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2Samuel 14:1And Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart *was* on Absalom. 2And Joab sent to Tekoah and took a wise woman from there, and said to her, Pretend yourself to be a mourner now, and please put on garments of mourning. And do not anoint yourself with oil, and you shall be a woman mourning for one who died these many days. 3And you shall go to the king and speak with him according to this word. And Joab put the words into her mouth.

## Far fewer Palestinians turn out on second day of protests over Jerusalem

*Hundreds rally, compared to thousands of Friday; 19 arrested; PA says Palestinians to look for a 'new broker' in peace talks as US has 'picked a side'*

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) and [TOI staff](#) 9 December 2017, 8:12 pm



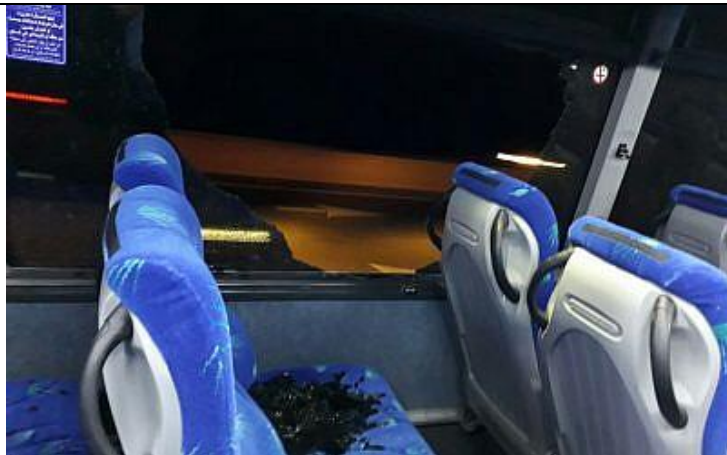
*A Palestinian protester pulls a burning tire during clashes with Israeli security forces near an Israeli checkpoint in the West Bank city of Ramallah on December 9, 2017, following the US president's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. (AFP/Abbas Momani)*



*A Border Police sniper takes aim across the Gaza border toward demonstrations along the security fence, on December 9, 2017. (Israel Police)*

**Hundreds of Palestinians took part in violent protests across the West Bank on Saturday, the Israeli military said, in a substantial decrease from the thousands that rioted the day before over the decision last week** by US President Donald Trump to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

**Some 600 Palestinian demonstrators at 20 flashpoints in the West Bank** threw Molotov cocktails and rocks at Israeli troops, and also set tires on fire and rolled them at soldiers, who responded with riot dispersal weapons such as tear gas, stun grenades and rubber bullets, the army said.



*A bus window is shattered by a rock thrown by Arab Israeli protesters in the northern city of Wadi Ara on December 9, 2017. (Magen David Adom)*



*Palestinians survey the damage at a military facility belonging to the Hamas terror group in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip early on December 9, 2017, following an Israeli air strike in response to Gazan rocket fire. (AFP Photo/Mahmud Hams)*

**Six Palestinians were arrested in the West Bank, and six were lightly wounded in** the clashes, the IDF added.

In East Jerusalem, Israeli police said at least 13 Palestinians were arrested for throwing stones and other objects at officers during clashes. Police also said that **four officers were lightly injured Saturday afternoon during**

**clashes in the East Jerusalem Salah Ad Din neighborhood outside of the Old City.** The officers were all transferred to nearby hospitals for treatment.

**In the Gaza Strip, approximately 450 Palestinians gathered and protested at eight locations** along the security fence with Israel on Saturday, the army said.

During the violent demonstration, one Palestinian crossed the fence into Israel. He was arrested by Israeli troops and taken in for questioning, the army said. There as well, demonstrators threw rocks at troops. They also rolled burning tires at the fence itself.

**The troops, coming from both the Israel Defense Forces and Border Police, responded mostly with riot dispersal weapons, but also used live rounds against** “two of the main instigators, and hits were confirmed,” the army said.

In northern Israel, three people were treated for light injuries after Arab protesters in the Wadi Ara area threw stones at an Egged bus traveling on Route 65 near the town of Ar’ara. The driver of the bus and two passengers received medical attention on site. Police said they arrested two people from the town for rioting.

**In southern Israel too, some 100 people protested in the Bedouin town of Rahat. There were no reports of violence.**

In a White House speech on Wednesday, Trump defied worldwide warnings and insisted that after repeated failures to achieve peace a new approach was long overdue, describing his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the seat of Israel’s government as merely based on reality.

The move was hailed by Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and by leaders across much of the Israeli political spectrum.

Trump stressed that he was not specifying the boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in the city, and called for no change in the status quo at the city’s holy sites.

But Palestinians called for “days of rage” on Friday and Saturday and protests were held across much of the Muslim world as well as in some European capitals.

Palestinian terror group Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip and seeks to destroy Israel, has called for a new intifada, urged Palestinians to confront Israeli soldiers and settlers, and vowed to continue violence until the liberation of Jerusalem.

**Gaza-based terror groups fired rockets at Israel on Friday, with one landing in the southern town of Sderot; Israel responded with air strikes** on Hamas targets. On Saturday, the Hamas-run health ministry said two Hamas gunmen were killed in one of the strikes on a Hamas facility in Nusseirat in the central Gaza Strip. The rocket on Sderot caused minor damage and no injuries.

Friday saw some 5,000 Palestinian protesters demonstrating and clashing with Israeli security forces at almost 30 locations across the West Bank and Gaza Strip after midday prayers.

In Jerusalem, hundreds of Palestinian rallied after Friday prayers near the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a flashpoint site in the holy city which, along with the Dome of the Rock, sits on the Temple Mount. The holiest place in Judaism, the mount is known to Muslims as Haram al-Sharif. PLO and Turkish flags were raised during Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa.

