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[At least 11 killed, dozens injured, in rocket attack in Druze town | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva](#)

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Eleven killed, including children, and 29 injured, including six seriously, after rocket hits soccer field in Majdal Shams in northern Israel.

At least 29 people were injured - and 11 of them killed - when a rocket hit a soccer field on Saturday afternoon in the Druze town of Majdal Shams in northern Israel.

Magen David Adom has reported that of the injured, six are in serious condition, three are in moderate condition, and ten suffered light injuries and shock.

The soccer field is located near a park, and among the injured and killed are children and teens, ages 10-20 years old.

Initial investigations by the IDF show that the aerial defense system had difficulty intercepting the rocket. The incident is under investigation.

MDA Senior EMT Idan Avshalom, who arrived in the initial minutes, described: "I left a nearby kibbutz and arrived at the scene within a few minutes. I saw a large commotion on the soccer field, with severe scenes of casualties and fatalities, destruction, and burning objects. We conducted an initial triage of the victims, and large MDA forces arrived immediately to direct the injured to 3 local clinics."

MDA paramedics Orly Ben Simon and Omri Hochman reported: "When we arrived in the town, we were directed to 3 local clinics where the injured were being sent. We assisted the medical teams, stabilized the patients, and transported the injured to hospitals and helicopters that landed nearby."

MDA paramedic Faiz Mahmoud, a local resident who came to assist the injured, said: "I immediately went to one of the clinics where the injured were brought and saw a large commotion of people. At the same time, large MDA ambulance teams began arriving at the scene. The clinic was full of casualties, including the dead and seriously injured. We were given patients and immediately took them to join the helicopters that had landed nearby."

Ali Tarbia and Farhat Kasseff, United Hatzalah EMTs, recalled: "When we arrived at the soccer field, we encountered a very difficult scene where dozens of children were lying injured on the ground. Together with other United Hatzalah volunteers, we provided them with initial treatment. On two of the victims, we performed CPR

together with other medical teams. Nine of the victims were declared dead at the scene due to the severe injuries they sustained."

Following the sirens in Majdal Shamas, the IDF reported: "A short while ago, sirens sounded in the area of Majdal Shams. One projectile was identified crossing from Lebanon toward the area. A hit was identified in the area. Injuries were reported. The IDF, in cooperation with the MDA, are at the scene, evacuating those injured."

"Following the sirens that sounded at 17:24 in the area of northern Israel, approximately 30 projectiles were identified crossing from Lebanon into Israeli territory. The IDF Aerial Defense Array successfully intercepted numerous projectiles and the rest fell in open areas. No injuries were reported."

The IDF later added: "The Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, the Commanding Officer of the Northern Command, the Head of the Operations Directorate, the Commanding Officer of the IAF, and other members of the General Staff Forum, are currently conducting a situational assessment following the recent missile launches at Majdal Shams and other areas of northern Israel."

"It is important to note that the projectile launched at Majdal Shams was a rocket, not a suspicious aerial target."

Meanwhile, Hezbollah has denied any connection to the incident.

However, the IDF reported that, "According to an IDF situational assessment and the intelligence in our possession, the rocket launch toward Majdal Shams was carried out by the Hezbollah terrorist organization."

"The Hezbollah terrorist organization is behind the rocket launch at a soccer field in Majdal Shams which caused multiple civilian casualties, including children, earlier this evening."

The Commanding Officer of the 210th Division, BG Yair Peli, is currently holding a situational assessment at the operations center in Majdal Shams, along with the commander of the Home Front Center in the Northern Command and additional commanders.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was updated earlier Saturday on the details of the incident in Majdal Shams.

The Prime Minister is currently holding an additional security consultation with his Military Secretary, Maj.-Gen. Roman Gofman, and will hold a security assessment later with all heads of the security establishment.

Immediately upon learning of the disaster, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu directed that his return to Israel be brought forward as quickly as possible.

[Turkey's Erdogan threatens to invade Israel - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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Jul 29, 2024

Erdogan's threats come amid a dramatic flare up in the nine-month cross-border war between the IDF and Hezbollah.

