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[Russia supplies Iran with cyber support, spy imagery to hone attacks, Ukraine says | Yahoo News.com](#)

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LONDON/PARIS — Russian satellites have made dozens of detailed imagery surveys of military facilities and critical sites across the Middle East to help Iran strike [U.S. forces](#) and other targets, according to a Ukrainian intelligence assessment.

The conclusions, reviewed by Reuters, also found that Russian and Iranian hackers were collaborating in the cyber domain. They represent the most detailed account yet of how [Russia has provided secret support to Iran](#) since Israel and the U.S. launched their assault on Feb. 28.

Russian satellites, the undated assessment said, made at least 24 surveys of areas in 11 Middle Eastern countries from March 21 to 31, covering 46 “objects”, including U.S. and other military bases and sites including airports and oil fields.

Within days of being surveyed, military bases and headquarters were targeted by Iranian ballistic missiles and drones, the assessment said, in what it described as a clear pattern.

A Western military source and a separate regional security source told Reuters that their intelligence also indicated intense Russian satellite activity in the region and said that imagery had been shared with Iran.

Nine surveys covered parts of Saudi Arabia, including five over the King Khalid Military City near Hafar Al-Batin, in what appeared to be an effort to locate elements of the U.S.-made THAAD air defence system, the Ukrainian assessment said.

Areas of Turkey, Jordan, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates also came under satellite surveillance twice, while places in Israel, Qatar, Iraq, Bahrain and Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia did once, it said.

In an emerging trend, the assessment added, Russian satellites were actively surveying the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for a fifth of global oil and LNG flows where Iran has imposed a de facto blockade to all but “non-hostile vessels”.

Permanent communications channel

U.S. space-tracking firm Kayhan Space said analysis of the orbital data it gathers indicated Russian satellites were repeatedly overhead of parts of the Gulf region during

the period March 21 to March 31, including some that were capable of Earth observation, reconnaissance, imaging or surveillance.

The company said its analysis suggested Russian satellite activity over the region during the late-March period may have been more extensive than that detailed by the Ukraine assessment, while overhead activity does not confirm that imagery was collected.

White House spokeswoman Olivia Wales said that no external support for Iran from any country was affecting the operational success of the United States. The Iranian foreign ministry had no immediate comment. The defense ministry in Russia, which invaded Ukraine four years ago, did not respond to a request for comment.

European leaders pressed U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the issue at a G7 meeting last month. Two diplomats said Rubio had not responded to the accusations, although he has publicly dismissed Russian aid to Iran as insignificant.

The Ukrainian assessment said that the exchange of satellite imagery was being organized through a permanent communications channel used by Russia and Iran and could also be facilitated by Russian military spies stationed in Tehran.

The regional security source confirmed a specific incident detailed in the Ukrainian assessment that was disclosed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy last week.

In that incident, a Russian satellite took imagery of Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia days before Iran struck the facility on March 27, hitting a sophisticated U.S. [E-3 Sentry](#) AWACS aircraft, the assessment said.

A Russian satellite passed over the same site on March 28 to assess the strike's impact, the assessment said.

A damaged U.S. E-3 Sentry aircraft following an Iranian strike on Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia amid the U.S.-Israeli conflict with Iran. (Social media via Reuters)

‘Comprehensive strategic partnership’

Russia and Iran have deepened military ties since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

In particular, Ukraine and the West say Iran provided long-range Shahed attack drones to Russia, which in turn used them to bomb Ukraine, while also developing its own, more sophisticated variants. Iran denies supplying weapons used against Ukraine.

Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian then signed a Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in January last year.

Article Four of the Treaty states that “in order to strengthen national security and counter common threats, the intelligence and security services of the Contracting Parties exchange information and experience.”

Cyber operations

The Ukrainian intelligence assessment and regional security source said Russia appeared to be providing assistance to Iran in the cyber domain.

Hacking groups controlled by Iran have stepped up operations since late February, targeting mainly critical infrastructure and telecommunications companies in the Gulf, they said.

The Ukrainian assessment said Russian and Iranian hacker groups were interacting via Telegram and noted collaboration between the Russian groups “Z-Pentest Alliance”, “NoName057(16)” and “DDoSia Project” and Iran’s “Handala Hack”.

For example last month, it said groups including Handala Hack published a warning on Telegram about attacks on the information and communication systems of Israeli energy companies.

The Russian groups simultaneously published access credentials to control systems at critical infrastructure facilities in Israel, it said.

