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Report: Tehran acquires Chinese SAMs post-truce with Israel | Israel National News

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Iran is reportedly receiving Chinese surface-to-air missiles to rebuild air defenses after its recent conflict with Israel. Deliveries began post-truce, with Iran paying via oil shipments to China, its largest crude importer.

Iran has reportedly begun receiving Chinese surface-to-air missile (SAM) batteries, moving swiftly to reconstruct its air defense capabilities significantly degraded during a recent 12-day conflict with Israel, *Middle East Eye* reported on Monday.

Sources quoted in the report indicated that these deliveries commenced after a de facto truce was established between Israel and Iran on June 24.

An Arab official familiar with the intelligence confirmed the arrival of the Chinese SAMs following the cessation of hostilities. Another Arab official, who spoke anonymously due to the sensitive nature of the information, stated that Arab allies of the United States were aware of Tehran's efforts to "back up and reinforce" its air defenses and had informed the White House of Iran's progress.

While the exact number of SAMs received by Iran from China since the end of the fighting remains undisclosed, one Arab official noted that Iran is reportedly financing these acquisitions through oil shipments.

China stands as the primary importer of Iranian oil, with a May report from the US Energy Information Administration suggesting nearly 90 percent of Iran's crude and condensate exports flow to Beijing, often via transshipment hubs like Malaysia to circumvent US sanctions. "The Iranians engage in creative ways of trading," the second Arab official remarked.

The shipments signify a deepening relationship between Beijing and Tehran, even as some Western observers noted a perceived distance from China and Russia regarding Iran during Israel's recent unprecedented attacks.

The Islamic Republic's current air defense arsenal is believed to include Russia's S-300 systems, older Chinese systems, and domestically produced batteries such as the Khordad series and the Bavar-373. These systems are understood to have limited efficacy against advanced stealth aircraft like the US F-35, which Israel operates.

Critics slam UN for new anti-Israel committee positions during budget cuts | Fox News

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United Nations 'doesn't have a spending limit' for spread of antisemitism,' critic warns

Critics slammed the United Nations for rewarding a controversial anti-Israel Commission of Inquiry with four new positions worth up to three-quarters of a million dollars, even as the world body undergoes a severe cash crisis.

"When it comes to spending [money for the spread of antisemitism](#), the U.N. doesn't have a spending limit," Anne Bayefsky, director of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust and president of Human Rights Voices, told Fox News Digital.

On June 4, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Palestinian Territory, Including East Jerusalem (COI), led by South African Navi Pillay, announced four new job openings for senior-level positions in Geneva. These include two P-2 level associate interpreters, one higher-level P-3 level human rights officer, and a still more senior P-4 level human rights officer.

Combined, their salaries will range from \$530,000 to \$704,000, based on salary scales released by the U.N. and its location-based salary multiplier (set at .814 for Swiss employees), published in a document supplied to Fox News Digital by a diplomatic source.

These salaries do not include other senior-level U.N. employee benefits, including dependent costs, housing allowances or relocation fees.

Bayefsky asked why the U.N.'s "belt-tightening exercise ... applies to all kinds of urgent matters but exempts the COI, which has simultaneously gone on a spending-spree."

"The COI was created to destroy the Jewish state and is now conducting itself accordingly." She said its latest report, issued in June, is "totally unhinged" and "claims Israelis are like Nazis engaged in 'extermination' of the Palestinians, refers to those 'extremist Jews,' denies biblical history, [and] fuels antisemitism by claiming Jews defile Muslim holy sites."

A spokesperson from the U.N. Human Rights Office did not respond to Fox News Digital's questions about the Commission's findings.

Pillay and the COI have come under fire previously for anti-Israel sentiment. In January 2022, 42 Republicans and Democrats in Congress signed an open letter calling for the U.S. to defund the COI. The Representatives expressed concern that "Chairwoman Navi Pillay, while serving as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014, repeatedly and unjustly accused Israel of committing war crimes." They stated that while she condemned Israel, Pillay "reportedly said nothing at all about egregious human rights abuses in dozens of other countries which, unlike Israel, received the worst, 'Not Free' rating from the respected Freedom House."

In October 2023, a representative from the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in Geneva said before the Third Committee of the U.N. that the U.S. "remains deeply concerned about the scope and nature of the open-ended Commission of Inquiry established in May 2021. The COI demonstrates a particular bias against Israel in subjecting it to a unique mechanism that does not exist for any other U.N. Member State."