Jerusalem and Ankara traded sharp barbs on Sunday, with [Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#) seeming to threaten military action against Israel on Sundays as tensions heated up between the Jewish state and the [Iranian proxy group Hezbollah](#).

Israel in turn warned that his fate could become akin to that of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, who was executed by hanging.

"Erdogan is following in the footsteps of Saddam Hussein by threatening to attack Israel. He should remember what happened there and how it ended,' Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz wrote in a post on X, formerly Twitter, in which he linked a photograph of the two men.

He spoke up after Erdogan suggested that Turkey might enter Israel as it had done in the past in Libya and Nagorno-Karabakh, though he did not spell out what sort of intervention he was suggesting.

Erdogan, who has been a fierce critic of Israel's military campaign in Gaza to destroy Hamas, started discussing that war during a speech praising his country's defense industry.

"We must be very strong so that Israel can't do these ridiculous things to Palestine. Just like we entered Karabakh, just like we entered Libya, we might do similar to them," Erdogan told a meeting of his ruling AK Party in his hometown of Rize.

"There is no reason why we cannot do this... We must be strong so that we can take these steps," Erdogan added in the televised address.

AK Party representatives did not respond to calls asking for more details on Erdogan's comments. Israel did not immediately make any comment.

The president appeared to be referring to past actions by Turkey.

In 2020, Turkey sent military personnel to Libya in support of the United Nations-recognized Government of National Accord of Libya.

Libyan Prime Minister Abdulhamid al-Dbeibah, who heads the Government of National Unity in Tripoli, is backed by Turkey.

Turkey has denied any direct role in Azerbaijan's military operations in Nagorno-Karabakh but said last year it was using "all means," including military training and modernization, to support its close ally.

Turkey responds to Middle East crisis

Erdogan's threats come amid a dramatic flare-up in the nine-month cross-border war between the IDF and Hezbollah. A Hezbollah-launched Iranian rocket landed in the Druze village of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights on Saturday, killing 12 children.

The Turkey leader spoke as the international community is scrambling to avert a larger [Israeli-Lebanese war](#) and or a regional one.

Turkey, however, is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and as such, it is unlikely that it could intervene militarily in the IDF-Hezbollah conflict.

Relations between Israel and Turkey which had been on the mend before the Gaza war, have frayed, with Ankara stopping all trade with Israel in May.

[Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei orders 'direct' attack on Israel: report | Fox News](#)

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Jul 31, 2024

Report comes hours after the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh

[Ayatollah Ali Khamenei](#) has commanded Iranian forces to launch a "direct" attack against Israel, according to a report Wednesday.

Three Iranian officials confirmed the situation to the New York Times. The news comes hours after Hamas's leader, [Ismail Haniyeh](#), was assassinated in Tehran on Wednesday.

The White House has been unable to independently verify Haniyeh's death as of Wednesday afternoon, but Tehran is placing the blame on the [Israel Defense Forces](#). Israel launched a strike on Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday, but has neither claimed responsibility nor denied killing Haniyeh.

"The criminal, terrorist Zionist regime martyred our dear guest in our territory and has caused our grief, but it has also prepared the ground for a severe punishment," Khamenei's English-language X account said on Wednesday.

"Martyr Haniyeh was willing to sacrifice his honorable life in this dignified battle for many years. He was prepared for martyrdom and had sacrificed his children and loved ones on this path."

Commanding Officer of the Israeli Air Force Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar issued an ominous statement later on Wednesday, promising that there is nowhere "too far" for Israel to strike if needed.

"The Israeli Air Force defends and operates in all arenas of the war, enveloping the state of Israel with dozens of aircraft, manned and unmanned, ready and prepared within minutes for any scenario, in any arena," the statement read. "We will act against anyone planning to harm the citizens of the state of Israel, there is nowhere that is too far for us to strike."

Earlier on Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that his country is in a fight "against Iran's axis of evil."

