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‘New Iran war is a matter of time?’ As Israel prepares, opposition urges Netanyahu against new fighting | All Israel News.com

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Amid warnings from David Barnea and Boaz Levy of another war with Iran, Gadi Eisenkot and Benjamin Netanyahu clashed over caretaker military decisions and briefings.

With many voices seeing a new escalation vis-à-vis Iran as a matter of time amid claims that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues pushing for new strikes, Israel’s opposition has renewed its campaign alleging the prime minister could seek to exploit the strikes for his political benefit and is trying to prevent this.

In recent days, U.S. President Donald Trump has signaled he has **no interest in renewing** the fighting, saying on Monday that the war was “effectively over” and that “we’re just keeping it the status quo.”

However, Israeli security officials and experts have repeatedly estimated that, with the nuclear question still unresolved, Israel could seek to launch strikes even without U.S. participation.

Speaking at the *Israel Hayom* Conference in New York on Wednesday, former Mossad chief David Barnea warned that “as long as this regime exists,” it will pursue a nuclear weapon to reach its goal of destroying Israel. Even now, Barnea said, “they are still trying to recover the nuclear program” as the only means of protecting “their crumbling regime.”

Chances of reaching an agreement with the regime in Tehran to give up its nuclear capabilities are “very low,” he estimated. “War is a very highly effective option,” he said, noting that while it would shock the global energy market and economy, it could also accelerate the collapse of the regime, “which is struggling today to survive.”

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Chairman Boaz Levy also warned at the conference, “There will be another war, there is no doubt about that. The question has long since ceased to be ‘if’; it is only ‘when’.”

Western intelligence estimates cited by *Bloomberg* earlier this week indicated that the regime is producing 50 ballistic missiles a month, about half of its prewar capacity. An unnamed Western official told the newspaper that the regime likely has at least 1,700 ballistic missiles left and is continuously manufacturing more.

A phone call last weekend between Trump and Netanyahu mainly focused on the Iran issue, *Ynet News* reported. The outlet also reported contradictory statements from sources about apparent differences of opinion on the issue.

Some sources described a "shouting match" between the leaders, while a senior official said it was "very much not a difficult conversation."

Netanyahu has repeatedly cited the ongoing Iranian threat as one reason why the opposition party leaders should join him in a unity government. Speaking during the **swearing-in of the 26th Knesset**, he warned, "Iran is working to renew the nuclear threat. The only way to permanently remove this existential threat is by toppling the ayatollah regime."

"In the face of these threats, we must do one thing in this house: put every other consideration aside and establish a national unity government."

However, the opposition has resumed warning that Netanyahu wants to drag the country into an unnecessary war, with both sides accusing each other of trying to politicize the issue.

Yisrael Beiteinu chairman Avigdor Liberman on Thursday warned that "a caretaker government is not authorized to make decisions that could drag Israel into a war without parliamentary oversight and without the full agreement of all security agencies. I emphasize: all security agencies."

The left-leaning *Channel 12 News* on Wednesday cited multiple unidentified sources claiming that IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir has **again expressed his opposition** to certain actions Netanyahu wants to carry out against Iran in recent meetings.

Zamir reportedly estimates these actions could provoke an Iranian reaction.

Shortly after, Yashar party chairman Gadi Eisenkot, who is trying to **establish a new government**, urged Netanyahu in a letter to exercise additional caution and responsibility in security and national decisions during the transition period until a new government is formed.

Eisenkot also claimed his requests to receive regular security briefings from the prime minister had been rebuffed, and appealed to Attorney-General Gali Baharav-Miara to intervene.

"I demand that you act with national responsibility during this sensitive period. Show restraint and caution, and refrain from dangerous moves that can wait until a new government with the Knesset's confidence is sworn in," Eisenkot said in the letter.

"Do not desecrate the people's trust in government institutions and the decision-making process," he added.

However, by law, the prime minister is obligated to give security briefings only to the opposition leader once a month. No new opposition leader has been appointed yet as coalition negotiations continue.

The Prime Minister's Office hit back by claiming all government decisions "were based solely on security considerations and in full coordination with the security establishment."

It also blasted Eisenkot's letter as "an irresponsible move that publicly discusses sensitive security matters" and a "transparent attempt to politicize Israel's national security issues."

On Thursday, Eisenkot and Netanyahu's offices confirmed in a joint statement that Eisenkot would receive a security briefing soon.

Eisenkot's letter echoed comments he made in his **victory speech** on election evening last month, when he declared Netanyahu to be "the head of a caretaker government without a mandate of public confidence."

Addressing the "heads of Israel's security agencies and public service," Eisenkot demanded: "Remember that you serve the state and the interests of Israel's citizens alone. Stand firm against any attempt to challenge you. You have my unequivocal backing."

