

World News

There are now two major conflicts; one in the Ukraine, the other in Israel. To this end, the war in the Ukraine is not going as well as the West would like. For instance, Gen. Valery Zaluzhnyy, commander in chief of Ukraine's armed forces stated the war was in a stalemate [1]. Overall, the Ukrainian forces are not making any significant advances [2]. Additionally, the US military supply to the Ukraine is running out of money causing slowdown of aid [3].

The Israel Middle-East war is pulling the US into conflict. Case in point, US military warplanes struck Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps targets in Eastern Syria [4]. Following the US attack, American bases were struck by Iranian supported forces [5]. Additionally, the Iran-backed Houthi militants claimed responsibility for downing a US MQ-9 Reaper drone [6]. Concurrently, Iranian backed proxies continue to attack US bases throughout the Middle East [7].

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Israel War

Following Hamas terrorist attacks directed against the Jewish state, War has broken out [1]. Israel officials ordered the people living in the Northern Gaza to move to the south [2]. Following air bombardments, the Israel forces battled Hamas near Gaza City [3].

One of the big obstacles facing Israeli forces is the extensive underground tunnel system constructed by Hamas [4]. Nevertheless, the Israel Defense Forces are now targeting the complex tunnel system [5].

In a troubling sign, some of the attacks on Israel are coming from other countries. For example, Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen have launched missiles into Israel [6]. Additionally, Israel is reportedly striking Hezbollah targets in Lebanon [7].

In the propaganda war, Hamas is winning [8]. To soften its image, Israel has agreed to periodically pause its attacks [9].

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Terrorism

As the world focuses on the Hamas acts of terrorism, other instances continue. For instance, in the Indian state's Kalamassery town, an explosive was detonated that killed at least 3 gathered for a Jehovah's Witness prayer meeting [1].

Perhaps history offers a glimpse of things to come. Consider, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie were shot to death by a Bosnian Serb nationalist during an official visit to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo on June 28, 1914 [2]. This single act of terrorism was the catalyst for World War I. Now we are confronted with the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel [3]. Meanwhile, there are calls for Israel to use its nuclear weapons in response to the Hamas attacks [4]. It remains to be seen if this will expand into a nuclear conflict.

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Peace for us means the destruction of Israel. We are preparing for an all-out war, a war which will last for generations.—Yasser Arafat

Economy

There is good news. The US Gross Domestic Product grew at a 4.9% rate for the last quarter [1]. This was a better than expected rate [2].

Meanwhile, the October unemployment rate rose to 3.9% [3]. In other news, Moody's is warning it may downgrade its United States AAA rating [4]. Moody's cited the rising deficit as a factor for the negative outlook [5].

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*The greatest security for
Israel is to create new
Egypt. –Ronald Reagan*
