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Prayer Requests

That the world would WAKE UP.

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

Pray for SF – Severe illness with post op heart surgery complications - improving

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Pray for JA – Complex Cardiac problem facing surgery

Pray for Rachel bat Chana Laya – complex sickness

Pray for JEP – medical problem

Pray for CM – Passed out in car and had accident – health problems

Pray for DN – life situation problems

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

Pray for CB – Australian with severe mental distress

Pray for MD – Has chronic progressive lung problem.

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Pray for DF and wife’s ability to cope – problems Alzheimer’s disease problems. Having much difficulty. Patient doing very poorly!

Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. –

Have YOU made any preparations?

2Samuel 14:21 And the king said to Joab, Behold, now, I have done this thing. Then go, bring back the young man Absalom. **22** And Joab fell on his face to the earth, and bowed, and blessed the king. And Joab said, Today your servant has known that I have found grace in your eyes, my lord, O king, in that the king has done the

word of his servant. ²³And Joab rose up and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

High Court: Israel can't keep holding terrorists' bodies without a law

Justices give state six months to either release remains held as a bargaining chip or pass legislation allowing the practice

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 6:21 pm

The **High Court on Thursday gave the government an ultimatum: pass a law regulating the holding of Palestinian terrorists' bodies as bargaining chips or hand them over to their families.**

“The State of Israel, as a nation of laws, cannot hold on to corpses for the purposes of negotiations at a time when there is no specific and explicit law that allows it do so,” the justices wrote in their decision. **[The state may be a nation of laws but if there is no law about terrorists bodies and they are withholding some of your peoples captive you are a fool to let the have the bodies. No law doesn't preclude holding them. – rdb]**

The High Court of Justice gave the government six months to enact such legislation. “If a law is not made before this time, the bodies of the terrorists will be returned to their families,” the court wrote in its decision.

Responding to the decision, Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said he had instructed lawmakers to prepare a bill.

The court was ruling on a petition by a number of families of terrorists whose bodies are currently being held by Israel.

Israeli security forces regularly take custody of terrorists' corpses, with the intent of using them in negotiations to retrieve the bodies of Israeli soldiers, specifically those of Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul, whose remains are being held by the Hamas terrorist group in the Gaza Strip.

The ruling was made by a panel of three judges. Justices Yoram Danziger and George Kara wrote the majority decision, while Justice Neal Hendel wrote a dissenting opinion.

They did not outright forbid Israel from holding the bodies of Palestinian terrorists, only from doing so without a law dictating how it is managed.

Following the ruling, several politicians criticized the court and called for work to begin immediately on such legislation.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blasted the decision as “very problematic.” “We cannot give Hamas gifts,” he said. “On Sunday I'll convene cabinet ministers and the attorney general for a special deliberation to find practical and legal solutions to keep up pressure on Hamas.”

“We owe this to the families of the fallen and to the soldiers of the IDF,” said Intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz. Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan denounced the decision, saying it “makes it more difficult for security forces to create deterrence and fight incitement.” He added, “We have to do everything in order to formalize the entire issue of terrorists' bodies with rapid legislation and to give clear authority not to return them.”

The family of Goldin, one of the deceased soldiers whose body is being held in Gaza, accused the government of inaction in the wake of the court's decision. “We have felt for many long months now that the January cabinet decision calling for pressure to be put on Hamas was hollow and declarative only,” the family said in a statement. “The High Court decision will only increase the pressure on [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu and cabinet ministers to get up out of their seats, roll up their sleeves and start to work for the return of Hadar and Oron to Israel.” <https://www.timesofisrael.com/high-court-israel-cant-keep-holding-terrorists-bodies-without-a-law/>

JPost Poll: Skyrocketing support for Trump among Israelis

By [Gil Hoffman](#) December 14, 2017 18:07

Split on impact of Jerusalem announcement on peace.

At a time when President Donald Trump's popularity has fallen in his own country, his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and start the process of moving the US Embassy there from Tel Aviv have significantly increased his support among Jewish Israelis, according to a Smith Research poll taken on Wednesday for *The Jerusalem Post*.

When **asked if the Trump administration was more pro-Israel, more pro-Palestinian, or neutral,**

76% of the respondents said it is more pro-Israel, 2% said more pro-Palestinian, 14% said neutral and 8% said they had no opinion or did not know.

Among Israeli Jews, 77% said the Trump administration was more pro-Israel, 1% said more pro-Palestinian, 15% said neutral and 7% said they had no opinion or did not know. Among Arab citizens, 69% said the administration was more pro-Israel.

By **contrast, the closest Smith Research poll taken to this point in the presidency of Trump's predecessor as president, Barack Obama, found that only 4% of Jewish Israelis considered his administration more pro-Israel than pro-Palestinian.** That poll was taken after Obama compared Palestinian suffering to the Holocaust in a speech in Cairo, came to the Middle East without visiting Israel and sparred in the White House with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Iran.

The poll taken on Wednesday was the fourth conducted by Smith Research about how Israelis view the Trump administration since he was sworn in as president last January. Due to his campaign promises, Jewish Israelis received him warmly, with 79% saying in January that they expected his administration to be more pro-Israel.

Polls taken before and after Trump's May visit to Israel, in which he became the first sitting US president to visit the Western Wall, found that support for him had dropped significantly since his inauguration, but started rising after the visit, which was seen by Israelis as warm.

The proportion of Israeli Jews calling Trump's administration more pro-Israel rose from 56% on May 17, just before his visit, to 61% on June 6 after he left.

All of the polls are of 500 adults representing a statistical sample of the adult Israeli population, with a margin of error of 4.5 percentage points.

In the **current poll, the proportion of those saying the US administration is more pro-Israel than pro-Palestinian is higher among men than women and higher among the religious than the secular.** But there was no significant difference among voters of the Likud, the Zionist Union and Bayit Yehudi.

The poll also asked respondents whether Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel contributed to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, harmed chances of resolving the conflict or had no impact.

While among Israeli Arabs, 76% said Trump's announcement harmed efforts to resolve the conflict, Jews were much more divided.

A third of the Jewish respondents said the announcement damaged the chance of reaching a solution, 23% said it contributed to resolving the conflict, 36% said it would have no affect and 8% had no opinion on the matter.

Bayit Yehudi voters were the most likely to say the decision contributed to resolving the conflict, at 47%, compared to 22% for Likud voters, 12% among Yesh Atid voters and 14% of those who cast ballots for the Zionist Union. <http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Skyrocketing-support-for-Trump-among-Israelis-518096>

Saudi FM: Trump serious on Mid-East peace

Al-Jubeir says in interview Trump peace plan 'not yet finalized', administration still consulting with all parties, including Saudi Arabia, but president is serious; Trump will present plan in early 2018, US officials say; denying reports on relations with Israel, FM says ties will commence only following peace with Palestinians.

