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THE war reaches its thousandth day with the same lesson it has taught since the spring: the only clauses anyone enforces are the ones Israel enforces itself. Netanyahu walked the Lebanon zone to tell the men on the line the army is not leaving it, the targeting cell reached three more October 7 operatives, and the Comptroller published the ledger of everything the state never built before it needed all of it at once. The disposition is grinding and clear-eyed: a country clearing what it can reach, auditing the plumbing it skipped, and winning a new map in Latin America while the old aid line frays in Washington.

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FLASH BRIEF

- **Lebanon:** Netanyahu walks the security zone, tells the troops to act on threats and not wait for permission. *See The War Today.*
- **Hormuz:** The IRGC bids for exclusive control of the strait and a \$40-billion-a-year toll as Doha talks continue. *See The War Today.*
- **Gaza:** The targeting cell reaches Braslavski's captor and two more October 7 operatives; Israel holds nearly 70 percent. *See The War Today.*
- **Comptroller:** Englman's October 7 audit finds no plan for the wounded, the rehab system, or the shelters. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Draft:** Basic Law: Torah Study clears first reading the same week the IDF asks for 8,000 more reservists a day. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Trial:** Judges tell prosecutors again to drop the bribery count; the coalition turns it into a pardon campaign. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Latin America:** Parliamentarians from over ten nations sign the Isaac Accords principles as a Guatemala-based bloc courts Israel. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Aid:** Massie's amendment to cut Israel's \$3.3 billion in FMF fails, and committee Democrats endorse conditioning the aid anyway. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Press:** The Committee to Protect Journalists quietly drops twenty names, eight of them confirmed Hamas or PIJ fighters. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Diaspora:** A California judge gives a year in county jail to the man who killed Paul Kessler *z"l* with a megaphone. *See Israel and the World.*

The through-line at the thousand-day mark is the distance between a page and the enforcement of it. The Lebanon framework, the Hormuz memorandum, and the Gaza truce all share the same defect — the party whose compliance matters signed nothing — so the demolition charges, the target folders, and the army in the zone are the only clauses moving. At home the Comptroller reads the receipt for the years nobody spent on the day-after, while the coalition writes a constitutional shield for yeshiva study over its own generals' objection that the manpower math does not close. Abroad the two maps diverge: a conviction bloc from Buenos Aires that asks nothing of any Arab public, and a US aid relationship sliding from a settled given toward a line renegotiated every appropriations cycle.

The War Today

Netanyahu Walks the Security Zone to Say the Army Is Not Leaving It

Netanyahu and Katz visited the troops holding the security zone in southern Lebanon on Tuesday, a week after the trilateral framework, and the prime minister told the fighters the standing directive is theirs alone — “if you identify a threat to your safety, your lives, or your soldiers' lives, act, don't wait.” He said the IDF will not withdraw “as long as Hezbollah remains here,” put the group's stock at 8 percent of its prewar 150,000 missiles and its dead at 9,000, and called the agreement a “slap in the face” to the Iranian axis that

“won’t necessarily go unchallenged.” The receipts arrived on the same clock. A Hezbollah operative was killed in a strike near Manzala after being identified close to the forces, the air force hit Deir Siryan before dawn and dropped munitions on Haddatha and Braachit in the Nabatieh district, and a reserve soldier was severely wounded in the zone the day the Chief of Staff marked 1,000 days of war. Israel is delaying the planned pullback from two southern villages pending agreement on a US oversight mechanism, and Katz told correspondents the Shia villages along the contact line “had to disappear” — the demilitarized depth the whole zone was built to hold.

ASSESSMENT

The visit was the enforcement license we’ve read since the signing, stated in the prime minister’s own voice — recognition on paper, the army in the zone with no exit, and the only clause anyone enforces being the strike near Manzala and the charge under Majdal Zoun. Netanyahu’s “protect yourselves, act, don’t wait” is the honest version of an order the men on the Yellow Line spent last week being told from the top did not constrain them [the reserve soldier bleeding in the zone is where the gap between the directive and the deal keeps getting paid]. Katz saying the villages “had to disappear” is the demilitarization clause spoken plainly, because the disarmament Beirut signed for is one no rifle in Lebanon will deliver and Israel enforces the depth itself.

