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Horror In Houston: Mother Allegedly Shoots and Kills Her 4-Year-Old Daughter After Custody Hearing, Then Turns the Gun on Herself | The Gateway Pundit.com

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Sep 30, 2026

A 4-year-old girl is dead in west Houston after her own mother allegedly opened fire inside a Memorial-area townhome Tuesday evening, then shot herself in the face.

Houston Police say officers were called around 5:45 p.m. to the 300 block of Terra Reserve Place. They found the little girl dead from a gunshot wound. Her 30-year-old mother was also shot and rushed to the hospital in critical condition. Police say she is expected to survive.

Westside officers are at a homicide scene 300 Terra Reserve. Possible suspect detained. 202 pic.twitter.com/KzoUgelGHx

— Houston Police (@houstonpolice) [September 30, 2026](#)

According to [FOX 26 Houston](#), a custody hearing involving the child's father took place earlier that same morning. Investigators believe the mother lost custody and then snapped.

Lt. Larry Crowson of the Houston Police Department said the mother was at the home with her daughter when the shooting happened. The child's stepfather and a babysitter were also inside. They heard the gunshots and found the two victims. Neither was physically harmed.

Homicide investigators remain on the scene. The mother has not been publicly identified. No charges have been announced yet as she remains hospitalized.

A 4-year-old girl will never start kindergarten. Her father, who, according to local reports, had just been awarded custody, now faces the unimaginable.

WATCH:

A four-year-old girl is dead after a shooting at a west Houston townhome Tuesday evening.

Police say the child's mother shot her daughter and then herself following a custody hearing earlier that morning. pic.twitter.com/NplIN1LQTI

— The Gateway Pundit (@gatewaypundit) [September 30, 2026](#)

This is the kind of story that should stop the country cold. A preschooler is dead because a custody fight ended with a gun instead of a court order being followed like a civilized society.

[The Gateway Pundit reported](#) just weeks ago on another sickening custody-related massacre: a New York mother and grandmother who poisoned and stabbed four children, then killed themselves days before the father was scheduled to finally reunite with them after a six-year fight.

[Moscow threatens nuclear response over tiny fortress wedged between US allies | Foxnews.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #russia, #nato, #war, #nuclear threats

Sep 30, 2026

Russia's nuclear threat over Kaliningrad raises alarm as experts warn the Baltic exclave is already a hub for hybrid warfare against NATO allies.

Russia's warning that it could resort to nuclear weapons if NATO attempts to isolate Kaliningrad is raising new concerns that the heavily militarized Russian exclave could become a flashpoint between Moscow and the alliance, as experts warn the territory is already being used to pressure Europe through hybrid warfare.

Moscow warned NATO in a diplomatic document that it was prepared to use "the entire arsenal of forces and capabilities at its disposal, including nuclear weapons" if alliance members attempted to isolate Kaliningrad from the rest of Russia, Reuters reported Wednesday.

Kaliningrad, a Russian territory geographically separated from the Russian mainland, sits on the Baltic Sea between NATO members Poland and Lithuania and hosts significant Russian military assets, including elements of Moscow's Baltic Fleet.

[RUSSIA THREATENS STRIKES ON UK MILITARY TARGETS, 'CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES' OVER UKRAINE](#)

The Russian document also raised the possibility of strikes against "decision-making centers" in NATO member states from the outset of a conflict.

NATO rejected Moscow's allegations in a response reviewed by Fox News Digital, saying the alliance is defensive and that none of its exercises or activities threaten Russian territory. The alliance also urged Russia to stop its "irresponsible nuclear rhetoric."

Carrie Filipetti, executive director of the Vandenberg Coalition, a nonpartisan network of foreign policy leaders, told Fox News Digital that Moscow has repeatedly used nuclear threats as a means of trying to deter Western support for Ukraine.

"Russia has threatened to use nuclear weapons in the past, including veiled references to tactical nuclear attacks at the beginning of [Putin's invasion of Ukraine](#), lowering their formal threshold for launching a nuclear attack in 2024, placing Russia's nuclear forces on high alert, and restarting nuclear testing," Filipetti said. "It is very common

for Putin to use these threats, because he sees it as a way to deter Europe and the United States from continuing to support Ukraine."

