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# [Concern and disappointment in Israel over the strengthening Russia-Iran ties \(israeltoday.co.il\)](#)

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Moscow failed to condemn Iran's unprecedented aerial assault on Israel, thus abandoning its stated commitment to Israel's security.

In his speech to the Security Council last week, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, **Vasily Nebenzya**, called for sanctions to be imposed on Israel for not complying with the Security Council's resolution demanding a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip during Ramadan.

Nebenzya's call is a new and disturbing phase in the ever-increasing tensions between Israel and Russia, which since the outbreak of the Gaza war and even before that has distanced itself from Jerusalem and downplayed, if not abandoned its long-standing commitment to the Jewish state's security and right to self-defense.

The strengthening of relations between Russia and Iran on the security, military and political level is a source of great concern in Jerusalem. The lack of clear condemnation of the unprecedented Iranian attack against Israel (350 drones, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles) has caused severe disappointment in Israel. Little by little, Russia is simply ignoring its long-standing traditional position of commitment to Israel's security on the one hand, while failing to take into account the fact that over a million Russians live in Israel and support Israel's right to self-defense.

The impression one gets in Israel is that Moscow does not understand the Israeli public and the increasingly negative image it creates for itself here.

In Jerusalem, the statements coming out of Moscow since October 7 are being followed with real concern. Russia showed zero empathy toward Israel, avoided condemning Hamas and even hosted the Hamas leadership in Moscow twice already. But still what shocked officials in Israel most was Russia's response to the Iranian attack. The Russians were simply not shy to say out loud: We are on 'Team Iran.'

It is instructive to listen carefully to what Putin's mouthpieces say. **Dmitri Rogozin**, a senator who held very senior security positions, said that in the event of a major war between Iran and Israel, Iran will defeat Israel. He also said that there are no good soldiers in the Israeli army except for new immigrants from Russia who today serve in special units in the IDF. "I think Iran will manage on its own, but relations between

Iran and Russia are very important. Iran has learned many lessons from what is happening in Ukraine. Iran benefits a lot from economic and energy cooperation with Russia,” said Rogozin, adding that “Iran has every right to choose any method of self-defense if it needs to.”

Voices from Russia applied at least as much pressure as the West for Israel to avoid a major military response to Iran’s attack. For example, **Sergey Mardan**, a senior commentator for the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* was interviewed on the popular program of **Vladimir Solovyov** (one of Putin’s main mouthpieces) and said that Russia supports Iran in its conflict with Israel. According to him, Iran is Moscow’s ally, one of the few countries supporting Russia’s war in Ukraine. “That’s why it’s clear who we want to win,” noted Mardan. “Of course we want Iran to win. Israel has about 200 nuclear bombs. Who said these idiots have enough sense not to use them?” Mardan also said in relation to the interception of 99 percent of the Iranian missiles, that it was a shame they didn’t shoot down some American planes.

To this should be added the fact that Kremlin spokesman **Dmitry Peskov** refused to answer the question of whether Tehran informed Moscow in advance of the planned attacks on Israel. “I can’t tell you anything here,” he answered when pressed by journalists.

Peskov noted that the Russian Federation maintains constructive working relations with both Iran and Israel. “You know that Russia continues to have close contacts. We have very constructive relations with Tehran and also with Israel. We conduct a dialogue, we talk about the need to de-escalate and we call on all countries in the region to exercise reasonable restraint in this situation,” he emphasized.

Last week, **Maria Zakharova**, spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, lashed out at Israel’s ambassador to Russia, **Simona Halperin**, following Halperin’s call for Russia to condemn the Iranian attack. “Simone, remind me, when did Israel condemn even one attack by the Ukrainian regime in Russia? I don’t remember, and you? But I remember the constant support for Zelensky’s actions from Israeli officials,” wrote Zakharova on her Telegram channel.

The Iranian news agency *Tasnim* reported that when President **Vladimir Putin** and Iranian President **Ebrahim Raisi** spoke following the attack on Israel, Raisi praised the principled and constructive position of the Russian government in backing the Islamic Republic’s right to defend itself against the aggression of the “Zionist regime” following the strike on the Iranian consulate facility in Syria. Raisi insisted the strike, which killed a top Iranian general responsible for Revolutionary Guard forces in Syria and Lebanon, was a “clear violation of international law and the Vienna Convention.”