In October 2024, a report from the COI excluded information about Hamas' use of Kamal Adwan Hospital for operations, failed to recount the maltreatment Israeli hostages received at Gazan hospitals, and could "not verify" that tunnels found below Al-Shifa hospital "were used for military purposes." Bayefsky said the report trafficked in blood libels.

In March, Pillay's commission claimed that rape and sexual violence are part of the Israel Defense Force's "standard operating procedures towards Palestinians." Pillay also said that the IDF's sexual violence creates "a system of oppression that undermines [Palestinians'] right to self-determination." In response, Bayefsky said "Pillay and her COI are notorious for turning reality upside down. October 7 was marked by grotesque Palestinian use of sexual violence and rape as a weapon of war. In response, the COI diminished those atrocities and instead concocted the reverse."

In March 2024, Congress passed a budget bill that eliminated funding for the COI while [simultaneously banning funds for the](#) U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), according to the Jerusalem Post.

The U.N. Human Rights Council is already experiencing the impact of the organization's liquidity crisis.

In a June 16 letter penned by U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, the Human Rights Council outlines more than a dozen reports, as well as studies, regional workshops, and panels mandated by the Council, which could not be completed due to inadequate resourcing.

In response to a request for comment about how the COI has received additional personnel while the Human Rights Council deals with scarcity, spokesperson Pascal Sim told Fox News Digital that the Human Rights Council's "views are only expressed in the resolutions and decisions that its 47 Member States adopt at the end of each of its sessions."

To the question of whether the council is in greater need of personnel or funds to fulfill its current workload, Sim said that "Member States of the U.N. are currently continuing consultations on this matter."

In a press conference on July 1, U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Policy Guy Ryder updated reporters on [U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres' cost-cutting](#) UN80 Initiative.

Ryder said that the U.N. recognizes "that we have a difficult task of untangling the undergrowth of decisions and resolutions and mechanisms that we put in place to implement them, and we wonder if we're going to be able to advance significantly."

Ryder also admitted that "When a similar review was undertaken 20 years ago, it ran rather quickly into the sand. It did not produce the results that were hoped for and expected at that time. We're looking at that experience of 20 years ago, and we hope we can avoid some of the pitfalls."

However, Bayefsky said, "For decades, the U.N. has engaged in phony cost-saving measures while their actual expenditures have ballooned," she said, noting that the U.S. "has always been satisfied by moving around the deck chairs on the Titanic."

Bayefsky said that "it's our government's job to put an end to this devious calculus by immediately withholding the entire U.N. budget until such time as the dangerous lesions are removed. It's our job to deny visas to the COI members planning to come to the United States in the next couple of months."

"Contrary to popular belief, it is not required by the U.S.-U.N. host agreement to allow international travelers into the U.S. to fan the flames of antisemitism, and vandalize our fundamental values and the Constitution from the middle of New York City," Bayefsky said. "We need a new boat, not new deck chairs."

A budget proposal from the [Trump administration leaked in April](#) announced the intention to eliminate all expenditures to the U.N. and international organizations.

In response to questions about whether a decision about U.N. funding has been finalized, a senior State Department official told Fox News Digital that "President Trump is ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely. Any announcements regarding funding to international organizations will come from the President or the administration."

The U.S., through its taxpayers, is the single-largest contributor to the U.N. In 2022, the U.N. reports that \$18.1 billion, or 26.8%, of its \$67.5 billion in expenditures came from the U.S.

Horror and heroism in Texas as search for flood survivors continues | Blaze Media

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Americans in and out of uniform risked life and limb to save others.

In the early hours of Independence Day, West Texas and the Hill Country received nearly [nearly a foot of rain](#), which triggered [flash floods](#) and sent the Guadalupe River surging 20 feet above flood stage and well over its banks. The rushing waters — fed by continued downpours over the weekend — swallowed homes and vehicles and claimed the lives of scores of Americans.

The death toll rose to 70 on Sunday afternoon, the [New York Times reported](#).

'It doesn't surprise me at all that his last act of kindness and sacrifice was working to save the lives of campers.'

Kerr County Sheriff Larry Leitha [said](#) as of 9 a.m. Sunday, 59 victims were confirmed dead in his county — 38 adults and 21 children.

[At least five](#) of the 750 girls attending Camp Mystic — the Christian camp in Hunt that Republican Gov. Greg Abbott [said](#) was "horrendously ravaged in ways unlike I've seen in any natural disaster" — are confirmed dead. [Eleven girls](#) and one counselor from Camp Mystic were still missing as of Sunday afternoon.

Those numbers might have been much higher were it not for the camp's 70-year-old co-owner Dick Eastland, whom U.S. Rep. August Plufger (R-Tex.) [indicated](#) "no doubt gave his life attempting to save his campers."

