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[A Defiant Netanyahu Says No One Can Halt Israel's War To Crush Hamas, Including The World Court | HuffPost Latest News](#)

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RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel will pursue its war against Hamas until victory and will not be stopped by anyone, including the world court, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a defiant speech Saturday, as the fighting in Gaza approached the 100-day mark.

Netanyahu spoke after the International Court of Justice at The Hague held two days of hearings on [South Africa's allegations](#) that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians, a charge [Israel has rejected](#) as libelous and hypocritical. South Africa asked the court to order Israel to halt its blistering air and ground offensive in an interim step.

“No one will stop us, not The Hague, not the axis of evil and not anyone else,” Netanyahu said in televised remarks Saturday evening, referring to Iran and its allied militias.

The case before the world court is expected to go on for years, but a ruling on interim steps could come within weeks. Court rulings are binding but difficult to enforce. Netanyahu made clear that Israel would ignore orders to halt the fighting, potentially deepening its isolation.

Israel has been under growing international pressure to end the war, which has killed more than 23,000 Palestinians in Gaza and [led to widespread suffering](#) in the besieged enclave, but has so far been shielded by [U.S. diplomatic and military support](#).

Thousands [took to the streets](#) of Washington, London, Paris, Rome, Milan and Dublin on Saturday to demand an end to the war. Protesters converging on the White House held aloft signs questioning President [Joe Biden's](#) viability as a presidential candidate because of his staunch support for Israel during the war.

Israel argues that ending the war means victory for Hamas, the Islamic militant group that has ruled Gaza since 2007 and is bent on Israel's destruction.

The war was triggered by a [deadly Oct. 7 attack](#) in which Hamas and other militants killed some 1,200 people in Israel, mostly civilians. About 250 more were [taken hostage](#), and while some have been released or confirmed dead, more than half are believed to still be in captivity. Sunday marks [100 days of fighting](#).

Fears of a wider conflagration have been palpable since the start of the war. New fronts quickly opened, with Iran-backed groups — [Houthi rebels in Yemen](#), [Hezbollah](#) in

Lebanon and [Iran-backed militias](#) in Iraq and Syria — carrying out a range of attacks. From the start, the U.S. increased its military presence in the region to deter an escalation.

Following a Houthi campaign of drone and missile [attacks](#) on commercial ships in the Red Sea, the U.S. and Britain launched multiple airstrikes against the rebels Friday, and the U.S. hit another site Saturday.

In more fallout from the war, the world court this week heard arguments on South Africa's complaint against Israel. South Africa cited the soaring death toll and hardships among Gaza civilians, along with inflammatory comments from Israeli leaders presented, as proof of what it called genocidal intent.

In counter arguments Friday, Israel asked for the case to be dismissed as meritless. Israel's defense argued that the country has the right to fight back against a ruthless enemy, that South Africa had barely mentioned Hamas, and that it ignored what Israel considers attempts to mitigate civilian harm.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu and his army chief, Herzl Halevi, said they have no immediate plans to allow the return of displaced Palestinians to northern Gaza, the initial focus of Israel's offensive. Fighting in the northern half has been scaled back, with forces now focusing on the southern city of Khan Younis, though combat continues in parts of the north.

Netanyahu said the issue had been raised by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken during his visit earlier this week. The Israeli leader said he told Blinken that "we will not return residents (to their homes) when there is fighting."

At the same time, Netanyahu said Israel would eventually need to close what he said were breaches along Gaza's border with Egypt. Over the years of an Israeli-Egyptian blockade, smuggling tunnels under Egypt-Gaza border had constituted a major supply line for Gaza.

However, the border area, particularly the city of Rafah in southern Gaza, is [packed with hundreds of thousands of Palestinians](#) who had fled northern Gaza, and their presence would complicate any plans to widen Israel's ground offensive.

"We will not end the war until we close this breach," Netanyahu said Saturday, adding that the government has not yet decided how to do that.

In Gaza, where Hamas has put up stiff resistance to Israel's blistering air and ground campaign, the war continued unabated.

The [Gaza Health Ministry](#) said Saturday that 135 Palestinians had been killed in the last 24 hours, bringing the overall toll of the war to 23,843. The count does not differentiate between combatants and civilians, but the ministry has said about two-thirds of the dead are women and children. The ministry said the total number of war-wounded surpassed 60,000.

Following an Israeli airstrike before dawn Saturday, video provided by Gaza's Civil Defense department showed rescue workers searching through the twisted rubble of a building in Gaza City by flashlight.

Footage showed them carrying a young girl wrapped in blankets with injuries to her face, and at least two other children who appeared dead. A boy, covered in dust, winced as he was loaded into an ambulance.

The attack on the home in the Daraj neighborhood killed at least 20 people, according to Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal.

Another strike late Friday near the southern city of Rafah on the Egyptian border killed at least 13 people, including two children. The bodies of those killed, primarily from a family displaced from central Gaza, were taken to the city's Abu Youssef al-Najjar hospital where they were seen by an Associated Press reporter.

