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US sanctions three for aiding Iran's air defenses amid reports of Moscow-Tehran arms deal | The Jerusalem Post.com

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The US State Department sanctioned two individuals and an entity based in Belarus, Russia, and Nigeria for their involvement in Iran's efforts to procure man-portable air-defense systems (MANPADS) on Wednesday.

The sanctions are part of Operation Economic Outcast, the American effort to economically isolate Tehran and end the ongoing conflict between the two countries.

A day later, the *Financial Times* reported that Russia had signed a weapons deal with Iran to supply the regime with 90 advanced guided missile launchers.

The order, recently uncovered by *FT*, involved a 2024-2025 production schedule from major Russian defense manufacturer Vympa, which produces helicopter-mounted missile launchers used extensively in the Ukraine-Russia War.

An accompanying production schedule seen by FT listed seven Russian customers and two foreign buyers: China and "K-10."

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend a meeting in Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan, October 8, 2026. (credit: Sputnik/Sergey Bobylev/Pool via REUTERS)

K-10, a person familiar with the matter and internal Russian documents obtained by *FT* told the outlet, is how Russia's state-owned arms agency refers to Iran.

At least one contract for Yak-130 jet trainers and light attack aircraft, seen by the *FT,* lines up with publicly reported deliveries to Iran in 2023 and 2024.

"This missile is much faster than a drone and reaches its target far sooner. At around 230 meters per second, it covers 14km in about a minute," a representative of Dallas Analytics told the *FT*. "The concept is shoot-and-scoot: move to a firing position, launch, hit the target, and withdraw quickly."

Russia-Iran ties deepen amidst conflict with the West

Iranian-Russian ties have evolved from a transactional relationship into a structured, strategic alliance, deepening across military, economic, and geopolitical domains. This

weapons deal is the latest in a series of developments underscoring their growing defensive relationship.

The Iranian-Russian Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, signed in January 2025, expanded economic cooperation amid US and international sanctions while strengthening military ties.

The *FT* has previously reported that Russia assisted Iran in the manufacturing of supersonic cruise missiles, sold it shoulder-launched anti-air missiles, and assisted the regime in the development of its nuclear weapons program.

“It is indicative of Russia’s willingness to continue supplying Iran despite its own wartime demands and with far less concern about Western objections than in the past,” Nicole Grajewski of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace told *FT*.

Iran to receive Russian fighter jets

Earlier this week, Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) spokesman General Mohammad Akraminia told local media that Iran is reportedly expected to receive Russian-made Su-35 fighter jets after the US-Iran war ends.

Akraminia claimed that before the war began at the end of February, the IRGC was in the final stages of procuring the fighter jets. He told the Persian-language outlet Tabnak that the Su-35s were meant to arrive before the war.

“We have also made progress domestically. Of course, purchasing equipment from abroad will bring us closer to advanced technologies, which we can then use as a foundation for further development,” he said.

While he did not specifically name Russia in the interview, it is the only established manufacturer of Su-35s. The fighter jet is Russian-designed and produced by Sukhoi, part of Russia's United Aircraft Corporation.

Talarico likens himself to Jesus in election victory speech: 'Time to start flipping tables' | Christian Post.com

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Democratic Texas state Rep. James Talarico likened himself to David and Jesus during his victory speech after defeating Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Tuesday in the state's U.S. Senate race.

"I'm reminded of that story from Scripture of a shepherd boy who goes up against a giant," Talarico told an enthusiastic audience in Austin shortly before midnight. "For 40 days, Goliath teases and taunts. On the day of the fight, he shows up in full armor. He's carrying so many weapons; he needs someone else to carry his shield."

The 37-year-old state lawmaker and Presbyterian seminarian, who made Christian terminology central to his campaign, went on to compare the biblical story to the opposition he faced in his high-stakes race against Paxton. That opposition included a $168 million ad blitz funded by Elon Musk.

"In this race, we went up against our own Goliaths: the richest man in the world, the most powerful man in the world and the entire Washington, D.C. establishment," he said. "David wasn't as big or as strong as Goliath. He didn't have as many weapons, but he had hope. He had faith, and he had a slingshot."

"You were my slingshot. The people of Texas were my slingshot. And tonight, and tonight, we defeated Goliath," he continued to applause.

Touting what he described as "politics of love," Talarico framed his win as an underdog victory that "united Texans from all backgrounds and beliefs onto one team to take on this broken, corrupt political system."

Promising to represent change and a generational political shift, Talarico concluded: "That old politics is dying, and a new politics is being born through each of us, through every underdog, through every David, against every Goliath, through every Texan who believed in our state and believed in this movement."

Repeating a line he has used throughout his campaign, including in a speech earlier Tuesday, Talarico closed by comparing himself and his supporters to Jesus Christ cleansing the Temple.