"Netanyahu, don't you dare use Israel's security for your political purposes," he added at the time.

Russia secretly bolstered Iran's missile arsenal before war with US, records uncover | Fox News.com

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Russia played a larger role in the Iran war than previously disclosed, with internal defense industry documents revealing how Moscow built up the country's arsenal ahead of its conflict with the U.S.

A Russian contract is tied to 90 launchers for precision-guided missiles with the destination as Tehran, according to documents obtained and published by Ukrainian defense intelligence research group Dallas Analytics offering new details on the extent of Moscow's military support for Iran before war erupted.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly downplayed Russia's role in the conflict — as recently as last month, saying that he did not believe they are helping Iran "at all."

IRAN TAPS FINANCIAL LIFELINE, RUSSIAN ARMS AS TRUMP ESCALATES 'CRUSHING' ECONOMIC WARFARE

Russian production records show components were allocated for 90 APU-L twin-rail launchers under a contract identified as "K-10," with shipments within the Russian production chain scheduled from late 2024 through December 2025.

Other internal Russian documents obtained by Dallas Analytics explicitly identify "K-10" as Iran. An October 2022 supply request for equipment for a Yak-130 aircraft lists the consignee as "'K10' Iran" and was countersigned by the acting head of the Russian Defense Ministry's 704th Military Representation.

The K-10 designation can also be traced to Russian military hardware that ultimately reached Iran. An internal Russian production schedule listed six Yak-130 aircraft for a consignee identified as K-10. Iranian state media later showed the aircraft entering service in September 2023, and Dallas Analytics said the tail number of one Iranian Yak-130 matched the number listed for K-10 in the Russian factory records.

The APU-L launchers are designed to carry Russia's LMUR, a precision-guided missile also known as Product 305 or the Kh-39. The roughly 230-pound missile carries a 55-pound warhead and can be guided in flight by an operator using an electro-optical seeker and two-way radio link.

FOREIGN LEADER ON PUTIN'S DOORSTEP SOUNDS ALARM OVER IRAN FUELING MOSCOW'S WAR MACHINE

Iran had already publicly announced plans to acquire Russian Mi-28 attack helicopters, one of the platforms capable of carrying the weapon. The first export-variant Mi-28NE helicopters were photographed in Iran in January 2026.

The paperwork also shows involvement by Russia's Defense Ministry. A May 2024 letter accompanying the K-10 production schedule was co-signed by the head of the ministry's 123rd Military Representation.

The documents do not establish whether the completed launchers ultimately reached Iran, though Dallas Analytics told Fox News Digital the contract itself is "a very strong proof" of the transfer.

The findings add new detail to a military relationship the Trump administration has repeatedly played down during the war. U.S. intelligence has assessed that Russia provided Iran with information on the location of American military assets and, more recently, satellite imagery and weapons components, according to reports.

But administration officials have said that support has not materially affected the U.S. campaign.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Russian assistance was not impeding U.S. military operations, while Secretary of War Pete Hegseth has said the U.S. was tracking Moscow's support and accounting for it in its battle plans.

The Trump administration has separately sought to disrupt Iran's foreign weapons procurement as Tehran works to rebuild its military capabilities.

The Treasury Department has targeted networks it says helped Iran seek weapons and components abroad, including efforts to acquire Chinese-made man-portable air-defense systems.

Just this week, the State Department sanctioned a Russia-based individual it said was involved in efforts to help Iran procure Chinese-made man-portable air-defense systems, or MANPADS.

Christians react to Equality Caucus celebrating 'gayest Congress in history' as 16 LGBT candidates win seats | Christian Post.com

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The Congressional Equality Caucus touted what they described as "the gayest Congress in American history" on Thursday after 16 openly LGBT congressional candidates secured electoral victories this week.

"The American people have made their voices heard. The 120th Congress will officially be the GAYEST Congress in history! (that we know of)," the caucus wrote with a rainbow-themed graphic. Along with U.S. flag, pride flag and transgender flag emojis, the caucus added: "Let's get to work."

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> — Congressional Equality Caucus (@EqualityCaucus) November 5, 2026

The celebratory X post comes as an unprecedented number of openly LGBT candidates — all of whom are Democrats — are slated to serve in the next Congress, including two senators and 15 representatives.

Rep. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., will join Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., as the second gay member of the U.S. Senate and the first openly gay man to serve in the chamber. A Harvard graduate, the 46-year-old Pappas began his political career at 22, when he was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 2002. After serving in several elected offices in the state, he became New Hampshire's first openly LGBT member of Congress in 2019.

