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"We are masters of the Temple Mount!" says Israeli minister - Israel Today

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Police Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir declares “victory” as record number of Jews visit Judaism’s holiest site.

Standing atop Jerusalem’s Temple Mount—Judaism’s holiest site—Israeli National Security Minister **Itamar Ben-Gvir** declared on Wednesday that Israel is “victorious” two years after Hamas’s brutal Oct. 7, 2023, invasion of southern Israel.

“We are two years after the terrible massacre,” Ben-Gvir said. “Here at the Temple Mount there is victory. In every house in Gaza, there is a picture of the Temple Mount—and today, two years later, we are victorious here at the Temple Mount.”

The minister, who leads the Otzma Yehudit (Jewish Power) party, said Israel’s mission remains unfinished until victory is complete in Gaza. “We are the masters of the Temple Mount,” he said. “I only pray that our prime minister will allow a complete victory in Gaza as well—to destroy Hamas, to bring back the hostages, and with God’s help, to achieve total victory.”

Ben-Gvir’s remarks came amid record-breaking numbers of [Jewish visitors](#) ascending the sacred site this year—68,429 Jews during the Hebrew year 5785, according to the advocacy group Beyadenu—Returning to the Temple Mount, a 22% increase over the previous year and the highest in modern history.

During the recent Rosh Hashanah holiday, from Sept. 22–24, 897 Jews ascended the Mount compared to 485 last year, a clear sign of growing national and spiritual resolve.

“The Jewish public seeks to celebrate Rosh Hashanah on the Temple Mount, the holiest site for the Jewish people, with prayers and joy,” said **Akiva Ariel**, the group’s spokesman.

Ariel condemned the arrest of five Jews for blowing the *shofar*—a ram’s horn blown on Rosh Hashanah as a biblical commandment—calling it a “severe violation of Jewish freedom of worship.”

“We will continue to act until this discrimination is abolished and equal rights are guaranteed for all worshippers on the Mount,” he said.

Under Ben-Gvir’s tenure as national security minister, the Temple Mount has seen a historic surge in Jewish visits and prayer activity, including on [Tisha B’Av](#), the national day of mourning marking the destruction of the First and Second Temples. Over 4,000

Jews ascended the Mount this year on that day—among them Ben-Gvir himself and Minister **Yitzhak Wasserlauf**, who oversees the development of the Negev and Galilee.

Even as the Prime Minister's Office maintains the long-standing “status quo” restricting open Jewish prayer at the site, the movement to restore Jewish presence and sovereignty has gathered unprecedented momentum.

Predictably, the Palestinian Authority condemned these displays of Jewish faith. In August, its Jerusalem Governorate labeled the *shofar* a “dangerous tool” used by Israel “to impose sovereignty.”

But for many Israelis, that accusation only underscores the absurdity of the conflict—that the very sound calling Jews to repentance and renewal is treated as a threat.

Two years after Hamas's massacre of 1,200 Israelis, the Jewish nation stands unbroken, its flag still flying over the land, and its people returning—once again—to the Mount where Jewish history began.

From the ruins of tragedy, a message of endurance rings out: **Israel lives, prays, and rises in Jerusalem.**

[Failing to Stop Them, Russia Announces Plan to Ignore U.N. Sanctions on Iran | Breitbart.com](#)

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The government of Russia confirmed on Wednesday that it would entirely disregard United Nations “snapback” sanctions on Iran reimposed this week after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ruled Iran in violation of international laws governing nuclear development.

Russia’s U.N. Ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, said that the other members of the countries signing onto the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), or 2015 Iran nuclear deal, who agreed to the snapback sanctions and the Russian government would simply be living in “two parallel realities” and offered no suggestions for resolving the disconnect.

“We do not recognize the snapback as coming into force,” Reuters [quoted](#) Nebenzia as saying on Wednesday. “We’ll be living in two parallel realities, because for some snapback happened, for us it didn’t. That creates a problem. How we will get out of it — let’s see.”

The envoy condemned the return of sanctions as a “major escalation around Iran” and expressed concern that the sanctions could result in a situation where Iran’s entire nuclear program would no longer exist.