"Now the real work begins. Two thousand years ago, when the people at the top hurt His neighbors, that barefoot rabbi didn't stay in a room and pray. He walked into the seat of power, and He flipped over the tables of injustice," he said.

"As this movement heads to the seat of power, as we head to the United States Senate, we know what this moment requires of us, Texas. It's time to start flipping tables," he added.

Talarico, who was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2018, handily defeated Paxton with 55% of the vote. It was the first statewide Democratic victory in Texas since 1994 and the party's first U.S. Senate win in the state since 1988. He will be the youngest member of the U.S. Senate when he is sworn in next year.

Paxton, the state's three-term attorney general, ran as a staunch ally of President Donald Trump, focusing on conservative priorities and opposing what he called Talarico's liberal record. His campaign was plagued from the outset by public and personal scandal. Talarico repeatedly labeled Paxton "the most corrupt politician in America" and used his scandals to argue that the system was rigged against ordinary Texans.

Paxton was impeached by the Texas House of Representatives in 2023 over allegations of corruption, bribery, abuse of office and obstruction of justice. He was later acquitted by the Texas Senate.

Despite securing support from some Evangelical leaders, the divorced candidate also faced scrutiny for alleged immorality in his personal life. He was caught with his "Christian influencer" mistress, Tracy Duhon, on their way to Europe over the Fourth of July weekend.

Talarico, who made the affordability crisis a key pillar of his campaign, seized on the optics of Paxton's trip with Duhon at the time. He accused Paxton of taking "lavish vacations in Iceland while Texans can't afford the basics," according to The San Antonio Observer.

Talarico's victory comes amid a wave of Democratic wins that flipped Texas blue, including the ouster of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who was seeking a fourth term in office. The party also swept races nationwide, regaining both houses of Congress as Trump's political coalition implodes amid much dissatisfaction with the economy and the lingering war in Iran.

CATASTROPHIC LOSSES: Pro-Israel majority wiped out in US midterm elections – plus Trump just stunned Israelis & Evangelicals by ending all military aid to Jewish state | All Israel News.com

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Democrats flip key Senate seats in the 2026 midterms as President Trump's sudden announcement to end U.S. military aid to Israel triggers panic across Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL – Evangelical Christians and Israelis are waking up to a dangerous and deeply disturbing reality.

Pro-Israel voices in Congress have just experienced catastrophic losses.

Anti-Israel forces have just won outright and decisive control of Congress.

President Donald Trump is now a lame duck going into the last two years of his presidency.

And even though Trump has been beloved here for being the most pro-Israel president in American history, his poll numbers are about to plummet precipitously.

Why?

Because on Tuesday morning, just as polls were opening all across the United States, Trump cut Israel loose.

TRUMP SHOCKS ISRAELIS BY ENDING ALL MILITARY AID

He unilaterally declared that he will end the investment of all U.S. military aid to Israel by the end of this year.

No Israelis saw this coming.

No Evangelical Christians saw this coming.

Not yesterday.

Not even this year.

Yes, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu has said over the past year that it is time to phase out dependence on American aid.

But no one said anything about a sudden and completely unexpected end to every dime of such aid by the end of this calendar year.

That's the end of nearly $4 billion in annual American investments before the threats posed by Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis are completely eliminated.

TRUMP'S MOVE VIOLATES TWO KEY AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL

Trump's move is also an abrogation of the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that commits to American funding of Israel's military through September 2028.

It's also a breach of the Camp David Accords of 1979, in which the U.S. promised annual military investment in Israel if the Jewish state would make peace with Egypt and surrender the Sinai Desert to Egypt, the key defensive buffer between the two countries and 90% of the land that Israel won in the Six-Day War of 1967.

Did Trump also announce that he was ending all U.S. foreign aid to Egypt?

To Jordan?

To Turkey?

To other Arab and Muslim countries in the Middle East?

No.

Just to Israel.

Nearly all of U.S. military aid to Israel is spent inside the U.S., creating and sustaining American jobs for workers who build advanced weapons systems as well as missile interceptors and ammunition that Israel has so urgently needed since the October 7 war began.

To be clear, I'm not saying Trump has completely abandoned Israel.

Of course not.

But his unilateral and preemptive move to end all aid to Israel – and to announce it on the morning of the elections – is devastating to Israelis.It will also embolden Israel's

enemies, particularly what's left of the Iranian regime.

PRO-ISRAEL MAJORITY WIPED OUT IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE

It was a devastating night for the pro-Israel majority in Congress.

- Democrats will now take control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate – not all Democrats are anti-Israel, but the party has been increasingly hostile to the Jewish state and the Jewish people and with Democrats in control, the bitterly anti-Israel voices of far-left progressive members, including "The Squad" (AOC, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, etc.), will have vastly more power and influence.

