and Bill Clinton's meeting with Lynch.

The Justice Department failed to comply and led to the FOIA lawsuit that Judicial Watch says paved the way to it expecting a new tranche of documents.

The FBI did not originally uncover documents concerning the tarmac meeting, according to Fox News. However, the Justice Department did find email correspondence related to the meeting in a related case in 2017.

In response, the FBI sent a letter dated August 10, 2017 that said, "Upon further review, we subsequently determined potentially responsive documents may exist. As a result, your [FOIA] request has been reopened..." and added they are investigating any "responsive material."

"We presume they are new documents. We won't know what's in them until we see them, unfortunately," Fitton told Fox News in an email Friday. "The fact they just 'found' them is yet another scandal."

The meeting was controversial and caused Republicans to question why Lynch met with Hillary Clinton's husband shortly before the investigation of Clinton's use of personal email server concluded without any charges.

Additionally, former FBI Director James Comey said the meeting was troublesome when he testified before the Senate in June <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/watchdog-fbi-has-located-30-pages-of-documents-related-to-clinton-lynch-tarmac-meeting/article/2637507> [**The most significant statement is "the FBI is out of control". This is a group that is acting not in an unbiased investigative agency but as a liberal political arm of the swamp in DC. To be frank, FBI, CIA, NSA and all the security groups need to be disbanded and a totally NEW group of people with no political ties need to be put into one centralized agency of investigation. It needs to be neutered. – rdb]**

## **Haley slams UN for electing Congo to rights council despite abuses**

*US ambassador says voting in rights violators proves the 47-nation body 'lacks credibility and must be reformed in order to be saved'*

By [AP](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 2:47 am

**The United States and human rights groups sharply criticized Monday's UN election for 15 new members of the Human Rights Council, singling out conflict-torn Congo's victory despite accusations of serious rights abuses and an investigation by the UN's top human rights body.**

**US Ambassador Nikki Haley called the election “yet another example of why the Human Rights Council lacks credibility and must be reformed in order to be saved.”**

**Haley previously dangled the possibility that the United States could quit the council during a visit to its Geneva headquarters in June**, when she lambasted the 47-nation body as a “forum for politics, hypocrisy and evasion” that allows rights abusers to whitewash their images and foes of Israel to criticize the Jewish state unfairly.

**In a statement after the 193-member General Assembly voted Congo onto the Human Rights Council as part of an uncontested African slate for a three-year term starting Jan. 1, Haley said the rights organization “cannot endure many more blows to its credibility before it is rendered absolutely meaningless.”**

**Haley called Congo “a country infamous for political suppression, violence against women and children, arbitrary arrest and detention, and unlawful killings and disappearances”** and said its unopposed election is another spur to US-led efforts to reform the Human Rights Council.

She made no mention of a US withdrawal from the council. She said in June the United States wants to see two key reforms: the use of competitive elections to choose the council’s 47 members and removal of Israel as a permanent fixture on its agenda — the only country in the world that has a permanent spot.

Since 2007, Israel has been the only country whose alleged human rights abuses are regularly discussed in the framework of a single permanent item on the Council’s agenda.

**“Countries that aggressively violate human rights at home should not be in a position to guard the human rights of others,” Haley said. “We need a unified voice of moral clarity with backbone and integrity to call out abusive governments.** This election has once again proven that the Human Rights Council, as presently constituted, is not that voice.”

Louis Charbonneau, UN director at Human Rights Watch, called Congo’s election “a slap in the face to the many victims of the Congolese government’s grave abuses across the country.”

African countries had four candidates for their continent’s four seats on the council and Congo got the lowest number of votes — 151. But that was still far about the 97 votes needed to win a seat.

The relatively low total shows President Joseph Kabila’s Congo “is fast becoming a pariah state. If there had been competition, it probably would have lost,” Charbonneau said.

Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, a Geneva-based rights group, singled out three of the winners — Congo, Qatar and Pakistan — for criticism, saying for the UN to elect them “as a world judge on human rights is like making a pyromaniac into the town fire chief.”

The only contested slate was in Asia where six countries vied for four seats. Nepal topped the vote, followed by Qatar and Pakistan. Afghanistan, which got 130 votes, beat out Malaysia by a single vote for the fourth seat. The Maldives also lost. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/haley-slams-un-for-electing-congo-to-rights-council-despite-abuses/> [More UN stupidity. To support the UN and its subordinates financially and politically is a wretched case of vile wickedness or terrible stupidity. – rdb]**

## **Commentaries:**

### **German Intelligence: Hizballah Fighters Posing As Refugees**

*by IPT News • Oct 16, 2017 at 2:21 pm*

**Hizballah terrorists are exploiting Germany's refugee policy and entered the country as part of the recent wave of Middle East migrants**, according to the *Jerusalem Post's* [review](#) of a German intelligence report released this month.

"Since mid-2015 there are increased indications of fighters from Shi'ite militias entering Germany as legal refugees," the report says, and "**roughly 50% [of the fighters] show a direct connection to Hezbollah.**"

A growing number of Hizballah operatives are settling in the North Rhine-Westphalia region, the report says. The region hosts the Imam-Mahdi Center – a traditional hub for Hizballah operatives. The report also cites a growing and open Hamas presence in North Rhine-Westphalia, despite Germany's terrorist designation of the Palestinian organization, where Hamas supporters exploit Germany to "collect funds" and "recruit new members to spread their propaganda."

**There are roughly 950 Hizballah members throughout Germany, according to a 2014 Berlin intelligence** report [summarized](#) by the *Jerusalem Post*. Though the number of Hizballah supporters is believed to be far higher in Germany than listed in the report.

**Radical Islamists are "the greatest danger to Germany...**Germany is on the spectrum of goals for Islamic terrorists," said Hans-Georg Maassen, president of Germany's domestic intelligence agency – the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV).



Hizballah operatives serve as senior employees of a German government-funded theater project [aimed to assist refugees](#) in the country, a 2016 *Berliner Zeitung* daily report said.

Germany's interior ministry previously accused Iran of conducting [significant espionage activity](#) in the country during the past decade, including [plotting attacks on Israeli and Jewish targets](#).

For example, German prosecutors allege that Haidar Syed-Naqfi was ordered to identify Jewish and Israeli institutions in Germany and other Western European countries for potential terrorist attacks. He allegedly monitored the headquarters of a Jewish newspaper in Berlin and identified several Israel supporters. German authorities believe his preparations were "a clear indication of an assassination attempt."

Between July 2015 and July 2016, Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps' (IRGC) al-Quds Force paid Syed-Naqi more than \$2,200.

While the European Union, including Germany, designated Hizballah's military wing as a terrorist entity, Germany allows Hizballah's political wing to operate freely. The U.S., Canada, and the Netherlands designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization entirely. Even senior [Hizballah officials](#) have noted the futility in distinguishing between its political and military wings, acknowledging that Hizballah is a hierarchical organization with a clear chain of command. The organization's terrorist and military wings answer to its senior leadership and political echelons, including Iran – its primary sponsor. <https://www.investigativeproject.org/6784/german-intelligence-hizballah-fighters-posing-as>

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### North Korea: No negotiations with 'hostile' United States

*North Korea makes clear it will never negotiate the dismantling of its nuclear weapons until the United States reverses its policy.*

*Elad Benari, 17/10/17 00:05*

**North Korea on Monday made clear that it will never negotiate the dismantling of its nuclear weapons unless the United States reverses its "hostile" policy. [That pretty well sums up the issue and tells you where all this is going. – rdb]**

The country's deputy UN Ambassador, Kim In Ryong, told the General Assembly's committee on disarmament that the situation on the Korean peninsula "has reached the touch-and-go point and a nuclear war may break out any moment."