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Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said President Donald Trump's administration was serious about achieving peace between Israel and the Palestinians, despite the fact work on putting together a plan to do so was still in progress.

Concerning the "deal of the century" to achieve Israeli-Palestinian peace, al-Jubeir—former Saudi Ambassador to the US—said in an interview to France 24 the American administration was "working on ideas and consulting with all parties, including Saudi Arabia, about those ideas and incorporating the views presented to them by everybody. They have said they need a little more time in order to put it all together and present it as a plan for moving forward."



Saudi FM al-Jubeir said the Trump administration's peace plan was not yet finalized (Photo: Reuters)

Trump's announcement last week on officially [recognizing](#) Jerusalem as Israel's capital and his intention to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem drew the ire of Palestinians as well as the Arab world in general.

Trump's statement contravened decades of US and international policy maintaining Jerusalem's status will only be decided in negotiations between the parties.

According to Trump's negotiations team, headed by his son-in-law [Jared Kushner](#), the plan the Saudi foreign minister was commenting on will be published in the beginning of 2018. Moreover, al-Jubeir stressed in the interview Riyadh also supported the two-state solution as it was presented by the Trump administration.

"Whether what the administration proposes is acceptable to the parties remains to be seen, because I don't believe that the plan the US administration is working on has been finalized yet," the minister noted.

Echoing his stance in an interview given last month, al-Jubeir once again denied the Saudi kingdom had any relations with Israel, despite their mutual concern with Iran and its [entrenchment](#) in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East. Al-Jubeir also reiterated the Saudi position in saying his country was willing to commence diplomatic relations with Israel, but only if the Jewish state signed a full peace agreement with its Palestinian neighbors.

Staying on the topic of possible Israel-Saudi relations, Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz [called](#) Wednesday on Saudi King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman to visit Israel, and "to welcome the prime minister in Riyadh in order to advance the regional peace process."

Speaking in an interview with the online Saudi newspaper Elaph, Katz also urged Saudi Arabia to take the lead in the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians, but his comments on the matter were omitted.

According to the article's author, the decision to erase the quote was entirely editorial, rather than political.

Other senior Israeli officials, including IDF Chief of Staff [Gadi Eisenkot](#), have also been interviewed by the newspaper <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-5057191.00.html>

Police to recommend Netanyahu stand trial in both graft cases — report

PM faces seventh and last interrogation Friday over gifts from businessmen and a suspected deal with a newspaper publisher

By [Raoul Wootliff](#) 14 December 2017, 10:16 pm

Police are reportedly planning on recommending that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stand trial in two criminal cases currently open against him over suspicions he received illegal gifts and favors from businessmen while advancing their interests. **[If the police are 'planning something' why is it being published in the Newspapers? This is stupid. This is again trying to use the press to prejudice the case. When and if they make a recommendation it should go to the appropriate authorities not the court of public opinion. When a case is filed then it becomes public record. This is almost criminal. – rdb]**

Netanyahu will be questioned Friday morning for the seventh time and last time in the year-long probes and will be presented with a testimony given by Australian billionaire James Packer that has strengthened the likelihood of bribery charges against him, Hadashot TV news reported Thursday.

It will be his last opportunity to refute the suspicions before police pass the case on to the State Prosecution for a decision on which charges, if any, will be brought against him, the report said

In cooperation with Australian authorities, Israeli police questioned Packer last month after many months of unsuccessful attempts to set up an interview.

Packer's testimony was needed in connection with the criminal investigation known as Case 1000, involving suspicions that Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, received illicit gifts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars from businessmen, possibly in exchange for advancing their interests.

The businessmen in question include Packer, chairman of Crown Limited, one of Australia's largest entertainment and integrated resort groups, and Hollywood producer Arnon Milchan.

Police are reportedly looking into whether Netanyahu tried to help Packer gain residency in Israel and aided Milchan in a US visa request. Packer, who also bought a home next to Netanyahu in the prosperous coastal city of Caesarea, is reportedly seeking residency status for tax purposes.

While leaked reports of the police investigation have indicated that Milchan spent some NIS 400,000-600,000 (\$100,000-150,000) on champagne and cigars for the Netanyahus over the better part of a decade, the prime minister and his wife have reportedly told officers the sums involved were far lower, and that the gifts were unremarkable, since the Milchans were their best friends. Netanyahu has also reportedly told police the items were given willingly, making them gifts, rather than demands. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/police-to-recommend-netanyahu-stand-trial-in-both-graft-cases-report/>

Turkey, Lebanon eye embassies to Palestine in East Jerusalem

Ankara says it will make move only when world recognizes Palestinian state, while Beirut discusses territory swap to house missions

By [TOI staff](#) and [AP](#) Today, 5:51 pm

The Turkish and Lebanese foreign ministers announced in statements on Thursday their respective governments' intentions to open embassies for the Palestinians in East Jerusalem.

Their statements came against the backdrop of US President Donald Trump's recognition of the city as Israel's capital, which has drawn sharp criticism from Muslim countries.

Turkey's top diplomat, Mevlut Cavusoglu, specified that Ankara only plans to make the move once the world recognizes an independent Palestinian state. He said there was "serious determination" among countries that have not yet recognized Palestine to do so.

"Once we succeed, embassies will open in the independent Palestinian state's capital, East Jerusalem," he asserted. Lebanese Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil said he had informed Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas of Beirut's willingness to establish a Lebanese embassy in East Jerusalem.

In a tweet, Bassil said he spoke with Abbas over the phone and he said that the two governments discussed exchanging territory to provide for the establishment of embassies.

Abbas "promised to act quickly to provide property for Lebanon in East Jerusalem," Bassil wrote .

رفعت كتابا الى الحكومة لانشاء سفارة لبنان في القدس، عاصمة فلسطين وطرحنا على الرئيس الفلسطيني تبادل اراض بين لبنان وفلسطين لهذه الغاية، فوعدني بالعمل سريعا لتقديم عقار للبنان في القدس الشرقية... والى مجلس الوزراء اليوم لاتخاذ القرار ان شاء الله

— Gebran Bassil (@Gebran_Bassil) pic.twitter.com/Y6psFiWkXD

December 14, 2017

Israel would still have to approve the construction of such a complex. [It may be a problem to provide territory over which you do not hold title and is not part of 'your' country. – rdb]

In an address last week from the White House, Trump insisted that after repeated failures to achieve peace, a new approach was long overdue. He described his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the seat of Israel's government as merely based on reality.