The Palestinian telecommunications company Jawwal said two of its employees were killed Saturday as they tried to repair the network in Khan Younis. The company said the two were hit by shelling. Jawwal said it has lost 13 employees since the start of the war.

Israel has argued that Hamas is responsible for the high civilian casualties, saying its fighters make use of civilian buildings and launch attacks from densely populated urban areas.

The Israeli military released a video Saturday that it said showed the destruction of two ready-to-use rocket launching compounds in Al-Muharraqa in central Gaza. A large grove of palm trees and some homes are seen in the frame. In the video, a rocket is being thrown into the air by the blast. The military said there had been dozens of launchers ready to be used.

Since the start of Israel's ground operation in late October, 187 Israeli soldiers have been killed and another 1,099 injured in Gaza, according to the military.

More than 85% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million [has been displaced](#) as a result of Israel's air and ground offensive, and vast swaths of the territory [have been leveled](#).

Fewer than half of the territory's [36 hospitals](#) are still partially functional, according to OCHA, the United Nations' humanitarian affairs agency.

Amid already severe shortages of food, clean water and fuel in Gaza, OCHA said in its daily report that Israel's severe constraints on humanitarian missions and outright denials had increased since the start of the year.

The agency said only 21% of planned deliveries of food, medicine, water and other supplies have been successfully reaching northern Gaza.

American and other international efforts pushing Israel to do more to alleviate the suffering of Palestinian civilians have [met with little success](#).

[Thousands of Israelis flock to Western Wall for ‘prayer warfare,’ cry to God to free the hostages | All Israel News](#)

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Jan 10, 2024

Chief rabbis and hostage families had called for a special prayer gathering

Thousands of Israelis streamed to the Western Wall in Jerusalem’s Old City on Wednesday, to “cry out, plead, and invoke heavenly mercy upon all of Israel” and especially to pray for the return of the hostages being held by Hamas in Gaza.

A coalition of Israel’s Ashkenazi and Sephardic Chief rabbis, many other prominent rabbis, religious organizations and movements, and families of the hostages, had called for the people of Israel to pray with them for God’s mercy on the hostages and the Israeli soldiers currently fighting in the Gaza Strip.

“We pray for God’s mercy on Klal Yisrael, for the healing of the wounded bodies and souls, for the success of the IDF soldiers and the security forces, for the safe return of the hostages,” their statement read.

They also called on rabbis across the nation to hold a special prayer session in their yeshivas.

Some 136 hostages are estimated to still be held captive inside the Gaza Strip by Hamas terrorists who kidnapped them after the surprise invasion and murderous attack on Oct. 7.

The large plaza in front of the Wall was almost entirely filled with thousands of attendees, some coming from far away.

“I’m 69 so I don’t serve in the army but the call to this prayer is my draft order,” Emmanuel Ohaiun, who arrived from Shlomi, near the northern border with Lebanon, told the Times of Israel.

“There is the war on the ground, and there is holy warfare that I came to fight,” he added.

The service was heavy on the theme of repentance for one’s sins, as it included selichot, special prayers asking for God’s forgiveness, as well as repeated Shofar horn blasts, both of which are typically performed during the time leading up to Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of repentance.

The service was opened by Shmuel Rabinovitch, the rabbi of the Western Wall and the Holy Places.

“We are imploring you, Master of the Universe,” Rabinovitch intoned at the outset.

“Hear us, merciful and compassionate God... Look upon us standing here in unity,” he continued.

“There are no [different] tribes or camps here, we learned our lesson. We are standing before you as one man, with a united heart, and we have no one to lean on other than you, Master of the Universe.”

Later in the evening, another event was held in Tel Aviv’s “Hostages Square,” with singers Idan Raichel and Aharon Razel, as well as Rabbis Shmuel Eliyahu and Itamar Eldar participating.

[White House Presses Israel to End Gaza Fighting | Newsmax.com](#)

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Jan 15, 2024

The White House said Sunday that "it's the right time" for Israel to scale back its military offensive in the Gaza Strip, as Israeli leaders again vowed to press ahead with their operation against the territory's ruling Hamas militant group.

The comments exposed the growing differences between the close allies on the 100th day of the war.

Also Sunday, Israeli warplanes struck targets in Lebanon following a Hezbollah missile attack that killed two Israeli civilians — an older woman and her adult son — in northern Israel. The exchange of fire underscored concerns that the Gaza violence could trigger wider fighting across the region.

The war in Gaza, launched by Israel in response to the unprecedented Oct. 7 attack by Hamas, has killed nearly 24,000 Palestinians, devastated vast swaths of Gaza, driven around 85% of the territory's 2.3 million residents from their homes and pushed a quarter of the population into starvation.

Speaking on CBS, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the U.S. has been speaking to Israel "about a transition to low-intensity operations" in Gaza.

"We believe it's the right time for that transition. And we're talking to them about doing that," he said on "Face the Nation."

Israel launched the offensive after the Hamas attack killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took 250 others hostage. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to press ahead until Hamas is destroyed and all of the more than 100 hostages still in captivity are freed.