SHE GREW UP UNDER SOVIET RULE. NOW EU'S TOP DIPLOMAT WARNS EUROPE AGAINST GIVING RUSSIA WHAT IT WANTS

"The threat about a nuclear attack if Kaliningrad is threatened or isolated comes on the heels of a few developments," she added, pointing to [NATO jets being scrambled](#) over Russian aircraft, U.S. and NATO air drills near Kaliningrad last month, and heightened tensions over the war in Ukraine.

Filipetti, who also served as a deputy assistant secretary at the State Department and as a senior policy advisor for the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN), argued that the timing also reflects mounting pressure on Moscow as the war continues.

"Putin seems to understand that the tide is turning against him, and he's resorting to aggressive rhetoric to try to stop European support for Ukraine as he has tried to do in the past," she said.

Dr. Azeem Ibrahim, a research professor at the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College and chief strategy officer at the New Lines Institute, told Fox News Digital that NATO should take the warning seriously, particularly because of the broader role Kaliningrad is already playing in Moscow's confrontation with Europe.

Ibrahim argued that while NATO has traditionally prepared for conventional military conflict involving "tanks and troops and divisions," Russia is increasingly using methods designed to disrupt the infrastructure and systems on which civilian societies depend.

"Russia is actually adopting a very different approach," he said, describing a strategy of [hybrid warfare targeting](#) "infrastructure" and "societies in general — what keeps societies functioning."

Ibrahim described Kaliningrad as the "front line" of that effort.

"It's essentially become a Russian fortress," he said. "This is essentially a front-line operation of the Russians in terms of signals intelligence, signals interference and essentially mechanisms by which to carry out this hybrid warfare."

Such interference, Ibrahim said, could play a role in the broader confrontation by disrupting civilian communications and infrastructure before or alongside a conventional military attack.

"All of that would be preceded by interference operations like this to ensure that societies are not functioning, are not able to respond to emergency services, the news

information services, etc.," Ibrahim said. "So governments lose control over what actually makes societies function."

RUSSIA'S SHADOW WAR IS PUTTING EUROPE ON EDGE AS GERMANY CONFRONTS A GROWING THREAT

The challenge for NATO, he said, is that such operations can be more difficult to attribute than a conventional assault.

"Many times, you cannot trace exactly where a lot of this interference is actually coming from — [attacks on power stations](#) or internet and telecommunications, et cetera," Ibrahim said. "There's always some sort of plausible deniability if it's done by an actor who's very capable."

The ambiguity, Ibrahim argued, presents a challenge for an alliance built around collective defense against armed attack.

"NATO really does have to kind of reconfigure its posture to understand that these kinds of attacks are equivalent to essentially any sort of kinetic attack," he said.

Asked what NATO and neighboring Poland and Lithuania should do following Russia's warning, Ibrahim called for the alliance to establish clearer consequences for hybrid attacks.

"We now need to start going on the offensive in terms of hybrid warfare and understanding the threat and pushing back and sending a very clear signal to Moscow that such threats will not stand," he said, arguing that a sufficiently serious hybrid attack should be considered capable of triggering NATO's Article 5 collective-defense clause.

Lithuania, which directly borders Kaliningrad, rejected Moscow's warning and accused Russia of trying to undermine NATO unity and Western support for Ukraine.

"Russia's insinuations and threats have no basis. NATO is a defensive alliance and poses no threat to Russia or any other country," Lithuania's Foreign Ministry told Fox News Digital. "Russia's threatening is intended to fracture transatlantic unity and impede our support to Ukraine. Russia will not achieve its goals."

The ministry added: "We strongly condemn any threats to use force and irresponsible nuclear rhetoric. Russia must stop its aggression against Ukraine... Lithuania is strengthening its national defense system and capabilities, including air defense," the ministry said. "We train with our allies and work alongside NATO forces deployed in Lithuania. We are prepared to defend every inch of NATO territory and respond to any threats."

The ministry said Lithuania would also continue providing "comprehensive support to Ukraine and its fight against the aggressor Russia."

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Richard Newton told Fox News Digital, "In the weeks leading up to February 2022, many officials and commentators (myself included) weren't sure Putin would actually invade Ukraine, even though there were a number of warnings and indicators he would do so. And then on that Feb. 24, Putin launched the largest land invasion against Ukraine since World War II."