Iranian hacker groups have also used some techniques in operations that indicated they had obtained them from Russian military intelligence hackers, it said.

For instance, it said, Iranian hacker groups “Homeland Justice” (UAC-0074) and “Karmabelow80” used ProfitServer, a Russian VPS provider from Chelyabinsk, to register domains.

[Most Americans hold negative views of Israel and Netanyahu | Israel National News.com](#)

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The war with Iran has worsened American public opinion toward Israel and Netanyahu. A new survey by the Pew Research Center indicates that support for Israel and its prime minister has reached an unprecedented low in the United States.

According to the poll, 60% of respondents said they “hold an unfavorable opinion of Israel,” an increase of 7 percentage points compared to a similar survey conducted last year, when 53% expressed negative views.

In 2022, only 40% held a negative opinion of Israel. In the current survey, just 37% said they have a favorable view of the country. When asked, “How much confidence do you have in Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to do the right thing regarding world affairs?”, 59% responded that they do not trust him.

This marks an increase of 7 percentage points compared to last year, and a 20-point increase compared to a 2023 survey. The data shows a clear partisan divide: 80% of Democratic Party voters now hold a negative view of Israel, compared to 41% of Republican voters.

Among American Jews, 64% hold a favorable view of Israel, and among evangelicals, 65% still maintain a positive opinion. Among Catholic Christians, only 35% express a favorable view of Israel, while 39% of non-evangelical white Protestants still hold a positive opinion.

[Half of Greece Is Antisemitic. Its Mayor Doesn't Care. | Israel365 News.com](#)

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The Acropolis still draws millions, but Athens today is a showcase of Israeli flags defaced with swastikas, “Smash Zionism” painted across storefronts, and banners celebrating Iran-backed terrorist organizations displayed openly at public demonstrations. The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) has formally demanded that Athens Mayor Haris Doukas act. His record suggests he won't.

Greece's antisemitism problem is not new. A 2020 ADL survey found that 69% of Greeks harbored antisemitic attitudes, making Greece the most antisemitic country in Western Europe. The number has since dropped, but not by much. The ADL's most recent Global 100 survey placed Greece 73rd out of 103 countries, with a score of 50% — still more than triple Western Europe's average of 17%.

Since October 7, 2023, the hatred has moved off the survey pages and into the streets. Athens has seen vandalism of Israeli-owned businesses, assaults on Hebrew-speaking tourists, harassment of Israelis at local beaches, and repeated attempts by protesters to block Israeli cruise ships from docking. In July 2025, graffiti reading “No Zionist is safe here” was spray-painted inside King David Burger, a kosher restaurant in central Athens. That same month, black-uniformed groups began patrolling tourist areas, including Monastiraki, Thisio, and Plaka, targeting Israelis and Jews.

In September 2025, the harassment turned into an outright assault. A group of Palestinian men attacked two Israeli tourists near the Monument to the Unknown Soldier at Syntagma Square. Police confiscated six plastic poles, two of which had flags, and detained those involved.

Mayor Doukas has been no help. When Israeli Ambassador Noam Katz called on him to address the graffiti surge, Doukas responded by accusing Israel of killing civilians. Victor Eliezer, general secretary of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, noted that when relatives of Israeli hostages visited Athens and sought a meeting with the mayor, they were told he was “unavailable.” Eliezer did not mince words: “The mayor of Athens did not do enough to protect his city and its minorities.”

Benjamin Albalas, a Holocaust survivor born in Athens in 1937 who survived the Nazi occupation as a hidden child, has been direct about what is driving the violence: extremist groups, particularly from the progressive left and the Communist party, are exploiting the Gaza conflict as cover to attack Israel and Jews.

CAM DEMANDS ACTION

It is against this backdrop that CAM CEO Sacha Roytman Dratwa traveled to Athens, walked its streets, and sent a formal letter to Mayor Doukas. The letter, published in full below, demands concrete steps: removal of antisemitic graffiti, enforcement of hate speech laws, and an unequivocal public condemnation of Jew-hatred. The full letter is available at combatantisemitism.org.

“Dear Mayor Doukas,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), a global coalition of over 50 Jewish and non-Jewish organizations united in the fight against antisemitism in all its forms.

I recently had the opportunity to visit Athens — a city I have long admired for its history, culture, and its foundational role in the development of democratic ideals. However, I must be candid with you: the experience was deeply unsettling.

