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[American proposal: Land swap to resolve Lebanon-Israel border dispute - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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US suggests Lebanon-Israel land swap in bid to end border conflicts - Al-Jarida

According to the report, the Israeli side reiterated its main demand for a complete military withdrawal of Hezbollah to 10 km away from the border, a demand that the organization currently rejects.

American officials recently proposed, in a virtual meeting with their Israeli counterparts, a land swap between Lebanon and Israel as part of a comprehensive agreement to end the [border conflicts](#) and resolve the land dispute between the two countries, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Jarida reported on Sunday.

The report follows Saturday night's rocket attacks, which involved about 50 launches from Lebanon toward Kiryat Shmona and Western Galilee.

According to the report, the Israeli side reiterated its main demand for a complete military withdrawal [of Hezbollah](#) to 10 km away from the border, a demand that the organization currently rejects.

On the other hand, two outstanding issues were raised in Washington's proposal for a diplomatic settlement. The first is the "Point B1" issue, the westernmost border point of the "Blue Line," overlooking the Israeli tourist site at Rosh Hanikra.

The proposal for this point involves recognizing it as part [of Lebanon](#), with UN forces deployed there as a neutral party for both sides.

The second issue is the Kibbutz Misgav Am, which belongs to the Upper Galilee Regional Council.

A quid-pro-quo

Here, the Americans propose a land swap that would not alter the kibbutz's characteristics in exchange for twice the area currently held by Israel.

Other issues on the table, such as the Shebaa Farms, the Kfar Shuba Hills, and the northern part of the Rajar village, remain to be addressed later.

Meanwhile, it remains unclear whether the current escalation signals preparation for a new military phase or if it is simply part of ongoing efforts to target Hezbollah sites in the southern Litani region.

Additionally, the diplomatic information regarding the fate of Lebanon's southern front remains unclear, with Western and American diplomatic sources indicating the improbability of a broad war, assuring that the Biden administration is making every effort to achieve calm in Gaza and other fronts.

On the other hand, diplomatic assessments suggest that Israel aims to use the period until the November US elections to weaken Hezbollah as much as possible.

[Blinken confirms Iran supplying Russia with short-range ballistic missiles | Fox News](#)

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken vows Iran will see 'significant' sanctions for aiding Russia's war effort

U.S. [Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) on Tuesday confirmed that Iran has supplied Russia with short-range ballistic missiles and "will likely use them within weeks in Ukraine."

"The supply of Iranian missiles enables Russia to use more of its arsenal for targets that are further from the front line, while dedicating new missiles it's receiving from Iran [for] closer range targets," Blinken said while speaking alongside British Foreign Secretary David Lammy during a trip to London.

Blinken vowed Tehran would face repercussions for the transfer of ballistic weapons and said the U.S. would be announcing additional sanctions on Iran later on Tuesday.

[IRAN THREATENS 'NIGHTMARE' FOR ISRAEL AS UN WATCHDOG WARNS TEHRAN NUCLEAR PROGRAMS RUNS UNCHECKED](#)

"There will be significant economic consequences for Iran's actions," he said, adding that European allies were expected to announce their own sanction-based actions against Tehran shortly.

Reports first surfaced on Monday showing that the European Union and its allied partners had received "credible" information that Moscow was receiving the top weaponry from its Middle Eastern ally despite warnings from the U.S. and NATO.

"This development and the growing cooperation between Russia and Iran threatens European security and demonstrates how Iran's decentralized influence reaches far beyond the Middle East," Blinken said.

The secretary said [Russia and Iran continue to share information](#) in areas of major geopolitical concern, including on nuclear development and space-based technology.

The nuclear watchdog for the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), on Monday warned that Iran has continued to develop its nuclear program unchecked for the last three and half years and increased its stockpiles of highly

enriched uranium to levels of 60% purity – just shy of weapons-grade uranium, which is achieved with 90% purity levels.

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi said he urged new Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian – who has expressed an interest in working with Western nations to alleviate sanctions for Iran – to meet with him in the "not to distant future" to establish a "constructive dialogue."

However, Blinken on Tuesday warned that aiding Russia in its deadly war against Ukraine will have crippling consequences for Tehran.

