

World News

The Hamas militant group launched a surprise attack on Israel prompting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to declare Israel is at war [1]. Following the attack, Iranian officials called the action a proud operation [2]. Early reports indicate Iran helped prepare for the attacks and ultimately gave the green light to attack [3].

In the Gaza, there was an explosion at a hospital that was initially blamed on Israel [4]. Since then, it appears the missile was defective and fired by the Islamic Jihad [5]. Nevertheless, there were many pro-Politian protests [6]. These protests extended to the US. For instance, in Washington, D.C., Jewish, pro-Palestinian protesters occupied a U.S. House office building and Hundreds of people who entered were arrested [7]. Another report indicates Hezbollah has entered the war against Israel [8].

The al-Tanf base, a U.S. garrison in southern Syria, was attacked by 2 drone causing damage and injury to US troops [9]. In the Red Sea, the USS Carney, an Arleigh-Burke class destroyer, shot down 4 cruise missiles and 15 drones [10].

While attention is focused elsewhere, China continues to progress. For example, US officials claim China now has 500 operational nuclear weapons [11].

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Ukraine War

The war continues to deplete Western suppliers of weapons and ammunition. Case in point, ammunition suppliers are currently near exhaustion [1]. This comes as munitions going to the Ukraine are instead going to Israel [2].

While most news is focusing on the Israel war, Russia is pressing its conflict in the Ukraine. One report indicates Russian forces have relentlessly attacked the Ukrainian city of Avdiivka [3]. Another report indicates Ukraine used US

provided long-range ATACMS missiles to attack Russia targets [4]. Satellite images show one Russian airfield suffered extensive damage [5]. By one estimate, the ATACMS missiles destroyed 14 Russian helicopters [6]. Another report suggests Russian lines were breached near the southern city of Kherson [7].

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Terrorism

The Hamas attack on Israel includes many acts of terrorism. Moreover, Hamas is posting videos of their terrorist acts [1]. As Israel bombs the Gaza, there are many protests world wide. For instance, pro-Palestine protesters swarmed the US Embassy in Beirut [2].

Meanwhile, terrorism continues around the world. A suicide bomber killed at least 7 people at a Shiite mosque in northern Afghanistan [3]. In France, a 20-year-old stabbed a teacher to death [4]. In Brussels, two Swedish citizens were shot and killed [5]. The terrorist self-identified as belonging to the Islamic State [6]. The terrorist was later shot and killed [7]. In Germany, a synagogue was hit by fire bombs [8].

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President George W. Bush

is the first American president to call openly for two-states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security—

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Economy

Mortgage rates are nearing 8% [1]. One piece suggests the dollar today for a home purchase only purchases half what it did in 2020 [2]. As a consequence, the housing market is getting worse [3]. The US is not the only country with a real estate problem. For instance, China has problems [4]. However, its Gross Domestic Product for the quarter increased to a 4.9% rate [5].

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*The higher interest and
higher inflation is a vicious
cycle.—Arundhati
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