The move was hailed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and by leaders across much of the Israeli political spectrum, but elicited rage in the Arab world.

Israel sees the entire city as its undivided capital, while the Palestinians want its eastern neighborhoods, which Israel captured in the 1967 Six Day War and later annexed, as the capital of their future state.

Turkey has been one of the most vocal critics of Trump's declaration. On Wednesday, Ankara hosted a meeting of 57 Muslim nations that rejected the decision and called for recognition of a Palestinian state whose capital is East Jerusalem.

In Lebanon, massive demonstrations were held against Trump's decision, including [one led by the Hezbollah terror group](#). Its leader, Hassan Nasrallah, said his group was wrapping up fighting in Syria and would turn its attention to fighting Israel. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/turkey-lebanon-eye-embassies-to-palestine-in-east-jerusalem/> **[The provocateurs, Turkey and Lebanon would do well to realize that they and their ilk are very limited and their time is short. – rdb]**

Security officials: Hamas fears, readies for war

Israeli security establishment officials estimate Hamas to be operationally preparing itself for possible war, which may break out over misunderstanding; despite unwillingness to initiate outright conflict, security officials accuse Hamas of not doing enough to prevent rocket fire; Lieberman: current rocket barrage has more to do with inner-Palestinian turmoil than with failure of deterrence.

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Sources within the Israeli security establishment said they believed that while Hamas did not seek widespread escalation, the terrorist organization has upped its operational readiness for fear Israel might initiate a conflict.

Israel has also noted an ever-growing air of tension in the strip, which led to fear that confrontation may break out over some misunderstanding or another, in light of overall tensions following President Donald Trump's [recognition](#) of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

While Hamas was doing its best to rein in rocket fire, Israeli officials noted, it was not doing enough to prevent it and was effectively inciting the Gaza public to demonstrate near the [border fence](#) and with calls to escalate the situation in the West Bank. This marked an attempt by the Gaza-ruling organization to implement a policy of sticks and carrots both vis-à-vis its public and the "rogue factions" firing at Israel.

Israeli officials further speculated that even if the Gaza Strip organizations adopted a policy of complete calm, there would still be a "braking distance" in the next few days expressed by a few more launches trickling through.

Most of the rockets fired at Israel in the past week have been launched by the aforementioned rogue factions, such as the "Fatah Army" that broke off from the Palestinian Authority and is subordinate to neither Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas nor to Hamas.

Some of the rockets [fired](#) at Sderot Friday evening were regulation, with Israeli officials suspecting they were fired by Palestinian Islamic Jihad, but that hypothesis remains unconfirmed.

The escalation in the strip, security establishment officials said, stemmed from two central elements: Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as capital and Hamas's 30th anniversary [celebrations](#), which pushed the ruling organization's opponents to challenge its primacy.

Hamas, meanwhile, is said to be uninterested in escalation due to wounds that have not yet fully healed from the previous conflict—Operation Protective Edge—as well as the coming winter and its adverse effect on the Gazan populace, its desire to continue building its strength for the next round of hostilities and finally, the reconciliation agreement with Fatah.

Official Shin Bet data show that since Protective Edge in September 2014 and until the end of this past November, 100 rockets and mortars were launched from Gaza at Israel, 24 of them in November alone.

The data encompasses all launches, including those who did not make it over the border and landed in the strip itself, even if they triggered the Code Red alarm in communities on Gaza's perimeter. 12 rockets crossed into Israel in the past week, four of which were intercepted.

Lieberman: I have instructed IDF to be prepared for any scenario

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman inaugurated a new building in the ELSEC security plant Thursday morning, located in the Sderot Industrial Zone. "The mere fact we're here in Sderot, dealing with expanding and upgrading an industrial plant, means we can all be at ease. The last shooting from the Gaza Strip towards Sderot had nothing to do with Israel's deterrence, but intra-Palestinian power struggles between different factions," Lieberman said.

"We know what, how and when to act. I hope the people of the Gaza Strip force their leadership to invest all of their efforts and funds in improving the strip's economy rather than digging tunnels, manufacturing rockets and shooting at Israel. By continuing on that track, they are putting all of Gaza's population at risk. In any event, I've instructed the IDF to be ready for every possible scenario," Lieberman revealed.

Haniyeh: intifada intended to foil Trump's plan

Earlier Thursday, at least 100,000 Palestinians, including many armed militants, gathered in Gaza City to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of Hamas. All of the organization's senior leadership was present, including head of Hamas's political bureau Ismail Haniyeh and its leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar.

In his speech, Haniyeh commented on President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem, and said, **"This declaration is no less grave than the Balfour declaration. We will accept neither. The rage, the intifada and the revolution of our people are intended to foil this plan concocted against us. We've won by succeeding in isolating Trump and the United States with his decision. The European Union announced Jerusalem was the capital of the Palestinian state – that is a victory. We saw how they greeted (Prime Minister) Benjamin Netanyahu."** **[Most interesting that 100 years after Balfour the rogue group calling themselves the "PA" which at that time were simply a bunch of nomadic Bedouins still can't accept it. This is just one more indication of what dullards these folks are. – rdb]**

On the purported rapprochement between Israel and other Sunni actors in the Middle East, and the prospects of the US pushing the peace process forward, Haniyeh said, **"Another goal of ours is to prevent the so-called 'deal of the century' from going forward. I call on my brothers in Fatah and in all factions: we, as a people, can react to this deal – normalizing relations, economic peace, backstage visits and negotiations,** when there's no stage to begin with. We say: no to normalization, no to the sale of Jerusalem, no to giving up the right of return and no to recognizing Israel."

Haniyeh also called for ramped up anti-Israel protests, saying, "Netanyahu is counting on you to be too tired to mount any meaningful resistance to these decisions. We must turn every Friday into a day for [Jerusalem](#), for rage and for marches. I call on those delivering sermons on Fridays to mention Jerusalem. The nation must protest in all capitals on Fridays."

"I also call on our Christians brothers and on the pope to devote their Sunday prayers to Jerusalem as well, as well as to the Church of the Nativity and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. We are the guardians of the Church of the Nativity and the Al-Aqsa Mosque," Hamas's political leader alleged <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-5057088.00.html> **[Anyone who is a real Christian is not going to be Haniyeh's brother. – rdb]**

In fresh rebuke for Trump, EU says its Jerusalem stance is unchanged

Text reportedly softened version of French draft; bloc head Donald Tusk says leaders remain committed to two-state solution

By [AFP](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 12:35 am

European Union leaders on Thursday rejected US President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, saying they are sticking by their view that the city's status should be settled by negotiation.