During his victory speech on Tuesday, Pappas introduced his husband Vann, drawing applause as he said: "Win, lose or draw, I'm the luckiest guy because I'm married to a man that I love."

Joining nine re-elected House incumbents who are openly LGBT, the six newly elected gay representatives include Cait Conley from New York, JD Ford from Indiana, JoAnna Mendoza from Arizona, Jeremy Moss from Michigan, as well as Marni von Wilpert and Scott Wiener from California. Janelle Sarauw, a non-voting delegate to Congress from the U.S. Virgin Islands, is also openly lesbian.

At least 11 trans- and nonbinary-identifying candidates nationwide won legislative races Tuesday, including Rep. Sarah (Tim) McBride, D-Del., according to LGBT outlet Pride Source. The first transgender-identifying member of Congress, McBride's initial election in 2024 prompted an immediate battle on Capitol Hill over congressional bathrooms, spearheaded by former Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C.

The Equality Caucus' announcement drew widespread reaction from X users, including from some Christian figures who blamed Evangelicals for not turning out to vote. The Evangelical share of the national vote fell from 23% in 2024 to 17% this year.

"When Christians stay home on Election Day, evil doesn't take a day off," said evangelist Sean Feucht.

"Woke 2.0 will be worse than Woke 1.0," said Kangmin Lee, a Korean-American Christian podcaster.

Sen. Jim Banks, R-Ind., posted a meme suggesting that while Democrats might have run on affordability and gas prices, their true agenda is forwarding LGBT ideology.

The Congressional Equality Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives was founded in 2008 by then-Reps. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., and Barney Frank, D-Mass., both of whom were openly gay members of Congress at the time.

According to its website, the caucus "works toward the extension of equal rights, the repeal of discriminatory laws, the elimination of hate-motivated violence, and the improved health and well-being for all regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or sex characteristics (including intersex traits)."

The caucus' flagship bill is the Equality Act, the latest version of which was introduced in the House in April 2025 by Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., who chairs the caucus as the first openly gay person of Asian descent to serve in Congress. The bill would make gender identity and sexual orientation protected classes under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and critics have warned that it would threaten religious liberty by erasing all legal distinctions between male and female in public life.

Israel is losing America – new statistics reveal a political earthquake | All Israel News.com

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Midterm exit polls and JD Vance's post-election analysis reveal deepening political fractures in Washington over U.S. financial and military support for Israel.

For years, supporters of Israel have been warning that American public opinion is turning against the Jewish state. Well, folks, the warning lights aren't just flashing anymore. They're practically screaming.

The numbers coming out this week from the midterm election exit polls paint a deeply troubling picture for Israel and its supporters in the United States. And we're not talking about a small shift in public opinion; we're talking about a dramatic change in how Americans view one of America's closest allies.

Consider this stunning statistic. Back in the 2024 exit polls during the presidential election, 31% of Americans believed the United States was providing too much support to Israel.

Fast-forward to 2026, and that number has skyrocketed to 51%. That's a whopping 20-percentage-point jump in just two years.

So America has gone from roughly three in ten Americans believing Washington was too supportive of Israel to more than half the country expressing that concern. That's not a minor political headache. That's a full-blown public relations crisis. And here's what should really concern Israel's supporters: the problem is no longer confined to progressive Democrats, college campuses or the loudest anti-Israel activists on social media. The skepticism is reaching deeper into the American electorate.

For decades, support for Israel was one of the few issues that could bring Republicans and Democrats together in Washington. Sure, the parties disagreed about Jewish settlements, Palestinian statehood and how aggressively Israel should respond to its enemies. But the underlying commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship was generally strong. That political foundation is showing serious cracks.

Democrats have become increasingly divided over Israel, with progressive activists pushing party leaders to take a much tougher approach toward Jerusalem. But Republicans shouldn't assume they're immune. Although Republican voters remain considerably more supportive of Israel than Democrats, debates over foreign aid,

military intervention and America's responsibilities overseas have created new divisions within conservative circles.

The rise of an 'America First' movement increasingly skeptical of foreign commitments has complicated the traditional Republican consensus on Israel – and that's a potentially dangerous development for the Jewish state. Israel can survive having political enemies in Washington, but what becomes much more difficult is losing the broad American public support that has sustained the relationship for generations.

Last Tuesday's midterm elections provided another reason for Israel's supporters to pay attention. The results demonstrated just how dramatically the American political landscape has changed. A Congress increasingly willing to challenge Israeli military operations, condition U.S. assistance or demand changes in Israeli policy could fundamentally reshape the relationship between Washington and Jerusalem.

The question is no longer simply whether Americans sympathize with Israel. That equation is changing. That support is increasingly being tested by a more consequential question: whether they believe the United States should continue investing significant political, financial and military resources to defend it.