**Most of the thousands of worshipers dispersed peacefully after Friday prayers in the Old City.** But hundreds of demonstrators burned Israeli flags while others chanted, “The war is approaching, Al-Quds Arabiya,” using the Arabic name for Jerusalem and declaring it an “Arab” city. Protesters also chanted, “Let us die as martyrs — there is no place for the State of Israel.”

The army was expected to hold a review of the situation on Saturday evening and decide on the continued deployment of additional troops in the area, Israel Radio reported.

**Diplomatic tensions also escalated Saturday, as Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas indicated that he would not meet with US Vice President Mike Pence** when he visits the West Bank this month.

Abbas’s diplomatic adviser, Majdi Khaldi, said that Abbas won’t meet Pence “because the US has crossed red lines” on Jerusalem.

Abbas had called Trump’s decision “reprehensible” and a “deliberate undermining of all peace efforts,” while warning that the move ended Washington’s historic role as the key sponsor for Israel-Palestinian peace talks.

Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Riyad al-Malki said the Palestinians would look for a new broker for peace talks as “the US has picked a side.” “We are not abandoning the peace process,” he said, “but we will look for a new broker.” <https://www.timesofisrael.com/far-fewer-palestinians-turn-out-on-second-day-of-protests-over-jerusalem/>

## **Leaving for Paris, Netanyahu slams European ‘hypocrisy’ on Jerusalem**

*PM says that while he respects Europe, he will not tolerate its silence on Gaza rocket fire and 'the terrible incitement against us'*

By [Raphael Ahren](#) Today, 12:28 am

**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set off for a two-day trip to Paris and Brussels on Saturday night, criticizing European “hypocrisy” and “double standards” in remarks he made to the press before take-off.**

Boarding the plane to Paris, **Netanyahu said that while he ascribes “great importance” to Europe, he could not tolerate how some countries were quick to slam US President Donald Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital last week, but failed to condemn rocket fire from Gaza into Israel in the past two days or Palestinian incitement.**

“While I respect Europe, I am not prepared to accept a double standard from it,” Netanyahu said. “I hear voices from there condemning President Trump’s historic statement but I have not heard condemnations of the rockets fired at Israel or the terrible incitement against it.”

**“I am not prepared to accept this hypocrisy, and as usual at this important forum, I will present Israel’s truth without fear and with head held high,”** he added. Netanyahu will be meet in Brussels with European Union leaders on Monday.



*Demonstrators shout slogans as they wave placards and flags while taking part in a pro-Palestinian protest in Paris on December 9, 2017, against US President Donald Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. (AFP/Zakaria ABDELKAFI)*

**Protests broke out in much of the Muslim world following Trump’s declaration,** in a speech on Wednesday, that he recognized Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and would ultimately move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Trump stressed that he was not specifying the boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in the city, and called for no change in the status quo at the city’s holy sites. But the Palestinians responded furiously.

Palestinian leaders called for “days of rage” on both Friday and Saturday in the West Bank and Gaza, which saw thousands of Palestinians clashing with Israeli security personnel in different areas, and terror group Hamas urged a new intifada. **MORE -**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/leaving-for-paris-netanyahu-slams-european-hypocrisy-on-jerusalem/> **If**

**you are wondering the logic of the EU nation’s response to Trump it is because of events depicted in this picture. The EU has for over the past decade or more openly and willingly allowed their countries to be invaded by islamics many of whom are poorly vetted and many of whom are radical Salafists who adhere to Sharia and the concept of worldwide Islamic domination. The EU nations have become so PC and so complacent with this group that there are no-go areas throughout many countries and they have abrogated their responsibility to provide rational consistence control and governance. They don’t want to deal with the frequent riots and 3 year old tantrums from these groups. They are terrified of an uprising that will overthrow their weak puny governments. – rdb]**

## **Firebombs hurled at synagogue in Sweden after protest march over Jerusalem**



*A pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel protest in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2015. The signs in Swedish read ‘Boycott Israel.’ (Marianne Pleen Schreiber)*

*At rallies across Europe, participants chant about shooting Jews, an ancient massacre of Jews and freedom for Palestinian terrorists*

By [JTA Today](#), 3:12 am

**More than a dozen men hurled firebombs at a synagogue in Gothenburg in southern Sweden hours after locals marched in the city against the United States’ recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.**

No one was injured in the attack Saturday night, which ended without injury, the online edition of the Expressen daily reported.

Dvir Maoz, the World Bnei Akiva youth movement’s emissary in Gothenburg, told JTA that the attack happened a little after 10 p.m. local time while youths from the Jewish community were attending a party inside the synagogue complex. Looking outside from inside the synagogue lobby area, he said he saw in the corner of his eye “a ball of fire” approaching the building.

**“The guards saw it in the security cameras and called police right away. The children were stressed, it was the first time they had ever experienced a terrorist attack near them.”**

The children’s parents were called to take them home after police arrived at the scene and scanned the area to make sure it was safe to come out, Maoz said. The culprits had already left by the time police arrived. The building did not sustain any substantial damage that he could see, he added.

As they waited for police to arrive, the children were taken down to the basement floor for safety, Laila Takolander, a member of the local Jewish community, told the Expressen daily.

Police do not have suspects in custody, according to the report.

**Hours before the attack, which police are investigating, several hundred people marched through the city’s center in protest of US President Donald Trump’s Wednesday declaration** that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

In an address from the White House, Trump defied worldwide warnings and insisted that after repeated failures to achieve peace a new approach was long overdue, describing his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the seat of Israel’s government as merely based on reality. The move was hailed by Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and by leaders across much of the Israeli political spectrum. Trump stressed that he was not specifying the boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in the city, and called for no change in the status quo at the city’s holy sites.