- The most catastrophic development of the night was that Abdul El-Sayed – the most anti-Israel, antisemitic, pro-radical Islamist Senate candidate in American history – won the Michigan Senate race. With 88% of the votes counted, Democrat El-Sayed had 51.8% while the pro-Israel Republican, Mike Rogers, had only 46.2% of the vote. El-Sayed is the first Muslim ever elected to the U.S. Senate and his victory will further radicalize and energize anti-Israel voices in Washington and nationwide.

- Moderate Republican Susan Collins, generally a friend of Israel, lost her Senate seat in Maine to Troy Jackson, the last-minute replacement for Graham Platner, the Israel-hating Democrat who had a Nazi symbol tattooed on his chest.

El-Sayed’s win changes the conversation on Israel — and Israel’s relationship with US Jews | The Times of Israel.com

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The Michigan Democrat's victory elevates an opponent of Israel to the Senate, showing that his politics can win in a battleground state — and that the majority of Jewish voters will go along

Just four years ago, if a US Senate candidate had said it was “unfortunate” that Jewish voters wouldn’t accuse Israel of genocide, it would have likely driven weeks of headlines.

The same goes for the prospect of an aspiring senator who vowed to block offensive arms sales to Israel.

On Tuesday, both such candidates — Maine’s Troy Jackson and Texas’s James Talarico — won their races, part of the Democrats’ sweep of the US midterm elections. Yet their comments hardly registered, because both were far from the most extreme Democratic critic of Israel to win election.

That title goes to Senator-elect Abdul El-Sayed of Michigan. His positions have been covered exhaustively during a bruising primary and general election: He constantly accuses Israel of genocide and says US tax dollars shouldn’t be spent to “drop bombs on other people’s kids” — a reference to US military aid.

He has disparaged the very idea of a Jewish state, and has said Israel is not a US ally. He has said money is the only reason a Democrat who “believes in human rights” would support Israel. In a recent interview, he scoffed at the idea of limiting a Palestinian state to the West Bank and Gaza, suggesting Palestinians should get parts, or all, of Israel proper.

“We want our taxes spent here, for schools here, and healthcare here, and infrastructure here. We don’t want our money sent to do apartheid, or genocide, or war,” he said in his victory speech early Wednesday morning.

El-Sayed is far from alone in his views. As the Democrats took control of the House and Senate in a ringing slap at US President Donald Trump, a group of vocal far-left Israel critics won their House races. More broadly, the Democratic Party has grown far colder to Israel than it once was.

But El-Sayed's entry into the Senate, in particular, poses fresh risks for Israel, placing him in a position of influence that can have concrete effects on US foreign policy and the direction of Democratic politics. It may also signal a shift in Israel's relationship with US Jews, who have continued to vote for Democrats despite the controversies over Israel policy.

What one senator can and can't do

Throughout much of the campaign, some Jewish Democrats advocated voting for El-Sayed because he would grow the Senate Democratic caucus and vote in lockstep with the party on nearly every issue. In this hyper-partisan era, individual senators have less power, and often less independence, than they once did. That's all the more true now that the Democrats will hold a comfortable majority of at least 54 seats in the 100-seat Senate, their largest in more than a decade.

Moreover, while El-Sayed campaigned against aid to Israel, Trump stole much of his thunder when he announced on Tuesday that the US would be ending such aid a year early, starting in 2027.

Nor will he be able to single-handedly halt weapons sales to Israel, which are the purview of the president. Members of Congress can speak out against such sales, and the House and Senate can theoretically block arms deals with a two-thirds majority. But that's never happened, and El-Sayed is unlikely to be a bipartisan bridge-builder on the issue.

So what can El-Sayed achieve on his own? If he makes it onto the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he will be one of just 22 members, usually closely split between the majority and minority. That's the committee that handles a lot of the legislation that pertains to Israel, from reviewing arms sales to allocating aid to imposing sanctions. It also vets ambassadorial nominees.

He may not be the deciding vote on many issues. But he's also not the only Democratic critic of Israel in the Senate, and he could organize his colleagues to oppose pro-Israel measures, or to impose sanctions on West Bank settlements or the country as a whole. If he can create a Democratic anti-Israel group in the Senate, it could act as a pivotal bloc with outsize influence on the issue.

In addition, in the past, a single senator, Republican Rand Paul, was able to use parliamentary procedure to delay an aid bill — a clear example of one lawmaker imposing his views on legislation. That procedural tool still exists, and while there may be no more Israel aid to block, El-Sayed could be able to bring it to bear on other Israel-related bills in the future.

Modern US history has also been replete with individual senators taking leading foreign policy roles, including relatively recent examples such as the late Lindsey Graham, John McCain and Joe Lieberman. They met with foreign leaders, crafted

legislation and advised presidents on policy. They also all happened to be outspoken supporters of Israel, unlike El-Sayed.

So will El-Sayed be able to stop Israel from buying US arms? Not by himself. But could he persuade his party to support an arms sales ban, or use it as a bargaining chip in negotiations with Trump? Possibly.

