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[‘Operation Breaking Dawn’: Some 1,000 projectiles fired at Israel, as IDF targets Islamic Jihad leaders - JNS.org](#)

#bibleprophecy, #idf, #projectiles, #israel

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Israel’s “Operation Breaking Dawn” entered its third day on Sunday, as Palestinian Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip resumed firing rockets at the Jewish state. Sirens blared in the Jerusalem area and in the southern city of Beersheba on Sunday for the first time since the launch of the operation on Friday.

As of Sunday evening, terrorists from Gaza had [fired](#) nearly 1,000 projectiles towards the Jewish state since hostilities broke out, according to the IDF.

The Iron Dome missile defense system successfully intercepted 96 percent of the projectiles that were headed for populated regions. About 160 of the rockets fell short in Gaza, killing at least nine people, said the IDF.

The military added that it had struck over 140 assets belonging to PIJ in Gaza since [launching](#) its mission.

According to several Israeli media reports, Egypt is [working](#) to forge a ceasefire between the sides that could go into effect as early as Sunday night.

The head of the Israel Defense Forces’ Operations Directorate, Maj. Gen. Oded Basiuk, announced on Saturday night that Khaled Mansour, the leader of PIJ in southern Gaza, had been killed in an Israeli airstrike, along with his deputy, Ziad Madalal and the commander of PIJ’s Rafah Brigade, Khattab Amassi.

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid hailed the killing of Mansour as an “extraordinary achievement,” adding that the operation would continue “as long as necessary.”

On Friday, the IDF [killed](#) senior PIJ commander Tayseer Jabari, who was responsible for numerous rocket attacks on the home front during “Operation Guardian of the Walls,” an 11-day battle in May 2021 initiated by Hamas and PIJ against Israel. Jabari, 50, was PIJ’s head of operations, according to the IDF.

Meanwhile, the military on Saturday night released footage showing a PIJ-fired rocket falling short in Gaza and causing an explosion in a residential area of Jabalya that reportedly killed numerous people, including children.

8 seconds video shows what killed the 4 children in [#GazaUnderAttack](#).

The rocket is fired from [#Jebli](#) camp in the Gaza Strip, goes up and then falls and blows up within the buildings.

It's a Palestinian rocket that hits Palestinian civilians. pic.twitter.com/dY9QYN6coa

— Ariel Kahana אריאל כהנא (@arik3000) [August 6, 2022](#)

A spokeswoman for Lapid confirmed following the incident that there was no Israeli activity in the Gaza Strip in that area or at that time.

“Islamic Jihad is killing Palestinian children in Gaza. One in four rockets fired from Gaza towards Israel lands inside the Gaza Strip. Iran’s proxies, including Islamic Jihad, have a long history of hiding behind civilians to target Israeli civilians,” the spokeswoman continued. “The world should be outraged at this terrorist group targeting innocent Israelis and killing innocent Gazans.”

The current round of hostilities comes amid heightened tensions in the holy city as Jews are [marking](#) the fast day of Tisha B'av, which commemorates the destruction of the two biblical temples.

On Sunday, Lapid met with opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu to update him on security developments.

[Trump says Mar-a-Lago home in Florida 'under siege' by FBI agents | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #fbi, #corruption, #trump

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Trump likened the reported 'siege' to what occurs in 'third-world countries'

Former [President Trump](#) on Monday said that his Mar-a-Lago home in Florida is "under siege" by a "large group" of FBI agents.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before. After working and cooperating with the relevant Government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate," Trump said. "It is prosecutorial misconduct, the weaponization of the [Justice System](#), and an attack by Radical Left Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for President in 2024, especially based on recent polls, and who will likewise do anything to stop Republicans and Conservatives in the upcoming Midterm Elections."

"Such an assault could only take place in broken, Third-World Countries. Sadly, America has now become one of those Countries, corrupt at a level not seen before," Trump said, alleging that the FBI agents broke into his safe.

"What is the difference between this and Watergate, where operatives broke into the Democrat National Committee?" he said. "Here, in reverse, Democrats broke into the home of the 45th President of the United States."

[DOJ REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING TRUMP'S CONDUCT, CONVERSATIONS AS PART OF 2020 ELECTION PROBE](#)

Multiple sources tell Fox News the FBI's raid of Mar-a-Lago is related to the materials Trump allegedly brought to his private residence after his presidency concluded. That matter was referred to the Justice Department by the National Archives and Records Administration, which said it found classified material in 15 boxes at the residence.

Federal law bars the removal of classified documents to unauthorized locations, though it is possible that Trump could try to argue that, as president, he was the ultimate declassification authority.

