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'Imam of Peace' says Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock is an 'obstacle to peace' | All Israel News.com

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Imam Mohammad Tawhidi says the Dome of the Rock is an obstacle to peace as he discusses the Third Temple with Israeli scholar Dr. Mordechai Kedar.

Mohammad Tawhidi, also known as the “Imam of Peace,” shared his conviction that the Dome of the Rock presented an obstacle to peace that could be overcome in a recent discussion with Israeli Middle East expert, Dr. Mordechai Kedar.

Tawhidi asked [**Kedar**](#), who is one of Israel’s leading Middle East scholars and an expert on Arab society, where he believed the third temple would be built.

“It’s a conversation that’s been going on for a while, but I get many questions about it,” Tawhidi began. “I know that it’s significant, it will happen in the future. That’s fine,” he continued. “□But I’m going to share something if I may. If you can see this, so is this the region where the Temple Mount is imagined to be constructed in the future?”

“Will it take some of the homes of the area?” he asked, pointing to an aerial view of the Temple Mount. “How will it work? Is this the area that’s believed to be the place for the Third Temple?”

“To tell you the truth, I have no idea,” Kedar responded. “All I know is where was the location of the two first temples,” he said, explaining that the first and second temples historically stood more or less where the Dome of the Rock stands today.

“The third temple, we believe... will descend from heaven complete, and God, who is Almighty, will do it by Himself, without any human effort,” continued Kedar. “And this is why we do nothing against the Dome of the Rock and against the mosque, which is in the southern part,” he said, differentiating the golden dome from the silver-tipped Al-Aqsa mosque.

A Shiite cleric born in Qom, Iran, Tawhidi is an Australian citizen but spends much of his time in Canada, where he serves as a governing member of the Global Imams Council. He is known for his interfaith efforts and peace advocacy and serves as an advisor on Counter-Extremism and Terrorism Affairs with [**TRENDS Research and Advisory**](#).

Tawhidi has a [**huge following**](#) on social media but is a controversial figure, [**denounced**](#) as a “fake sheikh” by his detractors.

Earlier in his conversation with Dr. Kedar, Tawhidi relayed his opinion that the land of Israel was not Muslim land, but that the true indigenous people were the Palestinians, who were once Jewish but converted to Islam centuries ago. He stands against those who seek the destruction of Israel and has dedicated his life to peace advocacy.

“I travel around the world, and I speak, and I write articles, and none of my views are hidden,” claimed Tawhidi. “The fact that I haven’t been expelled, I haven’t been disciplined... Nothing has happened to me. □I haven’t been sanctioned. I haven’t been warned. I never received a complaint from the governing board. That shows you that there is no lie,” he insisted, after presenting his beliefs.

When Tawhidi asked if the building itself had significance to Jewish people, or just the location, Kedar responded that Jewish people cannot currently approach the actual temple area according to Jewish law.

“Since we cannot purify ourselves in the way which would enable us and allow us to go into the temple, if we go there, we go only around the walls,” he explained. “We are not entering the centre of the court, because this is actually where the temple was in that place.”

“Okay, because what I was thinking was that there is no issue, there is no clash whatsoever for a temple to exist beside the mosque,” said Tawhidi, “because it’s nowhere near it... If we just say that God is going to reveal a temple, then no believer can disagree. God’s going to do it. God will do whatever he likes. For many people, they think that it’s going to be built, that it will exist. The issue is wiping out any Jewish presence because they think it’s Muslim land,” he objected.

“This entire place is not holy in Islam. This Dome of the Rock is an obstacle. It’s a historical issue, in the way of peace,” declared Tawhidi.

“You know how you have a theory about the emirates, how the Palestinian areas could be ruled like the emirates?” he asked Kedar, addressing his suggested solution to lasting peace with the Palestinians. “This is one of my theories.”

“This is not a holy building,” he stated, emphasizing that the Dome of the Rock is not a mosque, despite the common misconception. “Many Muslims think this is the mosque... □They think it’s the Al Aqsa mosque.”