At other protest rallies over the move in Sweden, Austria and France, participants chanted, respectively, in Arabic about shooting Jews, an ancient massacre of Jews and freedom for Palestinian terrorists.

**The Swedish rally where chants about shooting Jews were heard happened on Friday night** in the southern city of Malmö, Sveriges Radio reported.

“We have announced the intifada from Malmö. We want our freedom back, and we will shoot the Jews,” some of in the rally of 200 demonstrators shouted, according to the public radio station. Intifada is the Arabic-language word for a violent uprising.

**Earlier that day in Vienna, hundreds of participants in a rally shouted in Arabic, “Jews, remember Khaybar, the army of Muhammad is returning.”** The cry relates to an event in the seventh century when Muslims massacred and expelled Jews from the town of Khaybar, located in modern-day Saudi Arabia. **[So who are the rioters? They are the terrorist islamics that these countries have allowed to infiltrate their lands. If you look at Sweden and their Islamic problem, the land is not even fit for Swedes to live in since the islamics are raping and terrorizing the indigenous people. Take heed USA and if the liberals persist with their vile agenda in this land we will have the same problem. – rdb] MORE -**

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**IDF warns further Gaza rockets will be met with ‘severe response’**

*In Arabic Facebook post, Israel's military liaison to the Palestinians says 'irresponsible' terror groups seek an 'escalation' with Israel amid Jerusalem tensions*

By [TOI staff](#) 9 December 2017, 5:10 pm

**A top Israeli general warned Saturday that further rocket fire from the Gaza Strip towards Israel would be met with a “severe and painful response,” a day after a number of rockets were launched at southern Israel from the enclave amid tensions over US President Donald Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.**



*Israel’s Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai in 2015 (Gershon Elinson/Flash90)*



*Palestinian protesters clash with Israeli security forces near the West Bank city of Ramallah on December 9, 2017. (AFP Photo/Abbas Momani)*

Maj. Gen Yoav **Mordechai**, the military liaison to the Palestinians, wrote on his Facebook page on **Saturday in Arabic that “irresponsible” terror groups are seeking an “escalation” with Israel, and warned Gazans that they will be the ones who end up paying the price.**

“The continuation of the instances of [rocket] fire will lead to a severe and painful response by the Israel Defense Forces. Don’t try to test our strength,” wrote Mordechai.

**He reiterated that Israel holds Hamas, the terror group that runs Gaza, responsible for any attacks coming out of the enclave.**

**Mordechai’s comments came after a number of rockets were fired at Israel on Friday from Gaza** for a second consecutive day. At least one was intercepted by the Iron Dome system, but one landed in a residential area of the town of Sderot, without causing injuries.

**Israel later launched a series of air strikes on Hamas targets in response to the rockets.** In one of the IAF strikes on a Hamas base in Nusseirat, located in the central Gaza Strip, two Hamas gunmen were killed.

The flare-up on the Gaza border came as some 5,000 Palestinian protesters demonstrated and clashed with Israeli security forces on Friday at almost 30 locations across the West Bank and Gaza Strip after midday prayers, in a show of anger against US President Donald Trump’s Wednesday decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

**While smaller than Friday’s protests, Saturday saw further clashes in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.**

**Hamas, which seeks to destroy Israel, has called for a new intifada**, urged Palestinians to confront Israeli soldiers and settlers, and vowed to continue violence until the liberation of Jerusalem.

A spokesman for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said Friday that Palestinians would “never back down” and “will not allow implementation” of new US policy in Jerusalem. He vowed that Palestinian “rage” would continue. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-warns-further-gaza-rockets-will-be-met-with-severe-response/>**

## **IDF accuses Palestinians of using ambulance as shield for rock throwing**

*Photographs released by military show two youths standing behind vehicle as they apparently lob stones at security forces*

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 1:25



*A Palestinian rock thrower apparently uses an ambulance as a shield during a violent demonstration in Ramallah on December 9, 2017. (Israel Defense Forces)*

**The Israel Defense Forces accused Palestinian protesters of using an ambulance as a human shield during a violent demonstration in Ramallah on Saturday.**

**According to the military, the Palestinian rioters hid behind the ambulance as they believed it would prevent the soldiers from retaliating.**

“The rioters knew that security forces in the field would not employ riot dispersal tactics against an ambulance, and they used it to harm the forces while shielding themselves,” the army said in a statement.

Photographs released by the military showed Palestinians on at least two occasions throwing rocks while standing behind an ambulance. The Times of Israel could not independently verify where and when the pictures were taken.

**On Saturday, hundreds of Palestinians took part in violent protests across the West Bank**, in a substantial decrease from the thousands that rioted the day before over the decision last week by US President Donald Trump to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

Some 600 Palestinian demonstrators at 20 flashpoints in the West Bank threw Molotov cocktails and rocks at Israeli troops, and also set tires on fire and rolled them at soldiers, who responded with riot dispersal weapons such as tear gas, stun grenades and rubber bullets, the army said. **[This sounds terrible but if you look at population density numbers the percentage of people involved is quite small and the perpetrators are probably paid activists by the “PA” which is quite common. – rdb]**

Six Palestinians were arrested in the West Bank, and six were lightly wounded in the clashes, the IDF added.

In East Jerusalem, Israeli police said at least 13 Palestinians were arrested for throwing stones and other objects at officers during clashes. Police also said that four officers were lightly injured Saturday afternoon during separate clashes in the East Jerusalem Salah Ad Din neighborhood outside of the Old City. The officers were all transferred to nearby hospitals for treatment. **MORE** - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-accuses-palestinians-of-using-ambulance-as-shield-for-rock-throwing/>

## Bennett wants to be prime minister after 'the age of Netanyahu'

By [Lahav Harkov](#) December 9, 2017 21:39

**"I have broad experience in business, economics, government and security, and I plan to use all of it," Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett said.**

**Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett wants to be Israel's next prime minister, he said on Reshet's Meet the Press Saturday night.** Bennett has expressed these aspirations before, though this is his strongest public statement on the matter since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has become embroiled in multiple corruption allegations.