Iran insists that it has invested heavily in nuclear development for only peaceful means, but developed a prodigious capacity for enriching uranium in the past decade, enriching more material than is necessary for any known civilian use. As the Iranian Islamist regime regularly calls for “death to Israel” and “death to America,” the targeted countries, their allies, and United Nations officials have all expressed concerns that Tehran poses a nuclear weapons threat to the world. Iranian officials dismiss these concerns by claiming that “supreme leader” Ayatollah Ali Khamenei signed a “fatwa,” or religious edict, against nuclear weapons, but [no evidence](#) of such as “fatwa” exists.

Iran’s Mehr News Agency, which excitedly reported Nebenzia’s comments, also [described](#) the Russian ambassador as condemning United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for allegedly having “rushed to implement a legally flawed resolution regarding the reinstatement of Security Council sanctions on Iran.” In reality, the Security Council sanctions are a result of research and declarations from the IAEA, which is part of the United Nations network of agencies but is separately run by its director-general, Rafael Grossi.

Grossi has spent much of the past year expressing frustration and alarm at Iran's nuclear program. He has also condemned the JCPOA, which dates back to the administration of former President Barack Obama, as functionally useless.

"Nobody applies it, nobody follows it," Grossi said in June 2024, declaring that the JCPOA "exists only on paper and means nothing."

A year later, Grossi testified before the board of the IAEA that Iran was actively [preventing](#) the agency from doing its job, making it impossible for him to confirm whether Iran was abiding by international law or not.

"Unfortunately, Iran has repeatedly either not answered, or not provided technically credible answers to, the Agency's questions. It has also sought to sanitize the locations, which has impeded Agency verification activities," Grossi [asserted](#). Due to the lack of access, he concluded that Iran was using secret sites as "part of an undeclared structured nuclear program carried out by Iran until the early 2000s and that some activities used undeclared nuclear material."

For the first time in 20 years, the IAEA [declared](#) Iran in breach of international law shortly after Grossi's testimony. European leaders began the [process](#) to reinstate the pre-JCPOA sanctions on Iran in August; the sanctions formally came into [force](#) this week.

The JCPOA was originally signed by the five permanent members of the Security Council – China, Russia, the United States, the United Kingdom, and France – and Germany. The United States, under President Donald Trump, withdrew from the JCPOA in 2018, arguing that Iran routinely violated the agreement, rendering it non-functional.

The U.K., Germany, and France triggered the snapback sanctions. The snapback sanctions [ban](#) certain members of the Iranian regime from entering countries and freezes their foreign assets. They also ban exporting weapons to Iran, as well as any materials that could be used to expand Iran's uranium enrichment program.

Reports in August [indicated](#) that Russia was preparing a draft Security Council resolution to prevent the return of the "snapback" sanctions. Russia's First Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dmitry Polyanski, confirmed those reports, stating that both Moscow and Beijing were looking to "give more breathing space for diplomacy" by blocking the sanctions. These efforts appeared to fail, however, leaving Russia to simply ignore international law.

Iran has ominously [threatened](#) a "reciprocal response" against any country that abides by the Security Council sanctions, without elaborating.

Iran and Russia share a deep political alliance. The two are members of the anti-American coalition BRICS and recently [signed](#) a new "Comprehensive Strategic

Partnership” in January intended to promote expanded trade, diplomatic cooperation, and defense support. The partnership went into effect on Thursday.

The deal, the Russian Foreign Ministry [celebrated](#) on Thursday, “reflects the strategic choice made by the political leadership of Russia and Iran toward enhancing the friendly and good neighborly bilateral relations which serve the two countries’ core interests.”