“So, a temple can exist here, peacefully, right beside the mosque. No problem.” Tawhidi asserted.

“I know the planner of the place,” Kedar responded, referring to God, “And when God decides to send down the third temple, he will put it in the right location, believe me.”□

[What Islam REALLY Says About Israel – The Truth Few Admit | Imam Tawhidi & Dr. Mordechai Kedar](#)

People are getting BBLs and breast implants from donated cadavers: ‘It’s off-the-shelf-fat’ | New York Post.com

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Talk about a killer body.

Across the country, a growing number of patients are turning to injectable fillers made from the dearly departed’s donated fat in order to lift, plump and sculpt their bodies — including for hot-ticket procedures like [Brazilian butt lifts](#) (BBL) and breast enhancements.

“Many of us in New York City are very excited about this, particularly because our patients are sometimes very thin or maybe have already had liposuction,” Dr. Melissa Doft, a board-certified plastic surgeon in Manhattan, said in [an Instagram video](#).

For procedures like BBL, fat is usually extracted from the patient via liposuction and then reinjected into the desired area — so for those who don’t have enough to suck out, Doft said, “It’s off-the-shelf-fat.”

The filler, called [AlloClae](#), hit the US market last year — but it still isn’t widely available.

“I’d say less than probably 5% of board certified plastic surgeons have it,” [Dr. Sachin M. Shridharani](#), who began offering the procedure at his Manhattan clinic, [Luxurgery](#), in early 2025 as part of a small clinical trial measuring its outcomes in fixing “hip dips,” told The Post.

“With the ones that do have it across the country, there’s tremendous amount of demand,” he added, noting he’s done more than 50 procedures in the past year. “There have been multiple times that we’ve actually run out of product.”

AlloClae is made from sterile fat harvested from cadavers and can be administered through minimally invasive, in-office injections by a qualified provider, without the need for general anesthesia.

Before it’s injected, the donor fat undergoes a multi-step cleansing, sterilization and purification process that removes cellular debris, DNA and other elements that could trigger a negative immune response in the body.

“We ensure all our tissue is consented to for aesthetic use,” Caro Van Hove, president of [Tiger Aesthetics](#), the company behind AlloClae, said in [an interview with The Cut](#),

meaning the people giving their bodies didn't think they were donating them to medical or scientific discovery.

"The donor material is meticulously screened in accordance with regulated and high-quality tissue practices," Van Hove added.

AlloClae has been steadily growing in popularity since it hit the US market last year. Schulman Plastic Surgery

The process preserves the tissue's key structural elements, resulting in a bioactive filler designed to add long-lasting volume and structure anywhere fat naturally exists in the body.

"It actually helps the patient's own collagen to grow in as well," Dr. Stephen T. Greenberg, a New York plastic surgeon, said in a [YouTube video](#) while performing the procedure.

"It's no different from situations where a patient needs additional cartilage but doesn't want to undergo a rib graft ... in those cases, we use cadaver cartilage grafts."

Dr. Sachin M. Shridharani

"This is great for somebody who doesn't want to use their own fat or doesn't have enough of their own fat in order to do a Brazilian butt lift or a buttock augmentation," he continued.

At Shridharani's practice, demand has been especially strong for AlloClae injections in the buttocks, breasts and hips.

"We are also getting a lot of patients coming to us that have had, unfortunately, poorly done liposuction with tons of contour regularities that need fat grafting back in because of grooves, contour irregularities over-resection," he noted.

While the idea of using cadaver donor fat can initially make some patients uneasy, Shridharani said those concerns tend to fade after a thorough discussion of the product.

"I think transparency is key," he said. "It's tissue that's been gifted in kind, and it's no different from situations where a patient needs additional cartilage but doesn't want to undergo a rib graft and the scarring that comes with harvesting their own tissue — in those cases, we use cadaver cartilage grafts."

"I think that pretty much alleviates most people's concerns."