US ALLIES NEED TO SHOOT DOWN RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT TESTING NATO BOUNDARIES, CZECH PRESIDENT WARNS

"NATO should take Russia's warning seriously that it could resort to employing nuclear weapons against the alliance should Kaliningrad be cut off from Russia. We are in the midst of Russia employing 'gray zone' coercive actions against NATO nations, so this pronouncement should not surprise the West," he added.

Filipetti cautioned that regardless of whether Moscow intends to follow through, [nuclear threats themselves carry risks](#).

"NATO is a defensive organization that is in no way threatening Russia's position on Kaliningrad," she said. "That said, any time there is a public threat of nuclear attack it must be taken seriously, especially with someone like Putin."

"Nuclear bombs are a potentially world-altering technology," Filipetti added. "It is not only their use, but the threat of their use, that could cause significant miscalculations and escalations."

Russia has denied Western accusations that it is conducting hybrid warfare against European states and has said it has no intention of [attacking NATO countries](#). Moscow says NATO military activity around Kaliningrad is instead contributing to an increasingly dangerous confrontation.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov characterized recent Russian warnings as diplomatic reminders to "hotheads in Europe," Reuters reported Wednesday.

Fox News Digital reached out to the Polish and Russian embassies for comment but did not receive responses in time for publication.

[Within a day: 3,000 antisemitic conspiracy posts blame Israel for flydubai 'false flag,' garner 3 million views | All Israel News.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #anti-semitism, #flydubai, #conspiracy

Oct 2, 2026

The Combat Antisemitism Movement tracks over 3,000 false flag conspiracy posts on X following the foiled attack on flydubai Flight FZ1073.

Within just 12 hours of the attempted [flydubai attack](#) on Wednesday, the social media platform X exploded with almost 3,000 online posts blaming Israel for orchestrating a “false flag” operation, according to [data compiled](#) by the Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) at the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM).

An Omani pilot had stabbed his Indian copilot, attempting to crash the plane and kill all 176 passengers, most of them Israelis. However, the Indian pilot managed to open the cabin door, which allowed passengers to subdue the attacker before a second flight crew landed the plane in Saudi Arabia.

The first post on X blaming Israel for a false flag was recorded just 67 minutes after the plane sent its first emergency distress signal. “Within five hours, the ARC documented 1,000 hostile posts, and over the full 12-hour monitoring period a total of 2,963 posts were identified attributing the incident to Israel, the Mossad, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Zionists, or Jews,” according to the center.

“The posts generated at least 30,000 likes and three million views. The narrative proliferated rapidly until it conquered the X discourse on the incident. In the final two hours of the analysis, 81% of all tracked X posts using the term ‘false flag’ contained antisemitic conspiracy theories.”

ARC Research Associate Oliver Marks noted how quickly the incident was blamed on Israel, despite the details not yet being known at the time.

It took no time for conspiracy theories to flood in after the attack on the FlyDubai flight to Israel.

Somehow, facts are excused when it comes to fighting any stories where Jews are the victims.

An Indian pilot getting stabbed, emergency calls to other flights, and the lives...
pic.twitter.com/ATFdTKfKC4

— Hen Mazzig (@HenMazzig) [October 1, 2026](#)

“67 minutes is all it took for the near downing of a commercial airliner by a terrorist pilot to become fodder for antisemitic conspiracy theorists across the globe. It’s clear this isn’t a narrative that forms in response to an incident. Rather, it’s part of a script that already exists, sitting ready for use whenever opportunities arise.”

According to the ARC, this pattern “mirrors the influence operations that hostile states, Russia foremost among them, use to destabilize Western societies: sowing social division, exploiting breaking news events, and portraying Israel and Jews as the ‘hidden hand’ behind them.”

I thought oxygen masks come out when planes suddenly nosedive 14,000 feet. Like in this picture. pic.twitter.com/tA8aT8mDVj

— Marjorie Taylor Greene us (@mtgreenee) [October 2, 2026](#)

The claims were also shared by several prominent critics of Israel online. Former Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene posted a picture of emergency oxygen masks deployed inside a plane, commenting, “I thought oxygen masks come out when planes suddenly nosedive 14,000 feet. Like in this picture.”

However, multiple respondents pointed out that emergency masks are deployed in the case of a rapid loss of pressure in the cabin, which was not the case.

Other conspiracies focused on alleged evidence pointing toward collusion between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the United Arab Emirates.

This is a good example of how Jew hate—or antisemitism, or whatever you want to call it—is not the same as other forms of bigotry.