Trump's administration was widely criticized earlier this month when it officially recognized Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, insisting that after repeated failures to achieve peace a new approach was long overdue. The president, whose move was hailed by Israel, described his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the seat of Israel's government as merely based on reality. Palestinians say the recognition effectively ignores their claim to the eastern half of the city as the capital of their future state. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-fresh-rebuke-eu-says-jerusalem-stance-unchanged/> [Considering the fact the EU (and the UN) spend most of their time and money supporting the "PA" rather than acknowledging history (Biblical and extra-Biblical) they need to remember one little verse. "And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Gen. 12:3. These people will be cursed by The Holy One himself as he uses his ways to deal with people and nations. Be sure and read the commentary today because it may just be the Islamic invasion of Europe that will utterly destroy and devastate the cursed population who have repeatedly cursed the People Chosen by God. Trump chose to deal with reality and Biblical Truth something these fools reject. –rdb]**

US presents 'undeniable' evidence Iran arming Yemen's rebels with missiles

Segments of projectiles launched at Saudi Arabia bear markings proving origin in Islamic Republic, UN ambassador Haley says

By [Agencies](#) Today, 8:49 pm

US President Donald Trump's envoy to the United Nations unveiled Thursday what she said was "undeniable" evidence proving that Iran is funneling missiles to Houthi rebels in Yemen in violation of international law.

At a news conference in a hanger at a military base in Washington, Nikki Haley presented recently declassified evidence including segments of missiles launched at Saudi Arabia from Houthi-controlled territory in Yemen.

Haley said the **missile parts bear markings showing they originate in Iran and that they have technical specifications specific to Iranian-manufactured weapons.**

"It was made in Iran then sent to Houthi militants in Yemen," Haley said. "From there it was fired at a civilian airport with the potential to kill hundreds of innocent civilians in Saudi Arabia."

The missiles prove "blatant violations" of UN Security Council resolutions while the international community was "looking the other way" because of the nuclear deal, Haley said. The US will now rally other nations to push back on Iran's behavior, she added.

Iran immediately dismissed the evidence as "fabricated," saying the accusations were baseless.

"This purportedly evidence, put on public display today, is as much fabricated as the one presented on some other occasions earlier," said Alireza Miryousefi, spokesman at Iran's mission to the United Nations.

Iran "categorically" rejects the accusation "as unfounded and, at the same time, irresponsible, provocative and destructive," he said in a statement. "The US government has an agenda and is constantly at work to deceive the public into believing the cases they put together to advance it."

The Iranian mission said the accusations leveled by Haley were intended to divert attention from the devastating war in Yemen being led by Saudi Arabia, a key US ally.

"These hyperboles" serve the US agenda in the Middle East including the administration's "unbridled support for the Israeli regime," Miryousefi added.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations said Haley's presentation was further indication of a need to contain Iran's missile program, which Jerusalem has long argued is a lacuna in the nuclear deal.

"Today's revelations proved yet again that Iran's dangerous presence in the Middle East is only growing despite their attempts to deceive the world," Danny Danon said in a statement. "The threat of Iranian missiles stretches from the Persian Gulf, through Yemen, Syria and all the way to Lebanon and Gaza. The dangers emanating from Iran are unacceptable and it is imperative that the United Nations and the international community act immediately to ensure an end to these threats."

A confidential report to the Security Council this month said UN officials had examined debris from missiles fired at Saudi Arabia that pointed to a “common origin,” but there was no firm conclusion on whether they came from an Iranian supplier.

The report from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, which was obtained by AFP, said the officials were still analyzing the information. **[The UN is a totally impotent group of twits with little or no real authority and power other than to disrupt and destroy. – rdb]**

A separate team of UN experts who inspected the missile fragments during a visit to Riyadh last month found a possible link to an Iranian manufacturer, the Shahid Bagheri Industrial Group, which is on the UN sanctions blacklist. The experts, who report to the sanctions committee, found a component marked by a logo similar to that of the banned group, which is a subsidiary of the Iranian Aerospace Industries Organization.

Haley has called on the UN Security Council to take a tougher stance toward Iran, accusing Tehran of making illegal arms deals in Yemen, Lebanon and Syria.

The Saudi-led coalition fighting the rebels in Yemen imposed a blockade of Yemen’s air and sea ports and borders after the missile was fired at Riyadh, citing concerns that weapons were being smuggled into Yemen.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-presents-undeniable-evidence-iran-arming-yemens-rebels-with-missiles/>

Islamic State threatens US attacks over Jerusalem decision

'The recognition of your dog Trump of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel will make us recognize explosives as the capital of your country,' ISIS writes in Telegram message, posting images of New York's Times Square and what appeared to be an explosive bomb belt and detonator.

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Anti-Trump protests in Malaysia (Photo: Reuters)

CAIRO - Islamic State threatened attacks on US soil in retaliation for the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, one of the group's social media accounts reported on Thursday without giving any details.

In a message on one of its accounts on the Telegram instant messaging service titled "Wait for us" and "ISIS in Manhattan," the group said it would carry out operations and showed images of New York's Times Square and what appeared to be an explosive bomb belt and detonator.

"We will do more ops in your land, until the final hour and we will burn you with the flames of war which you started in Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Syria and Afghan. Just you wait," it said.

"The recognition of your dog 'Trump' (sic) Jerusalem as the capital of Israel will make us recognize explosives as the capital of your country."

Washington triggered widespread anger and protests across the Arab world with its decision on Jerusalem. The disputed city is revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims alike, and is home to Islam's third holiest site. It has been at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for decades.

Islamic State was driven out of its Iraqi and Syrian capitals this year and squeezed into a shrinking pocket of desert straddling the border between the two countries.

The forces fighting Islamic State in Iraq and Syria now expect a new phase of guerrilla warfare there. Militants including people claiming allegiance to Islamic State have carried out scores of deadly attacks in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and the United States over the past two years. <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-5056922.00.html> **[Bring them on and just keep your powder dry and your weapon in had and if they look cross eyed you fire first and ask questions later. That should be the motto when dealing with ISIS. L- rdb]**

Anti-Semitism rampant among Muslim refugees in Germany — study

While refugees from persecuted minorities tend to oppose anti-Semitism, many Muslims come with conspiracy theories about Jews and Israel controlling world

By [JTA Today](#), 10:05 pm

BERLIN, Germany (JTA) — **Anti-Semitism among Muslim refugees is rampant and requires urgent attention, a new study suggests.**

But the study, commissioned by the American Jewish Committee's Ramer Institute for German-Jewish Relations in Berlin, also finds that refugees from persecuted minority communities are more likely to take a stand against anti-Semitism and for Israel.