Shridharani said the procedures typically start at \$10,000, with costs increase depending on the scope of treatment.

“If you want a full breast augmentation, hip dip and some buttock treatment and you have to use hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of cc’s of AlloClae, well, that’s going to cost tens of thousands of dollars,” he said.

From a regulatory standpoint, AlloClae occupies a distinct category. While it is FDA-compliant, it is classified as a human cell and tissue product, allowing it to be sold without full agency approval — unlike traditional injectables such as Botox.

Early evidence suggests the injections are safe and effective. Because AlloClae is made from processed human fat, doctors say it’s highly biocompatible.

“The enhancement is so absolutely natural, it looks like my body with the impact of time erased,” a 61-year-old woman who used AlloClae in a recent BBL, told The Cut. “Plus, it’s not just that the area that looks fuller, but my skin looks tauter and is no longer crepey.”

Women aren’t the only ones jumping on board. Men are turning to the next-generation filler too, sculpting their pectorals without implants or surgery, among other uses.

“[It] creates an insta-chest where you do not need general anesthesia, you do not need to have a long post-op, you can do it and virtually go back to the office, just like you would do with filler in the face,” Dr. Douglas S. Steinbrech, a plastic surgeon specializing in male aesthetics, said in [a TikTok](#).

AlloClae is also being touted as a way to restore [volume lost](#) from popular weight loss drugs.

“All of that weight loss and [sagging areas](#) from your GLP-1 like Mounjaro, tirzepatide, Zepbound, any of those types of treatments. Guess what? We can use some AlloClae to give you that hip dip, buttocks and breast contour back,” Shridharani said in [a TikTok](#). “This is going to be pretty impressive and groundbreaking.”

Still, it’s not risk-free. Possible side effects include temporary swelling, bruising, bleeding and pain at the injection site, along with rare issues like small lumps, asymmetry, oil cysts, infections and allergic reactions.

“A lot of people are coming out of the woodwork wanting to not get left behind with using AlloClae, but they aren’t necessarily clinicians that know how to perform a surgical fat graft correctly on the body or on the breast,” Shridharani said.

“This is surgery at the end of the day,” he continued. “The most important thing to me is making sure that the provider has experience with surgical fat grafting.”

U.N. Chief Guterres Pleads for Cash as 'Financial Collapse' Looms | Breitbart.com

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U.N. chief António Guterres fears the globalist body is at risk of "imminent financial collapse" and is pleading for an injection of cash.

The United Nations is going broke and needs member nations to stump up cash. Lots of it. That is the plea from Secretary-General António Guterres who fears the globalist body is at risk of "imminent financial collapse" due to member states not paying their fees.

The former leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party said Friday the U.N. faces a financial crisis which was "deepening, threatening programme delivery" and money could run out as soon as July leaving the unaccountable globalist cabal destitute.

Such is the financial drama unfolding at U.N. headquarters in Geneva, signs warning of the situation have reportedly been put up everywhere. In an almost desperate attempt to save cash, the escalators are regularly turned off and the heating turned down, the BBC reports.

Guterres sent a missive to all 193 member states outlining his fears and pleading they had to honor their mandatory payments or overhaul the organisation's financial rules to avoid collapse.

It comes after the U.N.'s largest contributor, the U.S., refused to contribute to its regular and peacekeeping budgets and withdrew from several agencies it called a "waste of taxpayer dollars."

These include the U.N.'s population agency and the U.N. treaty that establishes international climate negotiations, AP [reports](#).

The U.S. also intends to exit dozens of other global organizations or initiatives not affiliated with the U.N. but still reliant on massive U.S. funding, as Breitbart News reported.

The BBC [reports](#) Guterres wrote that the U.N. – which officially came into being in October, 1945 – had faced financial crises in the past but that the current situation was "categorically different."

"Decisions not to honour assessed contributions that finance a significant share of the approved regular budget have now been formally announced," the secretary general said, without naming specific members.