It’s an entire worldview that can lead you to believing that hundreds of people, every single plane record, and dozens of videos are all lying in...

— Max 🇲🇪 (@MaxNordau) [October 2, 2026](#)

Left-wing political commentator and online streamer Hasan Piker offered his assessment of the incident, acknowledging that “some elements of the story are plausible.”

However, he went on to claim that the account “reeks of conspiracy,” has multiple “red flags,” and noted that it seemed suspicious “given that the story is connected to Israel.” Piker also pointed to Netanyahu’s recent visit to the UAE and [warnings about potential terror attacks](#) in the near future as part of his discussion.

Piker also claimed that it would not be possible for the plane to remain intact during its rapid nosedive and argued that footage showing the aircraft's interior was "not consistent" with the G-forces that would have been experienced during the dive.

"Hours before the attack" - Nope.

This report by Fars was written ~6 hours ago - Roughly 4+ hours AFTER the FlyDubai incident was first reported.

The source of this claim is just an unnamed "foreign intelligence deputy of one of Iran's security bodies" - That's it.

Even the... <https://t.co/3ecwt5tyoN> pic.twitter.com/2CgNrAsV6A

— Tal Hagin (@talhagin) [September 30, 2026](#)

Jackson Hinkle, a co-founder of the American Communist Party who has repeatedly expressed support for Hamas and Hezbollah, wrote on X: "Just like 9/11, the attempted FlyDubai hijacking was planned by the Israeli government & the official narrative has huge mathematic inconsistencies."

Another claim circulated by multiple accounts alleged that Iran's news agency *Fars* had "reported intelligence that Israel was planning an aviation attack that would be blamed on Tehran to 'generate international pressure.'"

Ana Kasparian says the attempted FlyDubai hijacking was a false flag meant to "victimize Israelis."

Genuinely don't understand how their viewers never just take a step back and ask themselves if this is the slop they want to keep watching. pic.twitter.com/3soKAVLQXZ

— Eyal Yakoby (@EYakoby) [October 1, 2026](#)

Tal Hagin, a media literacy lecturer and open-source intelligence analyst, pointed out that the report was published "roughly 4+ hours AFTER the FlyDubai incident was first reported. The source of this claim is just an unnamed 'foreign intelligence deputy of one of Iran's security bodies' – That's it."

CAMERA reporting on antisemitism in Philadelphia schools cited in public hearing | The Jerusalem Post.com

#bibleprophecy, #jews, #anti-semitism, #schools, #children

Oct 1, 2026

Pennsylvania lawmakers drew upon extensive research from the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA) during a public hearing held by the [Pennsylvania](#) Senate Majority Policy Committee on Wednesday.

The hearing focused on combating antisemitic hate and utilized findings from CAMERA's 81-page investigation, called "Shaping Minds, Spreading Hate: How [Antisemitism](#) Took Root in the School District of Philadelphia". Written by Rebecca Schgallis, Director of CAMERA's K-12 Program, the report examined how instructional materials and broader school policies can create environments hostile to Jewish students and teachers.

According to the investigation, the School District of Philadelphia's (SDP) social studies curriculum shifted away from traditional chronological historical study toward thematic material focused on capitalism, racism, and settler colonialism. The report found major gaps in world history coverage, including limited or absent education on events like the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, both World Wars, and the Cold War.

CAMERA also concluded that Pennsylvania's vague social studies standards and lack of state assessments provided an opening for an ideologically driven curriculum that prioritized activism over historical literacy.

Ahead of the committee session, Schgallis stated: "I welcome the committee's drawing on CAMERA's research as it examines rising antisemitism across Pennsylvania and in the [School District](#) of Philadelphia. Our research demonstrates why lawmakers need to look beyond individual incidents and investigate how broader school policy and curricular initiatives can create an environment that is ultimately hostile to Jewish students."

Curriculum portrayed Jews, Israel as oppressors

Schgallis added: "When Philadelphia parents came to CAMERA, they wanted to understand how outside curricular organizations were influencing SDP's instructional materials. We found problems across the social studies curriculum. SDP's curriculum used an oppressor/oppressed binary lens that cast Jews, Israel, and even the United States as oppressors, effectively teaching students to view them through a

predetermined ideological framework rather than encouraging them to examine history and current events critically.”