**"After the 'Age of Netanyahu' I plan to run for prime minister, and all the dramatic changes I have made in the education system I plan to bring to security, economics and all areas of action,"** the education minister said.

"Since I began public action, I have tried to do everything for the country. I did it in the past and will do it in the future."

"I have broad experience in business, economics, government and security, and I plan to use all of it," he added.

Bennett denied the rumors that he plans to merge his Bayit Yehudi party with the Likud in order to have a better platform from which to run for premier.

Today, he explained, Bayit Yehudi has a problem because it is seen as a narrow, niche party.

"I believe that what must be done with this platform is to open Bayit Yehudi to new publics, to all of the people of Israel," he said.

Still, Bennett is not rushing to bring about an election. "I think this is a good, nationalist government – a government led by Netanyahu, and it needs to be able to continue to rule," he said. <http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Bennett-wants-to-be-prime-minister-after-the-age-of-Netanyahu-517549>

## IDF destroys Gaza attack tunnel crossing into Israeli territory

**A month and a half after blowing up a Palestinian Islamic Jihad tunnel, army says it demolished a second, 'substantial' one belonging to Hamas**

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 12:15 pm

**The Israel Defense Forces this weekend destroyed an attack tunnel coming from the southern Gaza Strip that entered Israeli territory, after demolishing one nearly a month and a half ago,** the army announced on Sunday.

The military said the kilometer-long tunnel was constructed by the Hamas terrorist group. It began in the Gazan city of Khan Younis and extended "hundreds of meters" inside Israeli territory.

IDF spokesperson Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus would not specify where exactly it was located in Israel, but said it ended in open farmland, approximately one kilometer (0.6 miles) from the nearest Israeli community.



**Israeli troops prepare to destroy a Hamas attack tunnel that entered Israeli territory, on December 9, 2017. (Israel Defense Forces)**

**"We monitored this tunnel for a long period of time," Conricus said.**

The decision to destroy it was made several weeks ago. According to the officer, some of the [closures set up around the Gaza Strip](#) in the past month were connected to the tunnel discovery, while others were put in place for fear that terrorist groups would try to carry out sniper and anti-tank missile attacks on Israeli civilians who got too close to the area.

**The spokesman noted that the tunnel did not pose an immediate threat** to Israeli civilians and that it did not have an exit point at the time of the destruction.

He said the tunnel appeared to be a "very substantial" one for Hamas, "based on the level of detail."

Conricus would not say what aspects of the tunnel specifically made the military believe that it belonged to Hamas, though photos from inside it showed a similar construction to the group's tunnels that were found during the 2014 Gaza war, notably the assembly-line produced concrete linings with a curved roof.

He added that the army holds "Hamas responsible twice — once, because it is responsible for any aggressive action coming from the Gaza Strip, and twice, because this was a Hamas terror tunnel." **MORE -**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-destroys-gaza-attack-tunnel-crossing-into-israeli-territory/>

## **Defense minister urges boycott of Arab Israelis in area that saw riots**

*'These people aren't part of the State of Israel,' Liberman says after residents of Wadi Ara demonstrate against Trump's Jerusalem declaration*

By [Stuart Winer](#) Today, 10:19 am

Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman on Sunday called on Israelis to boycott Arab businesses in a northern Israeli district that saw rioting over the weekend, and asserted that its residents didn't belong in the State of Israel.

His comments drew sharp criticism from other lawmakers, including Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan, who said Liberman's policy of disowning areas with large Arab populations would lead to Israel abandoning territory in its heartland.

Liberman, in an interview with Army Radio, called on Israelis to boycott Wadi Ara-area businesses after local residents clashed with police on Saturday and threw rocks at passing vehicles during demonstrations against US President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

During the unrest, rock-throwers targeted a passenger bus, smashing the windows and lightly injuring the driver. An Israeli journalist also claimed to have escaped a "lynching" after rioters threw rocks at him and at police, then destroyed his motorcycle. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/defense-minister-urges-boycott-of-arab-israelis-in-area-that-saw-riots/>

## **Thousands protest in Tel Aviv against corruption; Likud slams 'division'**

*Ruling party criticizes left-wing groups for not presenting 'a united front to the world' as Netanyahu sets off to Europe to defend Trump's Jerusalem decision*

By [TOI staff](#) and [Alexander Fulbright](#) 9 December 2017, 11:00 pm

**Tens of thousands of people gathered in Tel Aviv on Saturday night for an anti-corruption demonstration aimed at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who is being investigated in a pair of graft probes, and amid government efforts to push through the so-called police recommendations bill.**

Netanyahu's close political ally and chairman of the coalition, David Bitan, has also been grilled at length this past week over separate allegations of bribery and links with organized crime during his time as deputy mayor of Rishon LeZion, near Tel Aviv. Bitan is a key proponent of the controversial bill.

**The protesters on Saturday called for Netanyahu's resignation and for all "corrupt officials [to] go home."** They shouted "shame" and "mafia" and carried signs railing against alleged government corruption, leading chants against Netanyahu and Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit whom they accuse of shielding the prime minister.

**Rothschild Boulevard, where the demonstration took place, was closed to traffic as a result of the protest, as were several surrounding streets.** Last week's protest in the same spot drew tens of thousands for a "March of Shame."