[American Muslims 2025: A Brief Profile - JusticeForAll.org](#)

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The 2020 United States Religion Census estimates that there are 4.5 million Muslims in the United States.¹ However, surveys funded by the American Jewish Committee, say Muslims are less than three million in America.²

American Muslims are younger than all other communities: 26 percent of Muslims are between the ages of 18 and 24, compared with two percent to 12 percent of other groups surveyed.³

Muslims are the country's most ethnically diverse faith community. One-third of the American Muslim community is Black, one-third is of South Asian descent, one-quarter is of Arab descent, and the rest are from all over the world, including a growing Latino Muslim population.⁴

Forty-six percent of Muslims have a college degree or higher, compared with 38 percent of the general public.⁵

A very significant part of the Muslim community in North America is in prison, since 30 percent of all incarcerated African Americans are Muslims who have accepted Islam in prison in the tradition of Malik Shahbaz (Malcom X).⁶

There are 5,896 self-identified Muslims currently serving in the military, according to the Department of Defense.⁷

Most Muslims live in the major cosmopolitan areas of the U.S. The largest number are in New York State, followed by California, Illinois, and New Jersey.⁸

Forty-two percent of the American Muslim population is born in the United States. The rest are first generation immigrants.⁹

Muslims' Income:

Twenty-two percent of Muslims earn \$100,000 or more, as compared to 44 percent of Jewish Americans who earn \$100,000 or more. However, Muslims are also found among those living in poverty, as 33 percent of American Muslims have a household income lower than \$30,000.¹⁰

There are, however, hundreds of Muslim millionaires in the United States, along with at least six billionaires.

Muslim women in the U.S. are equal to Muslim men in the lower income bracket, and five percent behind Muslim men in the higher income bracket, as compared to Jewish women who are 38 percent behind Jewish men.^{[11](#)}

More Muslim Americans are self-employed than the general population.^{[12](#)} New York City has 96,000 Muslim-owned businesses. The state of Michigan has 36,000.^{[13](#)}

Professional Background Of Muslims:

Professionally, Muslims in America are versatile. However, engineering and information technology employ more than 10% of Muslims in America. Medicine-related fields engage eight percent of Muslims.^{[14](#)} Estimates put the number of American Muslim physicians at nearly 50,000, or five percent of the physician workforce.^{[15](#)}

Masjids, Islamic Centers And Schools

There are about 2,771 masjids in the US^{[16](#)} and about 300 Islamic schools serving more than 50,000 students.^{[17](#)} Seventy-six percent of American masjids offer weekend schools for children.^{[18](#)} There are eight Muslim seminaries and madrasas for higher education in America, as well as three colleges and one university run by Muslims.

Masjids in the United States are often not just a place to pray – they are the center of Muslim lives in America participating in coalitions, civic engagement, and social services. It was the masjids who provided seed funding for Justice For All, the country's only Muslim human rights organization.

Practice Of Islam:

Shahadah: There is a significant growth of Islam through new people accepting Islam in America. In Illinois, a growth of about 25% in the Muslim population was found to be due to conversion. However, about 41% of these new Muslims in Illinois and 61% in the state of New York leave Islam within a few years.^{[19](#)}

Salat: In 2023, Gallup reported that 38 percent Muslims attend Friday prayers on an almost weekly basis as compared to 44 percent of Protestants and 67 of Mormons attending regular church services.^{[20](#)} However, according to an older but more detailed survey of Muslims, a far smaller number of Muslims offer Friday prayers: 9.8 percent of men and 5.3 percent of women attend weekly Friday prayers in America.^{[21](#)}

Zakat: Muslim Americans gave \$1.8 billion in Zakat funding to domestic and international causes in 2021.^{[22](#)}

Fasting: About 47% of all Muslims in the U.S. fast in the month of Ramadan.^{[23](#)}

Muslims In Public Service:

There are currently four Muslims serving in the US Congress. No Muslim has ever been appointed to a cabinet level position in the United States.

President Joe Biden did appoint the largest number of Muslims to a significant positions in his administration.

Muslims In Advocacy For The Ummah

- Muslim American advocacy has resulted in the United States forcing Serbia to stop its genocide of Bosnians in the 1990s.
- It was a Muslim–led campaign in collaboration with the National Organization of Women (NOW) which resulted in rape being declared a [war crime](#).
- We were able to block Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi from entering the US for ten years because of his role in the massacre of Muslims in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002.
- Stopped the forced cremation of Sri Lankan Muslims during covid-19 pandemic
- Got the US government to officially declare the persecution of Rohingyas at the hands of Burma’s government a genocide
- Got the US to pass a law that all importers from China must certify that products are not contaminated with forced Uyghur labor
- Muslim advocacy resulted in \$2.3 billion funding for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- It was advocacy by Muslim Americans and our allies that we were able to move from only three Muslim Congresspersons calling for a ceasefire in Palestine to 24, and then to 90. Eventually, this helped push President Joe Biden to call for a ceasefire, airdrop meals in Gaza, and allocate \$10 billion for humanitarian aid in Gaza. However, this did not stop President Biden from continuing to supply Israel with bombs and missiles to continue its genocide of Palestinians.

