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*Sovereignty gets tested in three languages: missiles, mandates, and clarifications. Iran rehearses volume, Beirut hides behind uniforms, and Washington keeps trying to swap enforcement for frameworks.*

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**T**HE north can't help but continue to expose the Lebanese-state fiction. Iran keeps compressing timelines through drills and rebuild. Gaza keeps getting negotiated in public language while the enemy rebuilds in private. Abroad, the West's "speech era" continues collapsing into police lines, while the UN keeps funding its anti-Israel hobby like it's a core service (which, to the majority of member states, I suppose it is). The question is not whether pressure rises—it's where it lands first.

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Here's the situation in ninety seconds.

## Flash Brief

- **Northern Front:** IDF strikes Hezbollah rebuild cell near Sidon; overlap with LAF intelligence assessed. *See The War Today.*
- **Gaza:** Katz signals long-hold posture, then partially walks back message after U.S. clarification demand. *See The War Today.*
- **Iran:** Missile and UAV drills run hot enough to trigger live leadership calls and readiness posture. *See Developments to Watch.*
- **Syria:** Aleppo clashes expose fragile integration; Druze support and airspace control remain live issues. *See The War Today.*
- **Home Front:** High Court pressure and security drills run in parallel as authority fights consume bandwidth. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Diaspora:** UK Jewry signals exit while jihadist networks slip into the light. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Lawfare:** UN bias-industries and foreign-media restrictions move as pressure tools, not “values debates.” *See Israel and the World.*

**B**ELOW: escalation logic across the north, Iran timelines, Gaza control, and domestic authority under wartime load.

The dashboard shows a single problem in different disguises: Israel keeps doing the work, and everyone else keeps trying to rename it. Hezbollah hides inside state organs, Hamas hides behind “security context,” and Iran hides behind “exercises” until it doesn’t.

## The War Today

### Sidon Strike Exposes the LAF-Hezbollah Blur Line

Israel hit a Hezbollah rebuild cell near Sidon and killed three operatives tied to advancing attacks and reconstituting infrastructure. The IDF’s initial review assessed that one of the dead also served in the Lebanese Army’s intelligence apparatus, alongside another operative from Hezbollah’s aerial defense array. Beirut’s response was immediate institutional self-protection: blanket denial, confirmation that a Lebanese warrant officer died in the strike, and an insistence that any link between uniformed personnel and Hezbollah is “malicious.” Lebanon’s foreign minister publicly ruled out normalization and described Lebanon as “officially at war,” while also admitting the obvious—Hezbollah’s weapons are the state’s central sovereignty problem and disarmament will be hard, contested, and delayed by design. The “ceasefire understandings” are now being tested at the exact pressure point Israel has been warning about: Hezbollah’s rebuild effort hides inside state organs, and the state claims innocence while the militia uses state cover as a shield.

## ASSESSMENT

*Hezbollah doesn't need the Lebanese Army to "join" Hezbollah; it only needs overlap, tolerance, and selective blindness—then it dares Israel to either absorb the rebuild or be accused of "attacking the state." Lebanon can deny reality, but rockets don't read press releases. The only real question is whether Washington prefers the fiction of "state sovereignty" or the outcome of Hezbollah's degradation—because you don't get both.*

## Katz Signals Gaza Permanence, Then Walks It Back Under Pressure

Defense Minister Katz floated a maximalist direction—Nahal-based “youth communities” — or outposts — in northern Gaza and a posture implying Israel will not fully withdraw—then his office narrowed it after pointed U.S. pushback: “security context only,” no intention to establish settlements. The pattern is now familiar: Israel’s leadership acknowledges the operational necessity (buffer logic, denial space, permanence of control mechanisms), then retrofits the language to survive the diplomatic blast radius. Meanwhile, the Gaza hostage issue coalesced into a moral and operational constraint: the Hostages Forum released an AI-generated video in Ran Gvili’s voice urging Trump to “finish what you started,” as his family pleads not to advance Phase II before bringing him home—because Hamas still uses the remains of a fallen Israeli as a bargaining chip and a cruelty tool.