Within minutes of walking through your city, we were confronted with a disturbing reality. Walls covered in slogans such as ‘smash Zionism,’ Israeli flags defaced with swastikas, and repeated markings used not as calls for peace, but as vehicles for hostility and intimidation. It was everywhere, impossible to ignore.

I also witnessed a public demonstration in Athens where participants proudly displayed a banner praising the so-called ‘Axis of Resistance’ — imagery directly linked to Iranian-backed terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis. This is not political expression. This is the open celebration of groups that have murdered civilians, taken hostages, and openly call for the destruction of the Jewish state and the Jewish people.

These are not harmless expressions; they form a pattern that creates an atmosphere where antisemitism feels visible, tolerated, and normalized.

Mayor Doukas, Athens is considered the cradle of democracy. The values of equality, justice, and human dignity were born here. And yet, the city is allowing public spaces to be used to spread hatred toward Jews — hatred that has a long and catastrophic history in Europe, including in Greece itself. More than 80% of Greek Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. The Jewish community of Thessaloniki, once one of the most vibrant in the world, was nearly wiped from the earth. Those walls covered in antisemitic imagery stand in the shadow of that history.

Confronting antisemitism in all its forms is not only a responsibility — it is a test of the values Athens claims to represent.

We urge the municipality of Athens to take the following concrete steps:

Remove antisemitic graffiti and symbols from public spaces promptly and consistently. Enforce existing laws against hate speech and incitement. Issue a clear and unequivocal public statement condemning antisemitism and the glorification of

terrorist organizations on the streets of Athens. Engage with the Jewish community and organizations such as CAM to develop a sustained strategy for combating antisemitism in your city.

The Jewish people have faced millennia of persecution. We know all too well what happens when hatred is left unchecked, when leaders look away, when 'political expression' becomes a cover for dehumanization. History does not forgive inaction.

I urge you, Mayor Doukas, to act now — not merely with words, but with the kind of decisive leadership that the gravity of this moment demands.

Sincerely, Sacha Roytman Dratwa CEO, Combat Antisemitism Movement”

Mayor Doukas has not responded. The swastikas on the walls of Athens remain.

[4.7-magnitude earthquake off Lebanon coast felt in northern Israel | The Times of Israel.com](#)

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No injuries or damage reported after quake, centered miles below sea level west of the coast of Tyre; Nahariya resident: ‘The floor moved. It was very strong’

A 4.7-magnitude earthquake struck the eastern Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Lebanon on Monday morning and was felt in parts of northern Israel, the Energy and Infrastructure Ministry said.

There were no reports of injuries or damage.

The Geological Institute said the quake occurred at 10:52 a.m., noting that the magnitude was a preliminary assessment and may be updated.

The quake occurred some 63 kilometers (39 miles) west of Tyre, at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles) below sea level, according to the Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC).

Reports from northern Israel indicated that the earthquake was primarily felt from Haifa north to Nahariya, the Ynet news site said.

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Noa, a resident of Nahariya, told the site: “The house really, really moved, the floor moved. It was very strong.”

Dvir, a resident of Haifa, was at the site where rescuers were [working to recover the bodies of four people](#) from under the rubble of a building hit by an Iranian missile yesterday.

He told Ynet: “We’re working here to rescue people, and for a moment it seemed the house was shaking. We thought it was because of all the cranes, but it turned out to be a minor earthquake.”

Residents of Lebanon also reported feeling the quake, according to reports in Arabic media.

Israel's western areas straddle the seismically active Syrian-African Rift, a region in which experts estimate that a major earthquake occurs every 80 to 100 years. The last major tremor struck in 1927, killing 500 people and injuring 700, and there are fears that the next one may be imminent.

According to officials speaking to the Knesset last November, Israel remains [woefully unprepared](#) for a major earthquake, despite more than 20 years of warnings and repeated state audits highlighting systemic gaps.

[Hate speech bill going forward after politician calls Bible passages 'hateful' | Foxnews.com](#)

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A Canadian hate speech bill is drawing backlash from critics who warn it could chill [religious speech](#) and expose some people to prosecution for quoting the Bible.

[Bill C-9](#), the Combatting Hate Act, introduced by Canadian Liberal Justice Minister Sean Fraser, passed the House of Commons on March 25 and now heads to the Senate. The measure would expand Canada's hate speech laws, create a new hate-crime offense and add penalties for intimidating or blocking people from accessing houses of worship, cultural spaces, schools, senior residences and cemeteries.