Islamophobia Statistics:

- Institutional bullying:
 - Post-9/11, FBI interviewed 700,000 Muslims^{[24](#)}
 - A law was passed for the indefinite detention of American citizens^{[25](#)}
 - 25% of all employment discrimination cases were filed by Muslims despite being only 1% of the population.^{[26](#)}
- Organizations that spread Islamophobia had budgets of \$1.5 billion^{[27](#)}
- Bullying children: More than 50% of all respondents reported feeling unsafe, unwelcome, or uncomfortable at school because of their Muslim identity.^{[28](#)}

- Media portrayal of Muslims continues to be mostly negative.[29](#)

Possible Future Challenges

- **Islamophobic Government Administration:** Islamophobia is likely to rise during the administration of Donald Trump. President-elect Trump is assembling the most anti-Muslim, anti-Palestinian team of established Islamophobes in American history.
- Both Marco Rubio as Secretary of State and Elise Stefanik as UN ambassador are well-known proponents of deporting students advocating for Palestine.
- FBI head Kash Patel, National Security Chief Tulsi Gabbard, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Harmeet Dhillon, Education Secretary Linda McMahon, Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Representative Brian Mast, are all on record for their anti-Muslim statements.
- It is likely that Muslim organizations and institutions will face more scrutiny and surveillance by the government.
- Students supporting Palestine will face more persecution.
- Poverty will rise. In view of the possible detention and eventual deportation of millions of undocumented workers, massive tax cuts, deregulations, and a rollback of the safety net, poverty and hunger is bound to rise in the United States. The US already has at least [38 million Americans](#) living at or below the poverty line.

New study finds more than half of US Jews experienced antisemitism in past year | Israel National News

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A new ADL-Jewish Federations of North America study finds 1/3 of American Jews witnessed an incident of actual or threatened antisemitic violence in the past year; and believe it to be a normal Jewish experience.

ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) and Jewish Federations of North America today released a comprehensive study that found over half (55 percent) of Jewish Americans experienced at least one form of antisemitism in the past 12 months and 57 percent believe that antisemitism is now a normal Jewish experience.

The study continued to show that nearly one-in-five respondents were either physically assaulted, physically threatened, or verbally harassed because of their Jewish identity in the past year, while over one-third witnessed an incident of actual or threatened antisemitic violence.

The study, conducted in partnership with Columbia University researchers, also reveals American Jews have significant safety concerns and are experiencing psychological effects. 79 percent of Jews are concerned about antisemitism, and 48 percent have taken actions to increase their personal security and sense of safety, including developing worst-case scenario plans (33 percent), plans to flee the country (14 percent) and purchasing guns (9 percent).

“It is so profoundly sad that Jewish Americans are now discussing worst-case scenarios,” said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, ADL CEO and National Director. “When American Jews - who have built lives, careers and families here for generations - are making contingency plans to flee, we must recognize this as a five-alarm fire for our entire country. This is not just a Jewish problem; it's an American problem that demands immediate action from leaders at every level.”

The report also highlighted the incredible resilience of the community in the face of rising hate.

"Even in the face of unprecedented levels of antisemitism, we continue to see what Jewish Federations have termed 'the Surge' - a remarkable increase in Jewish engagement and connection to community," said Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of Jewish Federations of North America.

"The fact that nearly two-thirds of those who directly experienced antisemitism are responding by deepening their Jewish involvement demonstrates the extraordinary resilience of our people. Rather than retreating in fear, American Jews are choosing to stand together, strengthen their bonds and affirm their identity. This surge in Jewish engagement represents hope and determination in the face of hate."

Findings from this survey show that Jewish Americans experienced antisemitism in many different contexts, with online (41 percent), public spaces (21 percent), educational institutions (13 percent), near Jewish institutions (9 percent) and the workplace (9 percent), among the most common.