"This is an existential war against a stranglehold of terrorist armies and missiles that Iran would like to tighten around our neck," Netanyahu said, later adding that Israel has heard "threats from all sides," after Israel's recent strike against Beirut.

"We are prepared for any scenario, and we will stand united and determined against any threat," the leader said. "Israel will exact a very heavy price for aggression against us from whatever quarter."

[Benjamin Netanyahu Lands in U.S., Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Absent to Greet Him \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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Jul 22, 2024

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu landed in the United States on Monday, with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris both absent to greet him upon arrival.

In a video that the Israeli Embassy to the U.S. [posted](#), Netanyahu was seen walking down the steps of an airplane and shaking hands with several people waiting at the bottom.

Biden's absence comes as he [tested](#) positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday. The president's physician, Dr. Kevin O'Connor, [released](#) a letter saying Biden had "completed his tenth dose of PAXLOVID" and that his symptoms were "almost resolved completely."

The Consul General of Israel in New York Ofir Akunis was reported to have been among the people who greeted Netanyahu after his plane had landed, [according](#) to the Times of Israel.

Welcome to Washington, D.C., [@IsraeliPM](#) Benjamin Netanyahu!
US pic.twitter.com/aOU3E3obig

— *Embassy of Israel to the USA (@IsraelinUSA) [July 22, 2024](#)*

Secretary of State Antony Blinken was also notably not present to greet Netanyahu upon his arrival in the U.S.

Netanyahu's arrival comes ahead of his speech before Congress on Wednesday. In June, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), and House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) [released](#) a letter inviting Netanyahu to speak before a joint meeting of members of the United States House and Senate.

Harris and the Senate President Pro-Tempore Patty Murray (D-WA) have reportedly [refused](#) to preside over Netanyahu's speech to Congress. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) previously [stated](#) that he would "not attend" the speech given by Netanyahu, whom he described as a "war criminal."

Several sources [told](#) Axios in June that House Democrats had been discussing holding counter-programming to Netanyahu's speech.

Netanyahu has received criticism over Israel's ongoing military offensive in the Hamas-controlled territory of Gaza.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched an attack on Israel, murdering 1,200 people and taking more than 250 people hostage. In response, Israel launched a full-scale invasion of Gaza to destroy Hamas.

[Global IT Outages Linked to Microsoft, CrowdStrike Cause Widespread Disruption \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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Jul 19, 2024

A widespread IT outage linked to a software update from cybersecurity company CrowdStrike has caused significant disruptions to businesses and services worldwide using Microsoft software, affecting banks, airports, TV stations, hotels, and many other industries.

Wired reports that in the early hours of Friday, companies running Microsoft's Windows operating system began experiencing widespread technical issues, with devices displaying Blue Screens of Death (BSODs). The problem quickly spread globally, impacting organizations in Australia, the UK, India, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States.

Just in: State services and businesses from airlines to financial services and media groups were hit by a global IT outage, causing massive disruption to a vast range of services. Security experts are calling it the biggest problem of its kind <https://t.co/jKDsV3Hpun> pic.twitter.com/Jd352X3Sch

— *Financial Times (@FT) July 19, 2024*

The outage has had far-reaching consequences across various sectors. In the aviation industry, major U.S. airlines including United, Delta, and American Airlines issued a “global ground stop” on all flights. Media outlets were also affected, with Sky News going offline. The healthcare sector saw disruptions as well, with NHS England confirming that GP appointment and patient record systems were impacted.

Cybersecurity officials have stated that the issues are not believed to be the result of a malicious cyberattack. Instead, the problems stem from a misconfigured or corrupted update pushed out by cybersecurity giant CrowdStrike to its customers. The incident appears to only be affecting devices running the Windows operating system.

CrowdStrike engineers have acknowledged the problem on the company's Reddit forum, confirming “widespread reports of BSODs on Windows hosts” across their software. They are actively working on resolving the issue and have advised customers on a workaround for affected systems. The company has also issued instructions to its customers in an advisory.