## ASSESSMENT

*Katz didn't "misspeak." He tested a doctrine and then paid the price of saying it out loud. Gaza will not stabilize through fantasies about a demilitarized Hamas, and it won't stay quiet through paper sovereignty that leaves Israel without depth. Israel can choose clarity or choreography. Though, it keeps getting offered choreography with a ribbon on it. Hamas's continued hold on Gvili's remains is the clearest proof that Phase II optimism is a drug—this enemy treats the dead as leverage, and it will treat any Israeli retreat as permission to rebuild. Tie every "next phase" step to a hard condition: return the last hostage, then talk. Otherwise, you institutionalize a doctrine where Israel pays first and negotiates later—i.e., loses.*

## Syria's New Order Stays Fragile as Aleppo Clashes Reignite

Northern Syria flashed instability again: gun battles erupted in Aleppo between Damascus-affiliated forces and Kurdish security units in Sheikh Maqsoud and Ashrafiyah, with each side accusing the other of initiating attacks and targeting civilians, before a ceasefire quieted the immediate fight. That friction sits on top of a larger, uglier mechanism: integration deals look clean on paper, but militias with weapons and autonomy don't dissolve on schedule—especially when Damascus's control over its own factions remains questionable. Against that backdrop, reporting describes Israeli covert support to Druze militias in southern Syria after Assad's fall: airdropped rifles and equipment, nonlethal aid, and stipends to fighters—peaking during clashes with forces aligned to Sharaa, then tapering as negotiations and U.S. posture shifted. Layer in Turkey as an emerging strategic threat with naval and Syrian-airspace implications, and the northern theater starts to look less like “post-Assad stabilization” and more like a contested map where minorities, proxies, and air corridors decide freedom of action.

## ASSESSMENT

*Syria isn't "the day after." It's the next front's staging area—low governance, high weapons density, and too many actors who believe time is on their side. The risk is entanglement—proxies fracture, loyalties shift, and yesterday's local partner becomes tomorrow's headache. The correct posture is disciplined: support that serves border denial and intelligence depth, not nation-building fantasies. And Turkey's shadow matters because it can tax Israeli air freedom at the exact moment Iran tries to rebuild lanes through Syria.*

## Inside Israel

### Accountability Collides With Authority Across Courts, Cabinet, and Security

Israel's internal governance is grinding through a collision of accountability demands, judicial assertion, and wartime urgency. The High Court is now weighing an unprecedented wave of petitions against Knesset laws and executive decisions, including amendments to Basic Laws, the closure of Army Radio, UNRWA restrictions, sanctions on terror-affiliated families, judicial appointments, and looming legislation on Haredi draft exemptions and splitting the attorney general's conflicted role into two positions. Justice Minister Levin's repeated failure to appoint an external supervisor for the Sde Teiman leak probe—after two court rejections—has escalated into open institutional warfare, with the court signaling it may appoint its own monitor if the minister cannot comply. Further petitions challenge what critics describe as an unlawful national-civic service track that enables draft avoidance absent legal deferments, while the attorney general warns the arrangement lacks any statutory foundation.

## ASSESSMENT

*Israel is attempting to retrofit peacetime legal architecture onto wartime decision-making while the court increasingly functions as a parallel veto center. The danger is paralysis. The draft question is the sharpest edge: every workaround entrenched now converts inequality into doctrine and drains reserve endurance. A state at war cannot afford a legitimacy fight that consumes command bandwidth. The structural fault line here—Basic Laws without a constitution, courts without brakes, executives without clear supremacy in emergencies—maps directly onto the logic of The Unfinished State. Until authority is clarified, Israel will keep fighting enemies abroad while litigating sovereignty at home.*

### Internal Security Failures Turn Tactical Gaps Into Strategic Risk

Multiple incidents underscore persistent failures along Israel's internal seams. Near Nablus, a vehicle attempting to evade a checkpoint triggered a suspect-arrest procedure that left three Palestinians injured after the car crashed. In Jerusalem, state comptroller findings and on-the-ground documentation revealed routine, daylight breaches of the security barrier near Qalandiya, including unmanned guard towers(!), broker-run smuggling networks, and thousands of illegal entrants weekly—double pre-war levels—despite police

presence. Border Police report that temporary live-fire authorities against barrier climbers significantly deter crossings, warning that expiration would invite mass infiltration and elevated terror risk. These gaps persist amid warnings of poor coordination between IDF, police, and internal security around Jerusalem checkpoints, even as forces repeatedly extract Israeli civilians who wander into hostile villages in Judea and Samaria.