Other key findings from the study:

- 44 percent of respondents experienced at least one type of act or communication that exclude Jews or minimize their lived experience- in the past 12 months, with younger respondents more likely to experience these incidents.
- Among those who experienced anti-Jewish discrimination, 74 percent did not report their experience to any institution or organization, highlighting significant gaps in incident documentation and response.
- 20% of Jews who wore something distinctively Jewish before October 7 have since taken it off.
- Nearly one-third of respondents who experienced or witnessed an antisemitic incident in the last 12 months exhibited signs of anxiety. One-in-five respondents (21 percent) who experienced an antisemitic incident exhibited signs of depression.
- Six percent of American Jews have experienced antisemitic sexual violence. This includes 3 percent who report having experienced or been threatened with sexual violence because they are Jewish.
- 50 percent of Jews feel most people in the broader non-Jewish community would not stand with Jews in the event of antisemitic threats and violence - up 6 percentage points from a similar survey conducted last year.

Despite challenges and increased antisemitism, American Jews are showing great resilience and are not giving up fighting antisemitism:

- Only 30 percent of Jews believe there is nothing we can do to change the state of antisemitism in America.
- 68 percent feel more than a little comfortable speaking up against antisemitism in public.

Deadly attacks and campus hate: global antisemitism hits record levels | Ynetnews.com

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Two years after the October 7 Hamas massacre in Israel, a new Combat Antisemitism Movement report records more than 13,000 antisemitic incidents worldwide, including deadly attacks in the UK, US and across Europe

Two years after the Hamas-led massacre in Israel on October 7, 2023, [an unprecedented wave of antisemitism continues to surge across the world](#), according to new data released by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM).

What began as an eruption of hostility in the days following the attack has grown into widespread hatred, violence and intimidation targeting Jewish communities on nearly every continent. The trend has intensified alongside the prolonged conflict in Gaza.

Jewish communities in dozens of countries report daily incidents of antisemitism, including threats, physical assaults, vandalism, harassment and hate speech both in public and on social media. Other cases include social exclusion and, in some cases, deadly violence.

Since October 7, 2023, six Jews have been murdered in antisemitic attacks around the world, the report found, with deadly incidents recorded in the United Kingdom, the United States and elsewhere.

Sharp rise documented in new global study

A comprehensive study by CAM's Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) recorded 13,339 antisemitic incidents worldwide between October 7, 2023, and October 1, 2025.

In the last three months of 2023 — October, November and December — immediately after the Hamas massacre, 1,785 antisemitic incidents were documented globally, nearly matching the total recorded throughout 2022.

In 2024, the number of cases more than doubled, reaching 6,326 incidents, while between January 1 and October 1, 2025, 5,118 incidents were reported.

On U.S. college campuses and at other institutions of higher education, antisemitic activity has nearly tripled — from 249 incidents in 2022 to 742 in 2024, according to the report.

Another CAM review found 694 antisemitic incidents recorded globally in August 2025 — a 15.7% increase compared to August 2024, when 600 incidents were documented. The August figure also represented a 25.3% rise from July 2025, when 554 cases were reported.

Deadly attacks in Manchester, Washington and Colorado

In recent days, [during Yom Kippur prayers in Manchester, England, two Jews — Adrian Dolby and Melvin Kravitz — were murdered in a ramming and stabbing attack.](#) Four others were wounded.

[In May 2025, Yaron Lishinsky and Sarah Milgram, a couple employed at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, were shot dead outside the city's Jewish Museum. Less than two weeks later, another deadly attack targeted Jews and Israelis in Boulder, Colorado,](#) when a 45-year-old Egyptian national threw flammable liquid and Molotov cocktails at participants in a weekly rally calling for the release of Israeli hostages. Karen Diamond, 82, was killed and eight others were injured.

[Another fatal assault occurred in November 2023, when Paul Kessler, 65, was beaten to death during a pro-Israel rally in Ventura County, near Los Angeles.](#)

Pro-Palestinian demonstrations have also taken place across Europe and the United States, including rallies in Dublin, London and Seattle, where protesters were recorded calling for an “intifada.”