The war has sent tensions soaring across the region, with Israel trading fire almost daily with Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group and Iranian-backed militias attacking U.S. targets in Syria and Iraq. In addition, Yemen's Houthi rebels have been targeting international shipping, drawing a wave of U.S. airstrikes last week.

Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, said his group won't stop until a cease-fire is in place for Gaza.

"We are continuing, and our front is inflicting losses on the enemy and putting pressure on displaced people," Nasrallah said in a speech, referring to the tens of thousands of Israelis who have fled northern border areas.

In other developments, tens of thousands of people in Europe and the Middle East took to the streets Sunday to mark the 100th day of the war. Opposing demonstrations either demanded the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas or called for a cease-fire in Gaza.

In Israel, supporters of the hostages and their families wrapped up a 24-hour protest in Tel Aviv calling on the government to win their immediate release.

Late Sunday, Hamas released a short video in which three Israeli hostages, presumably speaking under duress, pleaded with their government to end the war and bring them home. It was not clear when the video was taken. At the end of the clip, Hamas said it would provide an update on their fate Monday.

Hamas has released several videos of this kind, in an apparent effort to pressure Israel to agree to its demand of ending the war ahead of negotiations on a possible release of all hostages in exchange for most or all Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

The unprecedented level of death and destruction in Gaza has led South Africa to lodge allegations of genocide against Israel at the International Court of Justice. Israel denies the accusations and has vowed to press ahead with its offensive even if the court in The Hague issues an interim order for it to stop.

Israel has also been under growing international pressure to end the war in Gaza, but it has so far been shielded by U.S. diplomatic and military support. Israel argues that any cease-fire would hand victory to Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since 2007 and is bent on Israel's destruction.

"It's been 100 days, yet we will not stop until we win," Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Sunday.

But differences with the Americans have begun to emerge. During a visit to the region last week, Secretary of State Antony Blinken renewed his calls on Israel to do more to reduce civilian casualties and increase the supplies of desperately needed humanitarian aid entering Gaza.

In recent weeks, Israel has scaled back operations in northern Gaza, the initial target of the offensive, where weeks of airstrikes and ground operations left entire neighborhoods in ruins.

Kirby, the White House spokesman, acknowledged that Israel had taken some "precuratory steps" toward scaling back the offensive. But he said there was more to do.

"We're not saying let your foot up off the gas completely and don't keep going after Hamas," he said. "It's just that we believe the time is coming here very, very soon for a transition to this lower intensity phase."

The deadly Hezbollah missile strike in northern Israel renewed concerns about a second front erupting into full-blown war.

It came shortly after the Israeli army said it killed three Lebanese militants who tried to infiltrate Israel.

Late Sunday, the Israeli military said it had struck Lebanon in response to the missile strike. Israeli officials said a woman in her 70s and her son, in his 40s, were killed in the town of Yuval.

The army's chief spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, said Israel will not tolerate attacks on civilians.

"The price will be extracted not just tonight, but also in the future," he said.

Yuval is one of more than 40 towns along Israel's northern border evacuated by the government in October. Israeli media reported that the family stayed in the area because they work in agriculture.

Tensions have also spread to the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where Palestinian health officials say nearly 350 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in confrontations throughout the war.

On Sunday, the Israeli army said troops opened fire after a Palestinian car breached a military roadblock in the southern West Bank and an attacker fired at soldiers. Palestinian health officials said two Palestinians were killed.

Late Sunday, Palestinian health officials said two teenage boys were killed by Israeli fire. The army said it shot them after they threw a bomb at an army base.

Israel has launched major operations against the southern city of Khan Younis and built-up refugee camps in central Gaza.

"No one is able to move," said Rami Abu Matouq, who lives in the Maghazi camp. "Warplanes, snipers and gunfire are everywhere."

In the central town of Deir al-Balah, health officials said at least 15 people were killed in Israeli strikes late Saturday.

At the entrance of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, men lined up to pray for the dead, their bodies wrapped in white shrouds. The bodies were put on the back of a pickup truck before they were taken to be buried.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian TV station Al-Ghad said a cameraman was killed in an Israeli airstrike in northern Gaza. The channel said Yazan al-Zwaidi was apparently in a crowd of people at the time. Details were not immediately available, and the Israeli military had no comment.

The internet advocacy group Netblocks said communications in Gaza were still out after a 48-hour outage. The Palestinian telecommunications operator in Gaza, Jawwal, said two of its employees were killed Saturday when they were hit by a shell while fixing lines in Khan Younis.

The Gaza Health Ministry said Sunday that hospitals had received 125 bodies in the last 24 hours, bringing the overall death toll to 23,968. The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and combatants but says around two-thirds of the dead are women and minors. It says over 60,000 people have been wounded.

Israel says Hamas is responsible for the high civilian casualties, saying its fighters make use of civilian buildings and launch attacks from densely populated urban areas. The military says 189 soldiers have been killed and 1,099 wounded since the start of the ground offensive.[.com/hub/israel-hamas-war](https://www.cnn.com/hub/israel-hamas-war).

[Davos: Blinken, Biden Continue Deadly Obsession with Palestinian State \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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Jan 17, 2024

Secretary of State Antony Blinken told the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on Wednesday that there needs to be a “Palestinian state” as the result of the conflict launched by the terrorist group Hamas with the murder of 1,200 Israelis October 7.

