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"Let me explain this. There are, fundamentally, only two causes of the progress of the nineteenth century -- the same two causes which you will find at the root of any happy, benevolent, progressive era in human history. One cause is psychological, the other existential -- or: one pertains to man's consciousness, the other to the physical conditions of his existence. The first is reason, the second is freedom. And when I say "freedom," I do not mean poetic sloppiness, such as "freedom from want" or "freedom from fear" or "freedom from the necessity of earning a living." I mean "freedom from compulsion -- freedom from rule by physical force." Which means: political freedom. "

-- Ayn Rand (1905-1982) 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 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

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?

Prayer Requests

1Samuel 21:⁴And the priest answered David and said, *There is no common bread under my hand, but only holy bread, if the young men have only been kept from a woman.* ⁵And David answered the priest and said to him, Surely, a woman *has been kept from us as yesterday and the third day, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy. And in a way the holy bread is common; also surely today it is sanctified in the vessels.* ⁶And the priest gave the holy *bread* to him, for there was no bread there except the Bread of the Presence which is taken from the presence of Jehovah in order to put hot bread in on the day it is taken away.

Trump may call major summit to unite Arabs against extremism

White House official says president is weighing hosting landmark event in bid to enlist Middle East leaders to his cause
By [Times of Israel staff](#) June 24, 2017, 11:42 pm

US President Donald Trump is considering calling a landmark summit of Arab allies in a bid to unite them against terrorism and Islamic extremism, a senior White House official told Fox News Saturday.

Among other things, Trump seeks to address the ongoing tensions between Arab countries and Qatar over allegations it supports extremist groups.

Such a gathering, the source told Fox News, could be based on the model of the 1978 Camp David summit that led to a peace deal between Israel and Egypt.

“It’s a Camp David moment. We’ve seen nothing like this in 40 years, and now the president wants to follow through,” the White House official said. He added that a change in attitude towards extremism was required across the board, not just in Qatar.

“The president now wants to bring all the key players to Washington,” the source said. “They need to disavow groups like the [Muslim] Brotherhood for the stability of the Middle East at large. It’s not just about Qatari elements funding the Brotherhood but disavowing support for extremism in general.”

The intended summit was characterized as a direct continuation of Trump’s speech during his May visit to Saudi Arabia, in which he urged Arabs to fight the “crisis of Islamic extremism” emanating from the region.

The White House source said discussions on the possible summit were ongoing, and would not give an estimate on a possible date for such an event.

Also Saturday a top United Arab Emirates official said the Arab countries isolating Qatar do not seek to force out the country’s leadership over allegations it supports extremist ideology but are willing to cut ties altogether if it does not agree to their demands.

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He described the six-member, Saudi-led Gulf Cooperation Council that includes his country and Qatar as being in a state of crisis as a result of the standoff, and he referred to Qatar as a “Trojan horse” within the once close-knit group of Arab monarchies that would be isolated for the long term if it does not capitulate.

“The alternative is not escalation. The alternative is parting of ways,” he said. “It’s very difficult for us to maintain a collective grouping with one of the partners ... actively promoting what is an extremist and terrorist agenda.”

The UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain presented a 13-point list of demands to Qatar on Thursday and gave it 10 days to take action. They have signaled that if Qatar refuses to comply by the deadline, they will continue to restrict its access to land, sea and air routes indefinitely amid mounting economic pressure on the Persian Gulf nation.

Qatar says it is reviewing the ultimatum, which includes demands to shut Al-Jazeera and cut ties with Islamist groups including the Muslim Brotherhood. But it has also said it won’t negotiate while under siege.

The countries have previously suggested the demands were their bottom line, though Gargash on Saturday appeared to allow for the possibility for some negotiation facilitated by Kuwait, a GCC member mediating the crisis.

“It is understood that any mediator — that’s his job. The job is to take your ... position and to look at the position of the other party and to try and reach something that is doable,” Gargash said.

Qatar has long denied that it supports extremist groups and funds terrorism. But it acknowledges that it allows members of some groups such as Hamas to live in Qatar, arguing that fostering dialogue is key to resolving global conflicts. The Al-Jazeera network it hosts has provided exposure for groups ranging from the Muslim Brotherhood to al-Qaada, and is seen by its critics as a mouthpiece for extremist ideology.

The demands from Qatar’s neighbors amount to a call for a sweeping overhaul of Qatar’s foreign policy and natural gas-funded influence peddling in the region. Complying would bring Qatar’s policies in line with the regional vision of Saudi Arabia, the Middle East’s biggest economy and gatekeeper of Qatar’s only land border. “This list of demands confirms what Qatar has said from the beginning — the illegal blockade has nothing to do with combatting terrorism, it is about limiting Qatar’s sovereignty, and outsourcing our foreign policy,” Sheikh Saif Al-Thani, a Qatari ruling family member who heads the country’s government communications office, said in a statement earlier Saturday. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-may-call-major-summit-to-unite-arabs-against-extremism/>

UAE: Arab states don’t seek ‘regime change’ in Qatar

Doha says it is reviewing Saudi-led council’s 13-point list which includes demand to shut al-Jazeera and cut ties with Muslim Brotherhood

By [Adam Schreck](#) June 24, 2017, 8:41 pm

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A top United Arab Emirates official said Saturday the Arab countries isolating Qatar do not seek to force out the country’s leadership over allegations it supports extremist ideology but are willing to cut ties altogether if it does not agree to their demands.

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Syrian shells land in Golan Heights, sparking IDF strikes

Israel hits Assad regime tanks and post after apparent errant mortar-fire; Lebanese TV claims two Syrian soldiers killed

By [Times of Israel staff](#) June 24, 2017, 3:25 pm

Several mortar shells exploded in an open area in the Golan Heights near the border with Syria Saturday afternoon, the army said, leading to retaliatory air strikes.

The Hezbollah-affiliated al-Mayadeen TV station claimed two Syrian soldiers were killed in the strikes. Syrian officials confirmed “several” deaths, without giving details.



A picture taken from the Israeli Golan Heights shows smoke billowing from the Syrian side of the border on June 24, 2017. (AFP PHOTO / JALAA MAREY)

The army said the mortars appeared to be errant fire from Syrian factions fighting each other across the border. Around 10 impacts were identified in Israeli territory, around the Quneitra area.

There was no damage and no injuries were reported in the mortar attack.