"Iran's new president and foreign minister have repeatedly said that they want to restore engagement with Europe," Blinken told reporters Tuesday. "They want to receive sanctions relief. Destabilizing actions like these will achieve exactly the opposite."

According to Reuters' reporting, Germany, France and the U.K. have "strongly condemned" Iran's supply of ballistic missiles to Russia, though no specific sanctions have been announced.

[‘Eco-chaplains’ are helping individuals process their ‘climate grief’: NPR report | Fox News](#)

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The American Psychological Association classifies 'climate anxiety' as a 'chronic fear of environmental doom' that has affected most Americans

A new spiritual movement is growing, one designed to help people deal with their negative feelings about the planet being threatened by climate change. That's according to a report from NPR.

Dubbed "eco-chaplains," these novel spiritual leaders are being trained to meet a growing need to address "grief, anxiety and burnout" over environmental problems.

"Today, there are chaplains working at the intersection of climate, grief and spirituality in the United States, Great Britain, Australia and Canada. Most develop their own ways of addressing the issue, from one-on-one therapy sessions to online climate grief circles and in-person support groups," [NPR reported](#).

[HARRIS CLAIMS ‘CLIMATE ANXIETY’ HAS YOUNG PEOPLE DOUBTING THE ‘SENSE’ OF HAVING CHILDREN, BUYING HOME](#)

The report noted how eco-chaplaincy is a 21st century invention, with less than 100 people believed to be practicing it in the western world. Multiple organizations have begun to train individuals in a type of eco-therapy "from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish and secular perspectives."

NPR spoke to Rev. Alison Cornish, a chaplaincy coordinator from Portland, Maine. She argued that eco-chaplains are needed because of the "demand to address climate grief, anxiety and burnout."

Climate anxiety is reportedly an issue for many people, to the point that the American Psychological Association (APA) acknowledged its existence in 2017, classifying it as "a chronic fear of environmental doom."

[An APA entry from 2021](#) stated, "The planet is undergoing rapid changes that are unprecedented in human history. And as psychologists are increasingly aware, these changes can bring about great stress and mental anguish to all of us living through these challenging times."

As NPR noted, the APA found that two-thirds of Americans have experienced [climate anxiety](#).

Cornish said her non-profit organization, The BTS Center – which specializes in dealing with climate change spiritually – had 80 chaplains register to join one of their programs discussing climate in 2023, a number she said was eight times more than she was expecting.

The spiritual leader told NPR these curious chaplains "are asking how do we deal with regret, with complicity, with lament, with saying goodbye to species. They are creating rituals that honor all of those."

The outlet described how these eco-chaplains serve different generations of people.

"One consists of older adults dealing with personal losses of careers, aging friends and declining health and abilities. Many may also be mourning decades of environmental advocacy they feel has, for the most part, failed."

NPR added, "A second group is young adults frightened about the prospect of inheriting a planet beset by wildfires, floods and other cataclysmic effects of climate change."

The piece also detailed how one of these spiritual therapy sessions works. It described one of the monthly Sustaining Climate Activists meetings, where a local group of people gather at the Talent Public Library in Oregon. There they meet with a certified hospital chaplain, Rev. Liz Olson, a Buddhist who leads them through discussions and meditative exercises.

During the meeting, the outlet reported how Olson taught the group to use breathing to deal with climate anxiety, as well as offering them a chance to share "whatever was troubling them."

"Participants sipped coffee, nibbled homemade oatmeal raisin cookies, passed around a box of Kleenex and examined a color wheel with the names of hues replaced by emotions — fear, anger, loneliness and anxiety," NPR said.

The report added, "They were a band of people committed not only to the same sweeping environmental issues, but also bonded by the pain of realizing their decades-long work to protect the planet had apparently made minimal impact."

Elsewhere in the piece, it was reported that the Sustaining Climate Activists group was created by climate activists in response to the election of [former President Trump](#).

Co-founder Alan Journet told the outlet, "Trump's election freaked everyone out. Group members wanted a way to deal with fears and anxieties about climate and politics."

[Pope Francis Joins Grand Imam in Denouncing Climate ‘Crisis’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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Sep 6, 2024

ROME — Pope Francis has signed a joint declaration together with Indonesia’s Grand Imam Nasaruddin Umar, in which they denounce the “crisis” of climate change.