Trump was in New York City when the raid was carried out, Fox News has learned. An [FBI source](#) confirmed that FBI agents from Washington, D.C. who are on the bureau's Evidence Response Team conducted the raid and notified the Miami Field Office just before.

Per standard protocol, FBI Director Wray and Attorney General Garland were aware of the raid even if shortly before and would have been fully briefed.

A separate investigation into efforts by Trump allies to undo the results of the 2020 presidential election and the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol has intensified in Washington in recent weeks, particularly with the January 6 congressional committee holding hearings to reveal its findings.

Per sources familiar with the matter, the FBI raid is related to the alleged taking of potential classified information upon leaving Washington on January 2021 – not the January 6th investigation.

[WEF's Yuval Harari: 'Don't Need the Vast Majority of the Population' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #population, #harari, #wef

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Yuval Noah Harari, historian, futurist, and World Economic Forum (WEF) adviser, said, “We just don’t need the vast majority of the population” in the early 21st century given modern technologies’ rendering human labor economically and militarily “redundant.”

Harari’s remarks were made in an interview with Chris Anderson, the head of TED, [published](#) on Tuesday. He assessed widespread contemporary disillusionment among “common people” as being rooted in a fear of being “left behind” in a future run by “smart people.” Such fears are justified, he added, given his projection that emerging technologies will displace economic needs to many categories of existing work:

A lot of people sense that they are being left behind and left out of the story, even if their material conditions are still relatively good. In the 20th century, what was common to all the stories — the liberal, the fascist, the communist — is that the big heroes of the story were the common people, not necessarily all people, but if you lived, say, in the Soviet Union in the 1930s, life was very grim, but when you looked at the propaganda posters on the walls that depicted the glorious future, you were there. You looked at the posters which showed steel workers and farmers in heroic poses, and it was obvious that this is the future.

Now, when people look at the posters on the walls, or listen to TED talks, they hear a lot of these these big ideas and big words about machine learning and genetic engineering and blockchain and globalization, and they are not there. They are no longer part of the story of the future, and I think that — again, this is a hypothesis — if I try to understand and to connect to the deep resentment of people, in many places around the world, part of what might be going there is people realize — and they’re correct in thinking that — that, “The future doesn’t need me. You have all these smart people in California and in New York and in Beijing, and they are planning this amazing future with artificial intelligence and bio-engineering and in global connectivity and whatnot, and they don’t need me. Maybe if they are nice, they will throw some crumbs my way like universal basic income,” but it’s much worse psychologically to feel that you are useless than to feel that you are exploited.

Harari contrasted the 20th century with the 21st while forecasting what he said is the current century’s and future economies progressively diminishing need for human beings. He said:

If you go back to the middle of the 20th century — and it doesn't matter if you're in the United States with Roosevelt, or if you're in Germany with Hitler, or even in the USSR with Stalin — and you think about building the future, then your building materials are those millions of people who are working hard in the factories, in the farms, the soldiers. You need them. You don't have any kind of future without them.

“Now, fast forward to the early 21st century when we just don't need the vast majority of the population,” he concluded, “because because the future is about developing more and more sophisticated technology, like artificial intelligence [and] bioengineering, Most people don't contribute anything to that, except perhaps for their data, and whatever people are still doing which is useful, these technologies increasingly will make redundant and will make it possible to replace the people.”

[Canada says Jews most-targeted religious minority for hate crimes in 2021](#) [\(ynetnews.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #anti-semitism, #jews, #canada

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Although only 1% of the population, Jews victims of 14% of hate crimes, Statistics Canada reports, showing a 47% rise compared to previous year; Jewish official says alarmed by figures and calls for action

Canada's 380,000 Jews were the most targeted religious minority for hate crimes reported to police in 2021, the country's official numbers keeper reported Tuesday.

Statistics Canada said that the Jewish community, comprising about 1% of the population, were victims of 14% of reported hate crimes. Jews saw a 47% rise in reported hate crimes compared to 2020, according to the bureau.

"We are deeply concerned that incidents of hate crimes rose yet again in Canada in 2021," said Shimon Koffler Fogel, head of the Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs. "This disturbing trend clearly proves the need for more proactive measures to stop the rising hate targeting diverse Canadians based on their identity."

Only Black Canadians, who make up about 3.5% of the country's population, reported more hate crimes. Overall, 1.3 Canadian Jews in every 1,000 reported being victims of hate crime in 2021.

"Statistically, Canadian Jews were more than 10 times more likely than any other Canadian religious minority to report being the target of hate crime," Fogel said. "This is alarming."