According to the Iranian report, Putin also condemned the “act of terrorism” by the “Zionist regime” against the consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, calling it an action contrary to all international standards and norms: “What happened on the part

of the Islamic Republic of Iran in response to this criminal act and in the shadow of the inaction of the Security Council was the best way to punish the aggressor and an expression of the wisdom and rationality of Iran's leaders.”

The Russian president also sharply criticized the behavior of the United States and some Western countries in connection with tensions in the region. “We are sure that the Islamic Republic of Iran is one of the main pillars of stability and security in the region,” said Putin.

The Kremlin reported that in the conversation with Raisi, Putin expressed the hope that all parties would show reasonable restraint and not allow a new round of confrontation, fraught with disastrous consequences for the entire region.

Last week, National Security Advisor **Nikolai Petrushev** called his Israeli counterpart, National Security Advisor **Tzachi Hanegbi**, and urged restraint regarding Iran and the situation in the Middle East. “In the context of the worsening of the situation in the Middle East, Petrushev noted the need for all parties to show restraint in order to prevent further escalation of the conflict. It was emphasized that Russia insists on resolving disputes exclusively through political and diplomatic means,” read the Russian statement. Hanegbi made it clear to Petrushev the seriousness of Iranian aggression and the duty of the whole world to condemn it.

The last problematic statement was last Thursday night in the debate on accepting “Palestine” as a full member of the United Nations with the support of Russia.

Russia's ambassador to the United Nations called for the imposition of sanctions on Israel because of its disregard for the Security Council's resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza over Ramadan. Nebenzya completely ignored the fact that Hamas itself had rejected the holiday ceasefire proposal, and said: “Unfortunately, Israel openly ignores Resolution 2728, and the US encourages it. If the decision is not implemented, the Security Council has the right to impose sanctions on those who violate and sabotage its decisions. We repeat and emphasize that non-compliance with binding decisions of the Security Council should lead to sanctions against the violators. We believe that the council should consider this issue without delay.

# [SEC hit with new lawsuit alleging 'mass surveillance' of Americans through stock market data | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #america, #stock market, #spying

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A new lawsuit calls the SEC's data collection 'completely unlawful,' putting Americans' financial data at 'grave risk'

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is illegally collecting data of every citizen who [invests in the stock market](#), according to a new lawsuit.

The New Civil Liberties Alliance (NCLA) filed the suit Tuesday against the SEC claiming that the agency, through its "Consolidated Audit Trail," or "CAT," program, is collecting mass amounts of personally identifiable data by forcing brokers, exchanges, clearing agencies and alternative trading systems to capture and send detailed information on every investor's trades in U.S. markets to a centralized database.

The agency is doing so, NCLA says, without authorization from Congress and in violation [of the Fourth Amendment](#), which prohibits unreasonable government search and seizure of private information.

Conceived during the Obama administration with bipartisan support within the Commission, the CAT program is a multibillion-dollar, self-appropriated fund, powered by various fees the SEC has collected through investment transactions, NCLA says. The group calls it "completely unlawful" and says it puts Americans' financial data at "grave risk."

"By seizing all financial data from all Americans who trade in the American exchanges, SEC arrogates surveillance powers and appropriates billions of dollars without a shred of Congressional authority — all while putting Americans' savings and investments at grave and perpetual risk," said Peggy Little, NCLA senior litigation counsel.

"The Founders provided rock-solid protections in our Constitution to prevent just these autocratic and dangerous actions. This CAT must be ripped out, root and branch," she said.

The lawsuit, filed in the district court for the Western District of Texas, calls CAT "the greatest government mandated mass collection of personal financial data in United States history."

"Historically, a government that wished to track its citizens had to devote large resources to having them followed. That is no longer the case: modern surveillance tools enable mass tracking of individuals' every movement, every transaction, every purchase, sale, or transfer of securities at low cost while powerful computer algorithms can process that information to reveal personal and private details of each person's financial life or investment strategy," the lawsuit states.

"This class action complaint challenges SEC's shocking arrogation of power to impose dystopian surveillance, suspicionless seizures, and real or potential searches on millions of American investors."

Little told Fox News Digital that the SEC collects and stores in its database "every trade information on every investors' trades from inception to completion," naming funds like 401(k) or 529 Education Fund as examples.

"And there is simply no law that permits them to do that, and the Fourth Amendment forbids them to do that," she said.