“Our world is clearly facing two serious crises, dehumanization and climate change,” the declaration [reads](#).

“The human exploitation of creation, our common home, has contributed to climate change, leading to various destructive consequences, such as natural disasters, global warming, and unpredictable weather patterns,” states the text, which was read aloud and signed in Southeast Asia’s largest mosque.

The Istiqlal Joint Declaration 2024, subtitled “Fostering Religious Harmony for the Sake of Humanity,” asserts that the “ongoing environmental crisis has become an obstacle to the harmonious coexistence of people.”

“We sincerely call on all people of good will to take decisive action in order to maintain the integrity of the natural environment and its resources,” it reads, “for we have inherited them from the past generations and hope to pass them on to our children and grandchildren.”

Pope Francis is currently in Jakarta, Indonesia, in the midst of the longest trip of his 11-year pontificate. He plans to visit four countries in the Asia Pacific over 12 days, the most continuous time he has spent away from the Vatican since his election in 2013.

After Indonesia, he will travel to Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore.

Along with climate change, the joint declaration decries the “global phenomenon of dehumanization,” marked by widespread violence and conflict. It is “particularly worrying” that religion is often instrumentalized in this regard, causing suffering to many, especially to women, children, and the elderly, it says.

In 2019, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed Al-Tayeb of Al-Azhar of Egypt [signed](#) a joint declaration in Abu Dhabi, condemning “acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression” carried out in God’s name.

We “resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood,” the 3,000-

word text reads. “These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings.”

The text was later [criticized](#) by prominent theologians for “devaluing the person of Jesus” and “undermining the gospel itself” since it seemed to propose that God willed the existence of a plurality of religions just as he wills a plurality of sexes, races, and languages, rather than willing that all people find their salvation in Jesus Christ.

The passage that caused the most consternation said that the “pluralism and the diversity of religions, color, sex, race and language are willed by God in his wisdom, through which he created human beings.”

A number of Catholic theologians [criticized](#) the text, asserting that such a statement seemed to suggest that either God actively wills error, or that all religions are equally valid paths to God.

The existence of a variety of colors, races, and languages in humanity is very different from a variety of contradictory claims about God’s identity and way of acting, they insisted.

Pope Francis regularly [speaks](#) against climate change, declaring last May that it is a “planetary crisis” where billions face “an extremely high risk of climate-related devastation.”

The data on climate change “is getting worse every year,” putting “all human beings in grave danger,” he said.

Climate change, together with biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, global disparities, and food insecurity, poses “existential threats to humanity, to other living beings, and to all ecosystems,” the pope declared.

Wealthy nations are especially responsible for the warming earth, he contended, since the richest nations “produce more than half of the pollutants that trap heat.”

This means that the wealthier nations have contracted an “ecological debt” toward poorer nations, Francis proposed, which calls for debt restructuring and reduction, as well as the development of “a new Global Financial Charter by 2025.”

“The specter of climate change looms over every aspect of existence, threatening water, air, food and energy systems,” he argued, adding that more than three and a half billion people “live in regions that are highly sensitive to the ravages of climate change.”

This “planetary crisis” demands “a universal approach and swift and decisive action, capable of producing political change and decisions,” he urged.

We need to “aim for global decarbonization, eliminating dependence on fossil fuels,” he added.

“We need to act urgently – urgently!” he said, “because the stakes couldn’t be higher.”

[PA wants UN to order removal of 500,000 Jews from Judea and Samaria - JNS.org](#)

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The resolution is expected to be brought to a vote at the U.N. General Assembly, which is scheduled to open on Sept. 10.

The Palestinian Authority is circulating a [draft resolution](#) asking the United Nations General Assembly to urge Israel to withdraw from Judea and Samaria and remove some 500,000 Israeli citizens living in the territory within six months.

According to a report by Israel's *Channel 12* on Sunday, the resolution, which cites a July 19 advisory opinion by the [International Court of Justice](#) in The Hague, is expected to be brought to a vote next week.

The 79th Session of the U.N. General Assembly is scheduled to open on Sept. 10.