He said the “integrity of the entire system” depended on states adhering to their obligation under the U.N. charter to pay their “assessed contributions” – adding that 77% of the total owed had been paid in 2025, leaving a record amount unpaid.

Guterres said a rule that the U.N. must return unspent money on particular programs to members if it could not implement a budget created a “double blow” in which it was “expected to give back cash that does not exist.”

“I cannot overstate the urgency of the situation we now face. We cannot execute budgets with uncollected funds, nor return funds we never received.”

The U.S. is the U.N.’s largest contributor, but President Donald Trump has said it was not fulfilling its “great potential” and has criticised it for failing to support U.S.-led peace efforts.

The U.S. did not pay its contribution to the U.N.’s regular budget in 2025 and offered only 30 percent of its expected funding to U.N. peacekeeping operations.

Then in January last year, Trump withdrew it from dozens of international organisations, including 31 U.N. agencies, to “end American taxpayer funding and involvement in entities that advance globalist agendas over U.S. priorities.”

The U.N.s thirst for other people’s money appears inexhaustible as it still cries out for more.

The Board of Peace with fiasco written all over it | All Israel News.com

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What do you get when you construct a Board of Peace, composed of world nations, many of whom are anti-Israel? The short answer is – a fiasco!

Does anyone think that patterning a governing body, after the failed and biased U.N., will bring about a different outcome? Why would it succeed in forging peace and good will, when the heads of so many of these countries are already convinced that Israel has perpetrated a genocide in Gaza?

For such a Board to be helpful, it must first contain objective leaders whose lack of political agenda will serve them in their efforts to arrive at fair and just solutions for everyone. Sadly, that does not characterize the individuals who have been invited to sit on such a board.

At the behest of U.S. President Donald Trump, multiple countries have been beckoned to [**join a Board of Peace**](#) with the purpose of “promoting stability, restoring dependable and lawful governance as well as securing enduring peace in areas affected or threatened by conflict.”

As of this writing, countries which have already agreed to join are Argentina, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bahrain, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. Countries which declined include France, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden and the U.K. Countries yet to respond are Cambodia, China, Croatia, Germany, India, Italy, Paraguay, Russia, Singapore, Thailand and Ukraine.

After looking over the list of countries who would, ostensibly, determine Israel’s fate, it shouldn’t surprise anyone that Israel would vociferously object to the inclusion of Turkey and Qatar, in particular.

Given Turkey’s President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s hostility towards the Jewish state, even to the point of calling for Israel’s destruction as he [said](#), “May Allah make Zionist Israel destroyed and devastated,” what good could come from such a hateful man?

Participation from Qatar is no less offensive when considering that they provided refuge and sanctuary to Hamas terrorists whose sole aim is also the destruction of Israel.

Why would anyone count on these two countries to offer reasonable and fair resolutions, given the fact that they are committed to the demise of one of the nations

they are supposed to help? That is why this proposition has fiasco written all over it. Because the choice of players, who have been asked to be part of a process to foster unity, bring about repair and hope, to an otherwise unsolvable morass, is a collection of very flawed and self-interested actors.

So, the question is, “Why expend efforts to establish a body which is no different from world agencies that always seek to accuse Israel and them for being the problem?”

Here are some speculative possibilities. One is that Trump might feel that if all world nations were chosen to solve the Middle East conundrum, then it wouldn’t just fall upon the U.S. Consequently, by making it a collective global problem, it would require a global collective solution.

Another possibility is that if such a solution could be achieved but fail, in the end, to produce the desired results, the collapse would be on them. No one would be able to cast blame on one leader if, together, they were unable to produce a good outcome.

A third reason could be that Trump sees this as an opportunity to establish himself as the world’s most powerful leader, who has summoned all others to work under his authority, since he has final veto power, in the hope of effecting lasting peace, cementing his indomitable role in the annals of history. In other words, he would become legendary, on par with the greatest world leaders who have ever lived.

But at what price would this come to Israel? One can only imagine the ill-advised and dangerous resolutions which would be expected of the only democracy in the Middle East.