'The true number is likely much higher'

CAM officials said the report only includes cases documented by authorities. The organization warned that the true number is likely much higher, citing widespread fear among Jews since October 7, 2023, as well as declining trust in law enforcement and governments.

“Many Jews worldwide live in a state of fear,” CAM noted, saying victims often avoid reporting antisemitic incidents due to fear of retaliation or lack of confidence in official response.

Sacha Roytman, CEO of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), stated: “Two years after October 7, the wounds have not healed — and the hatred has not faded. The Hamas massacre was not only an attack on Israel; it was a turning point for Jews everywhere. What followed was the largest surge in antisemitism in modern history — and that surge has not slowed. It has deepened, spread, and been excused.

"This is no longer a Jewish problem. It is a moral test for humanity. When Jews are targeted with impunity, every democratic value is endangered. Silence is complicity — and silence is exactly what hatred feeds on.

"Every person must decide: turn away, or take a stand. Because the fight against antisemitism is the fight for truth, freedom, and human dignity itself. On this anniversary, we call on all people of conscience to confront lies, reject Jew-hatred, and ensure that 'Never Again' is not just a slogan — but a promise kept."

Series of earthquakes strike Philippines today—days after tsunami warning - Newsweek

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Multiple earthquakes struck the Philippines Monday and Tuesday, according to the [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#), less than a week after a [magnitude 7.4 quake](#) in the same region triggered a tsunami warning.

The USGS shows that five earthquakes rattled the region over the last 24 hours, ranging in strength from magnitude 4.8 to 5.5.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage on Tuesday, and no tsunami warning.

Last week's major earthquakes resulted in landslides, hospital evacuations, and damage to schools across the region.

Why It Matters

The newest series of earthquakes struck just over a week after the country's deadliest earthquake in over a decade, which killed at least 75 people in the central island of Cebu.

The Philippines' location on the [Pacific Ring of Fire](#)—a zone notorious for seismic and volcanic activity—heightens the country's risk of earthquakes and tsunamis.

The repeated seismic activity—compounded by frequent typhoons—places significant stress on disaster response systems and calls for increased government preparedness, with lawmakers now proposing greater emergency funding.

What To Know

Five additional earthquakes struck in the Philippines over a 24-hour period as the region still works to recover from a massive earthquake that struck less than a week ago.

On Monday, two earthquakes measuring 4.9 and 5.5 magnitude struck off Baculin, according to the USGS.

A map capturing data by the U.S. Geological Survey shows the epicenters of a series of earthquakes that struck the Philippines on October 14, 2025. | Newsweek/USGS/Esri

The following day, three separate earthquakes, one measuring 4.8 magnitude and two others at 4.9 magnitude, struck in the same area off the coast.

Phivolcs, the Philippine seismology agency, showed dozens of smaller aftershocks and quakes over the last few days.

While there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, the area is still recovering from a large, deadly earthquake that struck last week.

A powerful 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Mindanao on October 10 at around 9:43 a.m. local time.

The USGS initially reported the temblor at a magnitude of 7.6 before it was revised to 7.4. The quake's epicenter was approximately 12 miles (20 kilometers) east-southeast of Santiago, Mindanao.

The Philippine seismology agency (Phivolcs) issued a "life-threatening" tsunami warning, urging residents in Surigao del Sur, Davao Oriental, and Surigao Del Norte to evacuate to higher ground or move inland, expecting possible tsunami waves by 9:12 p.m.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center also recorded small waves in both the Philippines and nearby Indonesia, though major tsunami impacts did not materialize, and warnings were later lifted.

Civil defense and disaster response officials reported at least seven fatalities attributed to the quakes: two patients who suffered heart attacks in a hospital during the first quake, a resident struck by debris in Mati city, three deaths from a landslide in Pantukan town in Davao de Oro, and one fatality in Davao City where hundreds were also injured, according to the *Associated Press*.

What People Are Saying

Phivolcs, the Philippine seismology agency, said in a press release

Tuesday: "The satellite image shows the surface rupture of the Bogo Bay Fault during the 2025 Magnitude 6.9 Northern Cebu. Coseismic deformation was mapped based on Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Analysis (DInSAR and Pixel Analysis). Further analysis will be conducted as new satellite data are received."