The investigation was initiated after Philadelphia parents urged CAMERA to examine the district’s use of lesson plans and resources from the Zinn Education Project following multiple antisemitic incidents after [October 7, 2023](#). Utilizing public curriculum materials, public records requests, and public social media activity from educators, CAMERA detailed how the district’s ideological agenda developed. CAMERA also contributed its expertise to the US House Committee on Education and the Workforce’s investigations into the school district.

Schgallis stated regarding the Senate Majority Policy Committee hearing: “I hope the hearing is a wake-up call for Pennsylvania elected officials and parents to take a hard look at how curriculum is shaped and whether the education students are receiving is contributing to, rather than confronting, antisemitism.”

Diaspora Ministry: 262 anti-Israel events planned worldwide around October 7 anniversary | Israel National News.com

#bibleprophecy, #jews, #anti-semitism, #oct 7, pro-palestinian protests

Oct 5, 2026

Ministry report identifies pro-Palestinian protests and solidarity events in 37 countries, with 87 classified as medium or high risk and dozens planned near Israeli diplomatic facilities.

Anti-Israel protesters in New YorkREUTERS/David Dee Delgado

The Ministry of Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism warned on Monday of a surge in pro-Palestinian demonstrations and anti-Israel events worldwide surrounding the third anniversary of the October 7 massacre.

According to a special report published by the Ministry's National Situation Room, as of October 4, 262 pro-Palestinian protest and solidarity events had been identified across 37 countries. The events are scheduled to take place between October 1 and October 14, with the largest concentration expected during the weekend immediately following October 7.

The United States leads with 45 identified events, followed by Spain with 40, Australia with 21, Britain with 19 and Italy with 16. Germany and Canada each have 14 identified events, while 10 are planned in France and eight in the Netherlands.

The report found that October 10 and 11 are expected to see particularly intense protest activity, with a combined 121 events - 46% of all those identified. Of these, 96 are scheduled for October 10 alone, representing 37% of the total. Another 75 events, or 29% of the total, have been identified for October 7 itself.

Approximately one-third of all identified events - 87 - have been classified by the Ministry as presenting a medium or high risk.

Canada has four events classified as high risk, while Greece, Italy, the United States and Australia each have two. Additional risk focal points have been identified in cities including Barcelona, Bogota, Paris, Istanbul, Bangkok, Santiago, London, Berlin and Amsterdam.

The Ministry assessed that concentrating many of the events over the weekend is intended, among other things, to maximize participation as well as public and media exposure.

The report also highlighted the proximity of dozens of planned demonstrations to Israeli diplomatic missions and other properties associated with Israel.

According to the Ministry, 45 events are expected to take place near an Israeli embassy, consulate or other property identified with the State of Israel. Thirty of those events are located within 2.5 kilometers, or approximately 1.5 miles, of an Israeli property.

Among the locations highlighted in the report is a demonstration planned for Dam Square in Amsterdam. In Helsinki, an event is expected approximately 300 meters from the Israeli Embassy, while a high-risk event on Parliament Hill in Ottawa is expected approximately 350 meters from the Israeli Embassy.

An event in Frankfurt is planned approximately 370 meters from a hotel used by Israeli visitors.

Two additional events classified as high risk are expected in Italy: one in Milan, approximately 700 meters from an Israeli property, and another in Rome, approximately 2.2 kilometers from an Israeli property.

The report was released two days before the third anniversary of the October 7 massacre and amid preparations for a wave of demonstrations and anti-Israel events around the world.

[Chinese AI model investigated after researcher says it provided instructions for bioweapons, assassinations | Foxnews.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #chinese ai, #bioweapons, #assassinations, #attacks

Oct 1, 2026

Researcher Peter Garrigan says Moonshot AI's Kimi model was manipulated into providing instructions for biological weapons and assassination plans.

[AI models raise rogue behavior concerns](#)

Fox News senior foreign policy correspondent Gillian Turner reports on researchers' tests of a popular Chinese AI model and the concerns raised by its responses. She examines how the findings are fueling broader questions about rogue behavior in advanced AI systems on 'Special Report.'

Chinese AI company [Moonshot AI](#) has launched an internal investigation after a researcher found that one of its models could be manipulated into providing instructions for developing biological weapons and carrying out assassinations, Fox News senior foreign policy correspondent Gillian Turner reported Thursday.