Would Israel be asked to wipe the slate clean, expected to dole out blind trust and implicit faith towards the same population which danced in the streets upon receiving the welcomed news of an Israeli massacre of innocents?

And how would countries, who have traditionally looked upon Palestinians as victims of Israeli oppression respond? Would they demand that Israel provide for their every need, including the issuance of work permits so that they could, once again, be employed in the same country that they so bitterly betrayed?

Would they require us to open our borders, assuring us that no attack will occur?

These are just some of the absurd demands which might be suggested by countries whose leaders believe that Israel is desperate enough to attain peace, to the point where it would allow itself to be hoodwinked into what is tantamount to a bad deal with, undoubtedly, tragic results.

The truth is that Israel is definitely sick and tired of war and conflict. We are a people who have longed for peace, tranquillity and mutual respect for as long as we’ve been an independent nation and even before that. The fact that it eludes us, is not due to our own stubbornness or inflexibility, though.

The countless offers of peace, which have been made year after year, with costly concessions to Israel, were rejected each time. Not only were they not accepted, but they were followed by threats and renewed attempts to hasten our end. So why would anyone think that a Board of Peace, made up of countries, whose biased views have already stacked the deck against us, should be taken seriously?

Even before it's gotten off the ground, there is great skepticism, on the part of many, who see the pitfalls surrounding a "global assembly," which has an [entrance fee](#) price tag of \$1 billion to join this exclusive club. But Trump's enticement is that this will be the most prestigious group which has ever existed, so who wouldn't want to be part of it? Another tempting motivation is that this Board of Peace will end up replacing the feckless U.N. which has done nothing of any relevance.

While Trump's massive altruistic Board of Peace may sound great on paper, the likelihood of its success is pretty low - if for no other reason, because it will be made up of biased leaders' whose positions have already been pre-decided against Israel.

Elon Musk marries SpaceX to xAI — Glenn Beck warns: Earth's skies are about to change forever | The Blaze.com

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On Monday, February 2, [Elon Musk announced](#) that SpaceX had officially acquired xAI in an all-stock deal. The move combines SpaceX's rockets and Starlink satellite network with xAI's [artificial intelligence technology](#), creating what Musk calls "one of the most ambitious, vertically integrated innovation engines on (and off) Earth." Valued at a staggering \$1.25 trillion, it's the largest private company to ever exist.

In other words, rockets just married artificial intelligence in a super-union that the world can't even begin to fathom.

Most normies are shrugging off the news as just another leap in an ever-evolving technosphere, but [Glenn Beck](#) says our skies are about to change forever.

This merger, he explains, actualizes Musk's wild dream of launching a million satellites into space, which SpaceX first proposed to regulators in late January this year. Except these satellites won't be typical Starlink comms; they'll be a gargantuan network of orbiting supercomputers, drastically expanding the cloud and AI processing capabilities.

This is far bigger than most people realize, Glenn says.

"To give you some idea, right now humanity has roughly 14,000 active satellites operating and orbiting Earth, OK? That's every nation. That's every military. That's every weather system, every GPS signal, every communications platform humanity has ever put into space," he says.

"Even if only a fraction of that number is ever launched, this is not an expansion of what exists today. This is a complete redesign of space around Earth. This is a replacement of the scale itself."

While the plan is all about cutting-edge technology, Glenn says it's more about history repeating itself. In 1800s America, power, he explains, was determined by "who controlled the rivers and then later who controlled the railroads."

That same power dynamic is at play today — "except the frontier is not land; it's the sky." And Elon Musk is doing exactly what the 19th century's captains of industry did by staking his claim through building.

Like land, which is limited, “there are only so many usable altitudes” in low Earth orbit, Glenn says.

“You place tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of objects into those corridors, you’re no longer participating in space. You’re designing and structuring it.”

What Musk is set to do through the merging of SpaceX and xAI is the equivalent of “one company building every road, every bridge, every highway and [saying], ‘Everybody else can use them, but we built them first,’” Glenn analogizes.