Blinken and President Joe Biden have stuck doggedly to their position, claiming that a Palestinian state is a necessary condition for Israel’s integration into the Middle East — precisely the dogma that President Donald Trump junked in the Abraham Accords.

Trump set aside the conventional wisdom of Washington — and Davos — to negotiate peace agreements between Israel and the Arab states that did not depend on a Palestinian state, which Secretary of State John Kerry, among others, [said](#) could not be done.

Blinken and Biden seem unconcerned that Palestinians have no interest in a state. Hamas, given the chance to govern Gaza, used aid money and materials to import weapons and build [350 miles](#) of underground tunnels — none of which are for civilian use.

The Palestinian Authority, the so-called “moderate” alternative whose armed forces were trained by the U.S., continues to pay Palestinian terrorists and their families, even though doing so means losing U.S. funding for economic and social development.

Both Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are primarily interested in replacing Israel, not in living alongside Israel in peace. The events of October 7 have [convinced](#) even left-wing Israelis that it would be unsafe, and foolish, to allow Palestinians sovereignty.

Blinken and Biden also do not seem to care that giving Palestinians a state, after the worst mass murder of Jews since the Second World War, would reward and incentivize future terrorism, giving Palestinians what they refused to achieve through diplomacy.

Worse, Blinken and Biden are suggesting that the October 7 terror attack was caused by the Palestinians’ statelessness, thereby providing a retroactive justification for the mass murder, rape, and abduction of civilians, and continued rocket attacks on Israel.

The Biden administration is staffed with many of the same foreign policy elites who embraced the old, failed “Palestinians first” model. It is no surprise, then, that not one Arab or Muslim country has joined the Abraham Accords since Biden took office.

Indeed, when Saudi Arabia sought peace with Israel last year, the Biden administration reportedly [stalled](#) progress by insisting concessions to the Palestinians. The Washington and Davos elites want a Palestinian state more than Palestinians, or Arabs, do.

[Biden's HHS to spend \\$700,000 on 'inclusive teen pregnancy prevention for transgender boys' | The Post Millennial | thepostmillennial.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #pregnancy, #transgender, #biden

Jan 17, 2024

Researchers want to study the decisions trans-identifying youth make regarding sexual intercourse.

Joe Biden's [Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) will be giving almost \$700,000 in funds for a pregnancy prevention program intended to target teenage girls who identify themselves as boys, new [federal disclosure documents](#) reveal.

The \$698,736 grant from HHS is going to the Center for Innovative Public Health Research in California, [CBS](#) reports, with funds being used to "encourage [trans boys](#) to use condoms during sex."

"Data suggest that afab trans-identified youth may be less likely to use condoms when having sex with people who have penises and are at least as likely as cisgender girls to be pregnant," researchers wrote. "This health inequity must be addressed."

Researchers said the money will be used to lead focus groups that will see what decisions trans-identifying youth make regarding sexual intercourse.

This multi-hundred thousand dollar grant kicked off in September 2023 and is set to continue until June 2027, per the government disclosures.

"Youth who are assigned female at birth ... are at risk for negative sexual health outcomes yet are effectively excluded from sexual health programs because gender-diverse youth do not experience the cisgender, heteronormative teen sexual education messaging available to them as salient or [applicable](#)," claims a description for the award.

The Center for Innovative Public Health Research is also [slated to receive a separate \\$1.4 million in taxpayer money](#) from HHS so it can create a "population-based HIV prevention program for trans girls," noting that the initiative will "address the lack of gender inclusive HIV prevention programming."

As CBS notes, Biden has previously advanced similar sexual initiatives in the past. Biden's National Institutes of Health moved in September to grant the Seattle Children's Hospital \$240K for the formation of an LGBT sex education tool, which was

reportedly intended to address "sexually transmitted infections, sexual risk behaviors, violence exposures and other health outcomes."

In another initiative, Biden's Bureau of Justice Assistance, in July, handed \$2 million in taxpayer funds to a feminist organization that dedicates itself to "addressing structural racism and toxic masculinities." The funds were part of 53 grants doled out to various groups, with \$95 million being spent in total.

This spending of money comes after Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul (R), in December, [released his annual "Festivus" report](#) in which he highlighted "a whopping [\$900 billion] in waste" from the federal government.

[Turkey launched airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, destroying bunkers, shelters and oil facilities \(foxnews.com\)](#)

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Jan 13, 2024

The defense ministry said fighter jets destroyed bunkers, shelters and oil facilities 'to eliminate terrorist attacks against our people'

Turkey carried out a series of airstrikes in neighboring Iraq and Syria on Saturday, according to its defense ministry. The strikes come as the U.S and other countries launched [separate strikes in Yemen](#) on Friday and Saturday.

According to the [Turkish Defense Ministry](#), aircraft struck Kurdish militant targets in Metina, Hakurk, Gara and Qandil in northern Iraq. The strikes were in response to an attack on a Turkish military base in Iraq that left nine Turkish soldiers dead.