Is El-Sayed the future?

Still, El-Sayed hasn't taken office yet, and for all we know he may devote his energies to health care and campaign finance reform, two of his central issues. He may choose to leverage his influence on any number of topics that are not Israel.

But his win — especially given the language he's used and the company he's kept — has already had an impact.

El-Sayed showed that an avowed opponent of Israel can win in a swing state that voted for Trump two years ago; that an anti-Israel campaign can beat tens of millions of dollars spent against it; that it can win despite refusing to disavow an alliance with Hasan Piker, the far-left, anti-Israel streamer who campaigned with El-Sayed, and recently compared Jewish voters in Michigan to the Ku Klux Klan.

When it comes to Israel, El-Sayed's win has shifted the Overton window — a term describing the range of acceptable political discourse. It suggests that it is now politically acceptable in the US Senate to openly question whether Israel should even exist, andthat it is politically acceptable to refuse to say whether Israel or Iran is more of a threat to the American people.

If stances like that can win in a bellwether state like Michigan, it tells Democratic candidates for president that they may serve as a winning message nationally as well.

The 2028 campaign is due to kick off at any moment. An El-Sayed run is unlikely, but with the war in Iran still festering, and Gaza relatively fresh in people's minds, contenders will be looking for Middle East foreign policy messages that can excite their base without alienating Democratic and independent voters more broadly. Especially given that the vast majority of Democrats dislike Israel, presidential hopefuls may look to the winning Michigan candidate for inspiration.

El-Sayed and the Jewish vote

El-Sayed's win may have shifted one more factor that Israelis scrutinize: the Jewish vote.

US Jews have voted in large majorities for Democrats for about a century, and most American Jews support Israel's existence as a Jewish state, even if they object to its prime minister and many of its policies.

Until recently, these stances didn't present a contradiction at the ballot box. Most Democratic officials were pro-Israel, so Jews could vote their liberal values while also feeling confident that their representatives and senators supported Israel's existence and safety.

This year, in Michigan, Jewish voters had to choose. Their options were a pro-Trump Republican who supports Israel, and a progressive Democrat who opposes the country. Early returns suggest that the vote was close, but that El-Sayed won a slim majority of Jewish voters — 57 percent.

This indicates that such margins may be the future of the Jewish vote, closer to a 50-50 split than the 80-20 ratios Democrats have historically counted on. But the result also indicates — to voters as well as politicians — that for the majority of Michigan Jewish voters, being the most anti-Israel Senate candidate in America is not disqualifying.

Jews in states across the country have begun to face choices like this, and they are due to multiply in the future as Democratic candidates begin to listen to their anti-Israel rank and file. If this race becomes the norm, Jewish Democrats will face an uncomfortable choice: abandoning their party, abandoning support for Israel, or sitting the election out.

Many Democrats will inevitably choose the party. And for Israel, that means that the rift between the Jewish state and the world's largest Jewish community will only grow wider.

[Putin Warns Russia Ready For War With Europe... | Breitbart.com]

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Russia does not want a war with Europe but if Western nations keep attempting to "inflict a strategic defeat" on Moscow they may get one, President Vladimir Putin has threatened.

President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin made remarks about relations with European states and the broader West during his Russia-Africa summit in Moscow on Thursday, claiming to be a dove of peace while threatening a World War-like conflict if he isn't left to pursue his strategic goals. Kremlin state media publisher TASS reported that President Putin recalled a century and more of European history in this warning, stating "the tragic pages of history" bring a warning against World Wars, and claiming Russia is attempting to prevent "anything like this happens on a global scale" again.

If any war were to come, Putin said, it would not be Russia's fault. Nevertheless, the Russian Federation is ready to fight Europe and the West, he assured.

The problem for Putin is that "some" want to "inflict a strategic defeat on Russia". He went on: "Many people are talking about preparing for war by 2030. Is this right or wrong? First of all, we are prepared, but we don't want any war with Europe... as for them, if someone wants it, let them prepare. However, they failed to inflict a strategic defeat on Russia this time and it is unlikely to become possible by 2030".

Warning that these attempts to defeat Russia through Western support for Ukraine could "go too far", and should way come "there will be no winners".

Moving beyond the historic comparisons, President Putin pointed to the recent Iran war, as he threatened a second Gulf crisis in Europe's northern sea, the Baltic. Lined by NATO and European Union members and even called a "NATO lake" since Sweden and Finland joined the alliance, Russia has two major ports on the Baltic, with St. Petersburg in the far east and its Kaliningrad [Konigsberg] exclave nestled between Poland and Lithuania.

He said: "there will be a situation similar to the situation in the Strait of Hormuz. Does anyone want the same situation to develop in the Baltic Sea as in the Persian Gulf or the Strait of Hormuz? I don't know. We don't want that... We do not want this. But we will respond to any challenge."