With Israelis flocking to the Golan in the summer for hikes and fruit picking, the military said it had taken the precautionary step of asking civilians to avoid gathering near the border with Syria following the attack.

The military retaliated with several air strikes on Syrian regime positions, in what has become the standard response in such cases. The army said it struck two tanks and a post from which the mortars were fired.

Israel also lodged a formal complaint with the UN over the incident.

The military said it “will not tolerate any attempt to harm Israeli sovereignty and the security of its citizens” and held the regime responsible for all attacks launched from Syrian territory.

IDF spokesman Avichay Adraee wrote on his Arabic-language Facebook page that about 10 shells hit Israel, adding that Israel’s air force struck Syrian army targets in the area.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said that Israeli warplanes attacked a Syrian army position in Quneitra while Syria’s state-run news agency SANA said “an army position was targeted in Quneitra.” [MORE](#)
[- http://www.timesofisrael.com/shells-from-syria-land-in-golan-heights-no-injuries/](http://www.timesofisrael.com/shells-from-syria-land-in-golan-heights-no-injuries/)

Lieberman: Assad regime will continue to suffer consequences of attacks

After 2 Syrian soldiers reported killed in IDF retaliation to mortar fire, defense minister and PM say Israel won’t accept challenges to its security

By [Times of Israel staff](#) June 24, 2017, 8:08 pm

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman warned Saturday that the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad would continue to “suffer the consequences” of any attack on Israel emanating from its territory. Lieberman’s comments came after around 10 mortar shells hit the Israeli Golan Heights in the afternoon, leading to retaliatory Israeli air strikes. The army said the mortar shells appeared to be errant fire from Syrian factions fighting each other across the border.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor which has been reporting on Syria’s six-year-war, said two Syrian soldiers were killed in the Israeli strikes.

It also reported fierce fighting between Syrian government forces and rebels in Quneitra.

Syrian officials confirmed an unspecified number of deaths, saying regime forces had been engaged in fighting with forces of the al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Nusra Front in the region and accusing Israel of attempting to help the insurgents by attacking a “parking lot and a residential building.”

“As part of the Israeli enemy’s continuing support for terrorist organizations, Israeli warplanes attacked services facilities and residential buildings in the surroundings of al-Baath city in Quneitra province at the same time as Jabhat al-Nusra terrorists were attacking the area,” said a statement published by the Syrian government’s SANA news agency.

“A military source said that Army and Armed Forces units, in cooperation with supporting forces, repelled a large attack by groups from Jabhat al-Nusra terror organization in the surroundings of al-Baath city in Quneitra countryside, inflicting heavy losses upon them,” the statement continued. “The source went on to say that while this was happening, the Israeli enemy sought to provide support for al-Nusra, as Israeli warplanes fired rockets from within occupied territory at the Governorate parking lot and a residential building, claiming a number of lives and causing material damage.”

Liberman, meanwhile, stressed Israel had “no intention of accepting challenges to our sovereignty and threats to our security, even if they are caused by ‘spillover’” from Syrian infighting.

“We will respond strongly, resolutely and with level-headedness to any such case,” he said. “As far as we are concerned the Assad regime is responsible for what occurs in its territory and will continue to suffer the consequences if such events recur.”

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu too, said in a statement that Israel would not accept a “trickle” of projectile fire and would “respond with force to any firing into our territory.”



Around 10 mortar impacts were identified in Israeli territory, around the Quneitra area, in the afternoon’s incident. There was no damage and no injuries were reported in the mortar attack.

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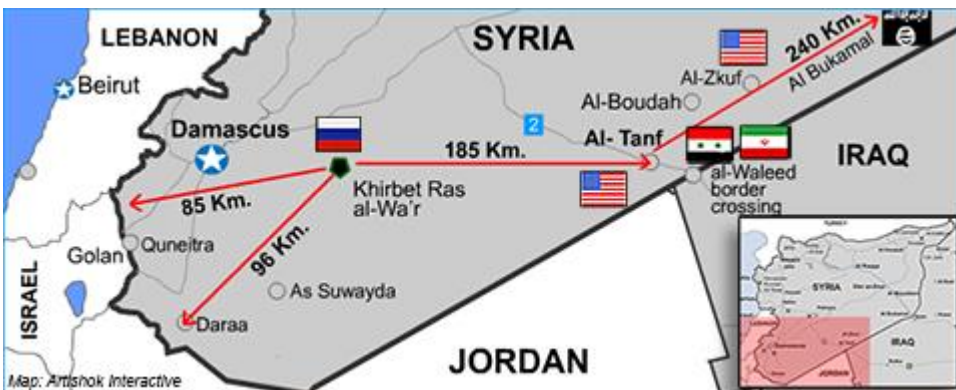
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attacks launched from Syrian territory.

Israel has largely stayed out of the Syrian civil war, which broke out in March 2011, but has over the years acknowledged that it helps treat wounded Syrians who arrive at its border, and provides some of them with humanitarian assistance. It has also claimed a number of airstrikes in Syria it says were meant to prevent arch-foe Hezbollah from acquiring advanced weaponry from Iran via Damascus. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/liberman-assad-regime-will-continue-to-suffer-consequences-of-attacks/>

First Russian base for SE Syria - near US garrison

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The Russian engineering corps has started building a new base in southeastern Syria at a small village called Khirbet Ras Al-Wa'r in the Bir al-Qasab district. Until now, Moscow adhered to a policy of restricting its military presence to the western part of the country along the Mediterranean coast; no Russian troops were based further east than Palmyra.

The new facility is the first to be established since Moscow's initial military intervention in the Syrian war in September, 2015. debkafile’s military sources say it will provide Russia with a lever of control over the volatile Syrian southeast and its borders, where US-backed and Iranian-backed forces are fighting for dominance. . Russian forces will also stand closer than ever before to the Israeli border - 85 kilometers from central Golan and 110 kilometers from southern Golan, not far from IDF military positions.

The new Russian foothold will be located strategically 96 kilometers from northern Jordan and 185 kilometers from the American and Jordanian special forces garrison at the al-Tanf crossing inside the Syrian, Jordanian and Iraqi border triangle.

Placing the new base just 50 kilometers from Damascus serves another primary function, that of securing the strategic crossroads leading from eastern and southern Syria to the capital - in other words, propping up the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Our intelligence sources note that construction on the new Russian base began concurrently with the resumption his week of secret US-Russian talks in the Jordanian capital, Amman. They are led by Michael Ratney, the special US envoy for Syrian affairs and Aleksandr Lavrentiev, for Moscow.