Canada's official tally showed the same trend as tallies of anti-Semitic incidents in other countries last year. The Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom all reported increased incidents of antisemitism, while the Anti-Defamation League, a nonprofit in the United States, said it recorded more anti-Semitic incidents last year than at any time since it began tracking incidents in 1979.

Statistics Canada cautioned in its crime report that "fluctuations in the number of reported incidents may be attributable to a true change in the volume of hate crimes, but they might also reflect changes in reporting by the public because of increased community outreach by police or heightened sensitivity after high-profile events."

[Now They Are Literally Bowing Down And Worshipping Baal Right In Front Of Our Eyes \(themostimportantnews.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #baal, #idolatry, #worship

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They aren't even trying to hide it anymore. During the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England on July 28th, a giant mechanical bull with glowing red eyes was rolled out into the center of Alexander Stadium. The bull was approximately 10 meters high, and it took more than five months to build. It had been given the nickname "Raging Bull", and it absolutely dwarfed all of the human participants that were involved in the performance. The "hero" of the opening ceremony, a character known as Stella, calmed the creature down and then all of the human performers gathered around the giant bull and literally began to bow down and worship it. I have seen a lot of really weird things in recent years, but I have never seen anything quite like this.

A total of 72 nations participate in the Commonwealth Games, and so this opening ceremony was being viewed on countless television screens all over the planet.

The symbolism in this "ritual" was well planned in advance, and the organizers knew exactly what they were doing.

But they were also counting on the fact that the vast majority of the general population would not consciously catch on to what was actually taking place.

The bull has always been a symbol of an ancient deity from the Middle East known as "Baal". The following comes [from Christianity.com...](#)

In artistic depictions and archeological finds, Baal took the shape of a bull or ram and had associations with fertility.

This god also, apparently according to Canaanite lore, defeated El and had associations with the sun and thunder. And of all the foreign gods the Israelites came into contact with, they appeared to struggle the most with worshipping this one.

If we could go back thousands of years and roll out a giant bull with glowing red eyes for the people of the ancient Middle East, they would instantly understand what was going on.

Nobody would need to tell them that it was a statue of Baal and that they were intended to worship it.

An article that was posted [on WorldHistory.org](#) details the period of time in which the symbol of the bull first started to become associated with Baal...

*Baal Hadad originated in Mesopotamia under the names Adad in the north and Iskur in the south. He is attested as early as the time of the Akkadian Empire (2334-2218 BCE) but became more popular after the fall of the Third Dynasty of Ur (2047-1750 BCE) during the First Babylonian Empire (c. 1894 to c. 1595 BCE). Even so, at this time, he was not a major deity and was often associated with the storm god Ninurta as a subordinate or with the great god Enlil as a kind of personal secretary. **It was during this time, however, that he came to be associated with the bull as his sacred animal, which would become a prominent aspect of his iconography later.***

It is also interesting to note that the ancient deity known as “Moloch” or “Molech” [was also often represented by a bull...](#)

*In addition to sexual rituals, Moloch worship included child sacrifice, or “passing children through the fire.” **It is believed that idols of Moloch were giant metal statues of a man with a bull’s head.** Each image had a hole in the abdomen and possibly outstretched forearms that made a kind of ramp to the hole. A fire was lit in or around the statue. Babies were placed in the statue’s arms or in the hole. When a couple sacrificed their firstborn, they believed that Moloch would ensure financial prosperity for the family and future children.*

With all of that in mind, I would like for you to watch [this video](#) of the moment when the giant mechanical bull was rolled out into the center of Alexander Stadium...

Humanity reverts to Baal worship.

Birmingham England 2022 Commonwealth Opening Ceremony pic.twitter.com/PpaFcifr3

— Cygnus (@CygnusAmerica) [August 4, 2022](#)

It was being reported that music from Black Sabbath was being played as the colossal beast was being brought out.

It would have been bad enough if they would have stopped there.

But as you can see [from this video](#), all of the human performers gather around the bull and literally start bowing down to it...

ICYMI | BAAL WORSHIP BLATANT IN YOUR FACE AT COMMONWEALTH 2022 OPENING CEREMONY pic.twitter.com/ofgpan5Zek

— AED PILL LED – GH

ST (@SkyDaddy360) [August 2, 2022](#)

Are you kidding me?

Why do they have to perform some sort of incredibly bizarre ritual in which they bow down to the beast?

We are obviously meant to understand that the performers are worshipping the bull.

If people from the ancient Middle East were to watch this spectacle, they would immediately identify it as Baal worship.

After the bull is calmed down, at one point three women are lifted up to ride on top of the bull.