The scale of the outage is significant, with CrowdStrike serving more than 24,000 customers worldwide. The company provides endpoint detection and response (EDR) technology, which runs on thousands of “endpoints” such as computers, ATMs, and Internet of Things devices, scanning them to identify real-time threats from cybercriminals.

Lukasz Olejnik, an independent cybersecurity consultant, suggests that the financial impact of these outages could result in “millions” being lost by affected organizations that have had to halt operations or cease business activities. Olejnik noted that the CrowdStrike update appears to be linked to its Falcon Sensor product, which is part of the company’s security tools designed to block attacks on systems.

Cybersecurity researcher Kevin Beaumont reported on social media that he had seen a copy of the CrowdStrike update, stating that the file was not properly formatted and “causes Windows to crash every time.” Beaumont also indicated that there doesn’t appear to be an automated way to fix the issues at present.

Brody Nisbet, the director of overwatch at CrowdStrike, shared a workaround fix on social media. The process involves booting Windows machines into safe mode, locating and deleting a specific file, and then rebooting the machine normally. Nisbet stated, “There is a fix of sorts so some devices in between BSODs should pick up the new channel file and remain stable.”

Olejnik points out, “When a system has several software systems maintained by various vendors, this is equivalent to placing trust on them. They may be a single point of failure—like here, when various firms feel the impact.”

[Poll: 96% of Jews in 13 EU countries say they experience antisemitism in daily life | The Times of Israel](#)

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Jul 10, 2024

Jews ‘more frightened than ever’ since Oct. 7, warns Fundamental Rights Agency, after its third antisemitism survey finds most respondents feel less safe, especially in France

A survey of nearly 8,000 self-identified Jews from 13 European countries has found that 96 percent of respondents said they had encountered antisemitism in their daily lives even before the ongoing war in Gaza, the European Union’s Fundamental Rights Agency said on Thursday.

Europe’s Jewish community is facing a “rising tide of antisemitism,” with the conflict in the Middle East “eroding” progress made in the fight against it, said agency director Sirpa Rautio. She added that the surge in antisemitism was jeopardizing the success of the EU’s [first-ever strategy](#) for combating the problem, adopted in 2021.

Some 37% of respondents said they were harassed over the past year. A total of 4% of respondents said they had experienced antisemitic physical attacks in the 12 months before the survey — double the number recorded in 2018, the last time the survey was taken.

Most respondents said they worry for their own (53%) and their family’s (60%) safety and security.

Eighty percent of Jews surveyed said they feel antisemitism has worsened in recent years, with the most common “negative stereotypes” accusing Jews of “holding power and control over finance, media, politics or economy.”

Some 76% of respondents reported hiding their Jewish identity “at least occasionally,” and 34% said they avoid Jewish events or sites “because they do not feel safe,” according to the report.

About 60% of those asked said they were not satisfied with their national government’s efforts to combat antisemitism.

Many also reported encountering denial of Israel’s right to exist as a state.

Three-quarters felt that people hold them responsible for the Israeli government’s actions because they are Jewish.

Just over half of respondents indicated that they think that criticizing Israel is “probably antisemitic.” A pattern of “always noting who is Jewish among [one’s] acquaintances” was deemed “probably antisemitic” by 64% of respondents.

Considering Jewish citizens not to be compatriots was considered “definitely antisemitic” by 91% of respondents, according to the survey, which took place before Hamas’s October 7 attack, but also includes information on antisemitism collected from Jewish organizations in 2024.

The attack saw thousands of Hamas-led terrorists storm southern Israel to kill nearly 1,200 people and take 251 hostages.

The onslaught prompted Israel to launch an offensive aimed at crushing Hamas. Over 38,000 people have been killed in Gaza, according to the Strip’s Hamas-run health ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants. Israel says it has killed some 15,000 combatants in battle, in addition to 1,000 terrorists killed inside Israel during the October 7 attack.