There were reports on Thursday, June 22 of a trilateral accord reached between the US, Russia and Jordan for creating a demilitarized zone in southern Syria, that would also cover the Israeli and Jordanian borders. debkafile sources assert that no such accord has been reached. According to our information, the Russians put on the table a three-part plan for de-conflicting the incendiary situation in southeast Syria.

We can reveal its main points:

1. American forces will continue to hold the al-Tanf crossing. In return, they will agree to Iranian, Syrian and Hizballah forces capturing from ISIS - and holding - the border town of Abu Kamal, further to the north.
2. Moscow will guarantee the withdrawal of Iranian troops, pro-Iranian militias and Hizballah forces from southeastern Syria region at some point in the process.
3. A joint US-Russian administration will be established to conduct the day-to-day affairs of southeastern Syria, including the areas along the Israeli and Jordanian borders.

Washington has so far turned Moscow down on this plan for two reasons: First, the Syrian army's conquest of Abu Kamal would strengthen Iran's grip on the Syria-Iraq border area, the prevention of which is a primary US objective. And second, the Americans want Iranian and Hizballah forces out of the region before any other steps are taken - instead of later, as per the Russian guarantee. This, the Russian negotiators were not prepared to concede.
<http://www.debka.com/article/26114/First-Russian-base-for-SE-Syria---near-US-garrison>

Amid Hezbollah threats, Israel said to warn Iran against arming group

Jerusalem reportedly using friendly nations to tell Tehran it would 'not tolerate' construction of weapons factories in southern Lebanon

By [Times of Israel staff](#) and [Agencies](#) June 25, 2017, 8:41 am

Israel has reportedly sent messages to Iran via Europe warning it against continuing to expand Hezbollah's warfighting capabilities against Israel in southern Lebanon.

According to Hebrew-language reports, Israel has been speaking to friendly nations who also have diplomatic relations with Tehran, asking them to convey to the Islamic Republic that Jerusalem "will not tolerate" the continued arming of the southern Lebanese terror group and Iranian proxy.

The reports cited a European diplomatic source.

Israel specifically addressed Iranian efforts to construct underground weapons-production factories in south Lebanon that will enable Hezbollah to produce advanced rockets and other systems without the need to smuggle them from Iran through Syria.

The Israeli Air Force has repeatedly targeted such shipments, leading Iran and Hezbollah to examine other options for its continued upgrading of Hezbollah's arsenal.

The new effort to arm Hezbollah was first reported by a Kuwaiti newspaper in March.

The saber-rattling from Hezbollah has spiked in recent weeks. On Friday, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah warned that "hundreds of thousands" of Arab and Muslim fighters from as far afield as Afghanistan would be ready to strike back if Israel were to attack Lebanon or Syria.

"The Israeli enemy should know that if it launches an attack on Syria or Lebanon, it's unknown whether the fighting will stay just between Lebanon and Israel, or Syria and Israel," Hassan Nasrallah said.

"I'm not saying countries would intervene directly — but it would open the door for hundreds of thousands of fighters from all around the Arab and Islamic world to participate in this fight — from Iraq, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan," he said.

Nasrallah made the remarks in a speech broadcast on television to mark Jerusalem (Quds) Day, an annual show of solidarity with the Palestinians marked by marches and speeches that rail against Israel and the West.

The commemoration was first launched by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the late revolutionary leader of Iran — a main sponsor of Hezbollah and staunch rival of Israel. **MORE** - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/amid-hezbollah-threats-israel-said-to-warn-iran-against-arming-group/>

20 arrested for trying to visit Joseph's Tomb in West Bank

Jewish pilgrims intercepted on road to Palestinian city out of bounds to Israelis; rights group claims 4 were beaten by PA security personnel

By [Stuart Winer](#) June 25, 2017, 12:25 pm

Around 20 Jewish pilgrims, including some minors, were arrested early Sunday morning at they tried to reach Joseph's Tomb in the West Bank town of Nablus, the IDF said in a statement.

Nablus, a Palestinian city, is in Area A of the West Bank, putting it under full Palestinian Authority control and entry into the area is forbidden for Israelis without prior authorization with Israeli officials.

According to right-wing legal action group Honenu, which is representing the suspects, four them managed to reach the tomb where they were arrested by Palestinian security forces before being handed over to the IDF. **MORE -** <http://www.timesofisrael.com/20-arrested-for-trying-to-visit-josephs-tomb-in-west-bank/> **[Joseph's tomb is in Nablus which is arab controlled. The Tomb of Abraham, Issac, Jacob Sarah, Rebekkah, Leah is in Hebron along with the tomb of Ruth which is controlled by Israel BUT is in a town that is predominantly arab control and terribly contentious. The tomb of Rachel is in the outskirts of Bethlehem and while the tomb is controlled by Israel there is amazing strife at the site. David's tomb is in the old city of Jerusalem which according to arabs and much of the UN is supposed to be in East Jerusalem which they are pushing as arab Palestinian. It is another attempt to remove from the Jewish people the essence of Jewish history and to delegitimize the Jewish people. – rdb]**

Energy minister: Israel should restore full power supply to Gaza

Steinitz says Jerusalem should not accept dictates from Abbas on policy: 'We do not want a humanitarian disaster in Gaza'

By [Times of Israel staff](#) June 24, 2017, 11:02 pm

Israel should restore full power supply to the Gaza Strip and not allow policy to be dictated by the Palestinian leadership, Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said Saturday.

Steinitz, speaking to Channel 2 news, said he opposed the recent decision to cut electricity to the Strip at the request of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. "We know Abu Mazen is trying to manipulate us. We shouldn't be giving him a hand," Steinitz said, using Abbas's nom de guerre. "It's unacceptable for him to be determining our actions."

Abbas has led a high-stakes campaign to weaken Gaza's Hamas rulers by gradually reducing the flow of electricity to the territory he lost to the terrorist group in 2007.

Gaza's power plant had shut down in April, after Hamas could no longer afford to buy heavily taxed fuel from Abbas's West Bank government. This left the territory with electricity sent from Israel, but paid for by Abbas's Palestinian Authority. The electricity from Israel covered about one-third of Gaza's needs, meaning Gazans were getting power for only about four hours a day.