When I saw this, I instantly thought of a passage [from Revelation chapter 17](#)...

³ Then he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filth of her sexual immorality. ⁵ On her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY,

BABYLON THE GREAT,

THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES

AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

One of the announcers on television suggested that this giant bull will have a permanent place in Birmingham once the games are over.

I haven't seen any confirmation of this, but it would be extremely alarming if it is true.

The elite love to use opening ceremonies, awards shows and other public spectacles to mentally and emotionally condition us.

And when they pull stunts like this, they know that only a very small fraction of the general population will ever object.

We live in very strange times, and I believe that they are [only going to get weirder](#).

Unfortunately, the vast majority of the population is still dead asleep.

They have no idea what the elite are doing, even though it is happening right in front of their eyes.

[80-year-old Washington state woman banned from YMCA after demanding trans employee leave locker | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #ymca, #transgender

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A spokesperson for the YMCA said the permanent suspension was due to repeated violations of their code of conduct

An 80-year-old [Washington state](#) woman was permanently banned from her local YMCA pool after demanding that a transgender employee leave the women's locker room, she told local media.

"I saw a man in a woman's bathing suit watching maybe four or five little girls pulling down their suits in order to use the toilet," Port Townsend resident Julie Jaman recalled of the July incident to Seattle radio show host Dori Monson on Friday. "I asked if he had a penis and he said it was none of my business. I told that man to 'get out right now.'"

The incident occurred on July 26 at the Mountain View pool, which is a City of Port Townsend facility operated by the Olympic Peninsula YMCA, according to local news outlet Port Townsend Free Press.

Jaman said that she was alerted to the trans employee being in the women's locker room while she was showering and "heard a man's voice."

[JUDGE BLOCKS BIDEN ADMIN'S TRANSGENDER SCHOOL BATHROOM RULE, ATHLETES](#)

She told Monson that she alerted a pool staffer to the incident and was stunned when the staff member told her she was "being discriminatory," and "was banned from the pool forever." The staffer also allegedly said the police would be called, according to Jaman's radio interview.

"She didn't ask me what the problem was, if I was okay, nothing about me," Jaman told Monson. "It's as if she was just waiting to pounce on me. It was just stunning."

The Port Townsend Police Department told Fox News Digital that no official police report was filed, but the department provided an incident report on the matter.

The incident report details that Jaman "had an emotional response to a strange male being in the bathroom" near [young girls](#), and is hoping to not be "trespassed" from the pool, according to a phone call an officer had with Jaman. The report also noted a phone call from the YMCA detailing that Jaman was reportedly in the facility's locker room "screaming" at an employee and "refusing to leave."

Erin Hawkins, the marketing & communications manager for the Olympic Peninsula YMCA, told Fox News Digital that the permanent pool ban followed a build-up of incidents where Jaman violated the facility's code of conduct. She said the permanent suspension was not solely due to the singular incident in the women's locker room last month.

"Julie Jaman was permanently suspended from the Mountain View Pool due to her repeatedly violating our Code of Conduct, specifically, using disrespectful words or gestures toward YMCA staff or others; abusive, harassing and/or obscene language or gestures toward YMCA staff or others," Hawkins said in comment to Fox News Digital on Monday.

LAURA INGRAHAM: HORMONE BLOCKERS AND TRANS SURGERY FOR MINORS IS THE BIDEN ADMIN'S VERSION OF 'NORMAL'

Jaman told Monson that she was suspended from the facility despite having "a great relationship with swimmers in the pool."

Jaman told local media that she had been a member of the [pool facility](#) for 35 years and has lived in Port Townsend for about 40 years. She has voted for Democrats during her life, she told the local outlet, and considers herself an "XX woman," referring to her chromosomes.

She added to the Port Townsend Free Press that she recoiled at being naked and showering in a room with a person born male. She added that the "momma bear in me" came out when she saw the individual near the young girls in the bathroom.

DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE SAYS HER PARTY 'CANCELED' HER OVER VIEW ON TRANSGENDER ISSUES

Jaman added that she also spoke with the CEO of the Olympic Peninsula YMCA, Wendy Bart, and said that she told Bart there should be warnings that the bathrooms were also used by trans individuals.

"I told her there were no signs posted to give women warning," Jaman told Monson. "She said there were Pride posters posted all over and she assumed that was adequate to inform women what to expect." Bart also said, "we take pride and everyone is welcome," according to Jaman's description of the conversation.

"That's fine with me, except that they do not provide alternatives for women who choose not to be undressing in front of men," Jaman continued in the radio interview. "Our pool is a very old pool. We just have two shower rooms, dressing rooms, one for men, one for women."