The sharpest criticism of the bill focuses on its repeal of a long-standing defense for religious speech in some criminal hate speech cases.

Christian and Muslim groups say the change could chill sermons, religious debate and other faith-based expression, while the Liberal government and some Jewish [advocacy groups say](#) the bill is aimed at combating antisemitism, not criminalizing religion.

Andrew Lawton, a Canadian Conservative member of Parliament who opposes the bill, said the legislation could leave faith communities vulnerable to prosecution for sharing their beliefs or quoting Scripture.

"Bill C-9 makes it easier for people of faith and others to be criminally charged because of views that other people take offense to," he told Fox News Digital. "The bill weakens protections for freedom of expression and freedom of religion, especially with the removal of the longstanding religious defense, which has stipulated that religious beliefs and religious texts expressed in good faith cannot be seen as 'hateful.'"

Lawton said the bill's safeguards are not enough, warning that Liberal officials have already signaled that people could be prosecuted for quoting certain passages from the Bible.

"It's not for government to decide which religious beliefs are legitimate or not," he added. "People of faith can and should debate this. But it's incredibly concerning when a Liberal cabinet minister says that certain verses of Scripture are so inherently hateful that prosecutors should be able to press charges against those who quote them."

[During a House justice committee hearing](#) last October, Liberal Party MP Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture, suggested certain passages from the Bible

were inherently hateful toward homosexuals and questioned the Criminal Code's initial carve out for religious statements made in "good faith."

"In Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Romans, there are passages with clear hatred towards, for example, homosexuals," Miller said, according to the hearing transcript. "I don't understand how the concept of good faith could be invoked if someone were literally invoking a passage from, in this case, the Bible, though there are other religious texts that say the same thing. How do we somehow constitute this as being said in good faith? Clearly, there are situations in these texts where statements are hateful. They should not be used to invoke ... or be a defense."

In December, Liberal MPs on the House Justice Committee backed a Bloc Québécois proposal to remove the religious defense, [the CBC reported](#).

The bill would also create a new offense for willfully promoting hatred by displaying certain terrorist-linked or Nazi symbols in public. It separately creates a hate-crime offense for committing a federal crime when it is motivated by hatred based on factors such as race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.

At the same time, the bill says speech does not incite or promote hatred solely because it "discredits, humiliates, hurts or offends." It also clarifies that the law does not ban statements on matters of public interest, including religious statements made in discussion, publication or debate, so long as they do not willfully promote hatred.

Lawton said he is concerned about how "bad actors" will "weaponize" the [hate-crime legislation](#) in an attempt to "silence opposing voices."

"The bill simply shouldn't pass," he told Fox News Digital. "My colleagues and I tried to minimize the harms of the bill as best as we could. We were able to make some improvements by amendment in the committee stage, but many of the key concerns still remain. We tried to put in strong language affirming that good faith religious beliefs could not be classified as hateful but the Liberals rejected these amendments."

Justice Minister Sean Fraser denied the bill would threaten religious freedom in Canada.

"Canada's commitment to freedom of religion is unwavering. Freedom of religion is a fundamental guarantee under section 2(a) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Nothing in this amendment changes that," Fraser [said in a statement](#) released on Dec. 9. "Canadians will always be able to pray, preach, teach, interpret scripture, and express religious belief in good faith, without fear of criminal sanction."

Fraser did not immediately respond to Fox News Digital's request for comment.

According to data released by [Canada's government in March](#), police-reported hate crimes have risen for six years in a row and are up 169% since 2018.

Canada, Scotland, Australia and the European Union have all moved in recent years to strengthen hate-crime or hate-speech legislation. In Malta, [a Christian man faced jail](#) time after being prosecuted for publicly sharing his testimony of leaving homosexuality. He was found not guilty in March, after a three-year legal battle.

Vice President JD Vance and the State Department have also [increasingly criticized](#) censorship and attacks on free speech in Europe.

[Iran's secret revolution: the crown prince who says Christianity is exploding underground | Israel 365 News.com](#)

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Reza Pahlavi, the son of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the last Shah of Iran, has been working for most of his life to replace the oppressive Islamist regime of Iran. Pahlavi walked onto the stage at Liberty University this week and told thousands of young American Christians something the Islamic Republic desperately does not want the world to know: the faith it has spent 46 years trying to eradicate is not dying in Iran. It is multiplying. The nation that once sheltered the Jewish people under Cyrus and helped the Jews return from exile and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem is today sheltering the Christian faith in its own basements and living rooms, at mortal risk, and its crown prince came to Lynchburg, Virginia, to bear witness.