Researcher Peter Garrigan told Fox News [Moonshot AI's](#) Kimi model could also be manipulated to provide information on planning terrorist attacks using real-time data, creating sarin gas, developing malware and taking down aircraft.

"What we found is quite damaging and worrying," Garrigan said.

[BIOWEAPON THREAT EXPOSED AS ANTHROPIC SOUNDS ALARM ON FOREIGN ACTORS PLOTTING VIRUS EXPERIMENTS](#)

The findings are raising broader concerns about [advanced AI models concealing capabilities](#) or behaving in ways their developers did not intend.

"We've also seen these problems within the U.S. models as well. It's a fundamental flaw in the technology," Garrigan said.

Moonshot AI is now investigating the findings and communicating directly with Garrigan, Turner reported on "[Special Report](#)."

[More than 500 million Christians face Bible access restrictions worldwide | Christian Post.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #christians, #bibles, #restrictions, #governments, #access

Oct 4, 2026

New data reveals that more than 500 million Christians worldwide face Bible access restrictions, as laws imposed by governments hostile to Christianity and socioeconomic barriers prevent many who would like a Bible from having one.

The Bible Access Initiative released its [2026 Bible Access List](#) Thursday, offering an updated look at Bible access around the world. The report examines 106 countries, identifying both places where Bible access is explicitly restricted and countries where people face socioeconomic barriers that prevent them from obtaining Scripture.

The report found that Afghanistan has the strongest restrictions on Bible access, followed by Yemen, Somalia, North Korea, Eritrea and Mauritania. The Bible Access Initiative classifies all six countries as having “maximum restrictions” on Bible access.

Turkmenistan, Libya, Sudan and Iran round out the top 10 countries with the strongest restrictions. Those four countries, along with Comoros and the Maldives, are categorized as having “extreme restrictions.”

Countries classified as having “severe restrictions” include Algeria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Niger, Burkina Faso, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Morocco, Syria, Bhutan, Azerbaijan, Mali, Oman, Brunei, Myanmar, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Chad, Iraq, Central African Republic, Malaysia, Laos, India, Kuwait, Ethiopia, Cuba, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Mozambique, Bangladesh, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Cameroon, Venezuela, Togo, Turkey, Lebanon, Tanzania, South Sudan, Malawi, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Kenya are identified as having “considerable restrictions.”

Another group of countries, including Nicaragua, Russia, the Ivory Coast, Ukraine, Rwanda, Colombia, Uganda, Senegal, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Benin, Angola, Sierra Leone, Mexico, Burundi and Liberia, are categorized as having “some restrictions.”

The restrictions extend beyond government bans or censorship. The report cites “persecution through government controls, extremist violence, and family and community pressure,” while also identifying socioeconomic barriers such as poverty, poor infrastructure, illiteracy, lack of electricity and limited internet access.

Bible shortages are particularly acute in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria and India, each of which has a shortage of more than 10 million Bibles, according to the report.

Uganda, Tanzania and China each have Bible shortages ranging from 5 million to 10 million. Indonesia, Angola and Mozambique round out the top 10 countries with the largest Bible shortages. Those countries, along with Malawi, Rwanda, Madagascar and Kenya, are each short between 3 million and 5 million Bibles.

Countries with Bible shortages of 1 million to 3 million include the Ivory Coast, Burundi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Cameroon, Cuba and Ghana. South Sudan, Chad, Benin, Burkina Faso, Egypt and the Central African Republic have shortages ranging from 500,000 to 1 million Bibles.

The report's findings challenge the idea that the Bible is universally accessible simply because it can be found online or purchased in many parts of the world.

“We often hear that the Bible is more accessible than ever, but we must not confuse availability with access,” said Bible Access List co-creator Wybo Nicolai in a [statement](#) reacting to this year’s findings.

“Persecution-related Bible access restrictions can make accessing Scripture difficult or dangerous, while socioeconomic barriers can put a Bible beyond people’s reach,” Nicolai said. “Even where Scripture is available digitally, limited internet coverage or unsafe online environments can still prevent people from accessing it.”

Ken Bitgood, founder and CEO of Digital Bible Society and co-creator of the Bible Access List, the report as “more than a picture of the problem but a roadmap for showing where intentional, strategic action is needed.”

“We believe everyone deserves access to God’s Word, and our goal is to equip others to join us in this mission, combining our efforts, resources and energy together to make this a reality,” Bitgood said.