The protests are organized by the leaders of the weekly anti-corruption demonstrations which have been held near Mandelblit's home in Petah Tikva for the past year. Organized groups from the Meretz party, Hadash (Communist) party, clean government and animal rights groups took part as well.

The ruling Likud party responded angrily to the demonstration, accusing the protest leaders of dealing in "division" amid opposition from numerous countries to US President Donald Trump's decision last week to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

A small counter-protest took place near Independence Hall on Rothschild Boulevard. Playing traditional Jewish music, a protest leader shouted, "we are the real Jewish people and poked fun at "leftists Ashkenazi Jews drinking their cappuccinos."

Netanyahu is set to leave Saturday for Paris and Brussels to meet with European officials on their stance on Israel and the US move to recognize Jerusalem, which was met with dismay in western European capitals.

**"Instead of rallying the whole nation together behind Jerusalem and presenting a united front to the world, the Left can't help itself and prefers to deal in division," the Likud said.**

"On the night Netanyahu sets off to present Israel in the face of the opposition to Trump's declaration and at a time when demonstrations are being held across the Arab world where Israeli and American flags are being burned, the Left is holding a protest in Tel Aviv," the party said. **[The issue is these leftist groups don't care about the**



**nation and in fact just like in the USA they want to disassemble the nation as it is and establish some socialist mind control leadership. You can almost bet that if you look at the backing of this group and their funding it will lead to one fellow – Soros. – rdb]**

Reports in the Hebrew media put participants Saturday night at over 10,000. Last week, up to 50,000 took part in the demonstration.

Hundreds held a similar protest on Saturday in Haifa.

The protests come as the coalition has pushed for legislation which would block police investigators from informing prosecutors whether they believe there are grounds for indictment in any particular case and from publicizing information or leaking conclusions to the media. The bill was supposed to come before second and third readings on Monday but the vote was delayed amid fears it would not pass.

Likud MK David Amsalem, the author of the bill, had been working to fast-track the proposed legislation after it cleared an initial reading in the Knesset last week. **MORE** - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/thousands-protest-in-tel-aviv-against-corruption-likud-slams-division/>

## **Lebanese PM slams Iran-backed Iraqi militia visit to Israel border**

**Saad Hariri orders Qais al-Khazali banned after trip organized by Hezbollah, whose regional interventions have drawn premier's ire**

By [Agencies](#) 9 December 2017, 10:22 pm

**BEIRUT — Lebanon's prime minister on Saturday criticized a visit by an Iranian-backed Iraqi militia leader to Lebanon's border with Israel, saying it violated local law.**

**The trip by Qais al-Khazali, the founder and leader of the Asaib Ahl al-Haq militia, or League of the Righteous, was organized by Lebanon's Iranian proxy Hezbollah, the powerful terror group and arch-foe of Israel.**

**A video was aired by Asaib Ahl al-Haq al-Ahd TV station Thursday night showing al-Khazali along with several other people in military uniforms as they showed him around areas overlooking Israeli towns and villages.** One of those guiding al-Khazali pointed to a mountainous region in a distance and told him "this is Golan," in reference to the Golan Heights that was captured by Israel from Syria during the 1967 Mideast war.

**Al-Khazali was later seen standing next to a wall on the border near the Fatima Gate in the Lebanese border village of Kfar Kila.**



*Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri greets supporters upon arriving at his home in Beirut on November 22, 2017. (AFP Photo/Stringer)*

"We declare our full readiness to stand united with the Lebanese people and the Palestinian cause in the face of the Israeli occupation," he can be heard saying in the recording.

**Iran-backed Asaib Ahl al-Haq leader Qais al-Khazali from Iraq on border: "I'm here with my brothers from Hezbollah, Islamic Resistance. We announce that we're fully prepared & ready to stand as one with Lebanese people with Palestinian cause in face of unjust Israeli occupation"**

[pic.twitter.com/0shogWbeqc](https://pic.twitter.com/0shogWbeqc)

— Wladimir (@vvanwilgenburg) [December 9, 2017](#)

Asaib Ahl al-Haq spokesman Jawad al-Tlibawi told AFP that the visit was "in solidarity with the cause of Arabs and Muslims, with occupied Palestine."

**"It's a clear message to the Israeli entity, as well as solidarity with the Lebanese people if the Israeli entity attacks them," he added.**

**In a statement, Prime Minister Saad Hariri said the visit took place six days ago and was a "violation of Lebanese laws,"** without specifying further. He added that he had instructed authorities to investigate and "take measures to prevent any person from carrying out military activities on Lebanese territory... and to prevent the person in the video from entering Lebanon."

**Asaib Ahl al-Haq is an Iran-backed group that is one of the main components of Iraq's Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary force.** It staged spectacular attacks against US troops before their withdrawal from Iraq in 2011.

Hezbollah has sent advisers to assist the force in its battle against the Islamic State terror group.

The Lebanese Hezbollah terror group, which seeks to destroy Israel, is also fighting in neighboring Syria, and has been accused of assisting Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Its regional interventions have been a source of tension in Lebanon, and were cited by Hariri when he announced last month that he was resigning.

He later withdrew his resignation after talks that saw Lebanon's government issue a statement reasserting a policy of non-interference in regional conflicts.

Israel withdrew its forces from southern Lebanon in 2000, ending a 22-year presence in the country, but the two nations remain technically at war and there have been occasional skirmishes on the border.

Hezbollah moved into the vacated areas, and deployed all the way to the border fence. **A devastating Hezbollah war against Israel followed in 2006 that killed more than 1,200 Lebanese, mostly civilians, and 120 Israelis, most of them soldiers.** Hezbollah had deployed in civilian areas of southern Lebanon.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/lebanese-pm-slams-iran-backed-iraqi-militia-visit-to-israel-border/>

## **Anti-Trump protesters try to break into US embassy in Beirut**

**Police forces use tear gas to disperse protest; in Indonesia, 10,000 rally over US recognition of Jerusalem**

By [Agencies](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 12:07 pm

**Demonstrators on Sunday broke down the gates to the US embassy in Beirut amid continuing protests worldwide against US President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem** as Israel's capital.