In addition to demanding an end to Israel's civilian and military presence, the draft text urges U.N. member states to impose sanctions on officials in Jerusalem, banning trade with Jewish businesses in Judea and Samaria and blocking weapons sales to Israel if they might be used in the area.

Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon, attacked the P.A.'s move and called on the 193 members of the General Assembly to "outright reject this shameful resolution and instead adopt a resolution condemning Hamas, calling on it to release all the hostages immediately.

"Let it be clear: Nothing will stop nor deter Israel in its mission to bring back all the hostages and defeat Hamas," the Israeli diplomat stated.

"If this resolution passes in the General Assembly, exactly one year after the Oct. 7 massacre, the most brutal massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, it would be a reward for terrorism and a message to the world that the barbaric massacre of children, the rape of women and the kidnapping of innocent civilians is a profitable move," added Danon.

While the Palestinians have a near-automatic majority in the General Assembly—including the overwhelming portion of nearly 60 Arab and Muslim governments—resolutions passed by the body are not binding.

On July 19, the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial arm of the U.N., issued a non-binding, 83-page opinion declaring Israel's 57-year "occupation" of Judea and Samaria to be "unlawful."

The non-binding ruling claimed that “Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and the regime associated with them, have been established and are being maintained in violation of international law.”

Jerusalem is “obliged to bring an end to its presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible,” the U.N. court added.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the ruling, saying that no “absurd” ICJ opinion can “deny this historical truth or the legal right of Israelis to live in their own communities in our ancestral home.”

Despite the P.A.’s continued efforts to undermine Israel through lawfare, the U.S. administration insists that Ramallah be given control of the Gaza Strip following the cessation of hostilities there.

[UN rights chief calls on states to challenge Israel over 'occupation' - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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The UN human rights chief has announced that ending the conflict in Gaza is a priority, saying that the Western war needs to stop enabling the war by scapegoating immigrants.

The [UN human rights chief](#) said on Monday that ending the nearly year-long war in Gaza is a priority, and he asked countries to act on what he called Israel's "blatant disregard" for international law in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Nearly 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to Gaza health officials, since Israel unleashed a military campaign in response to cross-border attacks by Hamas militants on Oct. 7, 2023, in which 1,200 people were killed and a further 250 taken hostage. The conflict has also fueled a surge in violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"Ending that war and averting a full-blown regional conflict is an absolute and urgent priority," the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, said in a speech at the start of the five-week UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva.

"States must not – cannot – accept blatant disregard for international law, including binding decisions of the (UN) Security Council and orders of the International Court of Justice, neither in this nor any other situation."

He cited an opinion released by the [UN](#) top court in July that called Israel's occupation illegal, and Turk said this situation must be "comprehensively addressed." Israel has rejected the opinion and called it one-sided.

Turk's comments were given in a broad speech marking the mid-way point of his four-year term as [UN](#) rights chief where he described massive challenges around the world and a crisis of political leadership. The session will also debate crises in Sudan, Afghanistan and Ukraine.

"It seems to me we are at a fork in the road. We can either continue on our current path – a treacherous 'new normal' – and sleepwalk into a dystopian future," he said in a speech met with applause from diplomats.

He denounced the increased use of the death penalty and "alarming regressions" on gender equality, in reference to new morality laws in Afghanistan.

The western world

In Western countries like Britain, Germany, and the United States, politicians risk spurring violence by scapegoating migrants and minorities during election periods, he said.

Turk, a former lawyer from Austria, also used the speech to defend his record, after criticism from some that his policy of engaging China over alleged abuses has been too soft.

"I believe in engagement, frank exchanges, and keeping dialog open, even more so in the face of fierce disagreement," he said.

[Turkey's Erdogan calls for Islamic alliance against Israel - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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Erdogan said in July that Turkey would extend an invitation to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad "any time" for possible talks to restore relations between the two neighbors.

Turkish President [Tayyip Erdogan](#) said on Saturday Islamic countries should form an alliance against what he called "the growing threat of expansionism" from Israel.

He made the comment after describing what Palestinian and Turkish officials said was the killing by Israeli troops of a Turkish-American woman taking part in a protest on Friday against settlement expansion in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"The only step that will stop Israeli arrogance, Israeli banditry, and Israeli state terrorism is the alliance of Islamic countries," Erdogan said at an Islamic schools' association event near Istanbul.