Enter U.S. Vice President JD Vance. If Israel's supporters thought the troubling poll numbers were bad enough, Vance just delivered another political bombshell. Less than 24 hours after Republicans suffered a devastating midterm defeat this week, he took to 𝕏 with a stunning assessment of what went wrong.

Vance blamed the war with Iran and pointed to polling of former Trump voters who had abandoned the Republican Party. According to Vance, those voters identified four things that could bring them back: ending the war, addressing inflation, putting America First and, perhaps most alarmingly for Israel, "Change our relationship to Israel."

Say what? This wasn't Bernie Sanders talking. It wasn't a progressive Democrat demanding restrictions on Israeli military aid. This was the Republican vice president of the United States, someone widely considered a leading contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2028.

Oh, and Vance wasn't finished. "The reason we lost is the war," he declared.

Now, Vance was describing what one pollster reportedly heard from disaffected Trump voters, not explicitly calling for America to abandon Israel. But the political message was unmistakable. The Republican Party's relationship with Israel is becoming a major political issue inside the MAGA movement itself.

And here's another revealing development: Donald Trump Jr. publicly endorsed Vance's analysis, writing, "Every word of this is 100 100 100." So to be clear, for decades, Republicans could criticize Democrats for weakening America's commitment

to Israel, but what happens when influential Republicans begin questioning that relationship themselves?

As America moves forward, what happens in 2028 if Vance sees there's a political advantage in making a less interventionist approach to Israel a centerpiece of his presidential campaign? For Israel, that's an alarming possibility.

This could set the stage for a fascinating battle over the future direction of the Republican Party and the conservative movement in the post-Trump era. Israel and Jewish Americans will be watching anxiously to see how this plays out.

What to know as European leaders meet in Dublin to discuss Ukraine's security, and their own | AP News.com

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Leaders from more than 40 European countries gathered beside the Liffey River in Dublin on Thursday for a summit focused on the continent's fragile security, amid a new U.S.-backed effort to revive talks on ending the Russia-Ukraine war.

The meeting of the European Political Community brings together heads of state and government from the European Union and other European countries including the U.K., as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte.

Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin said the EPC allowed European leaders "to come together to advance the security, stability and prosperity of our continent."

"It was established as part of the collective European response to growing regional and global political instability, and to bring more coherence to challenges we face across our continent," he said as he welcomed Zelenskyy to Dublin on Wednesday.

The summit is an opportunity for Zelenskyy and European allies to digest the result of this week's U.S.-mediated talks in Abu Dhabi on the almost five-year-old Russia-Ukraine war. American envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are expected to meet Zelenskyy in Dublin after talking to Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Thursday.

The EPC is focused on security

The EPC is the brainchild of French President Emmanuel Macron and former German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and was established in 2022 as a forum for countries both inside and outside the 27-nation EU after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine shattered Europe's sense of security.

Zelenskyy routinely attends, and the war in his country often dominates talks.

The grouping that unites almost 50 nations across Europe, barring Russia and Belarus, also became a forum for European security discussion after U.S. President Donald Trump returned to office in 2024. He alarmed European leaders with his insults to NATO allies and threats to take control of Greenland, a semiautonomous territory of Denmark.

Carney's attendance is a sign of his desire to bring Canada closer to Europe after Trump launched a trade war with the United States' northern neighbor and repeatedly talked about making it the 51st state.

U.K. Prime Minister Andy Burnham is also seeking closer ties with the EU, almost six years after Britain left the bloc. The EPC gives Britain the chance to join a Europe-wide political gathering, despite Brexit.

Critics say it's just a talking shop

The group meets twice a year, once in an EU country and once outside the bloc. The next gathering is due to be held in April in Zurich, Switzerland.

Critics claim the forum was an attempt to put the brakes on EU enlargement by offering a seat at a big European table without the advantages of membership.

Others believe it has become a talking shop, devoid of any real clout or content. Its meetings don't make binding decisions or produce formal declarations.

As he welcomed other leaders to a convention center in Dublin's revitalized docklands, Martin insisted it would be a mistake to dismiss the group as unimportant.

"Very often (at) these informal networking get-togethers a lot can happen," he said. "A lot can emerge."

The meeting comes as European nations see rising hybrid attacks

The meeting comes at a moment of political upheaval in Europe, and days after a rout of Republicans in the U.S. midterm elections weakened Trump's hold on the levers of power, at least domestically. It remains to be seen whether the setback will alter Trump's approach to the war in Ukraine and the conflict with Iran that he started.

Populist leaders have recently been ousted in Serbia and in Hungary, and the EU and Britain are rebuilding ties, a decade after Britons voted to leave the bloc.