Titled "**Attitudes of refugees from Syria and Iraq towards integration, identity, Jews and the Shoah**," the research report was prepared by historian and sociologist Günther Jikeli of Indiana University and the University of Potsdam, Germany, with help from Lars Breuer and Matthias Becker.

The **report, based on interviews with 68 refugees**, comes amid a series of virulent anti-Israel and anti-America demonstrations in the German capital denouncing the US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Thousands of protesters burned homemade Israeli flags and crowded city subway stations chanting anti-Israel and anti-American slogans on their way to rallies. The numbers of refugees among the demonstrators was unknown. **[Sorry folks but interviews with 68 refugees out of well over a million doesn't sound like the 'study' is really significant. – rdb]**

At the same time, in a show of solidarity with Jewish communities in Germany, local imams joined with Christian and Jewish leaders in public celebrations of Hanukkah, including the annual candle-lighting ceremony at the Brandenburg Gate, where Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal of Berlin was joined in a cherry picker by Mayor Michael Mueller. Security has been tightened throughout Germany and at Jewish venues.



Rabbi Yehudah Teichtal, left, and a colleague testing out a Hanukkah menorah at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, December 22, 2016. (Courtesy of Teichtal/via JTA)

The tensions run deep, the new study indicates. Anti-Semitic attitudes and rejection of Israel are widespread among the newcomers, the head of the Ramer Institute, Deidre Berger, said in a statement. While many of those interviewed had positive impressions of Germany, they also tended to believe in conspiracy theories, such as about Jews or Israel controlling the world.

"Anti-Semitic thinking and stereotyping are very common ... even among those who emphasize that they 'respect' Judaism or that there is no problem living together between Muslims, Christians and Jews in their countries of origin and in Germany," Jikeli said in a statement. Berger said that given the depth of anti-Jewish hostility in Arab countries, this is not surprising based on the stereotypes that are implanted in schools, mosques and government propaganda in some countries.

"[N]onetheless," she said, "the dimensions of the problem are much larger than expected."

"When political challenges multiply, anti-Semitism often increases, a situation that must not be tolerated," Berger said, calling for swift prosecution of crimes related to hate and incitement.

She said integration classes for refugees must emphasize Germany's links to Israel, support for Jewish communities in the country and liberal democratic values, adding that staff and volunteers must be trained to cope with anti-Semitic attitudes.

The study was funded by the Bennet Fund and the Meyer Fund.

At least a million Muslim refugees have arrived in Germany since the summer of 2015.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/anti-semitism-rampant-among-muslim-refugees-in-germany-study/>

German president: Immigrants must reject anti-Semitism, it's 'non-negotiable'

Frank-Walter Steinmeier says he was 'horrified and ashamed' to see 'Israeli flags on fire at German squares' during anti-Israel protests

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 1:26 pm

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Friday demanded his country's immigrants reject anti-Semitism, characterizing it as a "non-negotiable" condition for living in Germany.

"There are things which are part of Germany. And one of these is our responsibility for our past: the lessons of two World Wars, the lessons from the Holocaust, the responsibility for Israel's security, the rejection of any form of racism and anti-Semitism," said the German president at a Hanukkah event at the Israeli embassy in Berlin. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/german-president-immigrants-must-reject-anti-semitism-its-non-negotiable/> **[Good luck Steimeir. You don't change the writing in the koran and the hatred that has been inbred in a people by the speaking of a word. – rdb]**

NJ imam to be 'retrained' after hoping, in sermon, that all Jews die

Sheikh Aymen Elkasaby will meet with interfaith leaders after blaming Jews for Sinai mosque terror attack that killed over 300

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 10:55 am

A New Jersey imam will reportedly be sent for “retraining” after expressing hope in a sermon last week that all Jews would be killed and previously blaming a deadly Sinai terror attack on Jews.

Last week, Sheikh Aymen Elkasaby gave sermons at the Islamic Center of Jersey City in which he called for “Allah to wreak vengeance” on the “Jewish oppressors” of the Temple Mount and to “kill them down to the very last one,” according to translations provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute.

That sermon came days after US President Donald Trump defied warnings from the world and recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

In another sermon in November, Elkasaby also said the notion that the terror attack at the Al-Rawda Mosque in the Sinai Peninsula that killed over 300 worshippers was carried out by the Islamic State was “ridiculous.” The imam said the massacre “could only have been done by the enemies of Islam – the Jews and their subordinates from among the Muslim rulers,” according to MEMRI translations.

The November 24 attack is thought to have been carried out by the jihadist Islamic State or its affiliates, who have carried out a series of terrorist attacks in the Sinai, in part because the mosque is associated with followers of the mystical Sufi branch of Sunni Islam, and IS targets any who do not follow its version of Islam.

Islamic Center of Jersey City president Ahmed Shedeed announced that Elkasaby would be sitting down with “interfaith scholars” who would “consult with and retrain him,” according to a Thursday statement. **MORE -**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/nj-imam-to-be-retrained-after-hoping-in-sermon-that-all-jews-die/> **[Moe delusional thinking by those who think you can wish this kind of thought away. There is a movement in the EU to ‘retraining’ ISIS and other murderous groups which is folly. This only happens if there is a total purge of the vile hatred from within and that comes from Above. – rdb]**

US peace plan not finalized, but efforts 'serious,' says Saudi's Jubeir

By REUTERS December 14, 2017 15:32

"We believe the Trump administration is serious about bringing peace between Israelis and Arabs," said Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Jubeir.

PARIS - The US administration is serious about getting a peace deal between Israelis and Palestinians, but its proposed plan is still being put together, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said.

US President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and eventually move the US Embassy in Israel there has angered the Palestinians, who question Washington's role as a sponsor of Middle East peace.

Trump's adviser and son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is leading efforts to restart negotiations, though his bid has shown little public progress so far.

"We believe the Trump administration is serious about bringing peace between Israelis and Arabs," Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Jubeir, a former ambassador to the United States, told France 24 television late on Wednesday. "They were working on ideas and were consulting with all parties, including Saudi Arabia, and they are incorporating the views represented to them by everybody. They have said they would need a little bit of time to put it together to present it." **[It would seem from all indications that the Saudi's and Kushner are actively drafting a plan together and it will be interesting to see how this washes. I would hope that Kushner is consulting and getting input from Bibi.– rdb]**

Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel overturned decades of US policy and ignored international consensus that the city's status should be decided only in a future peace agreement.

Israel claims all of Jerusalem as its capital, including the eastern part which it annexed after capturing it in a 1967 war. The Palestinians want the eastern part of the city as capital of a future independent state of their own.