But at Abbas's request, Israel cut the electricity flow by 40 percent in recent days.

Steinitz criticized the move, saying if Palestinians did not have the funds to pay for power, he would have preferred to cut electricity to Abbas's Ramallah for an hour a day, rather than from the already suffering Gaza. "We do not want a humanitarian disaster in Gaza," he said. "We need to find a solution to the problem and not allow Abu Mazen to strand us with an 'unwanted pregnancy.'" "We will find ways to prevent a humanitarian disaster," he added. "We need to give Gaza 24 hours of electricity despite the conflict." **MORE -** <http://www.timesofisrael.com/energy-minister-israel-should-restore-full-power-supply-to-gaza/>

Netanyahu to attend Central European summit

By [Herb Keinon](#) June 25, 2017 01:14

Jerusalem continues outreach to subregional groups.

Netanyahu is scheduled to travel to Budapest next month for a meeting with the heads of the four central European countries that make up the Visegrad group, as Israel continues to try to build relationships with various regional subgroupings around the world.

Netanyahu is expected to meet with the heads of Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia at the summit on July 18-19.

This visit will **come less than a month after Netanyahu met with the heads of Cyprus and Greece in Thessaloniki, with Israel having developed a close alliance with those EU countries.** And in early May, Netanyahu went to Liberia to take part in a summit there of 15 West African states.

With Jerusalem's relationship with the European Union often strained because of the Palestinian issue and the desire of some key voices in Brussels to link development of ties to that issue, Israel has adopted a policy of forging close ties with specific countries or groupings of countries inside the EU who are more sympathetic to Israel's position and are also interested in having close bilateral relations.

For instance, the energy issue has bound Israel much closer to Cyprus and Greece, and the Visegrad countries find themselves interested in forging closer ties because of economic, security and energy issues as well. These countries forums, as well as inside discussions in EU institutions in Brussels.

Energy ministers from Israel, Cyprus, Greece and Italy sign natural gas agreement (REUTERS)

The same dynamic is at work in Africa. With Israel having been boxed out of any formal status in the African Union, largely because of the opposition of South Africa and the Arab North African countries, it has made inroads instead with African organizations such as the Economic Community of West

African States, or even ad hoc groupings, as Netanyahu did last July when he met the leaders of seven East African countries.

Netanyahu's visit to Budapest will be the first visit there of an Israeli prime minister since the country emerged from Communist rule in 1989. He is expected to hold both bilateral talks with the leaders of each of the Visegrad countries, as well as a joint meeting as well.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto was in Israel in May. The V4, as the Visegrad group is known, is a political and cultural alliance aimed at facilitating the integration of the four countries in European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

Szijjarto told the Hungarian news agency MTI when he was in Israel that the three most important aspects of economic cooperation with Israel were in the areas of automobile navigation, water management and energy.

"The automobile industry provides the backbone of the Hungarian economy, and the future development of this sector of industry fundamentally determines the growth of the Hungarian economy," Szijjarto highlighted.

Close cooperation with Israel could make Hungary the European center for the testing and development of self-driven vehicles, he said.

"Based on the buying up of certain companies, it has become clear that Israel will be one of the global centers for the development of [autonomous vehicles]. Israeli company NavNGo is one of the Hungarian government's strategic partners, employs hundreds of GPS software engineers in Hungary and is one of the world leaders within the field of developing such software, and plays an extremely important role in making self-driven cars a reality," he said.

Audi, Opel and Suzuki exports make up a huge percentage of the country's overall exports, and Europe's largest engine manufacturing plant is located in the country.

With regard to energy, the foreign minister – referring to Israel's offshore operations – said: "Israel's natural gas deposits could play a significant role in the energy security of Europe and Hungary. If extraction begins according to schedule in 2019-20, Hungary will have an interest in purchasing gas [either via a pipeline or in the form of liquefied natural gas] in view of the fact that we would like to purchase natural gas from as many sources as possible."

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Benjamin-Netanyahu/Netanyahu-to-attend-Central-European-summit-497812>

Resisting left's overtures, Lapid insists Yesh Atid is 'centrist'

Former finance minister, eager to replace Netanyahu, says PM's corruption scandals should be enough to see him step down

By Times of Israel staff June 25, 2017, 1:39 am

Yair Lapid, chairman of the opposition Yesh Atid party, said Saturday that while he was critical of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ruling Likud party, he would not join a "left-wing bloc" in a bid to oust him from power.

"If [the left] wants to make a bloc then they should, but we are not on the left; we are a centrist party and will therefore not form a bloc with them," Lapid said in an interview with Chanel 2 news.

His comments followed a [call by opposition chief Isaac Herzog](#) for the establishment of an alternative to the current government. Herzog called on Lapid and Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon of the coalition Kulanu party to "set egos aside and join together into one big political bloc" to replace the current government. **[Lapid is pretty much LEFT of Center if you really look at a lot of his actions. His father was very leftist. This sounds like a person that is trying to position himself for a political run for PM. – rdb]**

Lapid said that it was during the summer 2014 war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, when he was serving as finance minister, **that he resolved to become prime minister and realized he was fit for the job.**

"In the cabinet during Operation Protective Edge, when I looked at all of us [ministers] at a very powerful decision-making juncture," he said. "It becomes easy to differentiate: who is calm, who can make decisions, who understands the full breadth of the situation, and who doesn't."

Several months later, in December of that year, Netanyahu fired Lapid and then-justice minister Tzipi Livni, accusing both of plotting a "putsch" against him and dissolving his coalition. After the ensuing elections, in early 2015, Lapid and Yesh Atid opted to head to the opposition.

Lapid on Saturday also blasted Netanyahu over the ongoing police investigations against him, and the fact that he accepted expensive gifts from billionaires. He invoked the so-called "submarine affair," in which the prime minister's personal lawyer David Shimron is suspected of attempting to sway multi-billion-shekel deals in favor of the German shipbuilder ThyssenKrupp, which he represented in Israel. The purchase was opposed by parts of the defense establishment, including then-defense minister Moshe Ya'alon, who on Saturday [accused Netanyahu of personal corruption in the case.](#) **MORE - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/rejecting-lefts-overtures-lapid-insists-yesh-atid-is-centrist/> [It is simply a fact that politicians are all alike. If their mouths are moving they are probably telling a lie. It doesn't matter what country they are in. – rdb]**

Palestinian sources: Trump may drop Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

Palestinian official says US Pres. advisor Kushner said Trump will decide whether parties ready for peace process or whether initiative should be canceled based on Kushner's assessment.