But the hard right is still on the rise in Europe, having recently made gains in regional elections in Germany. Voters in several of the continent's biggest countries — Spain, France, Italy and Poland — all go to the polls in the months ahead.

Beyond Ukraine, security discussions will focus on the hybrid threat across Europe from Russia, which has been accused of launching disruptive attacks on key infrastructure that fall below the threshold of war.

A year ago in Copenhagen, the leaders focused on a series of worrying drone incidents across Europe. In the days before this week's meeting, airlines and media outlets in several European countries were hit with hoax bomb threats. Among the targets of the disruption were Irish airline Ryanair and the country's national broadcaster, RTE.

European nations have not formally assigned blame for the threats.

The Irish government said the EPC is the “largest ever gathering of international leaders” held in Ireland, and the largest policing and security operation in the 100-year history of its national police force, the Garda Síochána.

Canada and Australia break ranks as United Nations backs Iranian regime's global legitimacy grab | Fox News.com

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UN renews Iran's committee seat amid war with US, sparking backlash: 'Morally bankrupt'

The United Nations reconfirmed Iran to a key committee with 144 votes, drawing fierce opposition from Canada, Australia and U.S. lawmakers.

The United Nations reconfirmed Iran to its seat on the Committee for Programme and Coordination on Wednesday, sparking outrage from member states who believe the country's record of aggression should disqualify its representatives from the committee's work to review human rights, women's rights and counterterrorism programs.

Ahead of the vote, Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, a human rights watchdog, said he believes the move gives Iran another tool for the regime's propaganda machine.

"They use it," Neuer said. "You'll see a headline in Iranian propaganda right away: 'Hey, look, we were elected to yet another body.' And it sends a signal... As they're killing their own people, what does the world have to say?"

Neuer believes Iran's continued spot on the committee gives Tehran a nod of international legitimacy amid its ongoing conflict with the U.S., showcasing the U.N.'s uneven record for creating a forum to deter international violence.

ISRAEL ACCUSES UN OF PLACING IT ON SAME SEXUAL VIOLENCE BLACKLIST AS HAMAS TERRORISTS, SEVERS TIES

"Sometimes [the U.N.] is effective. Sometimes they're not. Sometimes, even when they're effective, they're effective in a bad way. There's an effect, but it's to empower dictatorships," Neuer said.

"The U.N. spends a lot of its time attacking democracies like America, like Israel. America gets condemned every year for the embargo in Cuba. Last year, there was one resolution on Iran, one on North Korea, one on Myanmar — and 15 on Israel. And Hamas, Islam and jihad were never mentioned once. That happens a lot at the U.N."

Iran was reconfirmed with the support of 144 ballots cast by the U.N. General Assembly.

The Committee for Programme and Coordination consists of 34 member states, each of which is elected to the body for a three-year term. Although it is not one of the U.N.'s six main committees, it reviews the organization's plans and priorities, making recommendations on their design, priorities, coordination and effectiveness.

Iran's renewal to the post prompted an outcry from lawmakers in the U.S. on Tuesday afternoon.

"The United Nations elected Iran — the world's biggest exporter of terrorism — to the committee responsible for establishing priorities on disarmament, counterterrorism and women's rights," the House Foreign Affairs Committee wrote in a statement posted to X.

"The United Nations is morally bankrupt: no sane person can take it seriously."

Similarly, Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand issued her own statement condemning the move.

"Canada is steadfastly opposed to giving Iran a seat on the UN Committee for Programme and Coordination — and Canada voted against Iran's inclusion today at the UN. The committee should be comprised of countries entrusted with shaping the work of the United Nations and must uphold the principles of its Charter. The Iranian regime silences dissent at home and fuels instability across the Middle East. We stand with the people of Iran," Anand said.

Notably, Australia also joined the opposition, voting alongside Canada against Iran's confirmation.

"Australia strongly opposes Iran's nomination to the UN Committee for Programme and Coordination and voted against. Iran's human rights violations and destabilizing conduct undermine multilateralism," Foreign Minister Penny Wong wrote.

Neuer believes it's not just Western countries that will be watching how the U.N. treats Iran. He noted that aggressors constantly monitor the international field to get a sense of how it might react in the future.

"It's like Putin looks when Obama said we 'have a red line in Syria. Use chemical weapons — red line.' Well, Syria used chemical weapons. And Obama... did nothing. That sent a message. Shortly thereafter, Putin invaded Ukraine. I'm not saying that invasions are gonna happen the next day, but these things send messages, and constantly governments are taking the temperature. What is the pushback?" Neuer said.

He also observed that although many in the U.S. view the U.N. with some skepticism, other countries still use the group as a barometer of international consensus.

"The United Nations is considered for many a repository of international legitimacy; it may not be so in the United States... but in many parts of the world it is regarded as the arbiter of international legitimacy," Neuer said.