Turkey improving ties with other Middle Eastern countries

He said recent steps that Turkey has taken to improve ties with Egypt and Syria are aimed at "forming a line of solidarity against the growing threat of expansionism," which he said also threatened Lebanon and Syria.

Erdogan hosted Egyptian President [Abdel Fattah al-Sisi](#) in Ankara this week and they discussed the Gaza war and ways to further repair their long-frozen ties during what was the first such presidential visit in 12 years.

Ties between them started thawing in 2020 when Turkey began diplomatic efforts to ease tensions with estranged regional rivals, including the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Erdogan said in July that Turkey would extend an invitation to Syrian President [Bashar al-Assad](#) "any time" for possible talks to restore relations between the two neighbors, who severed ties in 2011 after the outbreak of the Syrian civil war.

In response, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz posted an AI photo on X depicting Erdogan poring fire onto a miniature city with Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar looking on.

"Erdogan continues to throw the Turkish people into the fire of hatred and violence for his friends from Hamas. Today, he calls on the Islamic countries to form an alliance against the State of Israel. This is incitement.

"Israel defends its borders and its citizens against the murderers of Hamas and the Shiite axis of evil led by Iran. Erdogan and the Muslim Brotherhood have been working together with Iran for years to stamp out the moderate Arab regimes in the Middle East," he continued. "It is better for Erdogan to shut up and be ashamed."

[600 Churches in Ukraine Destroyed by Russian Forces - Michael Foust \(crosswalk.com\)](#)

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A European and Asian Christian ministry dedicated to spreading the gospel across former Soviet nations asserts in a new report that Russian forces are guilty of religious persecution across Ukraine, having destroyed or damaged at least 600 churches since the 2022 invasion. The "Faith Under Fire" [report](#) from Mission Eurasia says the majority of destruction of and damage to churches is from missiles, drones, and artillery strikes, although religious structures also have been "deliberately looted by Russian soldiers" and "closed or repurposed into administrative buildings by occupation authorities." Russian forces also have seized churches to use as military bases or to conceal firing positions, the report says.

"New reports concerning Russian soldiers seizing or looting yet another church or [prayer](#) house appear almost every week," it says.

All total, 630 religious structures have been destroyed or damaged, according to the report. More than 600 of those are churches, with 206 of them being evangelical.

[Mission Eurasia](#) is a ministry dedicated to training and mobilizing Christian leaders in the 13 countries of the former Soviet Union.

"In Ukraine, there is lots of persecution on behalf of the Russians. When they take over and conquer territories, they basically raze the churches -- they push them out," Sergey N. Rakhuba, president of Mission Eurasia, told Crosswalk Headlines. "They intimidate [pastors](#), ministers, priests, church leaders and basically push everybody out of that area."

Prior to the Russian invasion, he added, Ukrainian Christians enjoyed religious liberty.

"I don't know of any other country surrounding Ukraine where there is more religious freedom," he said. "The Ukrainian government especially promotes religious freedom, giving all believers -- every single church tradition and faith tradition -- equal rights to worship the way they want."

Rakhuba has lived in both Ukraine and Russia. The difference in religious liberties between the two countries, he said, is dramatic.

"We had to move out of Moscow because of the pressures and persecutions," he said. "Every single foreign missionary organization that had any foreign affiliation was

kicked out of Russia. Where did they move? They all mostly moved to Ukraine because they wanted to stay in the same region -- and Ukraine, with open arms, welcomed them."

The Russian Orthodox Church, Mission Eurasia [says](#), has "come to function more as a cultural-political arm of the government rather than a spiritual institution" in Russia.

Ukraine, he said, needs prayer.

"I want Christians in America to continue praying," he said, "that God gives victory to Ukraine so that they can defend their freedom, their freedom to worship, their independence, and their sovereignty."

[Brazilian president flies into Amazon amid alarm over droughts and wildfires | Amazon rainforest | The Guardian](#)

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Sep 10, 2024

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva says Amazonia suffering its worst drought in more than 40 years

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has flown into the Amazon amid growing alarm over the droughts and wildfires sweeping the rainforest region and others parts of Brazil.