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A senior Palestinian official who attended the meeting earlier this week of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas with Jared Kushner, the special adviser and son-in-law of US President Donald Trump, told the Al-Hayat newspaper that Kushner would formulate a report on his talks with both sides, This will determine Trump if the peace process is promoted or not.

According to the Palestinian official, Kushner asked Abbas to present his vision for a political solution during the meeting, adding that he had asked Benjamin Netanyahu to do the same.

Kushner said he would write a report based on his talks with the two leaders, and that Trump would decide whether to continue the process and present a peace initiative or withdraw it, if he concludes that both sides are not ready.

The senior Palestinian official added that Abbas refuses to meet the American Ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, because of his past support for settlement construction, and that the US delegation even rebuked Abbas for this during their meeting.

The official's account of the meeting was published after it was reported Friday that [the Palestinians were deeply disappointed](#) at the meeting between Abbas and Kushner. Palestinian sources described the meeting held in Ramallah as tense, charged and unsuccessful.

According to sources, the American delegation arrived at the meeting pushing for all the Israeli demands, which did not allow for any progress to be made, or a discussion to be held on the negotiations themselves or a trilateral summit between Trump, Netanyahu and Abbas.

"The American delegation accepted the Israeli position on the issue of paying salaries to prisoners, painted it at the meeting as a means of encouraging terrorism and demanded that it be stopped," the sources said. [If the "PA" nitwits will actually stop and think Trump was demanding that some time ago. This isn't new and isn't just an Israeli issue. The US legislature is also demanding that they stop paying terrorists. It should be obvious that this will go no-where so long as this perverse practice continues. – rdb]

Another major issue was incitement. The Palestinians expressed great disappointment that these two issues were the main things the Americans talked , as opposed to the subject of a two-state solution, which the Palestinians tried in vain to get the American side to address.

Next month, a Palestinian delegation is expected to take off for Washington and continue the dialogue with the Americans, in preparation for a possible resumption of negotiations. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4980093,00.html>

Egyptian police say they foiled church bombing

Authorities say six members of cell planning Alexandria attack have been captured, including two intended suicide bombers

By AFP June 24, 2017, 11:03 pm

CAIRO — Egyptian police said on Saturday they foiled a church bombing by arresting a cell including the would-be attackers, two months after suicide bombers killed dozens of church goers in two attacks.

Six members of the cell including two "suicide bombers" planning the attack on an Alexandria church were arrested in the Mediterranean city, the interior ministry said in a statement.

It said one attacker had planned to detonate an explosive vest inside the church and the other to blow himself up when police arrived to the scene.

The Islamic State group had claimed responsibility for the two church bombings in April and one in December that killed more than seventy people.

On Thursday, the interior ministry said police killed seven suspected extremists in southern Egypt alleged to have been linked to the church attacks. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/egyptian-police-say-they-foiled-church-bombing/>

Anti-mullah resistance: Iran accelerating pursuit of nukes on missiles

'It's not for defensive purposes. This is meant to intimidate. This is meant to dominate'

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New evidence collected by opposition sources shows Iran's mullah-led regime has been accelerating its nuclear program ever since it became clear the West was committed to making a deal back in 2015.

Ballistic missile tests are blatant evidence the regime continues to pursue nuclear weapons, according to a report released Tuesday by the National Council of Resistance of Iran, or NCRI.

"Tehran had decided (before the nuclear deal was finalized) to step up their efforts on the missile side of their rogue behavior, namely expanding both the production of the missiles but their readiness to deploy them

and make them operational,” said Alireza Jafarzadeh, deputy director of the NCRI’s U.S. office, [at a news conferences in Washington](#).

Jafarzadeh said the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or IRGC, is taking a bigger role in the missile program through the Aerospace Force. “It used to be called the Air Force of the IRGC, basically having helicopters control airports and all of that. Since a few years ago, they changed the whole structure into Aerospace Force, meaning the dominance is with the missile program. Most of their work is the expansion of the missile program,” said Jafarzadeh.

The [new report](#), gathered through intelligence sources in Iran who are hostile to the regime, shows a vast network of facilities working on the missile program.

“We managed to identify, so far, 42 different locations around the country that are dedicated to their missile program, and they include sites that are engaged in the design, production, testing and launching their missiles,” said Jafarzadeh.

The 2015 Iran nuclear deal did not force Iran to make any concessions with respect to ballistic missiles, but Jafarzadeh said the current efforts violate United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iran missile development.

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He also asserted that the revelations expose violations of the nuclear deal, since many of the ballistic missiles serve only one purpose – to carry nuclear warheads.

“One of the troubling things we found out during our investigation was that there was a direct connection between the nuclear weapons program of Iran and their missile program. These are not two separate entities,” said Jafarzadeh.

He said one of the bases on the list, Semnan, is a smoking gun of collaboration between the nuclear weapons program and the advancement of missile capability. The agency tasked with weaponizing nukes, STND, is joined at the hip with the missile program at Semnan, he said.

“We found out that every week there is a high-level delegation from STND going from Tehran to Semnan, doing some activities and coming back. So that’s a very troubling thing,” he said.

Jafarzadeh also said the new intelligence sheds even more light on just how cozy Iran is with North Korea.

“The other element we found out was the extensive connection and collaboration between North Korea and Iran on their missile programs, to the extent that North Korean experts, when they travel to Iran to help the missile program, they stay at the private residence area that the regime has allocated for the North Koreans. They don’t check into some hotel,” he said.

“Vice versa, the Iranian missile experts travel to North Korea and spend time and exchange ideas and views and expertise,” he added.

The locations of the missile bases are also very suspicious, according to Jafarzadeh.

“Most of the sites focusing on production were in the central part of the country near Tehran. All the sites related to launching and operations were either on the western border of the country, which brings them closer to their targets in Europe and the western side of the world, or the southern part of the country near the Persian Gulf,” he said.

“That makes the Iran regime much more accessible to the Persian Gulf countries, making very clear the objective of their entire missile program. It’s not for defensive purposes. This is meant to intimidate. This is meant to dominate,” he said.