"What is the signal you're giving to the ayatollah regime? They murdered tens of thousands of people. They're hanging dissidents. They are torturing women who defend their right not to cover every piece of their hair. They beat political prisoners. What message does the world have to send? Did you give them a pat on the back? Or did you? Did you penalize them?"

Canada warns of unprecedented threats against Jewish community | Israel National News.com

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Senior Canadian national security officials are warning that the country's Jewish community faces unprecedented threats in both severity and scale, following Hamas's October 7, 2023, terrorist attack on Israel.

In an interview with The Globe and Mail, officials from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Public Safety Department and the Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC) revealed that the pace of radicalization in Canada has reached levels not seen since the September 11 terrorist attacks in the US.

According to the officials, the Jewish community is now facing a dangerous combination of threats from several directions: white nationalists, individuals inspired by Islamist terrorist organizations, Iran-directed threats, and online communities seeking to radicalize young people and encourage them to commit acts of violence.

The senior officials, who spoke anonymously because of the sensitive and classified nature of their work, said the radicalization process has accelerated significantly. In the past, they explained, it would take several months for an individual to progress to the stage of planning or attempting an act of violence.

Today, that process can take less than a month.

To illustrate the severity of the situation, the officials said Canadian security agencies have foiled five terrorist plots directly targeting the Jewish community over the past three years.

The cases included the arrest and indictment of minors in the capital, Ottawa; the arrest of a father and son in Toronto; and the arrest in Quebec of an individual who planned to cross the border into the US to carry out an attack against Jews there.

The rise in antisemitism is also reflected in police figures reported to Statistics Canada. In 2022, authorities recorded 527 hate crimes targeting the Jewish community.

In 2023, the year the war broke out, that figure nearly doubled to 959 reported incidents. In 2025, 788 cases were reported.

Jews make up just around one percent of Canada's population, yet they are the most frequently targeted religious group in hate crimes.

Security officials say that while the October 7 attacks served as a catalyst for the surge in antisemitic incidents, the phenomenon has become so widespread and deeply entrenched that the threat level is expected to remain high even if the situation in the Middle East changes.

Recent incidents include a shooting in Belleville, Ontario, where a former soldier opened fire on a small synagogue and shouted at police officers before being arrested. In a separate incident that same month, a 19-year-old man in Ontario was arrested on charges related to hate-motivated threats and planning an attack on a synagogue.

Against this backdrop, sources report that Canada's federal government is expected to unveil a new national security strategy, the first in more than 20 years, focusing on terrorism, foreign interference and the protection of national sovereignty.

Recognition of antisemitism as a strategic threat has already featured in a recently published government report, which describes the phenomenon not merely as a threat to public safety, but as a direct assault on the country's social cohesion and democratic values.

Jewish restaurant boycott triggers huge Philadelphia counterprotest showdown | Fox News.com

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Tensions flared in a Philadelphia neighborhood Sunday after a bike ride organized to boycott several Jewish-owned restaurants sparked overwhelming backlash from the city's Jewish and pro-Israel communities.

The "boycott ride" targeted at least six restaurants in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square, labeling them "Zionist establishments" and calling for them to leave, according to pro-Palestinian group Philly Bike On Your Left, which organized the event.

As riders cycled through the streets waving Palestinian flags, hundreds of Jewish and pro-Israel community members turned out to oppose the demonstration, with heated exchanges unfolding across several city blocks. Dozens of diners also lined up outside the targeted restaurants in a show of solidarity with the Jewish-owned businesses.

The boycott also drew sharp criticism for taking place on the eve of the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the 1938 Nazi pogrom against Jews in Germany and Austria marked by widespread anti-Jewish violence, including attacks on homes, synagogues and businesses.

PHILADELPHIA 'BOYCOTT RIDE' TARGETING JEWISH BUSINESSES DRAWS CONDEMNATION FROM CITY, STATE LEADERSHIP

The Philadelphia police told Fox News that at least three people were arrested in connection with the protest, including a woman accused of assault, a man accused of disorderly conduct and a 17-year-old male accused of assaulting police.

Meanwhile, a female counterprotester reported being assaulted by an unknown individual.

Two officers also sustained minor injuries during the arrest of one individual, according to the outlet. Neither required medical treatment.

No property damage was reported, and conditions returned to normal by late afternoon, police said.

Police said about 500 people participated in total, including roughly 300 pro-Palestinian demonstrators, 200 of whom were on bicycles, and 200 pro-Israeli counterprotesters.

ANTI-ISRAEL AGITATORS CLASH WITH NYPD OFFICERS NEAR SYNAGOGUE

Videos circulating on social media showed demonstrators and counterprotesters shouting at one another.