Lebanese police fired tear gas and water cannons as protesters ignited fires and threw projectiles.

An AFP correspondent in Awkar outside the capital Beirut said several hundred pro-Palestinian demonstrators had gathered near the US embassy, located in the area.

Several people were injured by rocks and tear gas, the correspondent said.

There was no immediate comment from security forces.

Protesters waving Palestinian and Lebanese flags, and sporting black-and-white checked keffiyeh scarves, chanted slogans against Trump.

A group of demonstrators set alight an effigy of the US president, whose decision upended decades of American diplomacy and an international consensus to leave the status of Jerusalem to be resolved in negotiations. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/anti-trump-protesters-try-to-break-into-us-embassy-in-beirut/> [This gives The Donald and all the world a picture of the Islamic mindset which is not one of rational thinking but one of a three year olds temper tantrum and riot every time they don't get their way. This is the same thinking of the Anti-Fa and the Black lives matter groups here in the USA. They are not people that can be dealt with rationally but only by sheer force just as the temper tantrum throwing three year old needs his backside whipped for throwing the tantrum. Force must be met with force until they learn that it will get them nowhere except a painful result. The Psycho BS that is going on today in child rearing has led to the disruptive millennials and snowflakes of today who must have their safe space or else they throw a tantrum. – rdb]**

## **Judge: Feds can discriminate against churches**

**Refuses to protect congregations that served victims of Hurricane Harvey**

Published: 3 hours ago [Bob Unruh](#)

**Gray Miller, a federal judge in Texas, has ruled that the federal government can discriminate against churches whose congregations opened their facilities to government-aid programs that assisted Hurricane Harvey victims.**

**The ruling was in response to request for a temporary restraining order by three churches whose facilities were damaged in the weather catastrophe. They contend they should be included in the government program designed to help nonprofit organizations restore their facilities after such a disaster,** because they were integral in providing assistance.

Miller dismissed the idea that churches should be treated equally.

The judge argued a U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing a Missouri church to participate in a government program to make playgrounds safer does not apply to the Texas case.

The playground, used for the church's school, is "not an 'essentially religious endeavor,'" he said.

In the Texas case, he said, "the funding would be used to repair church facilities so that plaintiffs could use their facilities for their primary service, which plaintiffs admit is providing religious activities."

A lawyer representing the three churches in their suit against the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Eric Rassbach of the Becket Fund, said there would be an immediate appeal. **MORE - <http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/judge-feds-can-discriminate-against-churches/> [Want to bet who appointed this judge? – rdb]**

## **Campus coffee shop evicts College Republicans from 'safe space'**

[Kassy Dillon](#) Massachusetts Campus Correspondent [@kassydillon](#) on Dec 08, 2017 at 7:40 PM EDT

**Members of the Fordham University College Republicans were asked to leave an on-campus coffee shop because their MAGA hats apparently violated the shop's "safe space policy."**

**In a video obtained by Campus Reform, the self-identified president of Rodrigue's Coffee House, a coffee shop run by a student club, is seen telling the College Republicans they have five minutes to get out of the coffee shop.**

**"This is a community standard—you are wearing hats that completely violate safe space policy.** You have to take it off or you have to go." "I am protecting my customers," the president said.

"We are your customers, we bought something," a CR member replied.

**"I don't want people like you supporting this club... no one here wants people like you supporting our club,"** the president retorted. "I am giving you five minutes."

A student then asked for a refund, to which the president responded, "[y]ou had some coffee... do not try to outsmart me."

"You are threatening the integrity of our club. This is a community standard—you are wearing hats that completely violate safe space policy," she said. "You have to take it off or you have to go."

One of the students then asked the president to explain what she thinks the MAGA hat stands for, to which she replied, shouting: "Fascism, Nazis! You have three minutes." **MORE - <https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=10251> [this is absolutely pathetic. These so called college students are worse than 3 year olds. Snowflake is hardly the word. What a waste of protoplasm. – rdb]**

## **Modern Day Witches Call Theirs 'A Beautiful Way Of Life'**

*December 8, 2017 at 11:53 pm*

**NEW PALTZ, N.Y. (CBSNewYork) — At a time when participation in traditional religions is declining among Americans, the practice of witchcraft is said to be on the rise.**

CBS2's Ali Bauman went inside the secret world of modern-day witches to explore why so many say they're falling under its spell.

"I am the high priestess," Lisa Stewart said.

**"To be a witch is incredibly relevant in today's society,"** Anton Stewart explained.

Nestled in the heart of the Hudson Valley is the Church of the Eternal Circle, the only legally recognized Wiccan Church in the state of New York.

"We follow the tradition of the craft of the wise — witchcraft — and we are witches," Stewart said.

For the first time, members invited CBS2 to attend their services.

"The time is right," Lisa said.

Stewart and her husband Anton are the founders of the church.

"There are definitely more of us than you think," she said.

It's estimated that as many as a million people identify as being a witch in the U.S. with 20 percent of that population said to be in New York.

"We have professionals of all kinds," Lisa said. **MORE - <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2017/12/08/modrn-day-witchcraft/> [Just in case you wondered why the US was going to Hell in a hand bucket, this might give you some idea. While traditional churches have oftentimes become entertainment venues rather than churches the denigration of the Judeo-Christian ethic in this country is falling rapidly. – rdb]**

## **See Down-syndrome girl shred U.N. 'expert'**

*'You sir, do not speak for my community'*

*Published: 7 hours ago Bob Unruh*

**Responding to an expert for the United Nation's Human Rights Committee who recently advocated killing unborn children who have Down syndrome, a young woman with the condition fired back.**

**"You sir, do not speak for my community,"** Charlotte Fien said a video on the website for the [European Center for Law and Justice](#), a non-governmental organization that has special consultative status before the United Nations.