Pahlavi is the son of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the last Shah of Iran, whose monarchy was toppled by the Islamist revolution of 1979. He has lived in exile ever since, training as the youngest fighter pilot in Iranian history at Reese Air Force Base in Texas before studying political science at the University of Southern California. For more than four decades, he has been the most prominent voice of Iran's opposition, uniting his people from exile. This week, Liberty University President Dondi Costin introduced him as "a freedom fighter."

"Good morning and thank you for having me at convocation today on the beginning of Passover and on the cusp of Easter," Pahlavi began. "I stand before you not only as an Iranian, but as a witness on behalf of millions of my compatriots whose voices have been silenced, whose names you may never hear, but whose courage is reshaping the future of my country. I come to you as the voice of a nation that has been silenced."

Pahlavi's cause has become a light in the darkness of despair that has swallowed his country. Between January 8 and 9 alone, more than 30,000 protesters were killed by the regime. Women were beaten to death in the streets. Students were dragged from classrooms and executed. Families were forced to pay for the bullets that killed their own children. The youngest victim whose name he read aloud was three years old.

For 33 days, 90 million Iranians lived without internet, deliberately blinded by a government trying to strangle a revolution before the world could see it.

"We speak often in this world about injustice. You are charged by your professors and your pastors to fight against it. But what is happening in Iran demands a stronger word; evil," he told the students. Because what else do you call a system that murders

its own children? What else do you call a regime that wages war both on enemies abroad and on its own people? In recent years, tens of thousands of Iranians have been killed in wave after wave of repression.”

Pahlavi went on to describe some of the horrors in detail, charging the students to support the fight against the Islamist regime. He framed the conflict as a Christian imperative.

“For those of you grounded in faith, there is another truth,” he said. “In Iran today, Christianity is not fading. It is rising quietly, powerfully underground. In homes, in whispers, in hidden gatherings, Iranians are finding faith at great cost. Pastors are imprisoned. Bibles are confiscated. Believers are hunted. Converts are threatened with execution. Families are torn apart. But still they gather.

“Still, they pray. Still, they believe,” Pahlavi said. “Because faith that survives persecution is unbreakable. Because the light shines brightest in the darkest places.”

Christianity is indeed growing in Iran. Multiple ministry organizations tracking Iran report it has one of the fastest-growing Christian populations on earth, with millions of secret believers meeting in homes across the country. The regime knows it, and the arrests and executions of Iranian Christians have accelerated in recent years precisely because the authorities are terrified of what they cannot stop.

“You study stories of persecution in history,” Pahlavi told the students. “Christians have often faced this. In Iran, they are happening every day. There was a time when Iran stood for something very different. Over 2500 years ago, Cyrus the Great, a Persian king, freed the Jewish people from captivity. He restored their rights. He respected their faith. He is remembered in scripture not as a tyrant but as a liberator. This is Iran’s true legacy. A nation of tolerance, a nation of dignity, a nation that once stood on the side of freedom.”

“The regime that rules Iran today has betrayed that legacy. It does not represent the Iranian people. It fears them and it will fall because of them. The Iranian people are doing their part. They are risking everything. They are leading this fight. But they cannot and should not stand alone.”

Pahlavi’s vision for a free Iran includes a formal peace with Israel, which he has called the Cyrus Accords. It is an expansion of the Abraham Accords that would immediately recognize the State of Israel and build a new alliance between a democratic Iran, Israel, and the Arab world. He has pledged to dismantle Iran’s nuclear program and cut all funding to Hamas terrorists and Hezbollah.

He asked the students to show moral clarity as Americans and stand with the Iranian people.

“America must be clear,” he said. “There is no negotiating with evil. There is no reforming a system built on brutality. There is only one path forward: the end of this

regime. To the people and leaders of this nation, do not waver. Do not retreat. Do not legitimize those who murder their own people. Stay the course. Finish the job. Stand firmly with the people of Iran, not their oppressors. Because when America stands with moral clarity, it gives strength to those fighting in the shadows.

The Islamic Republic built its entire identity on crushing religion, whether Jewish, Christian, or ultimately the authentic spiritual conscience of its own Muslim citizens. It is losing that war. The crown prince of Iran stood at the world's largest Christian university and delivered the news: the underground church in Persia is alive, it is growing, and it will outlast every Ayatollah who has tried to extinguish it.