Such rhetoric has become part of the geopolitical background since Russia re-invaded Ukraine in 2014, with frequent threats alternating with protests that Russia only wants

for peace, and is working to avoid a third world war. This was the case in February 2024, when President Putin accused NATO of bringing “all humanity to the brink of destruction” and claiming Western governments were merely using him as a pretext to increase taxes.

In March 2025, Kremlin spokesman Maria Zakharova said the attempt to — as she saw it — draw Russia into a wider war with Europe is an “Anglo-Saxon plot” that threatens a global “bloodbath”.

Spanish Jewish Federation condemns conspiracy theories linking Israel to fatal train crash | The Jerusalem Post.com

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Posts blaming Israel for the collision that killed 69 near Toledo drew hundreds of thousands of views, including AI and doctored videos of Netanyahu threatening Spain.

The Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain (FJCE) has decried circulating conspiracy theories accusing Jews of being responsible for the fatal railway crash in Urda, Toledo, last week.

At least 69 people were killed and more than 100 wounded on October 28 two high-speed trains collided due to a signaling failure.

Following the tragic accident, conspiracy theories and doctored videos started spreading, accusing Israel of orchestrating the collision.

For example, one post, viewed over 100,000 times, attempted to demonstrate how Israel may have been involved in the accident. It highlighted Thales Group, a French defense and technology company responsible for railway signaling and safety systems in Spain, and alleged that the company has close ties to Israeli intelligence, including former members of Unit 8200, and that it supplied technology to Israel's military and security forces. The post then questioned how Thales's supposedly highly sophisticated railway software could have failed, suggesting the possibility of deliberate tampering by Israel.

An AI video then circulated, seemingly depicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatening Spain with supply cuts and train accidents. In the background, Netanyahu is shown to be writing the word "Spain" on a whiteboard. Despite being false, the video circulated in over six languages at a rapid pace.

Fabricated Netanyahu 'threat'

The account Irlandarra, which frequently posts antisemitic material, published a post with a different video apparently showing Netanyahu threatening Spain with power outages or train accidents.

The quotation is fabricated. And though the video is real, it dates from April 10, 2026, when Netanyahu was responding to Spain's criticism of Israel over the Gaza war. In it, he announced the removal of Spanish representatives from the coordination center in

Kiryat Gat and said: “I do not intend to allow any country to wage a diplomatic war against us without paying an immediate price.”

Irlandarra captioned it: “Following Netanyahu’s threats against Spain, yesterday we have a train accident – 68 dead.”

It then used the word “accident” in inverted commas. The post has been viewed 148.8K times.

‘Very dark times’

On the day of the accident, the FJCE had posted a statement on social media platforms saying that it was in mourning, together with all of Spain, for the dozens who died in the terrible railway accident and was profoundly sad for so many families that had lost loved ones.

“We pray for the victims, those close to them, and for the injured, to whom we wish a rapid and complete recovery,” the federation had added. The FJCE also highlighted the courage of the survivors and the security services in their rescue efforts and called on the government to show transparency in its investigation of the tragedy and guarantee railway safety.

Following the antisemitic accusations, the FJCE then released another statement emphasizing that such conspiracy theories are harmful to Spain’s Jewish community.

“These theories originate from both extremes of the political spectrum, and we call on people to reject them and to rely on official information and investigations, which are the only means of establishing what happened,” the statement read.
FCJE noted that the same conspiracy theories – blaming Israel for domestic issues in Spain – had also emerged following the entry of immigrants into Ceuta over the summer.

“Holding an entire country responsible for the world’s problems constitutes antisemitism under the IHRA [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance] working definition, to which Spain is a signatory,” the federation noted, adding that the conspiracy theories bring back memories of “very dark times,” when Jews “were blamed for poisoning wells, bringing the plague, causing droughts, or triggering economic crises.”

“Those falsehoods led to persecution, harassment, and the isolation of Jews,” it said, “and something very similar is what we have been experiencing in Spain over the past three years,” FJCE added.

It ended its statement by saying: “Today, however, the thoughts of Spain’s Jewish community are with the victims of Urda and their families. In these moments of grief, Spanish Jews join the mourning of the entire country and offer their solidarity and support.”

Echoes of Ceuta

On July 30, between 50,000 and 60,000 migrants crossed into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, leading Spain to declare a state of emergency.

The causes were a matter of public record: a Spanish domestic legal ruling, the state of Spanish-Moroccan relations, and a decade of strain on Europe's asylum system in a country led by a prime minister who has been forced to call early elections for November 29.

However, within hours, the dominant explanation on X named the State of Israel and the Jewish people as the architects of European destabilization.

An analysis by CAM's Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) found that 173 posts from 119 influencer accounts on X recast a European border emergency as a Jewish plot, reaching an estimated 103.1 million people in 72 hours.

