

## World News

Iranian proxies continue to target US forces. For example, the guided missile destroyer USS Thomas Hudner shot down an incoming drone fired from Yemen [1]. Attacks continued into a second week with no damage to the US ship [2]. Then, two ballistic missiles were fired by Houthi controlled areas in Yemen and landed approximately 10 miles from US destroyers [3]. Iran-backed militants launched a ballistic missile attack from a truck against U.S. forces at al-Asad Airbase in western Iraq and the US military attack the truck that fired the missile [4]. Since the war started, there have been at least 74 attacks on US forces in the Middle-East [5]. Additionally, Iran continues to enrich Uranium above the United Nations limit previously agreed upon [6]. Meanwhile, the US has extended a waiver by four months that allows Iraq to purchase electricity from Iran and generate an estimated \$10 Billion [7].

The Israel war is having an impact on the Ukraine war. For example, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned the number of 155 mm artillery shells is getting dangerously low [8]. Additionally, Russia launched 75 drones against Ukraine's capital of Kyiv [9]. In a sign of continued trouble, the Ukrainian President warned the war this winter will be difficult [10]. What's more, the Russian mercenary group, Wagner, may be preparing to provide Iran or Hezbollah with an air defense capability [11].

China continues to exert its military power. Case in point, a Chinese destroyer used its sonar to injure two Australian divers working on the HMAS Toowoomba [12].

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## Israel War

The propaganda war continues to tilt against Israel. Case in point, Turkish leader Erdogan called Israel a terrorist state [1]. Meanwhile, the impact to Gaza includes nearly 100,000 buildings damaged [2]. One report indicates Israel knew of the attack plan a year in advance [3]. Such reports will pressure the Israel leadership as the war progresses. The war continues to expand. For example, the Damascus airport in Syria was bombed and put out of operation [4]. Hezbollah

forces attacked several Israel army posts along the Lebanon border [5].

This comes as the US gets directly involved with the war planning. Case in point, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken provided the Israel war cabinet a timeline and ways to minimize collateral damage [6].

Concurrent with the war are continued acts of terrorism. For example, Hamas terrorists killed three people at a bus stop in Jerusalem [7].

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### Special points of interest:

- Wars
  - Israel
  - Ukraine
- 5.2% Quarterly GDP Rate

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*There is no avoiding war; it can only be postponed to the advantage of others.—  
Niccolo Machiavelli*

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*Terror cannot be finished  
by one war.—Yitzhak  
Rabin*

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Iran has many proxies, including the Yemeni Houthi. This group seized an Israeli-linked cargo ship in a crucial Red Sea [1]. In addition to the hijacked ship, 25 hostages were taken [2].

Meanwhile, terrorism continues around the world. In Burkina Faso, hundreds of Islamic rebels were killed when approximately 3,000 attempted to take control of Djibo, a town near Mali's border [3]. At least 40 civilians were killed in the attack [4]. In Paris, France, a terrorist attacked civilians with a knife and hammer; killing one and injuring two [5]. In the Philippines, an explosion killed at least 4 people during a Catholic mass [6]. The attack is blamed on foreign terrorists [7].

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## Economy

There is some excellent news. There Consumer Price Index (CPI) year-to-year rate for October was 3.2% [1]. What's more, the revised US Gross Domestic Product grew at a 5.2% rate during the third quarter, up from the initial 4.9% reported [2].

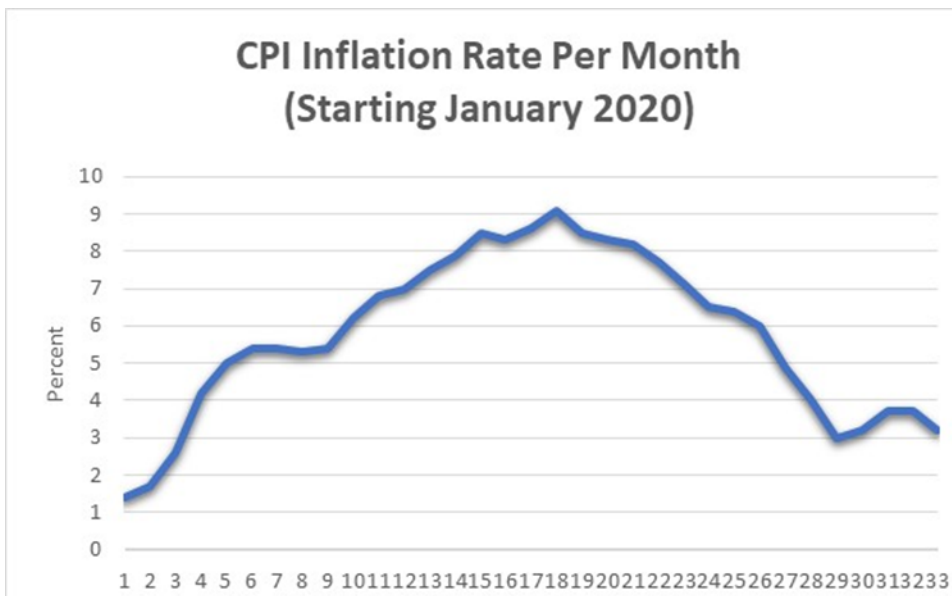
In other good news, the stock market indexes are advancing. For example, the S&P 500 closed at a new record high [3].

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*War's not black and white; it's gray. If you don't fight in the gray area, you're going to lose.—*

*Marcus Luttrell*

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