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said in a statement last week: "We are working round the clock to ensure that help reaches everyone who needs it," noting that damage assessments and relief operations were underway."

Jun Saavedra, a disaster-mitigation officer of Governor Generoso town in Davao Oriental, told The AP last week: "I was driving my car when it suddenly swayed and I saw power lines swaying wildly. People darted out of houses and buildings as the ground shook and electricity came off."

What Happens Next

Authorities are continuing to assess structural damage and casualties in the regions affected by the most recent earthquakes.

With more aftershocks anticipated in the coming days and weeks, officials have urged caution and evacuation from weakened structures, especially coastal areas.

Lawmakers proposed allocating additional disaster relief funds in the 2025 national budget, and international bodies, including the United Nations, have pledged support to the Philippine government.

With aftershocks and recurrent seismic activity likely, the region faces ongoing risk.

[Vatican Grants Muslim Plea for Dedicated Prayer Room | Breitbart.com](#)

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Oct 15, 2025

A dedicated prayer room for Muslims has reportedly been opened inside the 500-year-old Vatican Apostolic Library in Rome after a plea for the separate, carpeted space was made by visiting Islamic scholars.

The *Catholic Herald* [reports](#) Fr Giacomo Cardinali, Vice Prefect, said in an interview with the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* that Muslim academics had requested an area in which to pray, and the library had agreed. “Some Muslim scholars have asked us for a room with a carpet for praying and we have given it to them,” he said.

In the interview, Cardinali referred to the library’s modern collections: about 80,000 manuscripts, 50,000 archival items, nearly two million printed books, and hundreds of thousands of coins, medals, engravings, and prints.

The Vatican Library, founded in the mid-15th century and often regarded as the intellectual heart of the Catholic Church, houses a vast array of manuscripts and texts from across the world’s religions and cultures.

According to the report, Fr Cardinali said its collections include “incredibly old Qurans” alongside Hebrew, Ethiopian, Arabic, and Chinese works. “We are a universal library,” he explained.

The library, located within Vatican City, traces its origins to Pope Nicholas V in 1451 and has since served as one of the world’s leading repositories of Christian and human knowledge.

The opportunity given by the Vatican for Muslims to pray in their own designated area is at odds with Islam’s own strictures for its holy city.

Non-Muslims are [not allowed](#) to enter Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Non-Muslims who attempt to enter Mecca can face severe consequences, including imprisonment and deportation.

Bible translation accelerates as millions receive Scripture in their own language - Christian Today

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The global movement to make the Bible available in every language is gaining remarkable momentum, with new figures showing historic progress in translation efforts.

Released on United Nations' International Translation Day, September 30, the latest statistics from Wycliffe Bible Translators highlight how one of the greatest barriers to Christian mission—the absence of Scripture in people's native languages—is rapidly being overcome.

In the past year alone, 118 new Bible and New Testament translations have been released — an average of one every three days.

Of these, 23 were full Bibles and 95 were New Testaments, marking the highest annual total to date.

The advances are bringing the day nearer when every community can access God's word in their own language.

Just 12 months earlier, 985 languages were identified as suitable for translation, though no portion of the Bible had been started in them.

That number has now fallen dramatically by 44% to 550.

In 2021, the figure stood at 1,892.

“For centuries, billions of people have lived without a single verse of the Bible in their language,” stated the executive director of Wycliffe Bible Translators, James Poole. “The absence of God's word in people's own language is one of the greatest barriers to the good news reaching all people. But that story is changing.

“In recent years we have seen an extraordinary surge in Bible translation. Progress is happening at a pace and scale not witnessed before, and whole communities are beginning to receive the Scriptures far sooner than we could once have imagined.

“This is a remarkable moment in world mission. God is at work, and we have the privilege of being part of it.”

This year's progress means that for the first time, 197 million people now have the entire Bible available in their heart language - a number equivalent to the population of Brazil. A further 54 million people received access to the New Testament.

Translation programmes have also commenced in 461 new languages, averaging one new getting underway every 19 hours.

Wycliffe notes that Scripture portions were published for the first time in 174 languages, meaning whole communities are now encountering God's word in their own tongue.

For many communities, the arrival of Scripture has been transformative.