#### ASSESSMENT

*Thin security coverage, divided responsibility, reliance on deterrence-by-routine—still governs Jerusalem’s most sensitive corridors. This is not about compassion or economics. Every breached barrier becomes a recruitment funnel, every unmanned tower an invitation. The fix is boring and unforgiving: permanent manning, unified command, sustained authorities, and zero tolerance for “temporary” gaps. Security is cumulative... you lose it one alley at a time.*

### Economic Populism and Cultural Warfare Stress Cohesion

The Culture Ministry’s moves to overhaul film funding, defund professional unions, and replace the long-standing film awards with a state-run ceremony triggered withdrawals, boycotts, and accusations of politicization, even as international festivals quietly sideline Israeli productions. In the economic lane, Finance Minister Smotrich’s decision to expand VAT-free personal imports up to \$150—framed as cost-of-living relief—provoked protests from small-business owners and objections from Finance Ministry professionals warning of multi-billion-shekel revenue losses and market distortion. In some good news, a new multi-year AI research partnership anchored in academia, emphasizing algorithmic efficiency, privacy, and talent development, including scholarships for Israel’s periphery—evidence that strategic capacity continues to compound beneath the noise.

#### ASSESSMENT

*Culture wars and retail populism are easy applause lines in peacetime—in war, they drain trust. Smotrich’s instinct—to lower costs and break monopolies—has merit, but execution that undercuts domestic producers while widening deficits invites backlash and instability. The film fight is less about art than authority. Who sets the narrative, who gets funding, and whether state power substitutes judgment for markets and audiences. Against that backdrop, the AI investment matters because it points the other way—toward capability, talent retention, and long-term edge. Israel’s cohesion will be preserved by service equity, border control, and building things that work.*

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## Israel and the World

### Britain’s Jewish Community Signals Exit While Islamism Reups Kinetic Mode

Britain’s Jewish community is now describing national life in operational terms: a large majority report feeling less safe since October 7, avoiding visible Jewish identity, doubting police protection, and doubting prosecutions even when evidence exists—while the majority say they don’t see a long-term



future in the UK. That social data is landing alongside hard security reality: a Manchester court just convicted ISIS-inspired would-be attackers for preparing a mass casualty gun attack, the largest in UK history, targeting Jews, with plans built around automatic weapons and “as many Jews as possible.” The political ecosystem feeding the atmosphere is not exactly hiding its wiring: a far-left partisan event reportedly drew applause for a speaker boasting he refused to condemn Hamas or “the horrors of October 7.” The state response remains late and partial while Jewish families do they’ve had to do since the Diaspora began: they start mapping exits.

#### ASSESSMENT

*This is what “multiculturalism” looks like when the sovereign forgets it is sovereign. The UK is running a two-tier system: unlimited moral indulgence for Islamist-adjacent politics and minimal deterrence for threats that predictably metastasize into plots, attacks, and emigration math. The police can announce toughness tomorrow. The community already internalized that reporting rarely becomes consequence. Israel should treat this as a diaspora security front, not “community affairs.” The longer-term risk is civic surrender—Jews disappear from public space, then from the country, and politicians call it “complex.”*

#### Turkey Reenters Gaza’s Frameworks as Egypt Repositions In Sinai

Postwar diplomacy is widening into a format that stretches Israeli red lines: Washington is engaging Turkey inside Gaza “next steps” discussions even as Israel pushes to keep Ankara outside any stabilization architecture, and even a senior U.S. senator visiting Israel publicly argued against Turkey’s inclusion in any Gaza force while praising Israeli intelligence value to the United States. Simultaneously, reporting describes deepening Egypt–Turkey coordination, including joint naval activity and institutionalized planning mechanisms—developments Jerusalem correctly reads as a constraint on future freedom of action in the Eastern Mediterranean and Gaza’s perimeter. On the southern flank, separate reporting claims Egypt is increasing Sinai deployments with advanced systems while insisting it has no intention of changing the tenuous peace treaty and arguing the annexes allow flexibility. Cairo is also described as waiting on the Trump–Netanyahu meeting to push for “calm” terms in Gaza. In the Caucasus, Armenia’s U.S.-based lobby is campaigning to block any Azerbaijani role in a Gaza stabilization concept, attacking Israel–Azerbaijan security ties even as Armenia’s own government cautiously probes normalization with Jerusalem—an external pressure campaign that conveniently benefits Iran by disrupting one of Israel’s quiet strategic partnerships. And on the upside, Morocco is still signaling that normalization is durable and expandable—framing Israel ties as economic, cultural, and Africa-facing cooperation even amid regional turmoil.