This year’s report covers 18 more countries than the inaugural Bible Access List published last year.

The Bible Access Initiative is a partnership between Bible League International, Digital Bible Society, Frontlines International, The Voice of the Martyrs and YouVersion. The initiative says its mission is to provide Bible agencies, mission organizations and churches with a comprehensive overview of restrictions on Bible access and Bible shortages worldwide, while helping organizations develop strategies to address those challenges.

[Christian radio network marks 70 years of broadcasting the Gospel into North Korea and beyond | Christian Post.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #radio, #christian, #north korea, #china

Sep 30, 2026

SEOUL, South Korea — Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea, a Christian radio network whose signals have reached listeners in North Korea, China and Russia for decades, is marking its 70th anniversary with a series of events running through December.

During a press briefing Wednesday at its headquarters in Mapo district, the broadcaster reviewed a history built largely around what Korean churches call the "Northern Mission," [Christian Daily Korea reported](#). The term refers to outreach toward North Korea and the communist and formerly communist countries beyond it, where sending missionaries wasn't possible during the Cold War. FEBC-Korea says its programs served believers in underground churches in North Korea, China, Russia and Mongolia throughout that period.

Signals across the border

FEBC-Korea says its AM signal carries farther at night, reaching all of North Korea as well as northeastern China and parts of Siberia.

The broadcaster said many North Koreans secretly kept radios and listened to its sermons and hymns "with blankets pulled over their heads." It said accounts from Christians who later left North Korea have confirmed the practice.

After China began its economic reforms in the late 1970s, the station reportedly received tens of thousands of letters a year from listeners abroad. FEBC-Korea said those included handwritten notes from ethnic Koreans living in China and messages from Siberia.

The broadcaster described its role as "laying the foundation for a spiritual and peaceful reunification" of the Korean Peninsula despite political and ideological division.

From Incheon to Jeju

American missionary Tom Watson founded the station, which first went on the air Dec. 23, 1956, from Incheon, west of Seoul. It was then known as the Korea Evangelical Broadcasting Station and later moved to Seoul.

FEBC-Korea says it was the country's third terrestrial broadcaster, after the public Korean Broadcasting System and the Christian Broadcasting System. It also describes itself as the first broadcaster on the Korean Peninsula to air foreign-language programs for listeners outside the country.

A second operation began in 1973, when the U.S.-based Far East Broadcasting Company moved a transmitter from Okinawa, Japan, to South Korea's Jeju Island. The station, called Asia Broadcasting, aimed its programs at communist countries in the region. The Rev. Billy Kim served as its first director.

The two stations have operated jointly under Kim's leadership since 1977. They merged into a single legal entity in 2001, when the Jeju station was renamed Jeju FEBC.

Christian Daily Korea reported that Jeju FEBC remains the Korean-language broadcast heard most clearly in North Korea. It transmits in Korean, Chinese, Japanese and Russian and has a large Christian audience in China, according to the broadcaster.

Anniversary events

FEBC-Korea now operates 15 radio stations across South Korea, supported by 14 relay stations. Kim is chairman of its board.

Anniversary events held so far this year include a launch ceremony, a seminar for pastors, an Easter concert and evangelistic rallies in the country's southeastern and southwestern regions. A choral festival is scheduled for Oct. 15 at Busan Concert Hall, followed by a homecoming event Oct. 17 at Hanyang University in Seoul.

A thanksgiving service will be held Dec. 23, the founding date, at the Seoul headquarters.

FEBC-Korea President Maeng Ju-wan acknowledged concerns that radio has lost some of its former standing. He said the broadcaster is moving quickly onto digital platforms, including YouTube and smartphone apps, to extend its reach.

The Korean War ended in 1953 with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, and the peninsula remains divided.

"In an era when the pain of division caused by the Korean War has passed 70 years and the gulf of distrust and disconnection is deepening, FEBC-Korea's northward broadcasts continue, unchanged, to cross the armistice line and shine into every corner of the northern land," Maeng said, according to Christian Daily Korea.

"Just as a small flame kindled in the darkness in 1956 has today become a great lighthouse illuminating the nation, the airwaves of hope proclaimed by FEBC-Korea will be the most powerful spiritual energy hastening the dawn of a coming unified Republic of Korea," he said.

This article was originally published at [Christian Daily Korea](#)