Trump Keeps the Strikes and the Talks While the IRGC Bids for the Strait

Trump weighed a return to full-scale war with Iran in recent days, talking through options with Hegseth and Gen. Caine on whether to quit the negotiations and “finish the job,” and settled on the arrangement he has run since the memorandum — diplomacy plus one-off strikes on any violation, with no distress if the August 18 nuclear deadline passes unmet. Witkoff and Kushner landed in Doha, where Qatar said they would meet mediators but not the Iranians, and separate US and Iranian technical teams were to work the strait and the nuclear file through Qatari and Pakistani go-betweens. Underneath the diplomacy the IRGC is bidding for the asset it can actually close: it wants exclusive control of Hormuz and a toll on every transiting vessel, a mechanism Iranian officials privately price at \$40 billion a year, and has threatened to shut the strait again if Doha does not hand it that control, against Oman’s US-backed pay-or-pass alternative. Iranian television reported a foreign ship ran aground after straying from Tehran’s designated lane. A widening rift set Pezeshkian, chasing the \$6 billion in frozen Qatari funds, against a Guard corps focused on the toll, while an IRGC outlet declared Iran now “has no alternative but to build a nuclear bomb” and Katz said Israel could be at war with Iran “tomorrow” if Tehran fires, disclosing the army is already ordered to ready a standalone strike.

ASSESSMENT

Hormuz is moving ahead of the nuclear file again, and that tells you which asset Washington actually put weight behind — the strait Iran can toll is on the table in Doha, the 400-plus kilograms of 60 percent enriched uranium sitting on Iranian soil is not, and the regime pockets the frozen billions on the headline while ratifying nothing beneath it. The IRGC bidding for a \$40-billion tollbooth is the same move the brief has tracked all month, sovereignty rebuilt as a passage fee, the war-strengthened Guard corps monetizing the chokepoint the memorandum was sold to reopen. Katz's disclosed strike order is the floor under a permission layer that has migrated the decision off Jerusalem's desk — Israel will read the page it was never shown and act if the missiles come [which is not the same as being a party to the deal that governs its own northern border].

The Targeting Cell Reaches Braslavski's Captor as the Army Marks a Thousand Days

The IDF and Shin Bet eliminated Talal Jaber Mohammad Abd al-Aal, the Islamic Jihad operative who led a cell that crossed the fence on October 7 and later held freed hostage Rom Braslavski in Gaza, one of three senior terrorists confirmed killed in a week that also took a top PIJ commander and a Hamas arms smuggler. A central-Gaza strike killed Ali Qaid Mohammed Stitan, a Nukhba platoon commander who infiltrated on October 7 and kept planning attacks on the forces since; a southern strike killed Mohammad Fathi Abu Fakher, commander of Hamas's Yibna Battalion in the Rafah Brigade and a key man in its smuggling and supply network; and a week of northern-Gaza operations killed four more military-wing operatives, among them a platoon commander, a sniper and two anti-tank men, and dismantled the launch shafts they were rebuilding. Troops sealed the Rafah tunnel where Lt. Hadar Goldin ז"ל was held after being killed and abducted in 2014. Security officials logged 28 smuggling drones successfully entering Gaza this year, most assessed to have reached Hamas, some launched from Egypt and some from inside Israel — the same first-person-view threat the military says Iran is now trying to seed into Judea and Samaria. Eli Cohen put Israeli control of the strip at close to 70 percent, up from 53 two months ago, and said it “will only continue to grow.” The Chief of Staff convened the General Staff to mark 1,000 days of combat.

