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# Lapid informs president he can form government removing Netanyahu from power

*June 3, 2021* timesofisrael.com reported "Thirty-five minutes before a midnight deadline, Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid on Wednesday night informed President Reuven Rivlin he is able to form a government in which he



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Wednesday night informed President Reuven Rivlin he is able to form a government in which he and Yamina chief Naftali Bennett will switch off as prime minister, positioning themselves to replace Israel's longest-serving leader Benjamin Netanyahu as premier.

Under the terms of the new coalition, Bennett is to serve as prime minister until September 2023, when Lapid will take over from him until the end of the Knesset term in November 2025. The agreement came together after Ra'am leader Mansour Abbas threw his support behind the would-

be government late on Wednesday night, setting up his Islamist party to be the first majority Arab party in decades to be part of a ruling coalition.

Despite Lapid's declaration, it remained unclear that the prospective 'change government' will make it past the finish line. It is set to include 61 of the 120 MKs — the narrowest possible majority. And an MK from Bennett's Yamina, Nir Orbach, earlier on Wednesday night announced he could vote against the new coalition, a move that could potentially doom the prospective razor-thin government of right-wing, centrist, left-wing parties and the Islamist Ra'am..."

#### Iranian Warship Sinks in Gulf of Oman

*June 2, 2021* voanews.com reported: "Iranian state media reported Wednesday the largest warship in the country's navy caught fire and sank in the Gulf of Oman. The reports said the support ship *Kharg* went down near the port of Jask, located at the narrow doorway to the Persian Gulf, a region with vast petroleum reserves.

'All efforts to save the vessel were unsuccessful and it sank,' the *Fars* news agency reported. All of the crew members on board were safely evacuated, according to the reports. There was no word on how the fire started..."

#### IAEA: Iran has failed to explain uranium traces at undeclared sites

*June 1, 2021* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran has failed to explain traces of uranium found at several undeclared sites, according to a new report by the UN nuclear watchdog showed which was obtained by *Reuters* on Monday.

'After many months, Iran has not provided the necessary explanation for the presence of the nuclear material particles at any of the three locations where the Agency has conducted complementary accesses (inspections),' says the report by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi to member states.

'The Director General is concerned that the technical discussions between the Agency and Iran have not yielded the expected results,' the report added..."

#### French frigate downs supersonic missile in NATO exercise

*June 1, 2021 s*pacewar.com reported: "A missile traveling at about 5,000 miles per hour was destroyed recently by a French frigate during NATO exercises off the Scottish coast, the U.S. Navy 6th Fleet and French navy said.

The French anti-missile ship FS Forbin fired an Aster 30 combat missile, destroying the target skimming the water's surface, on May 21, the nations said in a statement this week.

It was the first combat-armed use of the missile, developed by Eurosam, a consortium jointly owned by European defense contractors MBDA Missile Systems and Thales.



FS Forbin

The system is an element of the Principal Anti Air Missile System, an integrated anti-aircraft warfare system in use by the navies of France, Britain and Italy..."

# Official PA position: 'Jerusalem is ours, it won't be divided in two'

*May 31, 2021* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Undaunted by the heavy blows its terrorist organization suffered during the recent Operation Guardian of the Walls, Hamas remains utterly determined to defeat the 'Zionist entity,' as it terms Israel, and wipe the Jewish state off the map. If one of its motives for launching its recent barrages of missile attacks

against Israel was to gain support on the Palestinian street, it most likely has succeeded. But that doesn't mean that Fatah, aka the Palestinian Authority, should be considered as more moderate vis-à-vis Israel. Both organizations profess the identical ideology, although the means they choose to actualize it may differ.

This has been illustrated on many recent occasions, as revealed by Palestinian Media Watch, which translated a telling excerpt from official PA television, aired on May 18th, during the recent Gaza conflict.

Being interviewed was the deputy secretary of Fatah's Shuafat and Beit Hanina branch (two neighborhoods in Jerusalem), Musa Al-Rajabi, who said:

'We are remaining here. Jerusalem will not agree to being divided in two. Jerusalem is ours. Jerusalem is Arab, Islamic, and Christian ... We'll protect Sheikh Jarrah as we're protecting the Al-Aqsa Mosque. We'll protect the Damascus Gate as we're protecting the Lions' Gate. We'll rise up every day against this tyrannical occupation ... We'll continue to confront it ... until the liberation of Palestine – Palestine from the [Mediterranean] Sea to the [Jordan] River, Palestine which is Arab and Islamic. It will remain ours.'..."

# Lockheed Martin tests Navy's Hypersonic Strike System

*May 28, 2021 s*pacewar.com reported: "The Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman have conducted a significant live fire hypersonic strike system test in support of the U.S. Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike (CPS) and U.S. Army's Long Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW) programs.

In this live fire ground test of the first stage solid rocket motor, the motor fired for the full trial duration and met performance parameters and objectives within anticipated ranges.

'We're pleased to celebrate this important event with the U.S. Navy, Army and Northrup Grumman. This outcome today is due to our shared effort and determination to see this test on the Conventional Prompt Strike program succeed,' said Steve Layne, Program Director of Conventional Strike Programs at Lockheed Martin. 'This live fire event is a major milestone on the path to providing hypersonic strike capability to the U.S. Navy and US Army warfighters.'

Northrop Grumman developed the motor and Lockheed Martin serves as the prime weapon systems integrator to provide boost capability to the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army hypersonic strike missile..."

#### Looming US intelligence report to address UFOs

*May 28, 2021 s*pacewar.com reported: That's what Americans hope to find out when a report on the US government's secret files on UFOs goes to Congress next month after years of sightings and videos suggesting that highly advanced extraterrestrials are, indeed, out there.

But the report from the Director of National Intelligence, pulled together with classified military files, could fall short of explaining scores of purported unidentified flying object incidents over decades.

While not clearly rejecting the alien theory, Pentagon officials make clear their real interest is in whether UFOs, or unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) in the US military's parlance,

could represent actual threats from adversaries here on earth. Attention has mounted ahead of the report that the US spy chief is required to turn over to Congress by the end of June..."

# Top Hamas official: This land is 'not suitable for a two-state solution'

*May 27, 2021* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "While the international community remains officially wedded to the idea of a two-state solution as a way out of the current Middle East impasse, Hamas continues to insist that the only solution it has in mind is making 'Palestine' Jew-free.

'Each [Israeli] will go his way,' said senior Hamas official Mahmoud Al-Zahar, in an interview that aired on *Al-Jazeera* on Tuesday and was translated by MEMRI. 'This land is not suitable for a two-state solution. It's either or. Either the occupation remains forever – an option that has become completely inconceivable – or this occupation will be removed and each [Israeli] will go his way.'

Al-Zahar helpfully explained that Prime Minister Benjamin 'Netanyahu's father is still living in America, so he should go to America. [MK Avigdor] Liberman's father is still living in Russia, so he should go to Russia. Whoever came from those countries should go back there. Palestine is an Arab and Islamic land, which is mentioned in the Quran.'

Al-Zahar also called for cooperation between Muslims against Israel, saying that it is an obligation to do so..."

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