"And here's the dirty little truth: all investing Americans will pay for this because it's paid for by fees that the SROs [self-regulatory organizations] extract from the brokerage houses, who charge their customers... I mean, this is a multibillion-dollar tax on American investors and American investing, and nobody ever voted for it."

A spokesperson for the SEC told Fox News Digital that "the Commission undertakes its regulatory responsibilities consistent with its authorities."

In an op-ed published Monday in [The Wall Street Journal](#), former Attorney General William Barr argued that "even when the government seeks information about a citizen from banks, phone companies and others with whom he has done business, [the government isn't free](#) to vacuum this up carte blanche."

Barr noted that the crux of the SEC's argument for the CAT program is that "it could investigate things more easily if it weren't limited to gathering investor information on a case-by-case basis after suspected wrongdoing took place."

"But the whole point of the Fourth Amendment is to make the government less efficient by making it jump through hoops when it seeks to delve into private affairs," Barr wrote.

"For an agency to argue that it should be able to avoid these hoops to make investigations easier is to assert that it should be exempt from the Fourth Amendment."

# [Anti-Israel protesters heard shouting 'We are Hamas,' 'Long live Hamas' amid Columbia U demonstrations | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #anti-semitism, #hamas, #columbia university

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In response to Fox News asking about protesters shouting 'We are Hamas,' White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that 'no president has taken more action to combat antisemitism than' Biden

[Anti-Israel protesters near Columbia University](#) were heard shouting pro-Hamas slogans this week as demonstrations geared up at the private campus.

"We are Hamas!" one aggressive protester was captured shouting on video. When a person asked her, "You're Hamas, wow! You're what? You're Hamas?" she answered, "We are all Hamas, pig!"

Another person could be heard calling, "[Long live Hamas!](#)"

On Thursday, more than 100 anti-Israel protesters were arrested as they set up an encampment on campus that continued on Friday.

## [MORE WILD ANTI-ISRAEL PROTESTERS DESCEND ON COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAWN VOWING TO 'HOLD THIS LINE'](#)

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## [JEWISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT TOLD TO 'KILL YOURSELF' DURING ANTI-ISRAEL PROTEST: REPORT](#)

"This is a president that has been since he's been in office, and the reason why he ran has been very clear about what he witnessed in Charlottesville," Jean-Pierre said. "Let's not forget what we saw, the antisemitism, the bigotry, the hate that we saw in the street of Charlottesville, which as I just stated, was one of the reasons that he decided to run. And no president has taken more action to combat antisemitism than this president."

She added, "in our national strategy, we made clear that when Jews are targeted because of their beliefs, because of their identity, or when Israel is singled out because of anti-Jewish hate, hatred, that is antisemitism, and that is completely, completely unacceptable."

The FBI declined to comment to Fox News Digital when asked if it planned to investigate the individuals saying they are Hamas, a group the U.S. government has designated a terrorist organization.

Columbia is the latest university to see anti-Israel protests, which have ramped up since Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel in October launched the Israel-Hamas war.



# [Anti-Israel groups rally for campus takeovers - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #anti-semitism, #universities, #bds

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The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine is designated as a terrorist organization by numerous countries and international organizations, including the US, EU, Canada, and Israel.

Several national [anti-Israel groups](#) have threatened to "seize" universities across the United States to force them to adopt Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions policies on Saturday, raising the specter that encampments and protests like those seen at [Columbia University](#) could be replicated across the continent.

"The supposed power of our administrators is nothing compared to the strength of the united students, staff, and faculty committed to realizing justice and upholding Palestinian liberation on campus," National Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) wrote on social media. "

In the footsteps of our comrades at Rutgers-New Brunswick SJP, Tufts SJP, and Columbia SJP, we will seize our universities and force the administration to divest for the people of Gaza! Join the Popular University, take back our institutions!"

SJP and the [Palestinian Youth Movement](#) published a similar call to action on Friday, telling chapters across the US to be prepared for internal communications for further action. The graphics showed tents with the banner "liberated zone," as appeared in the occupation of campus grounds at Columbia. The graphic was titled "From Columbia to our universities."

At the same time as SJP made the Saturday call to action, other national pro-Palestinian and left-wing activist groups endorsed the call to action.

Within Our Lifetime, responsible for many of the major protests that have caused major disruptions in New York City, made nearly identical statements to the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights and Jewish Voice for Peace in which they said they were "committed to supporting and aiding them in their actions and demonstrations."

Democratic Socialists of America and Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, allegedly associated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist group, joined with graphics that stated "we are all SJP."