Together, they generated 57.5 million views, 1.9 million likes, and 368,400 shares in two days. The average post alone reached an audience the size of a national newspaper's circulation.

Hackers Attack Supermarkets Across Europe Again, Destroying Millions of Dollars of Food | Breitbart.com

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Food suppliers and retailers have been warned to urgently update the software on their fridges as European supermarkets have been hit by another wave of hacks, destroying millions of Euros of food.

Over 100 supermarkets and food suppliers in Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Ireland, Finland, Luxembourg, and Estonia were the target of a hacking attack late on Sunday night. The attackers remotely instructed internet-connect smart refrigerators in stores and warehouses to engage their defrost mode, boosting temperatures from the normal working sub-freezing to as high as 50 degrees centigrade (122 F).

While a handful of these attacks were detected quickly, most were not and huge quantities of food were defrosted, rendering them unfit for human consumption. The affected supermarkets and chains include French and German retail giants Carrefour and EDEKA, as well as Spar, Intermarché, ICA Group, Colruyt, Axfood, Delhaize, the Belgian Cooperative, and IKEA.

Some stores quickly deployed refrigerated trucks, allowing staff to transfer frozen goods before they were destroyed. Elsewhere, supermarkets hired dumpsters and brought staff in overnight to clear the shelves of spoiled food. Millions of Euros of food has been destroyed.

The European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food Christophe Hansen said the hacks were a deliberate bid to sabotage food supply in Europe and undermine public confidence. Who is behind the attacks is not yet known, but the European Union has said it will investigate.

This latest attack on the food industry follows by weeks another, larger attack where hackers did the same, taking advantage of vulnerabilities in outdated software loaded onto smart fridges intended to allow large grocery businesses to remotely monitor and troubleshoot their equipment across the whole business. In that case, over 700 supermarkets were hit.

The realisation that the digital systems that help keep Western civilisation fed and alive is actually mostly unprotected and connected to the open internet, and consequently massively vulnerable to attack by even technically unsophisticated malign actors has

triggered a wave of investigations. As reported by Breitbart News, the Pentagon is now considering whether a series of refrigeration failures impacting the daily chow for troops may have not been simple malfunctions but deliberate sabotage.

British industrial publication *The Grocer* states that a small number of food suppliers have now been impacted by the attacks for the first time. Tony Goodger, of the Association of Independent Meat Suppliers, said the industry is taking the threat seriously but they believe European supermarkets appear, for whatever reason, to be the primary target.

Those businesses that have been defrosted in Britain were using the same models as fridges as those supermarkets in Europe where they are more common, and appear to have "unexpectedly become 'collateral' within the hack", he said. One British food supplier told the publication hackers had set its fridges to automatically defrost every hour.

The Association of Independent Meat Suppliers said they had reported these incidents to the UK government's National Cyber Security Centre and they were considering whether the hacks were a strike on the industry by anti-meat campaigners. *The Times* of London states the centre has warned the British food industry to update the software on its fridges and freezers urgently.

The CEO of Sabcobel, one of the manufacturers of fridges impacted in the attack, said the company was working around the clock to disconnect smart fridges from the internet. The BBC reports Stephan Moelans said many fridges didn't just need software updates but physical modifications, but that "The simplest solution is to manage the fridges over a secure internet connection. Most of our customers switched to that after the attack in France".

Theologian NT Wright: Belief that Israel is fulfillment of Bible prophecy is a 'totally unbiblical idea' | Christian Post.com

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On the eve of Election Day, retired Anglican bishop and theologian N.T. Wright urged Christians to rethink how their faith shapes their vote.

Wright, known for his work on Pauline theology, the historical Jesus and the Resurrection, is the featured speaker at "The Fresh Challenge of Romans," a four-day conference running through Wednesday at Park Cities Baptist Church. Organizers say the event, which is expected to draw more than 600 attendees, focuses on reading the Apostle Paul's New Testament letter to the Romans in its original context rather than through later theological lenses.

During a Q&A portion of Monday's event, the 77-year-old Wright criticized the rise in popularity of what he called a "totally unbiblical idea" that is widely held among American Evangelicals.

"There are several strands, particularly in America, which have contributed towards what I think is a totally unbiblical idea, namely that the present modern-day state of Israel is somehow a fulfillment of prophecy," Wright said. "This is simply unwarranted and is the result of all sorts of odd strands of teaching, particularly, but not only, Dispensationalism in the 19th century."

Wright said he once viewed the belief as merely quirky but now that "the chickens are coming home to roost, we're seeing that it's a very dangerous thing to believe."

"Theology matters," added Jeff Warren, senior pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church.

Wright said support for modern Israel is only one of many issues voters must weigh, alongside the economy, immigration and other concerns. "It's part of the difficulty of democracy that people campaign on a particular thing or people just get a sense of, 'We like this person because they probably support what we think about this and that.'"