ASSESSMENT

Eighteen months on, the man who carried out October 7 and the man rebuilding to do it again keep turning out to be one roster, and this week reached three of them (Braslavski's captor, a Nukhba commander who never stopped, a Rafah smuggler) — the disarmament clause the truce never enforced being enforced by Israel one operative at a time. The 28 drones that reached Hamas, and the FPV threat the army is chasing out of Lebanon and into the seam communities, are the reconstruction cycle running underneath the ceasefire on a supply line the target folders cannot fully reach [Zaher Jabarin still directing the rebuild from a thousand miles inside Erdogan's Istanbul]. A standing 70-percent occupation the memorandum signed in Geneva cannot touch is not a war winding down toward a deal — it is the enforcement war the brief has read all spring, run past the thousand-day mark with no exit date attached.

Inside Israel

Englman Publishes the October 7 Ledger Days Before the Thousandth Day

The State Comptroller released his Comptroller's Day cluster on the home front's October 7 failures, and the chapters read as one indictment split across departments. The audit of the wounded found no policy, no orderly IDF response, and no clear command-and-control handoff to Magen David Adom, with medics left without instructions while casualties bled and the Health Ministry seat in the war room sat empty. The rehabilitation chapter named a pre-war shortfall of thousands of physiotherapists, speech and occupational therapists, at least 200 doctors and hundreds of rehabilitative psychologists, and wounded who learned their own entitlements by word of mouth because the Defense Ministry published no procedure. A third report found the state never coordinated with the civilian volunteers, charities and donors who carried the home front — donations after the massacre ran near NIS 15 billion, and hundreds of projects reached ministries that had no one assigned to answer them, leaving NIS 14.8 billion in aid moving without a state partner. A fourth found the Education Ministry lacked a full map of the daycares operating without a license, ran one inspection or none in more than half of the licensed centers serving some 212,000 toddlers, and left legally required security cameras uninstalled. A snap check of public-institution shelters at Bituach Leumi, the employment service, well-baby clinics and HMOs turned up blocked access routes and doors that would not seal. The families of the fallen and the hostages gather at the Gaza-border kibbutzim on Thursday to march the perimeter on the thousandth day.

ASSESSMENT

Every chapter points at the same failure the coalition and the legal guild share — a state that never built the operational plumbing behind its own emergency, then discovered on the day it needed all of it that none of it existed. Englman is reading the cardiogram aloud, and the same fortnight the High Court moved to bound what he can publish on the eight October 7 files and the guild petitioned to unseat him [one hand reaching for the comptroller's pen at two doors at once, on the one failure the bench is itself written into across a decade of deferred warnings]. The wounded, the donors and the toddlers are the receipt for the years nobody wanted to spend on the day-after before the day arrived.

The Torah-Study Basic Law Clears First Reading as the Army Objects

The Knesset advanced Basic Law: Torah Study to a first plenum reading and moved the parallel arrest-freeze order in tandem, enshrining yeshiva study as a constitutional value the same week the IDF told the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee it needs 8,000 additional reservists a day. Brigadier General Shai Taib, head of the Manpower Directorate's planning division, testified against the freeze in plain terms — enforcement is one of the four levers that fill the ranks, alongside adjustments, motivation and sanctions, and a system cannot exempt one group bound by the Security Service Law from

the enforcement it applies to everyone else. A haredi MK answered the officer's warning that 90,000 men will stay outside the system by mocking him from the committee table. Compulsory service shortens to 30 months in January without the extension to 36 the army has repeatedly asked for, deepening the pull on reservists already stretched across Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and Judea and Samaria. The move landed days after a Bnei Brak rally at which a rabbi called Chief of Staff Zamir "accursed," drawing condemnations from Netanyahu and Shas and a vow from Bennett to end state funding for anyone who preaches against the state.

ASSESSMENT

The coalition is writing a constitutional shield for yeshiva study into the country's Basic Laws in the same days its own generals are on the record that the manpower math does not close and the freeze fills no ranks — the burden question answered in the negative, now in the register that outranks ordinary legislation. Bracket the officer the coalition's own partner mocked from the dais and the tell is complete: the people offering the coalition a way out of the shortfall are the ones it has stopped listening to [the ranks short seventeen thousand combat soldiers, and the plenum's answer is to make the exemption harder to repeal]. Every blocked highway and every cursed general moves the sanctions polling the one direction a draft fight in the street ever moves it, weeks before the ballot.