## ASSESSMENT

*Turkey wants a seat, Egypt wants leverage, and Washington wants “formats” that look like control. Israel’s job is to separate choreography from authority. A Gaza framework that includes Turkey will just import an ideological patron of Hamas into the enforcement apparatus and call it “stability.” Egyptian flexibility in Sinai may be treaty-compliant on paper and still strategically problematic in practice. Israel should closely monitor capability, not assurances. The Armenia lobby’s campaign is a reminder that diaspora lobbying can become hostile-state utility without ever filing a foreign-agent form. Meanwhile, Morocco demonstrates what real alignment looks like: interests, continuity, and civilizational confidence that doesn’t require anti-Israel theater. Israel should price Turkey as a growing constraint vector, keep Egypt inside hard verification lanes, protect the Azerbaijan corridor relationship, and treat “inclusive frameworks” as noise unless they come with enforceable disarmament authority.*

### The UN’s Anti-Israel Pageantry Persists as Iran Builds Parallel Theaters

The UN ecosystem reportedly spends roughly \$100 million annually on Israel-focused mechanisms—committees, reports, debates, and open-ended investigations—while treating UNRWA as politically protected and structurally exempt from meaningful reform even amid repeated neutrality scandals. Those are some of your tax dollars at work. That budgetary bias sits alongside a European split-screen: Romania just passed a sweeping law imposing serious prison terms for glorifying fascists, denying the Holocaust, or distributing extremist materials online—then a Jewish lawmaker advancing the legislation became the target of a wave of antisemitic incitement, which effectively proved the need for deterrence. In parallel, the U.S. is signaling selective economic tightening and selective rewards: tariffs remain at a baseline level but are reportedly easing in specific Israeli sectors (defense and diamonds) while chips and pharma sit under investigation risk—an alliance that still functions, but increasingly prices everything. And beyond the Atlantic, analysis is warning that Iran’s footprint in Venezuela and Latin America is not “influence” but infrastructure: intelligence networks, criminal-financial pipelines, and the marriage of terror logistics with cartel ecosystems aimed at threatening U.S. interests from close range.

## ASSESSMENT

*This is the modern pressure stack: lawfare to delegitimize, budgets to normalize it, and shadow networks to operationalize it. The UN doesn’t need to “win” debates—it just needs to keep Israel permanently on trial (which it does, with perpetual agenda items). Which is feeding prosecutors, activists, and sanctions entrepreneurs with paperwork that looks official enough to launder into policy. Romania’s law demonstrates a basic truth the West keeps forgetting: deterrence requires penalties, not panels. The U.S. tariff posture shows the alliance is still real, but increasingly transactional—Israel should bank the wins, protect the core sectors, and assume leverage will be demanded in return. Not to mention, they need to remember their history, both ancient and modern. And Iran’s Latin America project—whether fully mapped or partially understood—is the same doctrine Tehran runs everywhere. They build parallel systems, fuse ideology with crime, then threaten targets with plausible deniability. Israel’s strategic interest is to keep exposing the lawfare machine, deepen real partners, and treat “international legitimacy” as something you defend with capability and clarity, not by begging committees to stop.*

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## Briefly Noted

### Frontline & Security

- *Israel National News*: Iran's Foreign Ministry declared its ballistic missile program "non-negotiable" as reports swirl about renewed Israeli action and U.S. coordination. Translation: Tehran plans to rebuild volume and survivability, and it wants the West to argue about "talks" while it reloads.
- *Algemeiner*: Syria reportedly detained a prominent American Islamist journalist who criticized the new government's cooperation with the U.S. and defended foreign jihadist factions. "Moderation" in Damascus still means managing radicals, not eliminating the ecosystem—just disciplining it when it talks too loudly.

### Diplomacy & Geopolitics

- *Israel National News*: Iran abruptly halted gas supplies to Iraq, knocking out roughly 4,000 MW and threatening widespread blackouts. Tehran just reminded Baghdad who owns the light switch—and leverage doesn't get more literal than electricity.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Israel should build a trained civilian public-diplomacy reserve so the country isn't represented abroad primarily through uniformed spokespeople. If Israel doesn't professionalize truth distribution, hostile networks will keep outsourcing "Israel explanation" to TikTok mobs and UN interns.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Libya's army chief and senior officials died when a jet crashed after departing Ankara, prompting investigations and three days of mourning. Turkey's Libya file keeps producing sudden shocks—because patronage networks and "security partnerships" don't come with quality control.