She was responding to Ben Achour, who said that a diagnosis of Down syndrome in the womb "does not mean that we have to accept to let a disabled fetus live."

"If you tell a woman your child as Down ... what is it called? Down syndrome. If you tell her that, or that he may have a handicap forever, for the rest of his life, it should be possible for her to resort to abortion to avoid the handicap [as] a preventive measure," he said.

Fien responded: "I'm a human being just like you. Our only difference is an extra chromosome. My extra chromosome makes me far more tolerant than you, sir. (...) If any other [in]heritable traits like skin color were used to eradicate a group of people the world would cry out."

<http://wnd.com/2016/12/sign-the-petition-urge-trump-to-get-u-s-out-of-u-n/> She went on: “Why are you not crying out when people like me are being made extinct? What have We done to make you want us to disappear? As far as I know my community doesn’t hate, discriminate or commit crimes.”

Fien said Achour essentially is advocating eugenics.

**“It’s disgusting and evil. You need to apologize for your horrible comments,”** she said. “You should also be removed from the Human Rights Committee as an expert. You are not an expert about Down syndrome. You sir, do not speak for my community. . . . I will fight for our right to exist for the rest of my life.”

She pointed out Achour has used the word “suffering” in relation to Down syndrome.

**“The only thing we have to suffer are horrible people who want to make us extinct,”** she said. “I have a brilliant life. I have a family that loves me. I have great friends. I have an active social life.”

She suggested that the Human Rights Committee appoint her as an expert.

“I will fight for our right to exist,” she said.

**In a Web comment, Michael Jupp wrote: “Beautiful to watch and amazing to listen to. Who has the right to determine who can or should live. We are destroying every day unborn children, and who knows who they would have become if allowed to live. Thank you Charlotte** for speaking out.

**MORE - <http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/see-down-syndrome-girl-shred-u-n-expert/> [Chalk up one more reason and example of why the UN and all of its agencies should be disbanded or at least expelled from US soil and all funding should cease. This is the vile and evil thinking of the Hitlers of this world and those individuals need to be “neutralized” and eradicated. I have dealt with many a Downs patient during my medical career and many are the most loving, warm and wonderful children you could imagine. It is also oftentimes amazing to see the effect these children have on entire families and those with whom they interact. Go to the web site for the video. – rdb]**

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

## **Texas imam calls for Israel's destruction – in Arabic**

*Facebook prayer: 'O Allah, destroy Zionists and their allies'*

*Published: 3 hours ago*

**WASHINGTON – Following President Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, a Texas-based Islamic cleric has posted a recorded prayer on his Facebook page calling for Israel’s destruction, along with “their allies, and those who assist them and those who allowed them into the abodes of the Muslims.”**

While Sheikh Ramadan Elsabagh does not mention Trump’s Wednesday proclamation, [the Investigative Project on Terrorism, which translated the message from Arabic, interprets it as a “clear reaction.”](#)

“Our Lord. Help holy Palestine,” Elsabagh chanted. “. . . O Allah, be with your oppressed worshipers in Palestine,

**O Allah destroy the Zionists and their allies, and those who assist them and those who allowed them into the abodes of the Muslims.** By your power, O mighty one, O mighty one, through your power and might, O Allah, deflect them with what you will, and however you will, for you are omnipotent, and with a response omnipotent.”

**Elsabagh is listed as the head of the Islamic Services Foundation Quran Institute in Garland, Texas, and is featured as a Quran reader on many Internet sites.** His YouTube pages have tens of thousands of views. His recitations are also featured in Google Play and iTunes.

“Oh Allah save [Al Aqsa] from the hands of the accursed violators, whom you have cursed in every book, and cursed them through every prophet,” he said in conclusion. “Oh Allah destroy them.”

The video drew several comments of “amen, amen,” according to a Facebook translation. One came from Said Abbasy, a New York-based Muslim Brotherhood supporter. Abbasy mourned the death of “Blind Sheikh” Omar Abdul Rahman – considered the spiritual guide for the 1993 World Trade Center bombers who was convicted for a plot to attack other New York landmarks and assassinate high-profile targets, according to IPT. **MORE -**

**<http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/texas-imam-calls-for-israels-destruction-in-arabic/> [Just in case you think that the radical islamists are 'somewhere - OVER THERE' keep in mind that this is in Garland Texas just down the highway from where I live and most of you**

live. The problem is much closer and much more pervasive than most of those in the USA are willing to recognize. **WAKE UP! SMELL THE ROSES!** They are at our doorstep and we have people in our government who are advocating for their advance and protection. – rdb]

## U.S. Diplomat's Resignation Signals Wider Exodus From State Department

One diplomat's stinging resignation letter offers a glimpse into the weakening State Department under Trump.

By [Dan De Luce](#), [Robbie Gramer](#)

December 9, 2017, 1:29 PM

An award-winning U.S. diplomat who was seen as a rising star at the State Department has issued a scathing resignation letter, accusing Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and the Donald Trump administration **of undercutting the State Department and damaging America's influence in the world.**

Elizabeth Shackelford, who most recently served as a political officer based in Nairobi for the U.S. mission to Somalia, wrote to Tillerson that she reluctantly had decided to quit because the administration had abandoned human rights as a priority and shown disdain for the State Department's diplomatic work, according to her letter, obtained by Foreign Policy.