Speaking during a visit to a riverside community near the city of Tefé, the Brazilian president said Amazonia was suffering its worst drought in more than 40 years. He said he had come to discover “what is going on with these mighty rivers” that in some places now resemble deserts.

Lula voiced concern over the often criminally set fires that are consuming three of Brazil’s six biomes: the Amazon, the Cerrado and the Pantanal wetlands.

“It seems to me that things are getting worse, year after year after year,” Lula said as he visited drought-stricken communities in Amazonas state, where all 62 municipalities have declared a state of emergency. More than 340,000 people have reportedly been affected.

“In the Pantanal we’ve had the worst drought in the last 73 years ... This is a problem that we have to fix because otherwise humanity is going to destroy our planet,” Lula added. “We cannot destroy that which we rely on for our life.”

The president’s visit came as huge swaths of South America’s largest country, and neighbours such as Bolivia and Peru, grappled with the consequences of extreme climate events that have caused temperatures to hit record highs and fires to rage.

Schools have been closed and flights diverted in Rio Branco, the capital of the Amazon state of Acre, after smoke enveloped the city and pollution levels soared. In the city of Porto Velho, the capital of Rondônia state, the Madeira River has fallen to its lowest level since the late 1960s.

The effects of the wildfires and drought have [been felt as far away as Rio](#) and São Paulo, where air quality has also plummeted in recent days. On Monday an expert from Brazil’s space institution, Inpe, said smoke from the fires had covered a 5m sq km area – about 60% of the country.

“We’ve reached a historic moment, the likes of which we’ve never reached before,” said Danicley de Aguiar, an Amazon campaigner for Greenpeace Brazil who is monitoring the situation.

“We’ve had severe droughts before in Brazil but not to this extent. I don’t think we’ve ever had a drought that affects not only the north but also the midwest, the south and the south-east and a part of the north-east too.

after newsletter promotion

“We are facing a gigantic drought ... and a drought that has come combined with fire.”

Aguiar said at least five Indigenous territories in the Amazon were burning this week.

The activist said one such territory, Sararé, near Brazil’s western border with Bolivia, had seen 59% of its total area burned. Fires were also raging in the Kayapó Indigenous territory to its north-east. “And after the drought comes hunger,” warned Aguiar, who feared the crisis could jeopardise crops Indigenous communities depended on to survive.

Brazil’s environment minister, Marina Silva, has partly attributed the situation, which is expected to worsen in the coming weeks, to the effects of global heating and the El Niño climate pattern.

[Driver Shows Up to Deliver Pizza to Elderly Man's House, Then Comes Back with His Lawnmower - Positive Stories \(crosswalk.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #selfless, #kindness, #goodness

Sep 10, 2024

Talk about excellent service. A pizza delivery driver in Ohio made headlines for going above and beyond when he noticed an elderly customer's yard needed some TLC. James Dunn, a driver for East of Chicago Pizza in Barberton, was delivering pizza to the customer when he saw the grass had grown quite tall.

James Returned with His Own Lawn Mower

After finishing his shift, James returned with his own lawn mower and got to work, knowing his customer needed an extra hand. Under the soft glow of the evening, he mowed the thick, unkempt grass, carefully trimmed the bushes and hedges, and piled up the resulting debris. His efforts transformed the yard from an eyesore into a well-kept, inviting space.

The Barberton Pizza Restaurant celebrated James's actions on their Facebook page, [noting](#), "This is what good employees taking care of good customers looks like." James's selfless act not only made a significant difference to the elderly man but also exemplified the spirit of community and care.

Morning Glory Landscaping & Cleanouts later joined in, assisting by clearing away the brush and debris left behind after James's hard work, ensuring the yard was left spotless and serene. Isn't it amazing how one act of kindness leads to another?

Acts of kindness have a remarkable way of weaving warmth into the fabric of our daily lives. Whether it's a simple smile from a stranger, a thoughtful note left on a colleague's desk, or the selfless gesture of a friend going out of their way to help, these moments of compassion create ripples of joy and connection. They remind us of our shared humanity and the profound impact even the smallest gestures can have. By acting with kindness, we nurture a sense of community and hope, brightening the world one thoughtful action at a time.

[Philippians 2:4](#) "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."