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Bennett to Al-Jazeera: 'We'll hunt down every Hamas commander, every post, until we win'

May 13, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "MK Naftali Bennett, who heads the Knesset's Yamina party, spoke with Al Jazeera about the political situation in Israel and the recent rocket fire on Israeli civilians.

'It's up to Hamas' whether the situation gets better, Bennett said. 'As long as Hamas keeps its deliberate attack in order to murder Israelis across the state – by the way, Arabs and Jews alike; Hamas already murdered two Arab Israelis in Lod, a dad, 52 years old, and his daughter Nadin, 16 years old, Israeli Arabs who were murdered. A Holocaust survivor, 85 years old, was murdered by Hamas, in her wheelchair.'

'If Hamas thinks they can get away with this, they're wrong. We'll hunt down every commander, every post, until we win.'..."

Over 100 rockets fired at Tel Aviv and Eilat, Hamas launches suicide drones

May 13, 2021 jpost.com reported: "Hamas launched suicide drones laden with explosives into Israel on Thursday. At least two exploded in the air somewhere in central Israel. The drone attack came as over 100 long-range rockets were fired in the direction of Tel Aviv, central Israel and as far South as Eilat. Four people were injured.

The rocket attack came as the IDF prepares for a possible ground invasion of the Gaza Strip. Plans for a ground offensive are scheduled to be presented to IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kohavi for approval later on Thursday..."

Russia Expands Military Facilities in Syria

May 13, 2021 voanews.com reported: "Russia is expanding its navy base at the Syrian port of Tartus and planning to construct a floating dock to boost the port's ship repair facilities, according to Russian military officials.

The move comes only weeks after the Russian military extended one of the runways at its Hmeimim airbase, adding to its military foothold in the eastern Mediterranean. The floating dock is scheduled to be completed next year, says Russia's *TASS* news agency, quoting military officials.

Upgrading the repair facilities at the Tartus base will allow the Russian navy to avoid dispatching ships to naval installations in the Black Sea for maintenance, according to Western military officials. The Russian naval facility in Tartus is leased from the Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad, and four years ago the Russian military classified it as a Material-Technical Support Point and not formally as a base..."

Report: 78 Priests Allegedly 'Massacred' in Ethiopia Conflict

May 12, 2021 breitbart.com reports: "Ethiopian army soldiers and allied Eritrean troops allegedly 'massacred' at least 78 priests of the Christian Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Ethiopia's separatist Tigray region in recent months, Britain's *Telegraph* newspaper reported on Monday.

An official Ethiopian Orthodox Church letter dated April 15 and recently leaked to the newspaper detailed the alleged attack on Tigray priests.

'The letter, which was addressed to the Synod [council] of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, says that 'priests, deacons, choristers, and monks' have been 'massacred' over the last five months,' the *Telegraph* wrote on Monday..."

US vessel fires warning shots at Iranian boats

May 11, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A US vessel fired warning shots at more than a dozen Iranian fast attack boats which buzzed close to a US Navy submarine and escort ships in the narrow Strait of Hormuz on Monday, the Pentagon said, according to AFP.

13 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy boats approached the seven US vessels at high speeds, closing within 150 yards (140 meters) before one of the US vessels fired 30 shots in two volleys, until they moved away, said Pentagon spokesman John Kirby.

'Sadly harassment by the IRGC-N is not a new phenomenon,' said Kirby. 'It's unsafe, it's unprofessional. It's the kind of activity that can lead to somebody getting hurt, and can lead to a real miscalculation there in the region.'



Khamenei calls on Palestinians to unite against Israel

May 11, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Monday called on Palestinian Arabs to unite in order to attack Israel.

'All Palestinians, including those in Gaza, in Quds, in the West Bank, in the lands of 1948 and even those in refugee camps, form a single unit. They should adopt a Strategy of Coalescence. Every part should defend other parts and under pressure use the tools at their disposal,' he tweeted.

The tweet came as Gaza terrorists fired more than 150 rockets at Israel, including seven rockets that were fired at Jerusalem and many more towards communities in southern Israel..."

French soldiers warn of civil war in new letter

May 10, 2021 bbc.com reported: "Around 75,000 people have signed an open letter warning about the threat of civil war in France. The message, published in a right-wing magazine, accuses the French government of granting 'concessions' to Islamism.

'It is about the survival of our country,' said the text, which was issued anonymously by soldiers before being backed by members of the public.

The French government condemned a similar letter published by semi-retired generals late last month.



Marine Le Pen

The minister in charge of the armed forces, Florence Parly, said at the time that they would be punished for defying a law that forbids reservists or serving members of the military from expressing opinions in public on religion and politics.

However, far-right leader Marine Le Pen, a candidate in next year's presidential election, spoke out in support of the estimated 1,000 servicemen and women who backed the letter..."

Hamas fires seven rockets at Jerusalem

May 10, 2021 the-sun.com reported: "Hamas has fired seven rockets at Jerusalem over Israel's "crimes and aggression" after a holy mosque was stormed by cops, reports say. The blast came moments after the Islamic extremists issued an ultimatum for Israel to withdraw security forces from two areas in the city.

Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip fired rockets toward Jerusalem, setting off air raid sirens throughout the city, with at least one person injured.

Shortly after the sirens sounded, explosions could be heard in the area.

The Israeli Army said there was an initial burst of seven anti-tank missiles, one of which was intercepted, and rocket fire was continuing.

Abu Obeida, spokesman for Hamas military wing, said the attack was a response to what he called Israeli "crimes and aggression" in Jerusalem after cops raided a mosque with tear gas and rubber bullets.

"This is a message the enemy has to understand well", he said.

He threatened more attacks if Israel again invades the sacred Al-Aqsa compound or carries out evictions of Palestinian families in a neighborhood of east Jerusalem.

The Israeli military responded with airstrikes in the Gaza Strip, with one appearing to target a senior Hamas military commander.

Israel Defense Force's spokesman Jonathan Conricus said the military had a "green light" to hit targets until Hamas "gets the message and learns its lesson." ..."

Dozens injured as Palestinians riot in Jerusalem, al-Aqsa

May 9, 2021 jpost.com reported: "Over 100 Palestinians were injured in clashes with Israeli security forces in Jerusalem on Saturday night and Sunday morning, amid violent riots throughout the capital and the West Bank, fueled by tensions surrounding planned evictions in east Jerusalem.

Over 90,000 worshippers visited al-Aqsa Mosque on Saturday night to mark Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power), which commemorates the night that Muslims believe the Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Mohammed.

On Sunday morning, clashes broke out on the Temple Mount between Palestinians and Israeli forces, with the doors of at least one of the gates to the compound being closed amid the clashes. At least 10 people were injured." ..."