Judges Tell the Prosecution to Drop It, the Coalition Reaches for Clemency

The three-judge panel repeated its recommendation that prosecutors withdraw the bribery count against the Prime Minister, and coalition ministers turned the reaffirmation into a clemency campaign. Levin, Eliyahu, Katz and other coalition MKs renewed calls for a pardon or for the dismissal of all charges, and Netanyahu used his first Hebrew campaign interviews to say he wants a pardon "to unite the nation," to promise the judicial reform continues because "these corrections are necessary," to decline to rule out Jewish settlement in Gaza, and to warn he will strike Iran again if he must. Asked how October 7 changed him, he joked that he had lost some weight — a quip his rivals seized on — while framing the postwar buffer zones beyond Israel's borders as the doctrinal shift. He told interviewers he seeks a broad government after the election that keeps his current partners and continues the reform.

ASSESSMENT

The bench has now twice declined to let the prosecution carry the count, and a prosecution that held it open for three years after being told it was unprovable is the clearest case the reform side has for everything the AG's tenure was supposed to refute. The pardon push overreaches on the same narrow evidentiary ground the "fabricated indictment" framing did — two counts of the three-case file are still live, and clemency sought from a position of denial is not the same as acquittal [a pardon accepted is a conviction acknowledged, which is the one thing the "vindication" reading cannot afford]. Netanyahu is running the closing weeks on the reform, the pardon and the broad-government rebrand at once, courting the center while promising his current partners that nothing changes.

Israel and the World

The Massie Amendment Fails and the Aid Line Still Gets Conditioned

The House will vote on Thomas Massie's amendment to strip the \$3.3 billion in annual Foreign Military Financing Israel draws under the 2016 MoU, a measure the Rules Committee marked "Made in Order" on June 23 before right-wing Republican rebels stalled the floor for a second straight week and left the timing uncertain. Massie's cut leaves the \$500 million for Iron Dome and missile defense untouched, so the fight is over the FMF line the memorandum expires on in 2028. The top Democrats on Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Intelligence all oppose the amendment as overbroad, and every one of them paired the opposition with a demand to condition the aid — Himes wants weapons kept out of "settlers' hands" and conditions on Gaza and Lebanon, Aguilar says the support will not "go on forever." Jeffries and the leadership are still withholding a position. Rosa DeLauro, the ranking Appropriations Democrat in line to chair the committee if the House flips, announced she will take no more AIPAC money, her campaign citing a Netanyahu government with "no interest" in a two-state solution.

ASSESSMENT

The amendment fails and the vote still lands where it hurts, because the count that moves the needle is the committee Democrats opposing Massie's cut who endorse the conditions in the same breath [when the ranking Appropriations Democrat returns AIPAC's check on her way to the gavel, the guardrail is what is moving]. We have watched the institutional Democratic base sort away from the position for months, a senior Armed Services Democrat already wanting the routine US-Israel cooperation clause stripped out of the NDAA. The conviction-track normalization Jerusalem is banking in Latin America is the hedge against exactly this, a US aid relationship migrating from a settled given to a line renegotiated every appropriations cycle.

Latin America Signs a Framework That Asks Nothing of Riyadh

Milei told legislators from more than a dozen Latin American countries in Buenos Aires that "neutrality is not an option," closing a three-day Israel Allies Foundation summit at which parliamentarians from over ten nations signed the Isaac Accords principles, pledged to adopt the IHRA antisemitism definition, and committed to press embassy moves to Jerusalem. The Central American Parliament — 124 legislators representing six states and sixty million people — is now working to grant Israel observer status within months, a two-thirds vote its president called an "unprecedented" opening for the region. Jerusalem moved at the rim the same week: an Israeli aid delegation with Home Front Command engineers and military advisers left for earthquake-struck Venezuela, a state that severed ties in 2009, with Sa'ar framing the mission toward a no-ties capital as "a humanitarian act." Argentina has designated the IRGC, Hamas and Hezbollah, and expelled Tehran's chargé when Iran objected.