The defense ministry said fighter jets destroyed caves, bunkers, shelters and oil facilities "to eliminate terrorist attacks against our people and security forces ... and to ensure our border security." The statement said "many" militants were "neutralized." It did not specify any attacks in Syria.

The targets were affiliated with the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a banned Kurdish separatist group that maintains bases in northern Iraq, the ministry said. The PKK is considered a terror organization by the United States and other Turkish allies in Europe.

[BLINKEN MEETS WITH TURKEY'S ERDOGAN AS MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS ESCALATE](#)

Local news organizations reported the strikes took place in a different area from where the base was attacked on Friday.

The Iraqi news website Rudaw, based in Erbil, reported that the base attacked on Friday was located on Mount Zap in Amedi district, approximately 10 miles from the Turkish border.

Turkey's state-run news agency Anadolu said a senior PKK militant was "neutralized" in Iraq, some 100 miles inside the Turkey-Iraq border.

The Turkish Defense Ministry said [Friday night's attack on the military base](#) in northern Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region, left five soldiers dead. Four additional soldiers died later of critical injuries. Fifteen militants were also killed during the assault, the ministry said.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan expressed his condolences for the deaths of the Turkish soldiers on social media platform X, formerly Twitter.

"We will fight to the end against the PKK terrorist organization within and outside our borders," he wrote. Turkey often launches strikes against targets it believes to be affiliated with the PKK.

Previously, Turkish officials said PKK-affiliated militants tried to break into a Turkish base in northern Iraq three weeks ago. The attack left six Turkish soldiers dead. The following day, six more Turkish soldiers were killed in clashes.

The Turkish military responded to the attacks by launching airstrikes and land assaults that left dozens of Kurdish militants dead, Defense Minister Yasar Guler said at the time.

Tensions throughout the Middle East have escalated since the [Israel-Hamas war](#) started in October.

[Pope Francis Praises Marxist-Christian Dialogue : 'A Fine Program' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #pope, #marxist, #christians

Jan 12, 2024

ROME — Pope Francis met with a group of Marxists in the Vatican on Wednesday and exhorted them not to let up in their pursuit of dialogue with Christians.

On Wednesday, the pontiff [received](#) a delegation from the Transversal Dialogue Project (DIALOP), a group devoted to producing a “differentiated [consensus](#)” from Christian social teaching, Marxist critical theory, and feminism.

For many years, DIALOP has “been committed to promoting the common good through dialogue between Socialists/Marxists and Christians,” the pope said in his [address](#), calling its endeavor “a fine program!”

“Never lose the ability to dream!” he told them. “Don’t back off, don’t give up, and don’t stop dreaming of a better world.”

The leaders of DIALOP [credit](#) Pope Francis as the inspiration for their project, noting that the pope met with two left-wing politicians in 2014, Alexis Tsipras and Walter Baier, and discussed the environmental crisis and the worldwide social crisis.

“At the end of that audience, Pope Francis called the visitors to launch a transversal dialogue, capable of involving the broadest strata of society and above all of the youth,” DIALOP’s website states.

“We agreed on the need to continue the dialogue between the European left and the Christian church,” Tsipras said. “There is a need to create an ecumenical alliance against poverty, inequalities, against the logic that markets and profits are above people.”

In its 2022 position paper, DIALOP compared the words of the Virgin Mary in the Magnificat to Karl Marx’s “categorical imperative.”

“As careful readers of the Marxian tradition rightly stress, to overthrow the powerful from their throne is similar to the categorical imperative of Karl Marx, which demanded that all conditions should be reversed in which man is degraded, enslaved or abandoned,” the paper states.

“And in the Magnificat and in Marx as well, the view of the weakest in society leads to the demand for a fundamental change,” it adds.

Little by little, the Catholic Church has moved from its position of early condemnations of socialism to a more welcoming attitude, the paper asserts.

“Probably the best comment on the change in mentality that this represented came from Liberation theologian L. Boff when he stressed that the pope (Francis) has made liberation theology a full part of the official narrative of the Church,” it declares.

“And he commented that for the pope, a poor person is not intrinsically a pauper but an impoverished person: one is not poor, one is made poor,” it contends.

“Pope Francis’ message ‘This economy kills’ unites us,” the paper asserts. “It also unites us in the knowledge that it is the economic, political, cultural, and international relations that generate unholy destructive tendencies.”

As an interesting side note, in 2015, Ion Mihai Pacepa — a three-star general and former head of Communist Romania’s secret police who defected to the United States in 1978 — [stated](#) that Liberation Theology was the creation of the KGB, which exported it to Latin America as a way of introducing Marxism into the continent.

“Liberation theology has been generally understood to be a marriage of Marxism and Christianity. What has not been understood is that it was not the product of Christians who pursued Communism, but of Communists who pursued Christians,” Pacepa insisted.

Pacepa, who has been [called](#) “the Cold War’s most important defector,” [said](#) that Liberation Theology was not a grass-roots movement but was born of a 1960s top-secret “Party-State Dezinformatsiya Program” approved by Aleksandr Shelepin, the chairman of the KGB.