"I have deep **respect for the career Foreign and Civil Service staff** who, despite the stinging disrespect this Administration has shown our profession, continue the struggle to keep our foreign policy on the positive trajectory necessary to avert global disaster in increasingly dangerous times," Shackelford wrote in her Nov. 7 letter, which is published below. One phrase was redacted on Shackelford's request. **MORE - <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/12/09/u-s-diplomat-resigns-warning-of-state-departments-diminished-role-diplomacy-national-security-tillerson-africa-somalia-south-sudan/> [Thinning out and decreasing the independence and the self determination of those in the State Department is a wonderful thing. The group has had way too much autonomy in the past as we have seen from their position on Israel over the past years. While the Whitehouse has portrayed one direction the State Department has operated like a totally independent autonomous group. They are serving at the pleasure of the president and need to remember that. – rdb]**

### Commentaries:

#### Violence Should Not Determine Policy

by [Alan M. Dershowitz](#) December 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Many who are opposed to President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital point to the call for violence by Hamas and the scattered violence on the West Bank as evidence that Trump was wrong. **But violence should never influence US policy. The leaders of Hamas and other Palestinian groups use violence as a deliberate tactic to get their way. If policy-makers allow this tactic to deter them from doing the right thing,** it will only incentivize the opponents of a peaceful resolution of the conflict to threaten and employ violence every time they do not get what they want. Violence should be responded to by police and military action, not by giving in to the unreasonable demands of those who use violence as a tactic. **[Their violence is a 3 year old mindset temper tantrum and most of the time is just for show. – rdb]**

**Palestinian violence is rarely spontaneous. It is usually well organized by leaders** who decide when to turn it on and off. The reason violence — whether rock-throwing or more lethal forms of terrorism — is used is because it works. And it works because policy-makers often make or refrain from making controversial decisions based on the fear of violent reactions. Palestinian leaders, especially Yasser Arafat, honed the tactic of terrorism as a way to extort concessions from the world. Many countries submitted to this violent extortion, so it continued and spread. If we stopped rewarding violence, it might well abate.

Palestinian leaders called for a violent intifada when they turned down the generous offer of statehood made by former President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Ehud Barak in 2000-2001. The result was 4,000 deaths. They again called for violence when Israel opened an exit from the Western Wall Tunnel into the soukh area, even though the new exit brought considerable new business to Palestinian shopkeepers and restaurant owners. And when Israel placed security cameras on the Temple Mount to protect Muslims attending the mosques, the response was not a reasoned call for negotiation or law suit in the Israel Supreme Court — it was violence.

Now just imagine what will happen if peace negotiations are commenced and both sides have to compromise. Israel's compromises will be met with law suits, political pushback and possibly resistance from some settlers who will have to be uprooted. That is what happened when former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered the evacuation of all Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian compromises will be met with street violence, terrorism and assassinations. That has long been the modus operandi of Palestinian leaders and dissidents.

**A clear message must be sent now to these leaders and dissenters: violence will not be rewarded or tolerated.** It will be responded to not with policy changes but with police and military action. As the late Yitzhak Rabin put when he was prime minister: "We will pursue the peace process as if there no terrorism, and respond to terrorism as if there were no peace process."

**So, let the peace process move forward toward a two-state solution, regardless of the violence that may be tactically deployed by the enemies of peace. Do not be fooled by those who say that the two-state solution is dead or that it is time to adopt a one-state solution.** Under any resolution, Jerusalem would be recognized as the capital of Israel and its holiest places would remain under Israeli control. Do not allow President Trump's decision to keep his promise to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital to become the latest excuse by Palestinian leaders to refuse to sit down, negotiate and make the painful compromises necessary for a complete resolution of the outstanding issues. President Trump's decision merely restores the balance that was undone by President Obama's decision to engineer a one-sided Security Council Resolution that changed the status quo.

The time has come to end violence as a tool of diplomacy and for both sides to sit down at the negotiation table and agree to an outcome based on honest negotiations.

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<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/11518/violence-should-not-determine-policy>

## Prayer for the IDF - Mi Sheberach, Yaakov Shwekey

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### Rocket found in Sderot preschool

***Rocket fired from Gaza damages Sderot preschool, IDF investigates whether Iron Dome malfunctioned.***

*Arutz Sheva Staff, 09/12/17 23:46*

Israel police on Saturday evening found an additional rocket in the southern town of Sderot.

The rocket, which had been fired from Gaza on Friday night, damaged a Sderot preschool building.

On Friday evening, [a rocket fired from Gaza exploded in Sderot](#), damaging several vehicles but causing no physical injuries. Earlier on Friday evening, [two rockets fired from Gaza were intercepted](#) by Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system.

Israel Police called on residents to avoid the area, and to obey orders from the Home Front and other security agencies.

"I am convinced that the IDF and the security forces are doing all they can to protect Sderot's residents," Sderot Mayor Alon Davidi said Saturday night. "This is an unusual event, since a rocket has not fallen in our city for a long time. Thankfully, this event ended without anyone being harmed."

"This crosses a red line, and I trust that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman (Yisrael Beytenu) will know how to react in order to ensure the security of Sderot's residents. Our residents are listening to the Home Front Command, and I call on them to continue to do so. Anyone who needs to request any type of help can call the municipal hotline and the Hosen Center, and municipality workers and Hosen will provide the best service possible."

The Hosen Center provides emergency services to those living in Gaza Belt communities. Meanwhile, the IDF is repairing part of the Gaza border fence after it was damaged by a rocket which landed nearby. In addition, the IDF is investigating whether the rockets which landed in Sderot were the result of human error or a malfunction in Israel's Iron Dome.

Most rockets fired from Gaza and Sinai are intercepted by Iron Dome missiles, each of which costs approximately \$50,000. <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/239090>

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