The **Trump administration argues that any credible peace plan would put the Israeli capital in Jerusalem**, and that moving past the question can help unblock a peace process frozen since 2014. Washington says Trump's decision does not affect Jerusalem's borders or future status which can still be decided in talks.

Trump's aides say the peace plan could be released early next year and the US president has said he hoped for an agreed two-state deal between the two sides.

Jubeir emphasized that Riyadh continued to support a two-state solution, which Washington had indicated to the Saudis was its working proposal. "Whether the administration's proposals are acceptable to the parties remains to be seen because I don't believe that the plan the US administration is working on has been finalized yet," he said

Jubeir also denied the Sunni Muslim kingdom had any relations with Israel despite sharing Israel's concern about the regional influence of Shi'ite Iran. He repeated that Riyadh had a "roadmap" to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel should there be a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Israel also says it is waiting for Washington to finish drawing up a peace plan.

"The Americans are preparing a peace deal. They did not tell us the details. They did not speak about a ‘Deal of the Century’. Rather, they asked what we can accept, and they asked the Palestinians the same thing. And they will

offer – as they put it – something creative,” Israeli Intelligence Minister Israel Katz said in interview with Saudi-owned news site Elaph, published on Wednesday. <http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/US-peace-plan-not-finalized-but-efforts-serious-says-Saudis-Jubeir-518078>

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Hillary, Huma carted off 'Muslim' files, other docs

State allowed them to classify work-related items as 'personal'

Published: 2 hours ago [Art Moore](#)

Faced with allegations of mishandling classified information, the State Department allowed Hillary Clinton and top aide Huma Abedin to take files of telephone calls, schedules and other work-related information under the claim they were “personal” and “unclassified, non-record” materials, according to newly released documents.

The records newly obtained by the Washington watchdog Judicial Watch show that Abedin was allowed to take five boxes of “physical files” out of the State Department that include records described as “Muslim Engagement Documents.”

And Clinton was allowed to take personal correspondence and gift binders, which could be relevant to allegations that donations were made to the family’s Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative in exchange for favorable policy decisions.

[WND previously reported](#) emails obtained by Judicial Watch showed Abedin doing favors for a Russia-connected group on behalf of the Clinton Foundation while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state.

Abedin, who grew up in Saudi Arabia, worked for an organization founded by her family that promotes the kingdom’s strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam. She was a member of the executive board of the Muslim Student Association, which was identified as a Muslim Brotherhood front group in a 1991 document introduced into evidence during the terror-financing trial of the Texas-based Holy Land Foundation

Previous Judicial Watch investigations revealed numerous examples of Clinton’s schedule being broadcast via email through her unsecure, non-government server.

The records newly uncovered by Judicial Watch also contain a list of materials removed by Clinton that were accumulated by Robert Russo, Clinton’s then-special assistant, including PDFs of Clinton’s “correspondence in response to gifts ... thank you and acknowledgements.” **MORE -** <http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/hillary-huma-carted-off-muslim-files-other-docs/> **[A more vile and criminal group you can not find in the USA equaled only by those who cover for them. – rdb]**

Comey edits revealed: Remarks on Clinton probe were watered down, documents show

By Jake Gibson, [Judson Berger](#) / *Fox News*

Newly released documents obtained by Fox News reveal that then-FBI Director James Comey’s draft statement on the Hillary Clinton email probe was edited numerous times before his public announcement, in ways that seemed to water down the bureau’s findings considerably.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, sent a letter to the FBI on Thursday that shows the multiple edits to Comey’s highly scrutinized statement.

In an early draft, Comey said it was “reasonably likely” that “hostile actors” gained access to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s private email account. That was changed later to say the scenario was merely “possible.”

Another edit showed language was changed to describe the actions of Clinton and her colleagues as “extremely careless” as opposed to “grossly negligent.” This is a key legal distinction.

Johnson, writing about his concerns in a letter Thursday to FBI Director Christopher Wray, said the original “could be read as a finding of criminality in Secretary Clinton’s handling of classified material.”

He added, “The edited statement deleted the reference to gross negligence – a legal threshold for mishandling classified material – and instead replaced it with an exculpatory sentence.”

The edits also showed that references to specific potential violations of statutes on “gross negligence” regarding classified information and “misdemeanor handling” were removed.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/12/13/ex-mueller-aides-texts-revealed-read-them-here.html> The final statement also removed a reference to the “sheer volume” of classified information discussed on email.

“While the precise dates of the edits and identities of the editors are not apparent from the documents, the edits appear to change the tone and substance of Director Comey’s statement in at least three respects,” Johnson wrote

Thursday. **MORE** - <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/12/14/comey-edits-revealed-remarks-on-clinton-probe-were-watered-down-documents-show.html> [This implies criminal negligence on the part of Comey and those in his agency which hopefully will be prosecuted and hard time should be served. – rdb]

Commentaries:

How Many Muslims in Europe? Pew's Projections Fall Short

by [Soeren Kern](#) December 14, 2017 at 5:00 am

Europe's Muslim population is set to double — and possibly triple — between now and 2050, according to new projections by the Pew Research Center.

The projections, contained in a report, "[Europe's Growing Muslim Population](#)," confirm what has long been common knowledge: decades of declining European birthrates, coupled with mass migration from the Muslim world, are fast-tracking the Islamization of Europe.

The demographic calamity facing Europe, however, is even worse than the Pew report lets on. A critical analysis of the data shows that Pew's calculations of the current Muslim population in key European countries are partial and incomplete — and in some instances inaccurate. As a result, Pew's baseline estimate of the number of Muslims currently in Europe — the estimate upon which its future projections are calculated — has been undercounted by at least five million Muslims, whose presence in Europe will significantly increase the future size of the continent's Muslim population.

The Pew report offers three projections based on three different scenarios involving migration during the next three decades. The baseline for all three scenarios is the Muslim population in Europe (defined by Pew as the 28 countries presently in the European Union, plus Norway and Switzerland), estimated at 25.8 million (4.9% of the overall population) as of mid-2016 — up from 19.5 million (3.8%) in 2010.

The first scenario envisions a complete halt to Muslim immigration between now and 2050. This scenario will not occur, of course, but was modeled to determine what the future might look like with migration removed from the equation.

In this scenario, Europe's Muslim population is projected to increase by about 10 million people, from an estimated 25.8 million Muslims in 2016 to 35.8 million in 2050. In percentage terms, the Muslim population would rise from about 5% of Europe's overall population today to 7.4% at midcentury — not only because Muslims are growing in absolute numbers, but because the non-Muslim population in Europe is expected to decline by roughly 10%.