In Togo and Benin, the late Kaleb Edoh, who headed the Ifè translation project, explained the importance of the Old Testament to his people: "There are many stories in the Old Testament which help us understand the New Testament. The sacrifices written about in the Old Testament are very similar to the animist sacrifices done in traditional Ifè life.

"Reading what Leviticus has to say about sacrifices will help our people to understand what they were before coming to Christ, and how they have changed since.

"So it is very important for our people to have all of the Bible translated into Ifè."

In Papua New Guinea, the Nobonob people marked the launch of their full Bible in June, decades after receiving the New Testament in 1990.

Ulys, a translator, described the dedication: "In 1990 the Nobonob New Testament was dedicated, but the Nobonob leaders wanted the entire Bible. But all that was not just so it can be said, 'The Bible is translated into the Nobonob language.'

"No, it was done so the Nobonob people, and others who can read it, get its meaning and follow it. God's word is not for us to see casually. No, it's to give us guidance."

Translation efforts have also had unexpected ripple effects. In some cases, Bible translation has preserved languages that were at risk of disappearing.

The Label people of Papua New Guinea once faced the extinction of their language, but a determined group of believers insisted on translating Scripture into it.

Two decades later, not only is the language thriving in written form, but the community also has the New Testament in Label.

In Uganda, translation has been the foundation for education and literacy. Through the "Let's Read Together" programme, people learned to read using Scripture in their mother tongue. As a result, communities reported improvements in behaviour, hygiene, and school performance alongside deeper engagement with faith.

Poole emphasised the lasting impact of these developments: “As people come to understand clearly the depth of God’s love and the greatness of Christ’s work for them, lives and communities will be transformed. What a privilege it is to see this happening in our lifetime.”

Despite the rapid progress, Wycliffe reports that around 1 in 5 people worldwide—some 1.5 billion individuals—still lack the Bible in their language. The organisation is urging continued support until all languages are covered.

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More than 8,000 college students gathered on Tuesday at the University of Tennessee to worship Jesus Christ at a UniteUS campus event, the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) [reported](#).

UniteUS is an evangelistic Christian organization that does outreach toward Generation Z and presents the Gospel on college campuses across the country. Their most recent stop was at the Thompson-Boling Arena at Food City Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. The ministry reported that 500 students affirmed that they repented and accepted Jesus's free gift of salvation, and many were baptized in a public display of faith outside of the arena.

"We are blown away by what God did tonight at the University of Tennessee with over 8,000 students gathering to lift the name of Jesus and over 500 salvations," a video of the event reads.

One student who attended [said in a video](#) on social media that he witnessed "hundreds get baptized tonight."

"[We] witnessed thousands changed for the name of Jesus. There is a new thing coming to this generation, and UniteUS is a big part of it," he said.

UniteUS began at Auburn University in 2023, when 5,000 students showed up at a [revival event](#) and 200 were baptized in a lake nearby, according to the report.

"When God gave me the vision for Unite Auburn, I could have never imagined what was coming," UniteUS founder and evangelist Tonya Prewett told CBN News.

"I remember standing at (the) baptisms after the Auburn event in the middle of thousands of students just praising God and thinking how can this stop? And it hasn't. He keeps doing it. Again and again," she continued.

Jennie Allen from "IF: Gathering," who often preaches to the students at the UniteUS events, [told](#) the outlet recently that what is happening on college campuses is a "miracle." She wrote on Instagram that she was in awe of how God is moving across college campuses.

"So many kids come forward, confess sin, follow Jesus, and we're baptizing usually into the morning," she said. "And it's unlike anything I've ever seen. It's unlike anything I've even been bold enough to pray for ... until recently."

“You can just see all over the stadium, huddles of kids, wiping tears, nodding, praying, holding each other. I mean, it’s so precious and brave,” she continued.

According to CBN, the full gospel is being shared with students, including the need to repent of sins.

“Repent for your sins,” Prewett told students in Tennessee. “Repent for the sins of this campus, for the city, and our nation. And let’s get free from those and we are just going to give it all to Jesus and go all in.”

UniteUS has several more events at college campuses scheduled for the fall, including in North Carolina, Ohio, and Arizona, according to the report.