ASSESSMENT

This is the map Israel is winning because no Gulf capital can veto it — the conviction bloc asks nothing of an Arab public pricing Israel against a war-strengthened Tehran, so a Guatemala-based parliament and a conservative realignment from Buenos Aires to a possible Bolsonaro Brazil can move on their own politics [the same wiring that raised an Israeli flag over a Venezuela with no embassy to hang it in]. The cost is written into the mechanism. A framework that travels on Milei's word travels back on the next Kirchnerist, and an observer seat granted by a two-thirds vote is unwound by the next one. Against the rim sits the center, where a Saudi-Turkey-Egypt-Syria rail corridor with American and Emirati money routes trade around Israel regardless of who holds the chair in Buenos Aires.

✘ Dossier: *Field Dossier: The Berbera Model* — *The Isaac Accords bloc moving because it asks nothing of any Arab public is the below-the-waterline, unvetoable normalization this Dossier builds in full — the model that buys presence without partnership and travels on a leader's word, which is exactly the cost the next Kirchnerist can unwind.*

The Press Watchdog Concedes It Counted Combatants as Journalists

The Committee to Protect Journalists is reviewing the casualty database that built the “deadliest war for journalists on record” claim, and has quietly removed twenty names from its list of journalists killed by Israel — eight of them confirmed Hamas or Palestinian Islamic Jihad fighters. The concession came only after Hamas and PIJ published obituaries claiming those men as their own combatants, the correction the watchdog declined to make when independent researchers made the same case for two years. Its running total now stands at 209. Nika Soon-Shiong, publisher of an outlet that features Hamas content, left the board days after objecting to the review. CPJ says her five-year term simply expired. At the Security Council, Danny Danon set aside his prepared remarks and held up enlarged photographs of men CPJ had listed as journalists — Ahmed Washah, an Al Jazeera stringer and Hamas sniper killed in a targeted strike among them. The Meir Amit center reached the same finding in December: of 266 “journalists” it examined, roughly sixty percent were members of or affiliated with the terror organizations.

ASSESSMENT

The watchdog moved the day the killers filed the correction it had refused for two years, which tells you what the verification standard was all along — whether the number served. CPJ's own criteria exclude anyone “directly participating as combatants,” and it counted them anyway, then expressed “alarm” when the IDF killed an Al Jazeera stringer who moonlighted as a sniper [the two-source rule quietly suspended for the duration of a war Israel is fighting]. The number was the product. It ran through every wire desk and every UN podium as established fact while the footnotes sat unread. It comes off the ledger now because Hamas needed its martyrs back, and for no reason the watchdog would have honored on its own.

The Genocide Charge Gets Answered on Three Fronts at Once

A UN commission's report accusing Israel of deliberately targeting Palestinian children, and of genocide, drew coordinated pushback across Western media this week, and the defenders were not all the usual voices. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told Fox News that the Middle East's "real genocide" is the collapse of its Jewish and Christian populations, noting that the roughly one million Jews in Arab lands in 1948 number about 15,000 today while Israel's Arab population grew from 150,000 to nearly two million. In Britain, at a Conservative Friends of Israel lunch, Nick Timothy answered Andy Burnham's "I can't judge" on Gaza with "Well, I can. The war in Gaza was no genocide," calling those who level the charge and those who lack the courage to reject it "cowards." Middle East Eye ran a point-by-point defense of the UN report, insisting its marquee case — a ten-day-old infant reportedly shot by a quadcopter — stands up to scrutiny.

ASSESSMENT

The charge is the same instrument every time, the gravest word in international law aimed at the one people it was written to describe, and what is new is that answering it no longer falls only to Israeli spokesmen. A US cabinet secretary reframed the demographic record on the network with the largest reach in the country, and a British political adviser named cowardice by name at a party lunch [Burnham could judge a planning application in his own city but not a livestreamed massacre in someone else's]. The defense the UN report needed arrived from Middle East Eye — a paper reduced to litigating a single infant's death paragraph by paragraph because the aggregate case cannot carry itself. The libel still travels further than the rebuttal. It now has to travel past more people willing to call it a libel.