“Control doesn’t require ownership; it requires scale, and that is what Elon Musk is very good at,” he says.

Why does this matter to the average Joe?

“Because for the first time in history, a private company is positioned to shape the planetary structure ... faster than governments, cheaper than any nation, with replacement cycles measured in months, not decades,” Glenn answers.

“The sky itself [is] becoming managed infrastructure,” and history tells us that whoever is the first to build in a new domain gains a monopoly on it.

These kinds of pioneers “don’t just win,” Glenn says. “They set the rules that everybody else spends decades trying to renegotiate.”

“Every great power shift in history looks small right up until the time it doesn’t. And by the time most people look up, the frontier is already gone.”

Our skies remain a frontier for now, but as soon as Musk’s satellites start going up in droves, we’ll know that the frontier has already been claimed — and the rules are being written by one man.

“When you go out at night, you’re going to see a different sky,” Glenn says.

CIA Quietly Building Permanent US Footprint In Venezuela | AOL.com

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is quietly laying the groundwork for a sustained U. S.

People walk past a mural painted in the colors of the Venezuelan flag in Caracas, Venezuela, on February 2. - Maxwell Briceno/Reuters

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One month after the US carried out an attack in Venezuela to [capture its president](#), civilians in the South American country remain caught between uncertainty and expectations of governmental change.

Some believe the ouster of strongman leader Nicolás Maduro offers a glimmer of hope for rebuilding institutions and guaranteeing citizens' rights. Others question whether this new phase – which the US and the government of acting President Delcy Rodríguez call a “transition” – will lead to democracy or if the change they hope for will stay on hold.

The days since the raid on Maduro's compound have felt slow and difficult, according to one woman who saw the explosions from a distance with her boyfriend. The woman, a bioanalyst who lives in eastern Caracas and who asked to remain anonymous for security reasons, said she was still recovering from the ordeal. She doesn't go out at night and suffers from anxiety, especially if she hears fireworks or loud noises. She said she is paying close attention to the situation in the country and waiting to see if a fundamental change is possible. “A real one,” she said.

First weeks, first actions

According to Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello, at least 100 people died and 100 were wounded in the US operation that culminated in the arrest of Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores, who was also a member of parliament.

Law enforcement officials move captured Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores out of a helicopter ahead of an initial court appearance to face US federal charges including narco-terrorism in New York City, January 5. - Adam Gray/Reuters

[Delcy Rodríguez](#), then vice president, assumed the role of acting president after the Supreme Court declared Maduro's capture a forced absence – an unprecedented

situation not defined in the Venezuelan Constitution. Since then, Rodríguez has insisted that the country is experiencing a new political moment and has already made several changes within the cabinet and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces. According to experts consulted by CNN, Rodríguez has made at least 28 significant changes within the armed forces.

But a month after Maduro's capture, while some see reason for optimism in the economy and releases of political prisoners, the country remains on an uncertain path.

In Caracas, moods fluctuate between skepticism, optimism and bewilderment. The price of meat and chicken has fallen, real estate prices have risen 22%, according to economist Asdrúbal Oliveros, and airlines are beginning to return to Venezuela, including American Airlines. However, Venezuela remains on the list of countries with partial visa restrictions, and the deportation of Venezuelans continues to be a focus of the Trump administration.

The US Embassy in Caracas resumed operations with Laura Dogu as chargé d'affaires, and Venezuela appointed diplomat Félix Plasencia as its representative to Washington. Dogu made it clear on social media that her meeting with Delcy Rodríguez and her brother National Assembly President Jorge Rodríguez aimed to reiterate three priorities outlined by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio: stabilization, economic recovery, and reconciliation and transition. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yván Gil said this step marks the beginning of a new era in which Venezuela is committed to upholding international law.

Some politicians, such as opposition figures Andrés Velásquez and Delsa Solórzano, have come out of hiding now that Venezuela is no longer ruled by Maduro, but at the same time they say they remain cautious, as do citizens critical of those in power.