Such an approach, he added, underscores a much deeper theological problem.

"If you say what should be the Christian priorities for any country that wanted to say, 'We have a Christian heritage' — and actually lots of countries have tried to say that, it's very difficult for any of them, yours or mine or any of them to substantiate it — but if you wanted to at least make a start ... well, you could start with the Sermon on the Mount," he said.

Taking Jesus' famous sermon in Matthew 5 line by line, Wright compared the words of Christ with the attitudes of today's Christian-majority nations like the U.S. and Britain.

'Blessed are the pure in heart.' Well, we're not terribly good at that; we think those are a bit wimpish. "'Blessed are the peacemakers.' Well, we're not quite ready for that…" he said. "'Blessed are those who are hungry for justice', well, we want justice for ourselves, but we're not too worried about it for other people."

He argued that countries claiming a Christian heritage should measure their priorities against passages such as the Sermon on the Mount and Psalm 72, which emphasize justice for the poor, the widow and the orphan.

"For me, one of the main political texts in the Bible is Psalm 72, where you have the irony to Americans who gave up kings 250 years ago, where we celebrate the King, we celebrate the coming King," said Wright. "In Psalm 72, why do we celebrate and thank God for the King? Because He does justice for the widow and the orphan and the poor and the helpless, and where people are too rich and too bullying, too powerful, He pushes them out of the way."

Wright also addressed Christian nationalism, noting that both the U.S. and Britain, which, he said, often use political language to invoke Christian identity, should instead consult passages such as Psalm 72 to determine whether those nations are, in fact, living out their Christian ideals.

"If you want a biblical agenda for how you construe what's going on in any society, I will take those as among your many key texts, and say, 'How are we doing on all of that?" he said. "We do it as well in Britain — we use the language of 'Oh, we're a Christian country or whatever.'

"We have Christian nationalism of a sort," Wright added. "It doesn't have the same history as yours, but it can have some equal things."

Wright further argued that if the U.S. or Britain were, in fact, Christian nations, "then we should see the priorities being set and followed through in terms of the Psalms, in terms of Isaiah, in terms of the Sermon on the Mount, et cetera. I'm not seeing that anywhere at the moment, not in my country, not in yours."

Even so, Wright called on all American Evangelicals to make their voices heard, adding that a refusal to vote is "a dereliction of responsibilities."

"The Fresh Challenge of Romans" is set to run through Wednesday.

Oklahoma City Progressive Church Turns Its Polling Place into Anti-ICE Propaganda Hub with Transgender Pride Flags on Full Display | The Gateway Pundit.com

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Nov 3, 2026

Voters arriving at the Church of the Open Arms in Oklahoma City on Election Day were met with anti-ICE materials displayed inside the building and multiple pride and transgender pride flags flying outside, according to photos and details posted by Libs of TikTok.

The images show handmade signs inside the church lobby reading “ICE OUT NOW,” along with other messages referencing immigrants and “bye bye ICE,” while the outside of the building featured several rainbow and progress flags.

Libs of TikTok tagged the Department of Justice and asked whether the display violated election laws.

SCOOP: Polling location at the Church of the Open Arms in Oklahoma City is promoting ANTI-ICE propaganda inside.

The outside of the building is covered in g*nital mutilation flags.

Isn’t this illegal??? @TheJusticeDept https://t.co/dxoQnsIUwA

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) November 3, 2026

The Church of the Open Arms is a progressive United Church of Christ congregation that describes itself as an “open and affirming” church for the LGBTQ community.

Its own website lists “Voting in the Lobby” as an event beginning at 7 a.m. on November 3, confirming it is serving as an official polling place for Oklahoma County voters.

The church also regularly hosts “Vigil for Immigration Justice” events.

Oklahoma law prohibits electioneering within 300 feet of a polling place entrance and bars the public placement or exposure of any printed material other than that provided by the election board within that same distance while voting is underway.

Under 26 O.S. § 7-108, electioneering includes advocating for or against candidates or ballot questions through visual materials, signs, or other communications.

As of early afternoon on Election Day, neither the Oklahoma County Election Board nor the State Election Board had issued a public statement addressing the materials at this location.

The Department of Justice has not responded to the question about potential law violations.

Disowned by family, jailed for faith: Former Muslim refuses to stop sharing the Gospel | Christian Post.com

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A former Muslim who was disowned by his father, beaten by his wife's brothers and thrown in jail after converting to Christianity continues to share the Gospel despite losing nearly everything.

His story is at the center of this year's International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians, as The Voice of the Martyrs calls on churches and believers to pray for Christians facing persecution around the world.

The IDOP is observed annually on the first Sunday of November. This year's VOM prayer video features Bassam, a Christian living on the Arabian Peninsula who faced severe consequences after leaving Islam and sharing his faith.