A Year in County Jail for Killing a Jew Sets the Diaspora Price

A California judge sentenced Loay Abdel Fattah Alnaji, the 53-year-old community-college computer-science lecturer who struck 69-year-old Paul Kessler *z"l* in the head with a megaphone at dueling rallies in Thousand Oaks in November 2023, to one year in county jail and two years' probation after a guilty plea to felony involuntary manslaughter. Kessler, a pro-Israel demonstrator, fell backward, hit the pavement, and died the next day. Alnaji had conceded he "personally caused great bodily injury" to a "particularly vulnerable victim," and the Ventura DA's office asked for state prison. The judge instead framed the killing as two older men who "got into an argument that ended in an accident." The ADL called it "little more than a slap on the wrist"; Kessler's widow of 43 years said there were no words. Alnaji reports to serve on August 7. The sentence landed the same forty-eight hours a Toronto man was charged with three counts of assault with a weapon after allegedly hurling rocks and death threats at a passerby marked by his "religious attire," an arsonist barricaded himself in the burning kitchen of a Stamford Hill Jewish home while the family's newborn was rushed to hospital for smoke inhalation, and Russia's FSB said it broke up an arson plot against a synagogue in the Yaroslavl region.

ASSESSMENT

The interdiction machinery abroad keeps getting better at the front end and no better at the back — Russia catches the arsonist before the synagogue burns, Toronto has a suspect in cuffs ten minutes after the rocks fly, and then a man who killed a Jew at a rally serves a year in county for the trouble. Every one of these dockets stalls one rung short of a consequence that would deter the next one [a judge who calls a fatal megaphone blow to the head an “accident” has told the next rally exactly what a dead Jew is worth]. A regime that shops synagogue contracts to cartels and a professor who kills a pensioner are not the same order of threat, and they collect the same discount at the far end of the process anyway — which is the calculation every European and North American community has already run for itself.

Impoverished Venezuelan Jews Open Their Synagogues to the Buried

Six days after twin earthquakes killed roughly 1,500 Venezuelans and tore through Caracas and La Guaira, a Jordanian rescue team pulled three-year-old Kleiber Moran alive from the rubble of the hardest-hit district. In the same window, volunteers from Venezuela’s roughly 5,000-strong Jewish community threw open synagogues and community centers to shelter hundreds of frightened, displaced residents, most of them not Jewish. ZAKA-trained local medics under Rabbi Yosef Garmon, the former chief rabbi of Guatemala, worked the first-72-hour window pulling survivors out and treating the wounded, while a joint Foreign Ministry, IDF and Home Front Command delegation flew into a capital that has refused Jerusalem an embassy since Chavez cut ties in 2009.

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Briefly Noted

Frontline & Security

- *Jerusalem Post*: Katz sanctioned 37 IRGC-linked crypto wallets holding roughly NIS 24 million, the Defense Ministry’s counter-terror-finance unit tracing tens of millions of dollars funneled to Hezbollah and the other proxies over the years. The same reconstruction the strikes chase in the field runs on rails Jerusalem can only freeze one wallet at a time.
- *Arutz Sheva*: Border Police Mista’arvim, the Shin Bet and the IDF arrested four Negev residents smuggling weapons through the Paran firing zones, opening fire on the vehicle’s tires after the suspects tried to run down the soldiers closing on them.

Diplomacy & Geopolitics

- *Jerusalem Post*: The Hind Rajab Foundation, the pro-Hamas lawfare outfit, petitioned Lithuania's Constitutional Court to force an investigation of an Israeli dental student in Kaunas after prosecutors declined to open one. The filing is the harassment — the same universal-jurisdiction campaign that also went after a German prosecutor for refusing to chase another Israeli.
- *Ynet News*: Trump signaled Turkey may return to the F-35 track and notified Congress of a 613-million-euro engine sale for Ankara's KAAN fighter, over Israeli and Greek objections. Both fly the jet and read Erdogan holding its sensitive parts as a hit to their edge — the same "Washington arms Ankara" trade running under the Armenian-genocide fallout.
- *Arutz Sheva*: Guterres asked member states for \$100 million to keep UN-RWA from a total shutdown. The agency Israel tied to October 7 now runs on emergency appeals, the funding gap the only real cost its staffing scandal has carried.