"Unless the hostile policy and the nuclear threat of the U.S. is thoroughly eradicated, we will never put our nuclear weapons and ballistic rockets on the negotiation table under any circumstance," he said, according to comments quoted by the *AFP* news agency.

Kim's comments come a day after [Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said](#) that he would continue his diplomatic efforts vis-a-vis North Korea "until the first bomb drops."

In an interview with *CNN*, Tillerson said that, despite [Trump's recent tweets](#) which appeared to indicate he was uninterested in speaking with North Korea, the president wanted to avoid war and preferred diplomacy.

Following a series of missile launches and a sixth nuclear test, the North Korean envoy said Monday his country "had passed the final gate" toward becoming a full-fledged nuclear power, with the means to deliver a nuclear strike.

**"The entire U.S. mainland is within our firing range and if the US dares to invade our sacred territory, even an inch, it will not escape our severe punishment in any part of the globe,"** said the North Korean diplomat, according to *AFP*.

The United States and South Korea on Monday [began a 10-day joint naval exercise](#) in a fresh show of force against the North.

Kim said North Korea will not target any country that does not join a U.S.-led military campaign.

"As long as one does not take part in the US military actions against the DPRK, we have no intention to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against any other country," he said.

Just last week, North Korea's Foreign Minister, Ri Yong Ho, [threatened the United States](#) with "a hail of fire" and said Trump has "lit the wick of war" with his country.

North Korea is preparing to test a long-range missile which it believes can reach the west coast of the United States, according to a Russian lawmaker who returned from a visit to Pyongyang earlier this month.

South Korean intelligence officials and analysts have said that North Korea might time its next provocation to coincide with China's all-important Communist Party Congress which begins on Wednesday.

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### 'It will take a long time to fix the Obama damage'

*Caroline Glick says Trump is changing the discourse on Iran, but it will take time to change the Obama policy which was dictated by fantasy.*

*Yoni Kempinski, 17/10/17 01:15*

**Caroline Glick, senior contributing editor of the Jerusalem Post, attended the Christian Media Summit in Jerusalem Monday.**

The **four-day summit** brings together a select group of top Christian media broadcasters, publishers, journalists, and communicators from around the world for discussion and study on topics related to Israel and the Christian world.

**The Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, together with the Government Press Office (GPO), helped organize the event.**

The central issue that Israel needs to get across, Glick told *Arutz Sheva*, “is that it's not about us. A lot of people put Israel at the center of everything and say that Israel's size is somehow or another dictating the feelings of hundreds of millions of people in the Muslim world against the West and against one another.”

**“What we see with Iran, what we see with the so-called 'Arab Spring', and really what we see all over the world is that, if anything, Israel and anti-Semitism is a mobilizing force politically for people to side with the jihadists and really for the West itself to ignore the threat of jihad because they're motivated to do so by anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric,”** added Glick.

It is important for Israel to ensure that everybody recognizes that “Israel is not a cause of anything,” she stressed. Asked if she believes Israel's relationship with the United States has changed under President Donald Trump, Glick replied, “I think that Trump has a completely different worldview than his predecessor, Barack Obama, but the United States is a magnificent yet enormous aircraft carrier, and it takes a long time in order to change the direction of that very massive shift.”

She opined that Trump is “forcing that directional change” with his speech last week in which he said he would not recertify the Iran nuclear deal.

**“It's true that Israel has to be able, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu says all the time, to defend itself by itself, whenever necessary,”** continued Glick. “We have to make sure that our sovereignty is respected – not guaranteed but respected – by our allies such as the United States and I think that it's also important to recognize that Trump's speech on Friday was really the first time that you had a reality-based statement by an American president on Iran in eight years, since Obama sided with the Iranian regime against the Green Revolution in 2009.”

**“For almost nine years, American policy on Iran has been entirely dictated by fantasy...It takes a long time to repair that kind of long-term damage,”** she stressed.

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