The program mandated that “the KGB take secret control of the World Council of Churches (WCC), based in Geneva, Switzerland, and use it as cover for converting Liberation Theology into a South American revolutionary tool,” Pacepa said.

For his part, Pope Francis has [asserted](#) that “Liberation Theology was a good thing for Latin America” but has also recognized that it had “deviations” that needed correction.

[Pakistan conducts retaliatory military strikes targeting insurgents in Iran | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, ##iran, #war, #pakistan

Jan 18, 2024

The strikes come two days after a Iranian bombing on Pakistani soil left two young children dead

Pakistan conducted a series of military strikes Thursday morning against insurgents operating in Iran in response to a deadly bombing in the southwestern Pakistani province of Baluchistan on Tuesday.

The [Pakistan Armed Forces](#) completed a "series of highly coordinated and specifically targeted precision military strikes" against Pakistani terrorists in Iran's Sistan-o-Baluchistan province as part of an intelligence-based operation named "Marg Bar Sarmachar," Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced.

The strikes were described as successful by the MoFA and left a "number of terrorists" dead.

"Over the last several years, in our engagements with Iran, Pakistan has consistently shared its serious concerns about the safe havens and sanctuaries enjoyed by [Pakistani-origin terrorists](#) calling themselves *Sarmachars* on the ungoverned spaces inside Iran," the MoFA said, adding that it has shared "multiple dossiers with concrete evidence of the presence and activities of these terrorists."

[PAKISTAN WARNS OF 'CONSEQUENCES' AFTER IRAN'S DEADLY BOMBING KILLED TWO CHILDREN](#)

Pakistan said the "lack of action" on its "serious concerns" caused the "Sarmachars" to kill innocent Pakistanis without consequence, which ultimately prompted the strikes on Thursday after credible intelligence reports revealed impending large scale terrorist activities.

While the country said it "fully respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity" of Iran, it cannot compromise the security or national interest of Pakistan.

"This action is a manifestation of Pakistan's unflinching resolve to protect and defend its national security against all threats," the announcement read. "The successful execution of this highly complex operation is also a testimony to the professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces. Pakistan will continue to take all necessary steps to preserve the safety and security of its people which is sacrosanct, inviolable and sacred."

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs described Iran as a "brotherly country" and said the Pakistani people hold "great respect and affection for [the Iranian people.](#)"

"We have always emphasized dialogue and cooperation in confronting common challenges including the menace of terrorism and will continue to endeavor to find joint solutions," the MoFA said.

[White House staff 'relocated' after pro-Palestinian rioters damage anti-scale fencing, hurl objects at cops \(yahoo.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #anti-semitism, #white house, #protesters

Jan 13, 2024

Anti-Israel protesters and rioters gathered [outside the White House](#) on Saturday night, with some demonstrators damaging security fencing and hurling objects at police.

The demonstrators were heard chanting "Ceasefire Now" and "Free, Free Palestine," with many waving Palestinian flags. "[Yemen, Yemen](#) make us proud / Turn another ship around," was also recited at the demonstration, hours after strikes were launched against the Houthis in Yemen.

The U.S. Secret Service told Fox News Digital that some fences were damaged outside the White House, and that staff members and journalists were "relocated" as a result. The White House also said on Saturday that President Biden is currently at Camp David.

"During the demonstration near the White House complex Jan. 13, a portion of the anti-scale fencing that was erected for the event sustained temporary damage," the statement read. "The issues were promptly repaired on site by U.S. Secret Service support teams."

[PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTERS SHOUT 'ALLAHU AKBAR' OUTSIDE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE](#)

The U.S. Secret Service told Fox News Digital that some fences were damaged outside the White House, and that staff members and journalists were "relocated" as a result.

"As a precaution, some members of the media and staff in proximity to Pennsylvania Avenue were temporarily relocated while the issue was being addressed," the statement continued. "The Secret Service made no arrests associated with the march and there was no property damage to the White House or adjacent buildings."

[Metropolitan Police Department](#) Chief Pamela A. Smith blasted illegal behavior from protesters in a press release on Saturday night.

"The right to peacefully protest is one of the cornerstones of our democracy, and the Metropolitan Police Department has long supported those who visit our city to demonstrate safely," Smith's statement read. "However, violence, destructive behavior, and criminal activities are not tolerated."

[PRO-PALESTINIAN CARAVAN SNARLS NEW YORK TRAFFIC AROUND JFK, LAGUARDIA AIRPORT](#)

The police chief added that some officers were assaulted by the demonstrators in Lafayette Park.

"While a majority of today's demonstration remained peaceful, there were instances of illegal and destructive behavior in Lafayette Park, including items being thrown at our officers," Smith explained. "We are supporting our partners at the United States Park Police as they investigate and hold those found responsible accountable for their actions."

[‘UFO Revolution’ docuseries shows video of ‘Jellyfish UAP’ and ‘blows up’ decades of conspiracies: expert \(foxnews.com\)](#)

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Jeremy Corbell, investigative reporter featured in docuseries, told Fox News Digital, 'It really peels back the veil'

The "UFO Revolution" docuseries "blows up [decades of conspiracies](#)" and introduces vital whistleblowers that have led to unprecedented action by Congress and the Pentagon to find if there are extraterrestrial crafts threatening national security.