Public Diplomacy & Media

- *Jerusalem Post*: Iran ordered activist Rezvaneh Ahmad Khanbeigi and her two-year-old daughter back to Evin Prison to finish a sentence for "propaganda against the regime," the birth leave revoked. The regime litigating a genocide charge against Israel at the UN jails toddlers to punish their mothers' speech.
- *JNS*: Laura Pinho, a Los Angeles public-school teacher who supervises a Students for Justice in Palestine chapter, told a CodePink webinar she married a man from Gaza to secure him US citizenship, "any action" justified "if it's for Palestinian rights." The New York Post found she had shared posts calling Jews "Satanic bankers."
- *The JC*: A Heathrow security officer lost his employment tribunal after claiming discrimination for being asked to remove a Palestinian badge on the job weeks after October 7.

Domestic & Law

- *Times of Israel*: A 20-year-old US citizen living in the Jerusalem area will be charged with security offenses for photographing "sensitive sites" for an Iran-linked handler who paid him dozens to hundreds of dollars a task.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Ability Computer and Software Industries and two officials were indicted under a plea deal over roughly NIS 35 million in defense-export-control violations — aggravated smuggling, unlicensed defense marketing, and money laundering.
- *Jerusalem Post*: The Public Defender's 2025 report flags a worsening incarceration crisis and cites the High Court striking down a police practice of searching suspects' phones on "consent" without a judicial order.

Economy, Tech & Infrastructure

- *JNS*: The Defense Ministry and Rafael finished a fresh round of upgraded Iron Dome tests folding in the Iron Beam laser, tuned against drone swarms,

cruise missiles, and high-volume barrages. Iron Beam was declared operational last December but sat out the early-2026 Iran war for want of batteries, so the number that matters now is how fast Rafael can build the batteries the drill assumes.

- *Globes*: The Tel Aviv 35 closed June down 8.7 percent, its worst month since October 2023, even as the exchange's Defense Index rose almost 4 percent on the day and Tower Semiconductor gained 8 percent.
- *Jerusalem Post*: A drone spotted over Germany's first Arrow 3 battery is pushing Berlin toward a 60-kilowatt laser demonstrator, an opening for Rafael and Elbit to sell the counter-UAV laser Israel is still scaling at home.
- *Globes*: The Tax Authority raised its forecast for the Israel Citizens Fund to \$60-75 billion over the life of the gas reservoirs, after upgrading Leviathan's proven and projected reserves — the sovereign-wealth line to watch as the gas that funds it also underwrites the next defense budget.

Culture, Religion & Society

- *Jerusalem Post*: One hundred and ten years ago this morning, 35 British Jews died on the first day of the Somme, and a volunteer researcher working the Jewish Military Museum's records has put names back on the ones the war buried anonymously or under the wrong religion.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Sorin Hershko, the commando left most severely wounded at Entebbe, was honored at the Peres Center as the operation turns 50 and a new edition of Shimon Peres's *Entebbe Diary* launches — the raid that flew 2,500 miles for a hundred hostages before the term "hostage rescue" meant anyone would.
- *Jerusalem Post*: A €2.5 million European grant puts the Israel Antiquities Authority at the center of a five-year effort to chemically fingerprint the Dead Sea Scrolls and locate where they were copied, comparing them for the first time against Egyptian papyri. The oldest Tanach manuscripts we have are about to give up an address.