“The spillover effect of the conflict in the Middle East is eroding hard-fought-for progress” in tackling anti-Jewish hate, Fundamental Right Agency director Rautio said, warning that “Jews are more frightened than ever before.”

To assess the impact the conflict in the Middle East has had on antisemitism in Europe, the FRA report relied on information collected from 12 Jewish organizations in 2024.

“FRA’s consultation with national and European Jewish umbrella organizations in early 2024 shows a dramatic surge” in antisemitic attacks, Rautio said.

In [France](#), 74% of Jews felt that the conflict had affected their sense of security, the highest rate among the countries surveyed.

Besides the 2024 data, the bulk of the report by the Vienna-based agency was based on an online survey conducted from January to June 2023 — before the war in Gaza broke out.

The survey covered 13 EU countries, which are home to 96% of the bloc’s Jewish population: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and Sweden.

It was the third of its kind, following those of [2013](#) and [2018](#).

Anti-Israel agitators descend on DC ahead of Israeli PM Netanyahu's address to Congress | Fox News

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Jul 24, 2024

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is speaking before Congress

Anti-Israel demonstrators descended [on Washington, D.C.](#), on Wednesday ahead of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress.

One demonstrator, whose face was covered, was spotted by Fox News carrying what appeared to be the flag of the terrorist group Hamas.

Fox News estimates that a few hundred protesters had gathered on Pennsylvania Avenue and 3rd Street, outside the Gallery of Art. They have a stage set up in front of the Capitol building and are currently chanting.

The protest organizers include Answer Coalition [and Code Pink](#). There have been numerous speakers from various organizations, including one from the Party for Socialism and Liberation.

HARRIS BOYCOTTS NETANYAHU, SNUBS ISRAELI LEADER'S WARTIME ADDRESS TO GIVE SORORITY SPEECH

Fox News crews witnessed numerous [signs with Netanyahu's face](#), labeling him a "Wanted War Criminal."

Other slogans on signs include, "Stop the Genocide," "Stop arming Israel," and "End all US Aid."

The crowds have chanted "Free Palestine" and "From the river to the sea...," an [antisemitic phrase](#) that calls for the elimination of the state of Israel.

The speakers later concluded and the crowd of attendees started walking up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Police formed a blockade on the corner of Constitution and Louisiana Avenue, and demonstrators released red and green powder into the air.

Some protesters yelled at the police line "you're a b----." Fox News witnessed pepper spray being used at one point.

Earlier, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers were seen clearing anti-Israel protesters who were blocking traffic in the nation's capital on Wednesday.

Police have taken people into custody near the U.S. Capitol, the Associated Press reported.

A handful of people were led away by officers, while others chanted for them to be released.

More than 1,000 people gathered Wednesday morning on Pennsylvania Avenue within sight of the Capitol building, the AP reported.

A large group of protesters marched toward the Capitol after blocking a nearby intersection and calling for a "student intifada."

"Shut it down!" they repeatedly chanted.

"Bibi, Bibi, We're not done! The intifada has just begun!" demonstrators shouted, referring to Netanyahu by his nickname.

[California weather will not aid fire fighters battling massive blaze | Reuters](#)

#bibleprophecy, #california, #fires, #firefighters

Jul 29, 2024

July 30 (Reuters) - The largest wildfire in the U.S. swelled to over 600 square miles (1,550 square kms) on Tuesday night, bigger than the city of Los Angeles, fire officials in California said, as thousands of firefighters battled the blaze in a wilderness area north of Sacramento.

More than 5,500 firefighters from across California and other states were working around the clock to douse the Park Fire, burning in the state's Central Valley, about 90 miles (145 km) north of Sacramento, the capital.

The fire grew to 386,764 acres (156,517 hectares), becoming the fifth largest wildfire in Californian history, officials said.

The Park Fire on Tuesday surpassed the size of the [2020 Creek Fire](#) in Fresno County, which burned almost 380,000 acres (153,780 hectares), fire officials said. But it is still smaller than the state's largest fire on record, the August Complex fire of 2020, which burned more than 1 million acres (404,685 hectares) in seven counties in northern California.