Analyst Eitan Fischberger said that there was an alarming level of coordination between the groups, who all posted the messages within minutes of one another.

"This isn't a coincidence," said Fischberger. "Far from just voicing solidarity, these groups are likely also collaborating on strategy, resources, and coordinated action across campuses."

At Yale University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill encampments were set up on Friday, according to Yalies 4 Palestine and SJP UNC SJP. According to the groups' social media, they have continued to occupy campus ground into Saturday. Tufts University SJP set up an "apartheid wall" art installation on Friday, adding to the tents that have stood for several days.

Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD) said that it continued to maintain its encampment at the campus, where coalition members SJP and JVP were suspended. CUAD said that the administration had attempted to stop the student activists from bringing more blankets and tents.

### The protest at Columbia

The Columbia protest continued since it started Wednesday despite the arrest of over 100 students and the suspension of several students including the daughter of Rep. Ilhan Omar on Thursday. CUAD said that over 50 students from Barnard College, which is affiliated with Columbia, had been suspended by Saturday morning.

Columbia University President Minouche Shafik said in a Thursday statement that she had authorized the New York Police Department to clear the encampment from the lawn of the Morningside campus.

"I took this extraordinary step because these are extraordinary circumstances. The individuals who established the encampment violated a long list of rules and policies. Through direct conversations and in writing, the university provided multiple notices of these violations," said Shafik. "Columbia is committed to academic freedom and to the opportunity for students and faculty to engage in political expression—within established rules and with respect for the safety of all."

The Wednesday encampment and the Saturday call to action came after Shafik testified at a congressional hearing on campus antisemitism on Wednesday.

Shafik was criticized for failing to take disciplinary action against students and professors such as Joseph Massad, who had praised the October 7 Massacre.

Shafik said that he had been spoken to, and in contrast to previous university presidents, confirmed that calling for the genocide of Jews violated the school's code of conduct. She also criticized pro-Palestinian chants such as "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" but was hesitant to describe the protests as antisemitic.

"Our universities have chosen profit and reputation over the lives of the people of Palestine and the will of their students," SJP and PYM said on social media on Friday. "President Minouche Shafik's cowardly testimony to Congress heralds an unfortunate shift: university administrators have capitulated to the pressure of the Zionist lobby and allied Right Wing, selling out the Student Movement for Palestinian liberation to save face in the eye of the state.

# [Massive river flooding expected in China's Guangdong, threatening millions | Reuters](#)

#bibleprophecy, #china, #rain, #flooding, #disaster

Apr 21, 2024

BEIJING, April 21 (Reuters) - Major rivers, waterways and reservoirs in China's Guangdong province are threatening to unleash dangerous floods, forcing the government on Sunday to enact emergency response plans to protect more than 127 million people.

Calling the situation "grim", local weather officials said sections of rivers and tributaries at the Xijiang and Beijiang river basins are hitting water levels in a rare spike that only has a one-in-50 chance of happening in any given year, state broadcaster CCTV news said on Sunday.

China's water resource ministry issued an emergency advisory, CCTV reported.

Guangdong officials urged departments in all localities and municipalities to begin emergency planning to avert natural disasters and promptly disperse disaster relief funds and materials to ensure affected people have food, clothing, water and somewhere to stay.

The province, a major exporter and one of China's main commercial and trading centres, has seen major downpours and strong winds for several days, in a weather pattern which has also affected other parts of China.

A 12-hour spell of heavy rain, starting from 8 p.m. (1200 GMT) Saturday, battered the central and northern parts of the province including the cities of Zhaoqing, Shaoguan, Qingyuan and Jiangmen where rescue workers have been dispatched.

More than 45,000 people have been evacuated in Qingyuan, according to state media, and some power facilities in Zhaoqing were damaged, cutting power to some places.

Overall in Guangdong, 1.16 million households lost power due to the heavy rains, according to state-backed media.

About 1,103 schools in Zhaoqing, Shaoguan and Qingyuan will suspend classes on Monday, Chinese state radio said.

WATER TOWN

"Please look at Zhaoqing's Huaiji county, which has become a water town. The elderly and children at the countryside don't know what to do with power outages and no signal," said one user on the popular social media site Weibo.

Raging flood waters swept one vehicle down a narrow street in Zhaoqing, a video released by Hongxing News showed.

"It rained like a waterfall for an hour and a half on the highway driving home last night," said another Weibo user. "I couldn't see the road at all."