In one video, a restaurant displayed a Palestinian flag alongside a sign reading "No public restroom" on its entrance door.

A man confronted the restaurant on camera, accusing it of sending a message that the Jewish community was not welcome.

The protest, organized in late October, targeted six businesses whose owners organizers accused of being "Zionist business owners."

"We see them for the disgusting humans they are," the group said.

"There are business owners in our community who have raised funds for the Israeli military, hosted Israeli soldiers, were praised by Benjamin Netanyahu, or expressed support for Israel," the group added.

The demonstration prompted the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia to call for a counter-demonstration in early November.

GERMAN OFFICIALS WARN ISLAMIST, FAR-LEFT RHETORIC DRIVING SPIKE IN ANTISEMITIC ATTACKS

"This is antisemitism. It is Jew-Hatred, plain and simple," the organization said.

"The ride falls on the eve of the anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938, when Nazi-organized mobs destroyed thousands of Jewish businesses, homes and synagogues in Germany and Austria, while thousands of Jews were beaten, assaulted and sent to concentration camps. The public targeting of Jewish businesses should alarm every person of conscience. We cannot allow such hatred to become normalized in Philadelphia."

The organizers, however, pushed back against the criticism, claiming their ride had been "grossly misrepresented" and describing themselves as a nonviolent social cycling group.

2 in 3 Churchgoers Fail Bible Literacy Quiz | Lifeway Reasearch.com

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Perhaps unsurprisingly, those who attend church the most and read the Bible the most score the highest on a Bible literacy quiz.

If churches gave pop quizzes on the Bible this Sunday, most people in the pews would fail.

Lifeway Research asked more than 2,000 American Christian churchgoers dozens of questions about general Bible knowledge. The average respondent scored 51. Around 2 in 3 (65%) earn an F, below 60. Almost 1 in 10 (9%) receive a D, between 60 and 69. Another 9% receive a C, between 70 and 79. Just 8% score a B, 80 to 89, and 9% reach A status, 90 and higher.

“Church leaders often theorize that churchgoers don’t know their Bibles but have typically lacked objective proof,” said Scott McConnell, executive director of Lifeway Research. “This study confirms most Christian churchgoers haven’t learned or don’t remember many things in the Bible and how it is organized.”

Bible quiz categories

The study asked dozens of questions across eight categories of Bible literacy: people of the Bible, which books of the Bible contain certain narratives, ordering specific biblical events, filling in the blanks of Bible verses, which major division suits the book of the Bible, identifying whether a book belongs in the Old or New Testament or is not part of the Bible, knowing whether a phrase is included in the Bible and general Bible knowledge.

“This study measures Bible literacy using eight approaches, with a handful of questions in each. Significant examples were selected from the Bible for the questions rather than obscure characters or events. The goal was not to trick anyone but to understand their recall of what they have read and been taught,” said McConnell.

In the people of the Bible section, respondents were most likely to correctly identify Moses as the person who received the Ten Commandments from God (94% correct v. 5% incorrect). Churchgoers were most confused over who the first king of Israel was (45% correct v. 46% incorrect). Out of the five options, Saul, the correct answer, was the top answer (45%), but 32% say David, 11% Herod, 2% Ahab, 1% Aaron and 9% not sure.

Christian churchgoers are most likely to know the great flood is in the book of Genesis (64%). Only around a third (35%) know the anointing of the first king of Israel happens in 1 Samuel. Around 3 in 10 (29%) guess 1 Kings, and a quarter (24%) aren't sure.

Only 11% correctly order the events of Deborah judging Israel, David killing Goliath, Jonah being swallowed by a big fish and Esther delivering Israel. Churchgoers are most likely (27%) to correctly order the New Testament events of Mary's song of thanksgiving, Nicodemus' conversation about rebirth, Peter's denial of Jesus and Paul's arrest in Jerusalem.

Four in 5 (80%) Christian churchgoers can correctly fill in the blank when "believes" is left out of John 3:16. Just 28%, however, know Micah 6:8 says the Lord requires mankind to "act justly, and to love faithfulness, and to walk *humbly* with your God."

Most (56%) know Mark fits in the Gospels, while 34% guess another major section of the Bible and 9% aren't sure. On the other hand, 29% correctly place 1 Samuel in history. Most (54%) put it in a different section, including major prophets (16%), minor prophets (9%) or Gospels (6%). Around 1 in 6 (17%) aren't sure.

Three in 4 Christian churchgoers correctly place 1 Corinthians in the New Testament (74%) and Psalms (73%) in the Old Testament. Most (55%) miss Philemon's New Testament location, with 29% guessing it's in the Old Testament and 26% saying it's not a book in the Bible. Two in 3 (67%) wrongly identify Hezekiah as a biblical book. Half (51%) do the same for Haggar, and 44% wrongly believe the Gospel of Thomas is in the Bible.