“And most importantly, on top of all of these things, it is meant to give the Iranian regime the ability to build the bomb and to be able to carry it. That is to say building a nuclear warhead. That is their ultimate objective,” said Jafarzadeh.

<http://www.wnd.com/2017/06/anti-mullah-resistance-iran-accelerating-pursuit-of-nukes-on-missiles/> **[The Obamination and his cadre of toads did a really bad deed with their stupid and dangerous ploy. They were totally hornswoggled by the Iranians because of their rush to try to have a legacy for that previous idiot occupier of the Whitehouse. – rdb]**

Parliament hit by cyber attack as hackers attempt to access MPs' email accounts

Hackers launch ‘sustained and determined attack’ on all parliamentary user accounts

[Lizzie Dearden](#) Saturday 24 June 2017 15:45 BST

Hackers have targeted Parliament’s email system in an attempt to access the accounts of hundreds of MPs, Lords, aides and staff. Security services are to shut down access for anyone not in Westminster as part of efforts to secure the network after the allegedly state-sponsored attack.

“The Houses of Parliament have discovered unauthorised attempts to access parliamentary user accounts,” a parliamentary spokesperson told **The Independent**.

“We are continuing to investigate this incident and take further measures to secure the computer network, liaising with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). “We have systems in place to protect member and staff accounts and are taking the necessary steps to protect our systems.”

The Sunday Times quoted a security source as saying: “It was a brute force attack. It appears to have been state-sponsored.”

MPs were told of the cyber attack on Friday night and said they were unable to access their emails the following morning.

Tory MP Andrew Bridgen said such an attack could “absolutely” leave people open to blackmail.

An email sent to everyone using a parliamentary address said “unusual activity and evidence of an attempted cyber attack” had been discovered.

“Closer investigation by our team confirmed that hackers were carrying out a sustained and determined attack on all parliamentary user accounts in attempt to identify weak passwords,” said a message seen by the Huffington Post.

“These attempts specifically were trying to gain access to users’ emails.” **MORE -**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/parliament-cyber-attack-mp-email-accounts-houses-commons-politicians-security-police-a7806456.html>

CIA chief: Iran, North Korea threaten US national security

Pompeo says Tehran is the ‘largest state sponsor’ of terror in the world, has gained ‘enormous influence’ in recent years

By [AP](#) and [Times of Israel staff](#) June 25, 2017, 2:51 am

CIA Director Mike Pompeo said Saturday that US national security is threatened by Iran, which he described as “the world’s largest state sponsor of terror.” “Today, we find it with enormous influence, influence that far outstrips where it was six or seven years ago,” Pompeo told MSNBC in an interview that aired Saturday. “Whether it’s the influence they have over the government in Baghdad, whether it’s the increasing strength of Hezbollah and Lebanon, their work alongside the Houthis in Iran, the Iraqi Shias that are fighting along now the border in Syria — certainly the Shia forces that are engaged in Syria. Iran is everywhere throughout the Middle East.”

He also said North Korea poses a “very real danger” to US national security.

“I hardly ever escape a day at the White House without the president asking me about North Korea and how it is that the United States is responding to that threat. It’s very much at the top of his mind,” Pompeo said, adding that the North Koreans are “ever-closer to having the capacity to hold America at risk with a nuclear weapon.”

He said he thinks disclosure of America’s secret intelligence is on the rise, fueled partly by the “worship” of leakers like Edward Snowden.

“In some ways, I do think it’s accelerated,” said Pompeo, a former Republican congressman from Kansas. “I think there is a phenomenon, the worship of Edward Snowden, and those who steal American secrets for the purpose of self-aggrandizement or money or for whatever their motivation may be, does seem to be on the increase.”

Pompeo said the United States needs to redouble its efforts to stem leaks of classified information. “It’s tough. You now have not only nation states trying to steal our stuff, but non-state, hostile intelligence services, well-funded — folks like WikiLeaks, out there trying to steal American secrets for the sole purpose of undermining the United States and democracy,” he said.

Besides Snowden, who leaked documents revealing extensive US government surveillance, WikiLeaks recently released nearly 8,000 documents that it says reveal secrets about the CIA’s cyberespionage tools for breaking into computers. WikiLeaks previously published 250,000 State Department cables and embarrassed the U.S. military with hundreds of thousands of logs from Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are several other recent cases, including Chelsea Manning, the Army private formerly known as Bradley Manning. She was convicted in a 2013 court-martial of leaking more than 700,000 secret military and State Department documents to WikiLeaks while working as an intelligence analyst in Iraq. Manning said she leaked the documents to raise awareness about the war’s impact on innocent civilians.

Last year, former NSA contractor Harold Thomas Martin III, 51, of Glen Burnie, Maryland, was accused of removing highly classified information, storing it in an unlocked shed and in his car and home. Court documents say investigators seized, conservatively, 50 terabytes of information, or enough to fill roughly 200 laptop computers.

Pompeo said the Trump administration is focused on stopping leaks of any kind from any agency and pursuing perpetrators. “I think we’ll have some successes both on the deterrence side — that is stopping them from happening — as well as on punishing those who we catch who have done it,” Pompeo said. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/cia-chief-iran-north-korea-threaten-us-national-security/> **[If they are caught they should be tried for treason. – rdb]**

German MPs set ultimatum that could torpedo Israel drone deal

Members of the Social Democratic Party tell German defense minister they won't approve deal with Israel Aerospace Industries if Heron-2 drone is delivered with arm-equipping capabilities.

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German MPs have issued an ultimatum that could torpedo a \$652 million deal between Germany and the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to lease Heron-2 drones to the German Air Force. Members of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), which is part of Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government, told Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen on Friday that they would not approve the deal with Israel in its current version.

The Heron-2, which will be leased to the Germans in cooperation with Airbus, is one of the largest drones in the world. The aircraft has a 26-meter wingspan and can stay in the air for more than 24 hours. Additionally, it has a carrying capacity of several tons.

Currently, Germany is operating more than ten Heron-1 drones around the world, including in Afghanistan, used for reconnaissance purposes only.

The Social Democratic MPs, however, are demanding that the Heron-2 drones, which can be equipped with rockets unlike the previous model, do not come with the inclusion of any specialized weapons systems. The MPs are worried the drones would be used for targeted killings. Inside sources have described the crisis as a "matter of principle" that risks toppling the coalition.

A visit to the Israel and the IAI production line two weeks ago led to the SPD's change in position.