Jeremy Corbell, an investigative journalist and documentary filmmaker who's featured in the three-part series, said this whole project was "a big risk to my safety" but it was personal for him.

"I'm really happy that this series was able to peel back a layer of mystery about the [UFO subject](#), and what it takes to fight to get the truth on this subject," Corbell told Fox News Digital during a phone interview Friday.

"I let them into my personal life, so they could see what it's like and what it takes to do this kind of work and what the adversarial forces are against you ... People take big risks coming forward."

[RUSSIAN UFO ENGAGEMENTS, SECRET ‘TIC TAC’ REPORT AND 3 KEY FIGURES SLIP UNDER RADAR AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING](#)

Whistleblower [David Grusch testified](#) in front of Congress and under oath that his life was threatened when he came forward about a secret government-run crashed UFO retrieval program to reverse engineer UFO technology.

Videos that Corbell obtained through sources, vetted and shared with the public show a lot of these crafts – now referred to as UAP (unidentified anomalous phenomena) – defying the laws of physics.

[UFO ‘HOTSPOTS’ MAP REVEALS CLUSTER OF SIGHTINGS LINKED TO ATOM BOMBS, WAR ZONES](#)

That includes particularly concerning unexplained flying objects buzzing over [active war zones](#), U.S. military bases and nuclear sites.

"It's really powerful, man. This is more than just a docuseries," Corbell said. "It really peels back the veil and lets people see how many people are fighting for this. How the American people have been lied to. It just blows up decades of conspiracies."

Corbell recently released footage of an unknown, jellyfish-like object flying over a military base in Iraq in 2017 or 2018, which he shared with Fox News Digital.

Michael Cincoski, a U.S. Marine veteran stationed at the base when the object flew through, said he and other team members saw what they called the "spaghetti monster."

CONGRESSMAN HAS GRIM TAKE AFTER ACCESS TO UFO FOOTAGE: THIS TECH 'COULD TURN US INTO A CHARCOAL BRIQUETTE'

"We had a few ideas on what it could be," Cincoski tweeted. "However, none of them could fully explain the phenomenon. Seeing a portion of the video again after 6 years is very exciting, especially now that it's available to the public."

He said in a follow-up tweet that he spoke with other team members, who said there were multiple videos of this object with various durations.

Another object that makes an appearance in the docuseries is the "[Mosul Orb](#)," a metallic-looking orb filmed by a U.S. military spy plane moving over Mosul, Iraq, in April 2016.

This was the first time the American public saw a designated UFO in an active conflict zone, which presents a potential problem for combatants, because they don't know whose asset it is.

'MOSUL ORB': US SILENT ON UFO FILMED BY MILITARY OVER IRAQ

"The rules of engagement of how and why we can fire upon objects is completely being rewritten right now," Corbell told Fox News Digital during a February interview after the [U.S. shot down a Chinese spy balloon](#) and three other unknown aerial objects.

"This is a problem, because if we get two nations firing upon these unknowns, these unidentified flying objects, then what we have is a potential for crossfire and a potential for each country thinking it's the other's asset."

The series also featured Congress members, including Rep. Tim Burchett, R-Tenn, who's been one of the most outspoken members on the UFO subject.

In July, he warned the American public that humanity "can't handle" the technology he's seen in videos.

"If they're out there, they're out there, and if they have this kind of technology, then they could [turn us into a charcoal briquette](#)," Burchett said on the "Event Horizon" podcast.

"And if they can travel light years or at the speeds that we've seen, and physics as we know it, fly underwater, don't show a heat trail, things like that, then we are vastly out of our league."

[Kentucky Teen Copies TikTok Trend to Start a Prayer Wall at School - Milton Quintanilla \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

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One Kentucky high schooler started a TikTok trend by creating a prayer wall to encourage herself and other students.

“Our school, along with the middle school, has struggled with suicide,” Sophy Jones, who attends Whitley County High, told [WKYT-TV](#). “And, a lot of people struggle with their mental health.”

According to [Faithwire](#), Jones started the prayer wall after watching a popular trend on TikTok. She said the walls were created to help “spread God’s Word” and provide encouragement to others.

She shared that most Bible verses on sticky notes inside the girls’ bathroom wall helped her personally.

“God saved me,” she told the local news outlet.

“People can just write down a Bible verse or, like, ‘Jesus loves you,’ for example, and you can either take it with you if you want to keep it as a note or repost other ones,” she explained. “They could take that verse and say they want to read it, or we do have Chromebooks at school so that they can Google the verse.”

She started the ministry of sorts late last year, and it’s already positively impacted.

“Over the year, my love for my Lord has saved me more and more. My message is to spread his word,” Jones [wrote](#) on Facebook last month.

“I’ve put up in every bathroom a prayer sink, wall, or mirror. People can write a Bible quote, message, or prayer in each spot. I hope to spread this across more schools, and I hope people understand just how much Jesus loves us!