Authorities in Qingyuan and Shaoguan also suspended ships from traveling through several rivers, with maritime departments dispatching forces to be on duty and coordinate emergency tugboats and emergency rescue vessels.

Many hydrological stations in the province are exceeding water levels, weather officials warned, and in the provincial capital Guangzhou, a city of 18 million, reservoirs have reached flood limits, city officials announced on Sunday.

Data showed 2,609 hydrological stations with daily rainfall greater than 50 mm (1.97 inches), accounting for about 59% of all observation stations. At 8 a.m. Sunday, 27 hydrological stations in Guangdong were on alert.

In neighboring Guangxi, west of Guangdong, violent hurricane-like winds whipped the region, destroying buildings state media video footage showed. Some places have also experienced hailstones and major flooding, CCTV said.

In another video, rescuers could be seen trying to save an elderly person clinging to a tree half-submerged in flood waters.

As of 10:00 a.m. (0200 GMT), 65 landslides were recorded in the city of Hezhou located in Guangxi, state media reported.

Weather forecasters are expecting heavy rain through Monday in Guangxi region, Guangdong, Fujian and Zhejiang provinces.

# [Taiwan rattled by more than 200 quakes, but no major damage \(msn.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #taiwan, #earthquakes

Apr 23, 2024

TAIPEI (Reuters) -Taiwan's quake-hit eastern county of Hualien was rattled by more than 200 aftershocks late on Monday and early on Tuesday, but only minor damage was reported and no casualties and major chipmaker TSMC said it saw no impact on operations.

Largely rural and sparsely populated Hualien was hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on April 3 that killed at least 17 people, and there have been more than 1,000 aftershocks since.

Buildings across large parts of northern, eastern and western Taiwan, including in the capital, Taipei, swayed throughout the night, with the largest quake measuring a 6.3 magnitude. All were very shallow.

"Especially at 2 a.m., it shook very strongly. In fact, for a moment even I thought about rushing downstairs, but as we live on the sixth floor, I felt it a bit troublesome to go down," said Taipei resident Aden Peng, 44, a medical researcher.

"Then again, according to my previous experience, I thought it should be fine and hoped it would be fine," Peng added. "And because I was very tired, I just continued to sleep, hoping for the best."

Taiwan's Central Weather Administration said the spate of earthquakes starting Monday afternoon - which it put at more than 200 - were aftershocks from the large April 3 quake.

Seismological Centre Director Wu Chien-fu told reporters that the aftershocks were a "concentrated release of energy" and that more could be expected, though perhaps not as strong.

With heavy rain predicted for all of Taiwan this week, people in Hualien need to be prepared for further disruption, he added.

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, writing on her Facebook page, called on people to avoid the mountains and to stay alert.

"When an earthquake occurs, don't panic. Master the principle of 'duck, cover, stay put'," she wrote.

The Hualien fire department said two buildings, already uninhabited after being damaged on April 3, suffered further damage and were leaning.

There were no reports of casualties.

The world's largest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC), whose factories are on the island's western coast, said some staff at a small number of factories were evacuated, but facility and safety systems were functioning normally and all personnel were safe.

"Currently, we do not expect any impact on operations," it said in an email.

Investors brushed off concerns about the quake, with TSMC's Taipei-listed shares closing up 1.6% on Tuesday.

In mountainous Hualien county, some road closings following rockfalls were reported, and the government suspended work and school for the day.

Taiwan lies near the junction of two tectonic plates and is prone to earthquakes.

More than 100 people were killed in a quake in southern Taiwan in 2016, while a 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 2,000 people in 1999.

# [Drag Queen Tells Children to Chant 'Free Palestine' During Story Time \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #drag queen, #children, #story time, #palestine

Apr 25, 2024

A drag queen invited children to chant “Free Palestine” during a story event at a Massachusetts art center recently.

The chant was led by drag queen Lil Miss Hot Mess at the Northampton Center for Arts on April 14 during an event titled “Queer Storytime for Palestine,” per the [Daily Mail](#).

“The event, organized by Valley Families for Palestine, was intended for preschool through upper elementary school aged children,” the outlet noted. “Lil Miss Hot Mess wore a sparkly red dress, green boa and a large watermelon shaped brooch while reading her book ‘If You’re a Drag Queen and You Know It.’”

The event also explored queer heroes and led the children in arts and crafts while celebrating Palestinian culture.