A second, "medium" migration scenario assumes that all refugee flows will stop as of mid-2016 but that recent levels of "regular" migration to Europe will continue (that is, migration of those who come for reasons other than seeking asylum). This is the scenario most likely to occur, according to Pew. Under these conditions, the number of Muslims in Europe could reach 57.9 million, or 11.2% of Europe's population in 2050.

Finally, a "high" migration scenario projects the record flow of refugees into Europe between 2014 and 2016 to continue indefinitely into the future with the same religious composition — namely Islamic — in addition to the typical annual flow of regular migrants. In this scenario, the number of Muslims could reach 75.6 million, or 14% of Europe's population by 2050 — nearly triple the current share.

The impact of these scenarios on different European countries is astounding: Under the high-migration scenario, for instance, the Muslim population of Sweden — a formerly homogeneous Christian country — would reach nearly one-third (30.6%) of the overall population by 2050, followed by Cyprus (28.3%), Austria (19.9%), Germany (19.7%), Belgium (18.2%), France (18%), Norway (17%), Britain (16.7%), Denmark (16%), Netherlands (15.2%), Finland (15%) and Italy (14.1%).

The raw numbers are equally jarring:

- In Germany, the Muslim population would increase from 4,950,000 (6%) today to 17,490,000 (around 20%) by 2050 in the high scenario, compared to 11% in the medium scenario and 9% with no further Muslim migration.
- In France, the Muslim population would increase from 5,720,000 (8.8%) today to 13,210,000 (18%) by 2050 in the high scenario, compared with 17.4% in the medium scenario and 12.7% with no further Muslim migration.
- In Britain, the Muslim population would increase from 4,130,000 (6.3%) today to 13,480,000 (17.2%) in the high scenario, compared to 6.7% in the medium scenario and 9.7% with no further Muslim migration.
- In Belgium, the Muslim population would increase from 870,000 (7.6%) today to 2,580,000 (18.2%) in the high scenario, compared to 15.1% in the medium scenario and 11.1% with no further Muslim migration.

The report's authors [acknowledge](#) that no one can know today what Europe's Muslim population of Europe will be in 2050, but they claim to know, more or less, the size of Europe's Muslim population today. In this aspect, some of

Pew's calculations — which are said to be based on "analysis and projections of the best available census and survey data in each country combined with data on immigration from Eurostat and other sources" — fall short.

In Spain, for instance, Pew estimates the current Muslim population at 1,180,000 or 2.6% of the overall population. The Union of Islamic Communities in Spain (*Unión de Comunidades Islámicas de España, UCIDE*), however, [estimates](#) that Spain's Muslim population at the end of 2016 was 1,919,141, or 4.1% of the overall population.

The UCIDE figures — which posit that there are roughly 750,000 more Muslims in Spain today than the estimate proffered by Pew — are widely recognized in Spain as the most accurate assessment of the Muslim population in that country. It remains unclear why Pew failed to mention the UCIDE report in its source appendix.

The different estimates of the Muslim population in Spain today yield significantly different projections of Spain's Muslim population in 2050. According to Pew, Spain's Muslim population would increase from 1,180,000 (2.6%) today to 2,810,000 (7.2%) by 2050 in the high scenario, compared to 2,660,000 (6.8%) in the medium scenario and 1,880,000 (4.2%) with no further Muslim migration.

Applying Pew's projections to UCIDE's data, however, Spain's Muslim population would increase from 1,919,141 (4.1%) today to 4,570,242 (11.7%) by 2050 in the high scenario, compared to 4,326,128 (11%) in the medium scenario and 3,057,575 (6.9%) with no further Muslim migration.

In other words, the roughly 750,000 additional Muslims estimated by UCIDE in 2016 would — in the high scenario — yield around 1.8 million more Muslims in Spain by 2050 than projected by Pew.

In Austria, Pew estimates the current Muslim population at 600,000, or 6.9% of the overall population. However, the Austrian Integration Fund (*Österreichische Integrationsfonds, ÖIF*), an agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [estimates](#) Austria's Muslim population at 700,000, or 7.9%. The difference of 100,000 Muslims, seemingly insignificant, will — in the high scenario — yield 350,000 more Muslims in Austria by 2050 than projected by Pew. In percentage terms, Austria's Muslim population would be nearly 25% according to the ÖIF, compared to 19.9% according to Pew.

In France, Pew estimates the current Muslim population at 5,720,000, but it [admits](#) that "France hasn't measured religion in a nationwide census since 1872." Nevertheless, Pew assures readers that "it is nonetheless still possible to measure religious identity and practice in France."

No one, in fact, knows the exact number of Muslims in France. What is known, however, is that millions of Muslims in France are permanently hidden from the official statistics. French analyst Yves Mamou [explains](#): "This figure [six million] does even not take into consideration the Muslim population that immigrated to France from North Africa in the 1960s and early 1970s. There are a few million of them — nobody knows how many exactly. They became French very early, and for demographers, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren are not regarded as immigrants anymore. These Muslims are, rather, integrated into statistics as French citizens born of French parents. They are Muslim, but under the statistics radar."

In Germany, Pew "decided not to count" the one million plus Muslim asylum seekers who arrived in the country in 2015/2016 because "they are not expected to receive refugee status." Pew assumes they will either return to their countries of origin or be deported, even though Germany is notoriously lax in deporting illegal migrants. In fact, tens of thousands of migrants, including many convicted criminals, have been allowed to continue to live in Germany, often for decades, after receiving deportation orders.

Moreover, German authorities have [admitted](#) to losing track of potentially hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants, many of whom are believed to be sustaining themselves on a steady diet of drug dealing, pickpocketing, purse snatching and other forms of petty crime, and who are responsible for the across-the-board increase of lawlessness on German streets.

Pew's analysis of the number of asylum seekers in Europe is highly confusing and virtually unintelligible to the lay reader. Much of the problem lies in the fact that the statistics compiled by European governments are incomplete and often contradictory. This confusion is compounded by nuances in how to define different categories of migrants, including regular migrants entering legally as workers and students, asylum seekers and refugees, as well as illegal migrants posing as refugees. Still, Pew's failure to provide clarity is exemplified in the following paragraph: "Between the beginning of 2014 and mid-2016 – a stretch of only two and a half years – roughly three times as many refugees (1.2 million, or about 490,000 annually) came to Europe, as conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan continued or intensified. (These figures do not include an additional 970,000 Muslim asylum seekers and 680,000 non-Muslim asylum seekers who arrived between mid-2010 and mid-2016 but are not projected to receive legal status in Europe.)"