Carlos Núñez, an administrator, remains hopeful and believes that the release of political prisoners could set a precedent in the country. He believes that many legal, economic and social issues still need to be addressed, but the releases represent a major step forward for change.

Meanwhile, Jessica Díaz, a graphic designer, thinks things are going well and doesn't believe change is necessary. "I hope the president and his wife return," she said.

Another citizen, who preferred to remain anonymous for his own safety, said he remains vigilant because, despite talk of change, fear persists. "Even law-abiding citizens can be stopped in the street at any time for a search or to be questioned," he said.

Waiting for a transition

Benigno Alarcón, a Venezuelan political expert who has studied and taught about political transitions around the world, says "the transition has not truly begun" a month after Maduro's departure. He said even Rubio's testimony to Congress last week

– in which the secretary of state said the US was prepared to help oversee Venezuela's transition from criminal state to responsible partner – suggests it's a preparatory phase.

During a forum on the Venezuelan transition held in Caracas on January 29, Alarcón described the current situation as an unprecedented, coercive and uncertain process. He said that a genuine transition requires three converging elements that are currently lacking: a new, effective government; an institutional change in the rules; and decentralizing control of security forces. He concluded that it is not yet possible to say that Venezuela is in transition and added that those who want democracy are hoping for progress in that direction.

Venezuela's acting President Delcy Rodriguez delivers a speech after the approval of the Reform of the Organic Law on Hydrocarbons in Caracas on January 29. - Federico Parra/AFP/Getty Images

According to Alarcón, those in power have no enthusiasm for holding elections in the near future because they know it wouldn't benefit them, so they intend to delay them as long as possible. He also believes that Delcy Rodríguez, in her role as acting president, is seeking to extend constitutional deadlines indefinitely to remain in power, with the support of the judiciary under an unprecedented scheme of enforced absence.

“It will depend on the polls. If they see a chance of winning, they'll call for elections. If not, they'll postpone them,” he argues. “They intend to buy time and maintain power,” Alarcón said, adding that external [US pressure](#) is key but insufficient. “Washington can offer incentives, but legitimacy only comes from the Venezuelan people through their vote. Society must demand democracy,” he said.

Regarding opposition leader María Corina Machado, he said that her presence abroad facilitates dialogue with governments. However, he believes she should return to Venezuela soon.

Alarcón welcomed the reopening of the US Embassy – not for visas but for “intelligence and economic controls in a country in conflict” – and the military's symbolic pledge of subordination to Delcy Rodríguez as acting president.

However, the expert wants promises to be kept. The government claims to have released more than 800 political prisoners, but he says officials must identify the freed detainees, and as university students demand, the releases must not come with restrictions.

Alarcón says people are becoming impatient with the slow pace, but the process is moving forward in an orderly fashion, which he says raises the question of whether this coercive model will work or if delays will prevail.

Supporters of Venezuela's government rally to demand the release of ousted President Nicolas Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, one month after their capture by US during

recent US strikes on the country, in Caracas, Venezuela. - Leonardo Fernandez Viloria/Reuters

‘Full’ release of political prisoners

Juan Carlos Apitz, the dean of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences at the Central University of Venezuela, believes the current moment is neither a full transition nor a continuation of the current regime, but rather a “moment for the citizens” who must establish democracy by respecting the constitution and the results of the July 28, 2024, elections. The opposition says its candidate Edmundo González won and that it has the tally sheets to prove it. The National Electoral Council insists Maduro was the victor but has refused to release the tally sheets.

In Apitz’s view, “the first step towards democracy in Venezuela is the full and unconditional release of all political prisoners.” He believes that, in this regard, mere prison visits are unacceptable while families continue to wait. He maintains that the repressive apparatus has not been dismantled and that there have been no substantial changes yet.

He also questions what he considers the military paradox of January 28, when the armed forces recognized Delcy Rodríguez as commander-in-chief, a position incompatible with Maduro holding that role. “There cannot be two commanders,” he said.