### Culture, Religion & Society

- *Jerusalem Post*: Warsaw's Jewish cemetery director was fired after clashing with a state-funded heritage foundation he says sidelines local Jews from decisions in their own cemetery. Poland keeps "preserving Jewish memory" the way a landlord preserves a tenant—by taking the keys.
- *Jerusalem Post*: An arson attack destroyed a Christmas tree and Nativity grotto at a church in Jenin, with local officials rushing to brand it "isolated" and not reflective of society. Laughable. The PA's "order" still will not and can not protect a church at Christmas—which tells you exactly how much control it has over anything that matters.
- *Algemeiner*: A University of Kentucky law professor suspended after publicly calling for a "war on Israel" is suing to be reinstated while the university investigates. The campus problem isn't "speech." It's institutions tolerating (and indoctrinating youth with) eliminationist rhetoric until it becomes a liability memo.

## Economy, Tech & Infrastructure

- *JNS*: El Al is expected to face a major fine for price-gouging during wartime monopoly conditions as foreign carriers stayed away. The state is signaling that “national carrier” is not a license to print money off a captive public.
- *Jerusalem Post*: A new op-ed argues Israel should make three national bets—AI systems engineers, AI infrastructure, and Abraham Accords ecosystem plays—to maximize Nvidia’s Israel footprint like Intel’s era did for chips.

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## Developments to Watch

### Northern Front (Lebanon / Syria)

- **Sidon Blur Line Hardens** — IDF’s Sidon strike killed Hezbollah operatives tied to rebuild and air defense, with one assessed as serving in Lebanese Army intelligence. This collapses the “state vs militia” fiction and raises the odds Israel keeps striking inside the LAF gray zone. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **Ron Arad File Reopened (By Proxy)** — Lebanese sources allege a Mossad-linked disappearance tied to the Ron Arad case, amplifying Hezbollah-era grievance narratives. Beirut will use this to widen diplomatic pressure while Israel treats it as noise unless it constrains operations.
- **Turkey Shadow Over Syria Airspace** — Israeli security discourse openly prices Turkey as a strategic constraint, including maritime and Syrian-airspace friction. Any Turkish move that taxes Israeli air freedom north of the border tightens the escalation clock. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**

### Gaza & Southern Theater

- **Nahal Language Tests Washington** — Katz’s Gaza remarks triggered a U.S. clarification demand and an Israeli walk-back to “security context.”
- **Drone Smuggling Intercepted East** — IDF stopped a cross-border drone carrying 40 firearms. Cheap aerial logistics keep probing security holes. Volume, not sophistication, is the risk.

### Regional Axis (Iran, Houthis, Militias)

- **IRGC Drills Cross Ambiguity Threshold** — Iran’s ballistic/UAV exercises are active enough to force real-time Israeli leadership calls during testimony. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **Tehran Rebuilds Before Retaliation** — Israeli assessments say Iran prefers reconstitution over immediate response after summer losses. That favors surprise later, not restraint now.
- **Iraq Power Lever Pulled** — Iran cut gas to Iraq, knocking out ~4,000 MW. Energy coercion is Tehran’s reminder that Baghdad is a corridor, not a counterweight.

## Diplomatic & Legal

- **Hezbollah War Ask Nears White House** — Reports say Netanyahu plans to seek Trump's green light for a large-scale Lebanon operation. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **Foreign Media Powers Extended** — Knesset extended authority to restrict foreign outlets on security grounds through 2027. Expect immediate lawfare and press-freedom pressure timed to Gaza and the north.

## Home Front & Politics

- **Galei Tzahal Shutdown Moves to Execution** — MoD named an implementation lead to close Army Radio and review Galgalatz. Institutional resistance will shift from rhetoric to court filings.
- **ISA Leadership Transition Under Strain** — The deputy chief's resignation amid leak-related friction lands during peak operational tempo. Continuity matters more than optics.
- **Mass-Casualty Readiness Runs Live** — Health Ministry/Home Front Command drills in the north simulate 150 casualties while missile-risk chatter rises. This is quiet confirmation the system is preparing for saturation, not theater.

Lebanon's seam between "state" and Hezbollah is disintegrating. Washington is vacillating between support language and leverage mechanics. Britain can't decide between slogans and funerals.

Watch the Iran drill profile for any shift from signaling to cover. Watch Lebanon for retaliation pressure as safe zones shrink. And watch the U.S. track for a forced sequencing fight ahead of the Trump–Netanyahu meeting. The enemy trades time for rebuild; Israel survives by making time expensive.

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