"When I saw the drones we've agreed to lease, which can be armed, I realized the only thing missing to arm them is rockets," MP Karl-Heinz Brunner told Yedioth Ahronoth.

The ultimatum set by the SPD endangers a 1-billion-euro (\$1.11 billion) [funding package](#) for the German military. The last opportunity to approve the deal before the Bundestag's summer hiatus is at the budget committee meeting on Wednesday. If the deal is not approved this week, it would have to wait for the next government after the September elections.

According to Der Spiegel, the SPD parliamentarians have taken issue with a secret section of the deal worth 100 million euro, in which Germany commits to purchasing 60 missiles that can be fitted onto the drone for training purposes. As part of the deal, German drone operators would receive training at the Tel Nof Airbase in Israel.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-4980423.00.html> **[So much for Germany becoming a viable participant in the defense of Europe if this is their attitude. They will be like the advertisement for Lifelock where the person is a security monitor but doesn't act when there is a robbery going on, he just watches. The passive approach of Germany is simply not functional in today's world. – rdb]**

1.4 million illegals working under stolen Social Security numbers: Audit

By [Stephen Dinan](#) - The Washington Times - Thursday, June 22, 2017

Most illegal immigrants who pay taxes have stolen someone else's legal identity, and the [IRS](#) doesn't do a very good job of letting those American citizens and legal immigrants know they're being impersonated, the tax agency's inspector general said in a new report released Thursday.

The theft creates major problems for the American citizens and legal foreign workers whose identities are stolen, and who have to deal with explaining money they never earned.

But the IRS only manages to identify half of the potentially 1.4 million people likely affected by the fraud in 2015, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said in its report.

"Cases of employment identity theft can cause significant burden to innocent taxpayers, including the incorrect computation of taxes based on income that does not belong to them," said J. Russell George, the inspector general.

It's long been a conundrum in the federal government. **MORE** - <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/22/14-million-illegals-working-stolen-social-security/>

What is Civilization Jihad?

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CNN deletes, retracts story linking Trump and Russia

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On Thursday evening, CNN investigative reporter Thomas Frank published a potentially explosive report involving an investigation of a Russian investment fund with potential ties to several associates

of President Donald Trump. But by Friday night, the story was removed from CNN's website and all links were scrubbed from the network's social media accounts.

"That story did not meet CNN's editorial standards and has been retracted," CNN said in an editors note posted in place of the story. "Links to the story have been disabled."

Neither Frank or CNN immediately responded to requests for comment, and a spokesperson for the Senate Intelligence Committee wasn't available to comment.

Frank, a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2012 while at USA Today, had reported that the Senate Intelligence Committee was investigating a "\$10-billion Russian investment fund whose chief executive met with a member of President Donald Trump's transition team four days before Trump's inauguration." **MORE -**

<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/presidential/cnn-deletes-retracts-story-linking-trump-and-russia-20170624.html> **[The insanity with MSM continues to go on making them look like the fools they are. – rdb]**

Commentaries:

Republican Lawmakers Call for Investigation Into James Comey and Robert Mueller

by [Kristina Wong](#) 23 Jun 2017 5810

Three Republican House Oversight Committee members on Friday called for an investigation into former FBI Director James Comey and Special Counsel Robert Mueller for acting in a partisan manner and applying double standards when it came to the Obama and Trump administrations.

Reps. Jim Jordan (OH), Mark Meadows (NC), and Jody Hice (GA) said Comey misled the American people last year when he agreed to then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch's request that he call an investigation into Hillary Clinton a "matter" instead of an investigation.

"He did it willfully. He did it intentionally. And he did it at the direction of Attorney General Loretta Lynch," they wrote in a piece published on foxnews.com.

They also said Comey misled the American people in the early weeks of the Trump administration by "furthering the perception that President Trump was under investigation, when in fact he was not."

"He again did this willfully and intentionally," they wrote.

They also pointed out that Comey recently admitted having a friend leak one of his memos detailing a private conversation he had with Trump, after Trump fired him.

Comey admitted doing so to spark the appointment of a special counsel for the investigation into Russian interference and any collusion with the Trump campaign.

That person appointed was Robert Mueller — Comey's "mentor and predecessor," they wrote.

"The American people want justice to be blind. They want equal justice and equal protection for everyone. But Mr. Comey's actions continue to call his impartiality, and the impartiality of the Holder and Lynch Justice departments, into question," they said.

They pointed out that on May 7, 2014, the House passed a resolution calling for a special counsel to investigate the IRS targeting of conservatives for their political beliefs.

"Comey and Attorney General Eric Holder blocked the appointment. This despite the fact that the lead investigator they assigned to the case, Barbara Bosserman, was a max-out contributor to President Obama's reelection campaign," they wrote.

"This is the type of unequal justice that Americans despise. No special counsel in the IRS targeting investigation. No special counsel for the Clinton email investigation. But if it's about protecting Comey's reputation and hurting President Trump, then of course there has to be a special counsel," they said.

They said throughout 2015 and 2016, there were calls from Congress for a special counsel for the Clinton email scandal, but the Justice Department refused, even after it was revealed that Lynch had met privately with Bill Clinton.

They also said Mueller's impartiality was questionable. Four weeks after the Treasury's inspector general released a report on the IRS targeting scandal and the Justice Department began their investigation into it, Mueller could not even answer basic questions about the investigation during testimony.

"Investigating the targeting of conservatives by the IRS, which was the biggest story in the news at the time, was clearly not a priority for Mr. Mueller. As FBI director, he didn't even know who was doing what," they wrote.

In contrast, Mueller has handpicked a team of investigators for the Trump investigation.

"You'd better believe Mr. Mueller has handpicked the exact team he wants," they wrote. They said that team included:

- James Quarles, a partner at WilmerHale, was a \$10,000 contributor to House and Senate Democrats. He also has a long history of supporting Democratic presidential candidates, including Dukakis, Gore, Kerry, Obama and Clinton.
- Jeannie Rhee, a senior adviser to former Attorney General Eric Holder, was an Obama and Clinton supporter. She also represented the Clinton foundation in litigation, and personally represented Hillary Clinton.

- Andrew Weissmann, a former Justice Department official, was also an Obama contributor.
- Elizabeth Prelogar, a former law clerk for Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan, donated to both the Obama and Clinton presidential campaigns.