Apitz further points out that when discussing January 3, only victims are mentioned, but no one is held accountable. “Where are the public authorities who allowed the territorial integrity to be violated and Maduro’s removal to take place?”

[Antisemitic hate crimes up 182% in Mamdani's first month | Israel National News.com](#)

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In the first month of the Zohran Mamdani administration, antisemitic hate crimes nearly triple the total from January 2025 and account for more than half of all hate crimes in the city.

Antisemitic hate crimes in New York City rose 182% year over year in January 2026, according to figures released by the NYPD, the *Jewish News Syndicate* reported.

The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force investigated 31 antisemitic hate crimes last month, compared to 11 in January 2025, and "accounted for more than half of all the hate crime incidents in January," the NYPD stated.

Anti-Muslim hate crimes ranked second in New York City, with seven recorded last month, less than a quarter of the number of hate crimes committed against Jews and less than the number of antisemitic hate crimes in January 2025. There were zero recorded anti-Muslim hate crimes in January 2025.

The year-on-year rise in antisemitic hate crimes coincides with the first month of the administration of New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, whose election sparked concerns of growing antisemitism in the city with the largest Jewish population in America.

On Holocaust Remembrance Day last week, [a Queens rabbi was assaulted](#) in the Forest Hills neighborhood in a suspected antisemitic attack. According to *Yeshiva World News*, the attack occurred when a rabbi was approached by a suspect who, without provocation, began shouting and cursing antisemitic epithets before punching him in the face and throwing him to the ground.

Last Wednesday evening, a man was filmed repeatedly driving a car into the doors of a synagogue [at the Chabad-Lubavitch headquarters](#) in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Earlier in January, the *New York Post* reported that a Jewish family was [followed and harassed](#) by a woman who punched the family's father after shouting that she was going to "kill all the Jews."

On his first day in office, Mamdani issued an [executive order](#) revoking all orders signed by Adams after September 26, 2024. This meant that the IHRA recognition was revoked, as well as an Adams order prohibiting mayoral appointees and agency staff

from boycotting and disinvesting from Israel. Critics have warned that this move legitimizes forms of antisemitism that hide behind alleged criticism of Israel and "Zionists."

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After winning the award for Best Contemporary Country Album, Jelly Roll, real name Jason DeFord, celebrated his faith on stage.

“I know they’re going to try to kick me off here, so just let me try to get this out. First of all, Jesus, I hear you, and I am listening Lord,” he began.

“Second of all, I want to thank my beautiful wife. I would have never changed my life without you. I’d have ended up dead or in jail. I’d have killed myself if it wasn’t for you and Jesus. I thank you for that,” he continued.

After thanking his record label and his producers, the singer drove home his message of redemption through following Jesus Christ.

“There was a time in my life, y’all, that I was broken. That’s why I wrote this album. I didn’t think I had a chance. There was days I thought the darkest things. I was a horrible human. There was a moment in my life where all I had was a Bible this big and a radio the same size and a 6-by-8-foot sail, and I believed those things could change my life,” he said.

” I believed that music had the power to change my life and God had the power to change my life. I want to tell you all right now: Jesus is for everybody. Jesus is not owned by one political party. Jesus is not owned by no music label. Jesus is Jesus, and anybody can have a relationship with him. I love you, Lord,” he concluded.

The country star’s message comes one week after he declared “Jesus is for everybody” live on Netflix. As Breitbart News reported in December, he also received a full pardon from the state of Tennessee for his criminal past.

“Republican Gov. Bill Lee acknowledged the contrite Antioch, Tennessee, native’s long road back from drugs and prison through soul-searching, songwriting, and advocacy for second chances alongside a fresh start at life,” reported Breitbart News.

“The rapper-turned-singer, whose legal name is Jason Deford, has spoken for years about his redemption arc before diverse audiences, from people serving time in correctional centers to concert crowds and even in testimony before Congress,” it added.