Developments to Watch

Judea & Samaria

- **The IDF seals a second Nablus charity in a week** — Troops raided the Solidarity Charity Association in Nablus on Tuesday and ordered it closed for a year on terror-financing grounds, the latest in a run of building seizures the Palestinian side is now logging daily. The closures are the freeze-order enforcement machinery moving to the ground while the arrest-freeze bill stalls in the plenum, and a seizure tempo this steady in the pre-election window is the coalition banking sovereignty acts the next government cannot easily unwind.
- **The seam kibbutzim organize against the drone before it arrives** — Residents of Kibbutz Eyal and the boundary communities are pressing the army over small explosive drones that reach central Israel in minutes from

Judea and Samaria, the threat the IDF says Iran is now trying to seed west of the Jordan. The home-front pressure runs ahead of the first strike, so the question inside 72 hours is whether the army stands up seam-line counter-UAV cover or waits for the launch that forces it.

Northern Front (Lebanon / Syria)

- **A lost phone in Suwayda opens the Syria flank the deal does not cover** — The army is reviewing a soldier's cellphone left behind in southern Syria as Druze gunmen and al-Sharaa's forces clash in Suwayda and Damascus condemns Israeli activity near the Golan. The framework Jerusalem signed governs Lebanon, and a second lost-device incident in a fortnight on a Syrian flank where the population contact is building is the exposure the page in Beirut was never written to hold.
- **Al-Sharaa moves from condemnation toward a posture** — Syria's president told his own public the country is "neither a testing ground for foreign conspiracies nor a venue for the ambitions of others," his sharpest line yet on the strikes around the Golan buffer. A Damascus that pairs the rhetoric with the Suwayda deployment is testing how much Israeli freedom of action in the south it can start to contest, and the tell inside the window is whether the words attach to a unit movement.

Regional Axis (Iran, Houthis, Militias)

- **The IRGC turns to counter-insurgency on three provinces at once** — The Guard says it foiled a separatist cell entering the northwest, killed six more in twin western attacks near Iraqi Kurdistan, and lost an officer to gunmen in Sistan-Baluchestan the same week. The regime is running active suppression across Kurdish, Baluch, and western fronts while it bargains Hormuz in Doha, and a Guard corps fighting its own periphery is one distracted from the toll it is trying to close. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **Ghalibaf ties the Hormuz provocations to the page itself** — Iran's parliament speaker said the aggressive moves in the strait and Hezbollah's responses in Lebanon are the regime's answer to the emerging memorandum, warning any violation of the war-ending clause draws a reciprocal response. Tehran has now put on the record that the tanker groundings and the lane warnings are policy, not accident, which means the next foreign hull steered off the Iranian lane is a lever the regime has told us it will pull.

Gaza & Southern Theater

- **The international force stages its first vehicles at the fence** — Trump's Board of Peace says the first tactical vehicles reached the International Security Force base near Gaza as the multinational deployment prepares. The hardware arriving on the perimeter Israel now holds at 70 percent puts a foreign command inside the same ground the army will not vacate, and the first friction between the ISF mandate and Israeli operational freedom lands the day the two occupy the same map.

Home Front & Politics

- **Rothman throws the deputy AG out and races the AG-split to the recess** — The Constitution Committee chair ejected Deputy Attorney-General Gil Limon from the marathon hearings on the bill to split the attorney-general's office, driving the legislation toward a vote before the election recess. The guild's own advisers are being removed from the room where the reform that would constrain them is being written, and whether the split clears the plenum in the weeks left decides if the AG contest carries into a new Knesset or is settled before the ballot.
- **Eisenkot opens the campaign on the October 7 inquiry** — Gadi Eisenkot launched his Yashar party under "Israel must win," pledging a state commission on the October 7 failures, a 50-day reserve cap, and haredi and Arab recruitment, with elections due on or before October 27. The frontrunner-challenger is running directly at the manpower and inquiry questions the coalition is legislating around this week, which sets the ballot fight on the exact seam the Comptroller's cluster and the Torah-Study bill just tore open.

A thousand days in, the shape of the war is a state that has learned to enforce everything itself because it has run out of frameworks that enforce anything. The army holds the depth no signatory will deliver, the targeting cell closes the disarmament clause one operative at a time, and the map that moves is the one no Gulf capital can veto. The harder question is the one the Comptroller left on the table this week — whether a country this good at holding the perimeter can still build the ordinary machinery behind it, before the next day it needs all of it at once.

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