Evelyn Philpot, one of Jones’ classmates’ friends, helped start the prayer walls.

“The other day, I had seen a young female student who had one of the yellow sticky notes with a Bible verse on it that we had written, and it just really like made my day to know that this is something that people are loving and it’s actually helping them,” Philpot said.

Both students are members of First Priority, a student-led Christian organization with a Whitley County High School chapter.

Todd Lawson, director of the organization, told the outlet that he's proud of both girls for creating the prayer wall.

“With prayer and God, that’s the only answer we got — that’s our only hope,” he said. “I may feel not important at home, I may not feel important to a teacher, I may not feel important to somebody, but God loves us and ain’t nothing more important than that.”

“Prayer, to me, is just — it makes me feel loved,” Jones added.

Although both girls will graduate this year, they hope the prayer wall will continue spreading and encouraging incoming students.

[Pope urges world religions to unite against environmental devastation | Reuters](#)

#bibleprophecy, #pope, #religions #environment

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DUBAI, Dec 3 (Reuters) - Pope Francis said on Sunday that it was essential for all world religions to unite in opposing the "rapacious" devastation of the environment.

The 86-year-old pope had planned to preside at the opening of the Faith Pavilion at the COP28 climate conference in Dubai but a [lung inflammation](#) forced him to remain in the Vatican.

Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin read the pope's message in his place, as he did with Francis' [main address](#) to the conference on Saturday.

"Religions, as voices of conscience for humanity, remind us that we are finite creatures, possessed of a need for the infinite," the pope said, noting that a Faith Pavilion was a first at a COP conference.

"For we are indeed mortal, we have our limits, and protecting life also entails opposing the rapacious illusion of omnipotence that is devastating our planet," he said.

Religions, he said, "need, urgently, to act for the sake of the environment", educate their members to "sober and fraternal lifestyles" instead of wasteful ones and work for a return to the individual contemplation of nature's grandeur.

"This is an essential obligation for religions, which are called to teach contemplation, since creation is not only an ecosystem to preserve, but also a gift to embrace," Francis said.

"A world poor in contemplation will be a world polluted in soul, a world that will continue to discard people and produce waste," he said.

In his main address to the conference on Saturday, Francis repeated his call for the elimination of fossil fuels.

Hundreds of Catholic institutions around the globe have announced plans to divest from them.

But a [Reuters investigation](#) found that in the United States, the world's top oil and gas producer and where about a quarter of the population is Catholic, not a single diocese has announced it has let go of its fossil fuel assets.

In his address to faith leaders, Francis also said peace and stewardship of the planet were interdependent.

"Before our very eyes, we can see how wars and conflicts are harming the environment and dividing nations, hindering a common commitment to addressing shared problems like the protection of the planet," he said

[Bill Gates floats 'global government' during discussion of AI regulation with Sam Altman \(msn.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #bill gates, #government #artificial intelligent

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Billionaire tech mogul Bill Gates floated a "global government" during a podcast last week with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman about the potential need for a "global regulatory body" to keep potential abuses of artificial intelligence at bay.

"If the key is to stop the entire world from doing something dangerous, you'd almost want global government," Gates told Altman during last week's episode of the Microsoft founder's "Unconfuse Me" podcast.

The discussion between the two tech titans dove into the necessity of regulating AI technology and making sure that government officials have the tools to do so.

Gates and Altman noted that U.S. government officials lacked understanding of social media and how to regulate that tech landscape in previous years, and that their education and cooperation on the new AI frontier is imperative to avoid it running amok.

Gates told his guest, "I don't think we could ever say we did too much to draw the politicians in. And yet, when they say, 'Oh, we blew it on social media, we should do better,' – that is an outstanding challenge that there are very negative elements to, in terms of polarization. Even now, I'm not sure how we would deal with that."

"I don't understand why the government was not able to be more effective around social media, but it seems worth trying to understand as a case study for what they're going to go through now with AI," Altman replied.

Gates then wondered about what new set of government regulations might need to be set in place for AI, which Altman suggested could very well involve a "global regulatory body."

"I think we're starting to figure that out. It would be very easy to put way too much regulation on this space," Altman said. "But if we are right, and this technology goes as far as we think it's going to go, it will impact society, geopolitical balance of power, so many things, that for these, still hypothetical, but future extraordinarily powerful systems... we have been socialized in the idea of a global regulatory body that looks at those super-powerful systems, because they do have such global impact."

Altman noted a global AI board would function like the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"One model we talk about is something like the IAEA. For nuclear energy, we decided the same thing. This needs a global agency of some sort, because of the potential for global impact. I think that could make sense," he said.

Gates agreed, floating the idea of a global government to deal with the potential dangers of AI. He said, "If the key is to stop the entire world from doing something dangerous, you'd almost want global government, which today for many issues, like climate, terrorism, we see that it's hard for us to cooperate."

Altman followed up by noting that there is interest for a global regulatory body to deal with the new technology, stating, "That feels possible to me. I wasn't that sure before, but I did a big trip around the world this year, and talked to heads of state in many of the countries that would need to participate in this, and there was almost universal support for it."