So far, they said, of the dozen people named to Mueller's team, "none have similarly supported Republican presidential candidates."

"The House has a responsibility to defend the deeply-held American principle of equal justice under the law. That's why we believe it's time for the House to have hearings on the troubling matter of the motivation and organization of this investigation," they wrote.

"The past actions of Mr. Mueller and Mr. Comey as part of the Holder and Lynch justice departments call into question their impartiality. If this investigation is to be taken seriously, it is important that the American people get the answers they deserve."

All three congressmen are members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Meadows is the chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/06/23/republican-lawmakers-call-for-investigation-into-james-comey-and-robert-mueller/?utm_source=phplist3360&utm_medium=email&utm_content=HTML&utm_campaign=ISRAPUNDIT+DAILY+DIGEST++JUNE+24%2F17

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'Incitement against IDF enlistment is occurring under our noses'

Justice Minister calls for criminal investigation against group working against Druze enlistment - and receiving the support of Arabs MKs.

Arutz Sheva Staff, 25/06/17 11:58

Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked called on Israel's attorney general Avichai Mandelblit to open a criminal investigation against "Bladna," an Israeli-Arab non-profit organization that she says incites Druze youth against IDF enlistment. "Incitement against IDF enlistment is not only a violation of the law, but harms the cultural fabric and ethos of Israeli society," said Shaked. "It is inconceivable that this illegal activity occurs under our noses and with the backing of elected officials."

Shaked's statement came in response to [a report](#) released by the Zionist organization Im Tirtzu, which claimed that Bladna's anti-enlistment activities were in violation of the law because they targeted Druze youth who are required to serve in the IDF.

According to the report, Arab members of Knesset including Joint List head Ayman Odeh have publicly supported the organization and have participated in their events at recent as April 2017. **The report also notes that Bladna's donors include the US-based New Israel Fund and the European Union, which donated nearly 2,000,000 NIS to the group in 2015.**

Druze members of Knesset also responded to the report.

"I am proud of the members of the Druze community who enlist in the IDF and sanctify the 'blood covenant' that exists between the Druze community and the State of Israel," said Minister of Communications [Ayoub Kara](#). "I will not allow for any organization, whether political or extra-parliamentary, to harm the unique and strong social fabric created over the years by inciting against IDF enlistment."

Yisrael Beiteinu MK Hamad Amar, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, pointed to the high percentage of Druze enlistment, calling their loyalty to the state "unquestionable."

"Not Bladna nor any other organization will be able to uproot the deep and strong connection between the Druze community and the State of Israel," said Amar.

Kulanu MK Akram Hasson also responded to the report by requesting the non-profit registrar to disband Blanda. "They will not succeed in stoking the flames of quarrel between brothers," said Hasson.

Chairman of the Subcommittee for Personnel in the IDF, MK Amir Ohana (Likud), announced his intention to convene an emergency committee session to discuss the findings of the report. "We cannot allow for the haters of Israel to harm the IDF and its soldiers," said Ohana. "These despicable individuals are trying to discourage IDF enlistment of the Druze community, which includes the best of our warriors and heroes."

Im Tirtzu CEO Matan Peleg emphasized how the New Israel Fund and European governments are trying to “brainwash” Arab youth against integrating in Israeli society.

“It is inconceivable that anti-Israel incitement can penetrate unhindered into Israeli schools,” said Peleg. “It is important to note how the ones to suffer the most are the Arab youth who are being brainwashed to oppose the society in which they live.”

“We are calling on the Attorney General to open an investigation against this foreign agent organization, for both inciting the Druze sector against IDF enlistment and for engaging in seditious activity by calling on an entire population of society to oppose the state.” <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/231520>

Israeli Arab arrested for joining ISIS

Israeli Arab obtained propaganda materials from ISIS and made plans to join the fighting ranks of the terror group.
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It has been cleared for publication that joint activity of the Shin Bet and Israeli Police led to the arrest at the beginning of the month of Mohammed Ahmed Azzam, born in 1993, an Israeli Arab from the village of Kfar Manda in the lower Galilee.

Azzam was arrested following information that he supported and identified with ISIS, was in contact with operatives and supporters of the terror group, and had made preparations to set out and join the group and join its fighting ranks.

Investigation by security officials found that Azzam supported the idea of ISIS, obtained propaganda materials of the organization online and, in recent months, even made preparations to depart for the areas where fighting is taking place. It was also revealed that Azzam was in contact with a number of ISIS fighters through the internet and that they were helping him prepare for his departure.

Today, the Haifa district prosecution submitted an indictment against Azzam
<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/231521>

The 'reward' of every Temple Mount rioter: 4,500 shekels a month

Every 'Mourabitoun' and 'Murabitat' received a monthly salary of 4,500 shekels for harassing Jewish visitors on the Temple Mount.

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A Turkish organization funded partially by the Turkish government invested in a project intended to bring 500 thousand Israeli Arabs to the Al-Aqsa Mosque “to protect it against Israeli invasion and the threat of its destruction,” according to an investigation by *Israel Hayom*.

The journalist Nadav Shragai reported that an organization called “Mirasimiz” (“Our Heritage,” - ed.) organized mass transportation to the Old City of Jerusalem, allotting 11.5 million shekels for this purpose. The transportation project was to have continued for many months, and the organization obtained 11 buses and hired dozens of additional buses every week to execute the project.

Among those transported by the organization were the aggressive men's group “Mourabitoun” and women's group “Murabitat,” under the auspices of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, who later became illegal after they created riots on the Temple Mount, cursing and attempting to threaten and disrupt Jewish visits to the site.

The program included many schools from the Arab sector in Israel, and the organization also made sure to distribute water and food costing 7.5 million shekels to those it was transporting to the Temple Mount.

The Shin Bet discovered that, in exchange for their presence on the Temple Mount and their harassment of Jewish visitors to the site, each one of the Mourabitoun and Murabitat received a monthly salary of 4,500 shekels a month.

Mirasimiz, according to *Israel Hayom*, also deals with the buying, fixing, and maintaining buildings in the Old City of Jerusalem near the Temple Mount.

The leader of the organization speaks in the style of Turkish President Erdogan, and envisions a future revival of Jerusalem in the spirit of the Ottoman heritage. He said that international law in Jerusalem is Ottoman law, and Turkey has a right to get involved in Jerusalem because the city is the inheritance of the Ottomans.

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