In general Bible knowledge, 74% know Passover is the feast that celebrates God saving the firstborn of Israel from death. When given a list of six potential miracles and asked which one the Gospels do not record Jesus performing, half (52%) miss that Jesus did not turn stones to bread, including 21% who instead say healing an ear that had been cut off and 20% who say feeding the 4,000 are not miracles of Jesus.

Three in 4 churchgoers (74%) know "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord" is in the Bible. Only half (51%) rightly say "God shall help those who help themselves" is not in Scripture.

"Christian churchgoers are more adept at recognizing whether statements are or are not from the Bible and which people fit specific biblical events. Churchgoers struggle the most with memorizing Bible verses, understanding the major divisions of the Bible and putting biblical events in the order they occurred," said McConnell.

Biblical habits

Around 1 in 5 (21%) say they read the Bible personally every day, and another quarter (24%) do so a few times a week. Around 1 in 10 (9%) read Scripture weekly, 14% say they read it a few times a month and 8% read once a month. Another 22% of Christian churchgoers say they rarely or never read the Bible.

In a typical week, 56% of Christian churchgoers say their pastor's sermon is an approach they use to learn the Bible. Almost 2 in 5 (38%) include reading devotional material. Three in 10 point to reading Bible passages or chapters without stopping (30%) or studying verses on a topic, theme or question (30%).

More than a quarter say in a typical week they learn Scripture by slowly studying verse by verse through Bible passages (28%) or listening to sermons from other churches (27%). Fewer say they listen to podcasts about the Bible (23%) or read articles about the Bible (19%). One in 10 (9%) say they don't do any of these in a typical week.

Churchgoers give a variety of reasons for engaging with the Bible. Most say they do so to help them know and relate to God (62%), to understand more of the Bible (58%), to encourage them (58%), to understand more of God's revelation (54%), to show them how to lead a life pleasing to God (53%) and to give them advice for life (51%). Fewer say they engage with Scripture to prepare for a group Bible study (18%) or another reason (2%). Just 3% aren't sure.

The average Christian churchgoer says 56% of their interactions with the Bible are by themselves and the remaining 44% is in a group or church setting.

"The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to mankind and most churchgoers embrace that as a reason to engage with the Bible," said McConnell. "This study points church leaders to the need for continuing to cast a vision for why Bible reading and Bible study matter. It also shows the importance of both helping people understand individual Bible passages and explaining the overall narrative that these episodes fit within."

Demographic differences

Men and women had statistically similar scores on the Bible knowledge quiz. They each answer roughly half of the questions correctly on average (52% men, 51% women). There are also no statistical differences by ethnicity.

By age, 30- to 49-year-olds score higher on average than those 50-64 (54% v. 48%). Christian churchgoers 30-49 (16%) and 18-29 (11%) are most likely to score an A, while those 50-64 are most likely to fail (71%).

Christian churchgoers without evangelical beliefs are more likely than those who accept such doctrines to fail the quiz (73% v. 58%). The average churchgoer with evangelical beliefs answers 55% correctly, while those without such beliefs average 47% correct.

On average, those attending evangelical congregations answer 53% correctly, Black Protestants 51%, Catholics 49% and mainline Protestants answer 48% correctly.

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Those who attend four times a month or more have the highest average score (55%) compared with those attending three times a month (48%), twice a month (46%) and once a month (44%).

Christian churchgoers who read their Bible every day (66%) score higher on average than those who say they rarely or never read Scripture (36%). Daily Bible readers are the most likely to score an A (19%) or a B (17%) and among the most likely to earn a C (14%). Those who read their Bible once a month (84%) and those who rarely or never read it (91%) are the most likely to fail the quiz.

Score predictors

Several factors influence how much higher or lower a Christian churchgoer will score on the Bible quiz. Those likely to increase a score the most are reading the Bible every day (+13.8 points) and having a graduate degree (+10.7). Other positive factors include reading the Bible a few times a week (+7.7), saying they engage with the Bible to help them know and relate to God (+5.4) and reading devotional material (+4.8).

Other factors are likely to lead to a decreased score, including rarely or never reading the Bible (-6.2 points) and having a high school diploma or less formal education (-4.5).

“Bible literacy comes with both reading and studying the Bible — digging to understand each passage but also moving throughout the Bible regularly to aid in remembering it,” said McConnell. “Knowing the Bible involves the heart, mind and emotions. Bible literacy is impacted by a motivation to be in relationship with God, a desire to be encouraged by the Word and thoughtful exploration of its meaning.”