The Park Fire - fueled by dry grass, brush and timber - is fast-moving, said Fire Capt. Dan Collins of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or Cal Fire.

"This fire has lots of fuel that is receptive to burning, and it's hard to get to," he said. "Our fire line is 260 miles (673 kms) around, that's the size of three Lake Tahoes. It can take two-three hours to get personnel in there over the terrain."

The weather brings no relief for fire fighting conditions, said Ashton Robinson Cook, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. No rain is in sight this week, and hot and extremely dry weather will prevail, he said.

Temperatures will reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8°C) on Wednesday and highs could hover at that level until next Monday, he said, with relative humidity dropping to as low as 7%.

The Park Fire, which was only 18% contained on Tuesday, has forced the evacuation of more than 4,000 people and destroyed or damaged more than 192 structures, fire officials said. No injuries or deaths were reported.

Jeremy Hollingshead, a spokesman for Cal Fire, said that lingering clouds of smoke have grounded the 41 helicopters used to drop water and fire retarding chemicals on the blaze.

Evacuations included Paradise, the town that was devastated by the 2018 Camp Fire, the deadliest in the state's history.

The man charged with starting the Park Fire, allegedly by pushing a flaming car down a Butte County gully last Wednesday, was formally charged with arson on Monday, but awaits additional charges, officials said.

The man, Ronnie Dean Stout II, 42, of Chico, California, denied wrongdoing at an arraignment on Monday, said Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey at a news conference. It was unclear if Stout had an attorney.

Stout did not enter a plea but was denied bail. His arraignment was continued to Thursday, as more charges could be added, Ramsey said.

[Hundreds of Christian representatives present decree to ICJ affirming biblical connection of Israel to Judea and Samaria | All Israel News](#)

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Jul 18, 2024

Declaration meant to counter Organization of Islamic Cooperation's opinion on Israeli control of biblical heartland

Hundreds of Christians from 45 countries around the world participated in a conference in support of Israel held in The Hague earlier this month.

The conference, called "The Trial," came ahead of the expected [publication on Friday](#) of the International Court of Justice's non-binding advisory opinion on the legality of Israeli control over Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem.

The ICJ was [asked](#) by a group of 98 nations in November 2022, to present an advisory opinion on Israel's "prolonged occupation, settlement and annexation of Palestinian territory."

The resolution was [passed](#) in December of 2022 in the UN General Assembly with 87 nations voting in favor, 26 against and 53 abstentions.

The pro-Israel event was hosted by Christian leader Jack van der Tang, who lives in The Hague, along with a number of Christian organizations, including the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem.

The event, held near the Peace Palace, the seat of the International Court of Justice, was attended by 800 pro-Israel Christians from 45 countries.

As part of the conference, participants signed a declaration supporting Israel's right to its historic land, including Judea and Samaria, and expressed their opposition to the partition of the land.

The declaration was hand-delivered to the court registrar for each of the UN court's 15 judges, as well as to the Israeli deputy ambassador to the Netherlands, Yaron Wax.

The Christian participants at the conference protested the fact that the International Court of Justice allowed the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to express their views on the legality of Israel's control over Judea and Samaria – considered to be

Israel's biblical heartland – while Christian organizations were prevented from doing so.

David Parsons, vice president of ICEJ, said the organization was proud to be part of the declaration.

“The Christian Embassy came to support this initiative in The Hague to make sure the justices at the World Court heard the perspective of tens of millions of God-fearing Christians worldwide who stand with the Jewish people’s 4,000-year-old claim and connection to the Land of Israel,” Parsons said.

Parsons slammed the decision of the court not to accept Christian opinion on the issue of Israeli control over the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria.

“It would not be just or fair for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to be allowed to present their shameful annihilistic view on the very existence of Israel, while an even larger global Christian constituency was being ignored. In our eyes, the modern-day Jewish restoration to their ancestral homeland is the greatest example of historic justice in the entire course of human endeavors.”