Pew admits that "we may be erring on the side of being too conservative in our overall estimates, because if significant numbers of those in legal limbo remain in Europe, their presence will have ripple effects increasing the future size of the continent's Muslim population."

More importantly, the Pew report downplays the societal effects of mass migration from the Muslim world by stressing that even if the Muslim population in Europe triples by 2050, it "will still considerably smaller than the populations of both Christians and people with no religion in Europe." The report entirely ignores the key issue of how Europe will integrate tens of millions of Muslim migrants whose values — including anti-Semitism, polygamy, female genital mutilation and honor violence — cannot be reconciled with those of Europe's Judeo-Christian and liberal-democratic heritage.

Finally, the Pew report stresses that the Pew Research Center is nonpartisan and "does not take policy positions." The report, however, appears to have been expressly written to debunk what it says are "sensationalistic claims" about the dangers of Muslim migration in Europe. A section on Germany [assures](#) readers:

"In general, Germans express positive views of refugees, with most saying they make Germany stronger because of their hard work and talents (59%), rather than being a burden by taking jobs and social benefits (31%). Most Germans also see Muslims in their country in a positive light: Roughly two-thirds say they have a "very favorable" (10%) or "mostly favorable" (55%) view of Muslims, compared with about three-in-ten who express a mostly (23%) or very (6%) unfavorable opinion."

In fact, widespread anger over Chancellor Angela Merkel's open-door migration policy contributed to the September 24 election [debacle](#) in which her center-right CDU/CSU alliance won only 33% of the vote, its worst electoral result in nearly 70 years. The election results showed that more than a million traditional CDU/CSU voters defected to the Alternative for Germany (AfD), an upstart party that has harnessed voter anger over runaway immigration.

The Pew report's co-author, Conrad Hackett, a respected demographer, also [claimed](#) that by 2050, "there will be no country [in Europe] where Muslims make up more than a third of the population." His own report, however, clearly states that the Muslim population of Sweden could, in fact, comprise one-third of the population within the next three decades. In any event, the Muslim population of many European cities — Antwerp, Birmingham, Bradford, Brussels, Leicester, Malmö, Marseille — will almost certainly exceed one-third of the population by 2050.

In summary, the Pew report provides invaluable insights into the demographic challenges facing Europe during the next three decades; due to its uniqueness, the report is certain to be a primary reference source on Europe's Muslim population for years to come. At the same time, however, the report showcases the limits of estimating and projecting the number of Muslims in Europe — especially in a political climate marked by dogmatic multiculturalism and political correctness.

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[This should put the fear of God in the heart of the EU nations but it seems to bother them not a whit. – rdb]

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'There are more tunnels from Gaza'

Commander of Gaza Brigade warns that Hamas has more tunnels, is likely looking to escalate with Israel.

Tzvi Lev, 14/12/17 22:33

Southern Gaza Brigade Commander Colonel Kobi Heller warned that the Hamas terror group is looking to escalate tensions, stating that "Hamas had more [terror] tunnels" and estimated that Israel's anti-tunnel technology "will only be ready in about two years," Hadashot 10 reported on Thursday.

Heller also addressed Israel's recent demolition of a second Hamas [terror tunnel](#), which he predicted would lead to an escalation with Hamas. "When the other side sees that its strategic assets, which in this case are the offensive sub-surface tunnels, are being destroyed one by one, one tunnel after the other, this is a very significant event ... these are not the last of the tunnels," he said.

Heller reiterated that Israel is not interested in another war with Hamas and was trying to calm the tensions. He said, however, that "the current dynamic is like a snowball that we are trying to stop in any way we can, but there are

people on the other side who are irrational. They have a chance to cause problems...We hope that it'll end in a while and then we can go back to normal."

According to Heller, while Hamas likely has more tunnels, Israel will not tolerate any violation of its sovereignty, pointing to the tunnel which Israel destroyed in early November. "It was clear that if there were terrorists crossing the fence, whether it be underground, by digging tunnels in our territory, then this is a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the State of Israel" said Heller.

Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said [similar statements](#) on Sunday, after Israel announced that it had demolished a terror tunnel built in the area of Khan Yunis, a city in Gaza.

"Terror tunnels which cross the border into Israel and threaten our sovereignty are a threat we will not accept, and we will invest every possible resource in removing this threat," Liberman said.

Since then, rockets from Gaza have landed in Israel for four consecutive days, which commentators point to as a sign that Hamas has removed its prohibition on the Palestinian Islamic Jihad from launching rockets into Israel. "It could be that Hamas is choosing not to pay attention," surmised Heller.

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Fifty years of the Two-State Solution Blackmail

Under the British Mandate, "Palestinian" was the term for JEW!

David Heilbron Price, 15/12/17 00:0

Speaking after the visit of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Brussels, the EU's foreign policy chief, Frederica **Mogherini made an astonishing declaration of ignorance. Again.**

"We always say that the Two State Solution is the only realistic one," she said. "I have not heard by anyone or from anyone, not only in the last weeks but in the last decades any other idea than two States to preserve Israeli security. The Palestinians need to have their own country under their own authority."

One reinforced with Hamas weaponized by Iran and aimed at the destruction of Israel? Or one with an elected, democratic, peaceful government?

Urging the EU to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Mr Netanyahu said: "While I respect Europe, I am not prepared to accept a double standard from it."

It is a pity the Israeli Prime Minister does not make more frequent visits to point out blatant hypocrisy. The previous visit by an Israeli prime minister was 22 years ago. So much for the allegedly powerful Israeli lobby!

Under the British Mandate, "Palestinian" was the term for JEW! Hence we could also add theft of nationality (by the Soviet KGB Disinformation service) to hypocrisy. "Palestinians" are not mentioned in the famous 1967 UN Resolution 242. Why? Because they did not exist. The real Palestinians had changed their name to Israelis.

Egypt's dictator Nasser and the Soviet communists had invented the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1964 to arabize and communize the entire territory of the Palestinian Mandate. That included the "kingdom" across the Jordan!

For a viable solution perhaps High Representative Mogherini should look further back. Let's say before she was born in 1973. Perhaps she should also look at home, at the European Community system itself, the [Schuman Plan principle](#). That brought real change and peace to former Nazis, communists and anti-Semites! **MORE -** <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Articles/Article.aspx/21410> **[Failure to know and understand true and accurate history is the downfall of the world. They would rather live in a dream world than a factual one. The same is true in the USA. The current liberal anti-Fa and PC push to eradicate history will ultimately destroy this nation if not stopped. The fact that someone's psyche is traumatized by seeing a statue or a flag is absolutely ludicrous. Grow up, Buck up and get a life. If your psyche is frail you can't tolerate truth then you need to be institutionalized. - rdb]**

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