Bassam lost his home and family relationships and was also imprisoned, yet he continues to tell others about Christ. He has also seen one of his daughters become a follower of Jesus.

"For many years, I was spiritually asleep. I didn't know the truth of who God is. But once I found Christ, I could not stay silent," Bassam said in the video.

"I had to tell people about Jesus. When I told my wife, she kicked me out of the apartment. She will not let me see my daughters very often. My brothers-in-law beat me often, but I will not turn back to Islam. I gave a Bible to my sister, and one of my daughters now walks with Christ. No matter what happens to me, I will tell people about Jesus."

Todd Nettleton, vice president of message for The Voice of the Martyrs USA and host of The Voice of the Martyrs Radio, said the video featuring Bassam is meant to help Christians better understand the people they pray for.

"I think it's easy for the average American Christian to say, 'God bless persecuted Christians,' but in their mind they don't have a clear picture of, you know, what does that look like? What are they enduring? What is their life like?" Nettleton told The Christian Post. "And so the video is really an effort to just say, 'Hey, these are the kind of people we're praying for.'"

Bassam represents the kind of believer Nettleton hopes Christians will remember not only on the IDOP, but throughout the year.

"He has given up everything and yet says, 'I can't stop talking about Jesus,'" VOM's vice president of message said. "Those are the kind of men and women that we're praying for this weekend and hopefully praying for throughout the year."

VOM hopes every church will participate in the annual observance, although congregations may mark the day in different ways, according to Nettleton.

Some churches incorporate prayers for persecuted Christians into their regular Sunday services, while others may spend the day commemorating the persecuted or dedicate a time to pray for the fellow believers forced to worship in secret or endure hardships for their faith.

VOM has made free resources available to help churches, families and small groups participate, including Bassam's video testimony, prayer guides, discussion materials and resources for pastors. The organization is also hosting a 24-hour prayer event on social media, sharing a new prayer request from persecuted Christians each hour.

Regarding reports of Muslims in various countries converting to Christianity as Bassam did, Nettleton credited the Holy Spirit with changing people's hearts. He described accounts of people who experienced dreams or visions in which they encountered Jesus Christ and were directed toward Him or Scripture.

"And so, there are those amazing supernatural encounters with Christ that are leading people to faith, leading Muslims to faith in Christ," the VOM vice president explained.

He pointed to frustration with the direction of countries governed under Islamic systems as a factor that can lead people to consider Christianity. Nettleton recalled an interview he recorded for VOM Radio with two Iranian Christians discussing how a large number of Iranians reportedly no longer identify as Muslim.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has ruled the country for over 40 years, the advocate said, stressing that many Iranians are not happy with the direction their country has gone.

"They don't like what they see. They don't like where their country has gone in that time," he said. "And so they are frustrated with Islam. They are looking for something else."

"So that is fertile soil for Gospel seeds to be planted," Nettleton added, referring not only to Iranians, but to people in other countries who have witnessed violence from radical Islamic terrorist groups who claim they're practicing Islam the correct way.

"I think in many ways, Muslims are coming to faith in Christ because they're dissatisfied with what they see in Islam," the VOM vice president contended.

In India, 13 states have anti-conversion laws that Nettleton said can make evangelism and other forms of Christian outreach difficult.

VOM's current radio program features an Indian pastor who was arrested under one of the laws and repeatedly beaten while in prison. Despite his suffering, the pastor had opportunities to share the Gospel with fellow prisoners, Nettleton said.

Although state leaders present the laws as measures to protect religious freedom and prevent people from being bribed or forced to change religions, Nettleton argued that their broad wording makes them hard for Christians to navigate. The laws can treat ordinary church activities as potential inducements to conversion, he said.

For example, Nettleton explained, authorities could view a church serving coffee and doughnuts before a service as an attempt to entice people to convert. He said giving away tea and cookies or allowing church music to be heard outside a building could also be interpreted as an inducement.

“Your freedom of religion law says that I'm not allowed to change my religion and I'm not allowed to tell anyone else to change their religion,” Nettleton said. “That doesn't sound like freedom of religion.”

Nettleton encouraged Western Christians to pray for Indian believers to remain bold in sharing the Gospel despite the possibility of arrest or other consequences.

“Pray for boldness. Pray for a willingness to take risks and to share the Gospel as Scripture calls us to do,” he said.

For Christians who wonder whether praying from the West can meaningfully help believers suffering thousands of miles away, Nettleton recalled a conversation with a pastor from Vietnam.

The pastor told him, “When you pray for Vietnam, you are working right alongside us in Vietnam.”

“We know that the Holy Spirit is not bound by space and time,” Nettleton continued, explaining that Christians can work alongside their fellow believers in Vietnam, China, the Middle East, Nigeria and elsewhere through prayer.

“Don't ever underestimate the power of our prayer to support and encourage and lift up our brothers and sisters,” Nettleton declared.