The OIC brief included such views as the whole territory of Mandate Palestine belongs to the Palestinians, the re-establishment of the Jewish homeland was a breach of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and a call to end all Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza.

Van der Tang [told](#) the JNS that Christian support for Israel is biblical.

“Everyone is talking about international law, but this is 100% biblical,” van der Tang said.

The president of the Hague-based International Conference of Truth Justice and Peace, which helped sponsor the initiative, said:

“My hometown, The Hague, is called the 'capital of peace and justice,' but a local rabbi taught me that world Jewry stands on three pillars: truth, peace and justice. And I send to the International Court of Justice the third page of the truth about Israel, especially in the week when their advisory opinion is about to be published. Against this background, we decided to hold a kind of public trial, for the Jews' right to their historic homeland, and we signed the declaration.”

[Watch: Kentucky Rehabilitated Felon Baptized Wearing Ankle Monitor \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #felon, #christian, #salvation

Jul 28, 2024

A convicted felon in Kentucky, who nearly died after abusing drugs and wound up in a rehabilitation facility, has become the subject of a heartwarming story after going viral for getting baptized while wearing an ankle monitor.

Kris Mitchell said coming to Jesus Christ was the “best decision I have ever made in my life” in an [interview](#) with Kentucky Today wherein he explained how his rough past led him to faith.

Mitchell, a resident at Protea Behavioral Health Counseling facility in Somerset, said he almost lost his life before entering rehab.

“I was found dead in the VFW parking lot in Frankfort,” he said. “They had to shock me back, and then I was in the hospital for three days.”

Soon after that, he was arrested after the friend he was riding in a car with was pulled over with drugs and a firearm in the vehicle.

“My friend had asked me to ride with him to get his driver’s license. On the way there, we got pulled over. There were drugs on him but no drugs on me, but they found a firearm in the vehicle, and they put me in jail because I’m a convicted felon,” Mitchell explained. “I was locked up on a Wednesday, and by the next Tuesday someone saw my mug shot and got the ball rolling for me to get into rehab after the 28 days in jail.”

Things we like: this man getting baptized, with his friends helping him keep his ankle monitor from getting wet.

From Barnesburg Baptist Church in Kentucky. pic.twitter.com/fG2MePdYCp

— Protestia (@Protestia) [June 24, 2024](#)

After he got to the facility, Mitchell still struggled with the urge to use drugs. That is when someone told him about a Barnesburg Baptist Church rally.

“The guy who preached touched me. I’m usually the kind of person who sits back and won’t say anything,” Mitchell said.

He felt called to be saved, but there was just one problem — his court-issued ankle bracelets could not be submerged in water.

A heartwarming video captured from the May 18 baptism shows a team of men carefully lifting Mitchell's legs in the air and lowering his upper body into Short Creek in Pulaski County:

“I didn't want to tell him to wait ... I didn't want to turn him away,” Barnesburg Baptist Pastor Jordan Burks [told](#) Kentucky Today in an interview. His plea was “for God to make a way.”

“We had six people who helped him into the water and got around him,” Burks added.

The caption on the video states that “ankle bracelets are no match for Jesus.”

“It's the best decision I have ever made in my life,” Mitchell, 45, told the outlet. “I was lost before that day. I went from being in active drug addiction for the past 30 years to the Lord working miracles in my life today. My wife is back in my life now, as well as my daughter, who wouldn't speak to me. I am blessed today, even though I am still in rehab.”

He added that after being raised in a violent home, grieving his brother who was murdered, and becoming a convicted felon, Jesus gives him hope.

“I tried many times to stop using and was close [to] ending my life because I didn't want to be sick any more. I've been in and out of prison most of my adult life because of drug addiction. Even though I'm facing going back to prison for something I did while I was in active drug addiction, I have found peace and happiness in my life,” the newly saved man said. “I give my praise to the Lord because I couldn't do it without Him. He is truly showing me the way. I have peace in my life today and I know no matter what happens to me, He is going to guide me and show me the way. He will not let man put on me more than I can stand.”