Lil Miss Hot Mess could be heard saying to the children, “If you’re a drag queen and you know it shout ‘Free Palestine.’”

*Drag queens stop demanding direct access to other people's children for ten seconds challenge (Very Hard) <https://t.co/ilGZwRjAwM>*

— *Breitbart News (@BreitbartNews) [January 16, 2024](#)*

“Today what we’re going to do is we’re going to shout ‘Free Palestine!’ Can I hear that?” he added. “If you’re a drag queen and you know it and you really want to show it, if you’re a drag queen and you know it, shout ‘Free Palestine!’”

Lil Hot Mess shared photos of the event on [Instagram](#).

“Last weekend I had the honor of taking part in a Queer Storytime for Palestine event with fellow kidlit authors ... in Northampton,” he said. “The event was both a wonderful reminder of the power of imagination, community, and organizing, while at the same time heartbreaking in thinking about how we could feel so much joy together while Gazans (and especially Palestinian children) are suffering.”

*Thought crime! <https://t.co/WC4xDrg1kc>*



— *Breitbart News (@BreitbartNews)* [April 20, 2024](#)

Event organizer Valley Families for Palestine said, “We came together today in joy and solidarity and learned some important lessons about being ourselves, using our voices to speak out against injustice, and being fabulous while we do it.”

# [Masters Champion Scheffler Credits Christ: My Future ‘Was Secure on the Cross’ - Michael Foust \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #scheffler, #jesus, #testimony

Apr 16, 2024

Professional golfer Scottie Scheffler said he woke up Sunday morning before the final round of the Masters at Augusta, Ga., with anxious thoughts but took solace knowing that his future is “secure on the cross.”

Hours later, Scheffler — an outspoken Christian and the world’s No. 1 golfer — was celebrating his second Masters title in three years.

The American and University of Texas product edged Swedish golfer Ludvig Åberg with a final round 4-under par 68 and finished at 11-under for the tournament, four strokes better than Åberg.

Scheffler led by only one stroke heading into Sunday’s final round and said he felt the pressure.

“I was sitting around with my buddies this morning [and] I was a bit overwhelmed,” he said after the final round during a news conference. “Because I told them, I was like, ‘I wish that I didn't want to win as badly ... as I do.’ I think it would make the mornings easier. But I love winning. I hate losing. I really do. And when you're here in the biggest moments, when I'm sitting there with a lead on Sunday, I really really want to win badly.”

His friends then gave him some advice straight out of the Bible.

“And my buddies told me this morning, you know, my victory was secure on the cross. And that's a pretty special feeling to know that I'm secure forever, and it doesn't matter whether or not I win this tournament, or if I lose this tournament, you know, my identity is secure forever.”

*“My buddy’s told me this morning ... my victory’s secure on the cross.”*

*Powerful words from 2024 #Masters champion Scottie Scheffler after his win on Sunday. [pic.twitter.com/woRSd519r2](https://pic.twitter.com/woRSd519r2)*

— Sports Spectrum (@Sports\_Spectrum) [April 15, 2024](#)

Scheffler also won the Masters in 2022. He is [ranked](#) No. 1 in the world, having won three tournaments and finishing in the Top 10 eight times this year.

Asked by a media member how his faith impacts bad breaks on the course, Scheffler responded, “I believe that today’s plans were already laid out many years ago, and I could do nothing to mess up those plans.”

“I’ve been given a gift of this talent, and I use it for God’s glory,” he continued. “That’s pretty much it. So when I’m out there, I try to compete to the best of my abilities. Like I said, I really want to win. I feel like that’s how I was designed. I’ve been that way since I was a young kid. That’s always been a part of me. And I don’t think that should be going away anytime soon. I don’t believe there’s anything wrong with that, either. But at the end of the day, like I said, my identity is secure already. And I get to go out here and compete, have fun, enjoy it. And then at the end of the day, win or lose, my identity is secure.”

Days earlier, Scheffler grabbed nationwide headlines when he said he would withdraw from the tournament if his wife went into labor. She is due in May.

He also discussed his faith during a pre-tournament press conference.

“I am a faithful guy. I believe in a Creator. I believe in Jesus,” Scheffler said before the tournament started. “Ultimately, I think that’s what defines me the most. Yeah, I feel like I’ve been given a platform to compete and show my talent. ... I think that’s what defines me the most is my faith. I believe in one Creator, and I’ve been called to come out here [and] do my best to compete and glorify God.