Jaman has since held a protest outside the pool facility and was joined by supporters, the Port Townsend Free Press reported. Trans activists also ran a counter-protest.

[Nuclear disaster fears grow at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia plant \(nbcnews.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #russia, #nuclear, #ukraine

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for international inspectors to be given access to the sprawling nuclear site as fears of a disaster grew after the weekend strikes left the plant damaged but still operational.

“Any attack to a nuclear plant is a suicidal thing,” he said Monday in Tokyo after a ceremony in Hiroshima to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the world’s first atomic bombing.

Russia and Ukraine have traded accusations over who is responsible for attacks on the plant, which is the largest in Europe.

Ukraine, which said [Russian shelling hit](#) the Soviet-era site Friday and Saturday, has called for the plant to be demilitarized.

The Russian attacks damaged several buildings, put one reactor offline and raised the threat of radiation leaks and fires, according to Energoatom, Ukraine’s national energy company.

The Russian Defense Ministry said it was Ukrainian artillery that hit the plant, damaging a high-voltage power line that served the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.

NBC News has not verified the claims of either side.

Either way, political figures around the world have warned of the higher threat of disaster, and 54,000 people were without power as a result of the shelling, Energoatom's head said Saturday.

The plant is in Zaporizhzhia, an area of southeastern Ukraine that Russian forces seized in the early stages of the war and may now be [in the sights of a Ukrainian counteroffensive](#).

Petro Kotin, the head of Energoatom, has called for Russian forces to withdraw and hand over control to a team of peacekeepers.

"What we need is for Russia to just release Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and make some type of no-military zone around it," he said Saturday, adding that while the plant was stable, radiation levels “could increase at any moment.” He warned that there was a real risk of a “nuclear catastrophe” and a “radiation catastrophe” because huge amounts of spent nuclear material could be hit by rockets.

Energoatom alleged Monday that Russian forces had placed mines in the power plant and warned that further fighting could trigger a huge disaster.

The company cited Andriy Yusov, a spokesman for the Ukrainian Defense Ministry's intelligence division, who told NBC News that Ukraine has evidence Russian forces mined the site. He said Ukrainian intelligence had been observing Russian soldiers transporting explosives and ammunition on the complex since the day they took it over.

Moscow has yet to respond to the accusation. NBC News has asked the Kremlin for a response.

[Auburn Basketball Team Baptized in Jordan River during Israel Tour: 'Once-in-a-Lifetime' - Michael Foust \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #auburn, #baptized, #jordanriver

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Players from one of college basketball's most prominent teams took part in a baptism ceremony in the Jordan River last week during an off day as part of the team's summer international tour.

The Auburn men's basketball team – which is [expected](#) to be ranked for the 2022-23 season – has visited multiple historical sites in Israel in recent days, [including](#) the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which tradition says was the site of Christ's empty tomb.

On Friday, the players were baptized in the Jordan River.

The team's official social media account posted pictures of the baptisms.

*Last day in Jerusalem, made it count 🙏 [#WarEagle pic.twitter.com/zOGFTlTc5q](#)
– Auburn Basketball (@AuburnMBB) [August 3, 2022](#)*

"Today, we shared a special moment with each other," a [tweet](#) said.

Auburn coach Bruce Pearl, who is Jewish, has [called](#) the tour a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

"My players are going to see their Judeo-Christian roots, and for those who want to get baptized in the river Jordan, they will," he told [The Jerusalem Post](#). "They'll walk in the garden where Jesus walked, and they'll pray at the Western Wall. And they'll experience firsthand God's presence in the Holy Land. Just come and see it, you'll be changed forever."

Auburn's official Twitter account also showed the team touring the [Dead Sea](#), the [Western Wall](#), [Bethlehem](#) and the [Yad Vashem World Holocaust Museum](#).

*This morning we visited the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Museum. We listened. We learned. We grew. [#WarEagle pic.twitter.com/p9ncoNbmS8](#)
– Auburn Basketball (@AuburnMBB) [August 3, 2022](#)*

The Tigers won the SEC regular season championship last season and were ranked No. 1 for much of the season before being upset in the NCAA tournament round of 32.

Pearl often discusses his Jewish heritage. During a news conference in March, he [mentioned](#) the festival of Purim and the book of Esther.

“I’m very proud of my Jewish identity, and not afraid to put that pride on full display even though there are many times where – because of antisemitism – it wouldn’t benefit me personally or professionally,” Pearl told *The Post*. “I’m active politically, speaking out publicly on antisemitism, racism and other issues of intolerance. I take the words ‘never again’ very seriously.”