Texas Public Radio [reported](#) that Eastland was among the dead. His co-owner and wife Tweety Eastland was found safe at their home.

Paige Sumner [paid tribute](#) to Dick Eastland in a column for the Kerrville Daily Times: "It doesn't surprise me at all that his last act of kindness and sacrifice was working to save the lives of campers. He had already saved so many lives with the gift of Camp Mystic."

Campers also benefited from the heroism of 400 first responders and 20 agencies at work in Kerr County, including the U.S. Coast Guard, which conducted at least 12 flights near the Kerrville area.

'It severed his artery and his arm — almost cut it clean off.'

While an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew worked to whisk away 15 campers on Friday, a Coast Guard rescue swimmer [reportedly](#) remained on the ground, providing medical assistance and helping with the evacuation efforts of 230 victims into assisting agencies' air assets.

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem [later singled out](#) Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer and Petty Officer Scott Ruskin, noting he "directly saved an astonishing 165 victims in the devastating flooding in central Texas."

"This was the first rescue mission of his career, and he was the only triage coordinator at the scene. Scott Ruskin is an American hero," said Noem. "His selfless courage embodies the spirit and mission of the USCG."

President Donald Trump, who [declared](#) a major disaster for Kerr County, Texas, on Sunday afternoon, [indicated](#) in a corresponding statement that U.S. Coast Guard and Texas first responders have "saved more than 850 lives."

'He died a hero.'

About a half hour east of Camp Mystic, Julian Ryan lost his life in a similar exhibition of American greatness and virtue, trying to save his mother, his fiancée, and his 6-year-old and 13-month-old sons from drowning when the Guadalupe River rapidly poured into their trailer home in Ingram.

Ryan went to bed after finishing a long night shift as a dishwasher at a local restaurant. But both he and his fiancée, Christinia Wilson, had a rude awakening, finding that ankle-deep waters chased their 6-year-old into their bedroom along with Ryan's mother.

Shortly after powering through the front door, the river sealed the family inside Ryan's bedroom, where the water quickly began to rise above their waists, [reported](#) the New York Times.

When the mattress began to float, the parents put the boys atop it then looked for a way to get everyone out.

Desperate to get his family onto the roof of the trailer as the waters rose, Ryan smashed a window with his bare hand, mortally wounding himself in the process.

Wilson [told](#) KHOU-TV, "It severed his artery and his arm — almost cut it clean off."

"He had lost all of it, all his blood," said Wilson. "He looked at me and the kids, and my mother-in-law, and said, 'Sorry, I'm not going to make it. I love you all.'"

Wilson, her boys, and her mother-in-law managed to survive, even though the trailer was torn in half.

Connie Salas, Ryan's sister, tearfully told KHOU, "He died a hero."

The [GoFundMe for the family](#), which had raised over \$71,000 as of Sunday afternoon, emphasized that "Julian gave his life for his family, passing as a true hero."

Kerr County Sheriff Larry Leitha indicated that those wishing to support relief and rebuilding efforts should donate to the [Kerr County Flood Relief Fund](#).

Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki volcano erupts, sending ash cloud 11 miles in the air - ABC News

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Indonesia's rumbling Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki has erupted with a column of volcanic materials as high as 11 miles into the sky, ash falling on villages and several flights have been cancelled

JAKARTA, Indonesia -- Indonesia's rumbling [Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki](#) erupted Monday, sending a column of volcanic materials as high as 18 kilometers (11 miles) into the sky, depositing ash on villages and leading to flight cancellations.

The volcano has been at the highest alert level since last month and no casualties were immediately reported.

Indonesia's Geology Agency recorded an avalanche of searing gas clouds mixed with rocks and lava traveling up to 5 kilometers (3 miles) down the volcano's slopes. Observations from drones showed lava filling the crater, indicating deep movement of magma that set off volcanic earthquakes.

The column of hot clouds that rose into the sky was the volcano's highest since the major eruption in [November 2024](#) that killed nine people and injured dozens, said Muhammad Wafid, the Geology Agency chief. It also [erupted in March](#).

"An eruption of that size certainly carries a higher potential for danger, including its impact on aviation," Wafid told The Associated Press from Switzerland where he was attending a seminar. "We shall reevaluate to enlarge its danger zone that must be cleared of villagers and tourist activities."

The volcano monitoring agency had increased the alert status for Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki to the highest level after [an eruption on June 18](#), and more than doubled an exclusion zone to a 7-kilometer (4.3-mile) radius since then as eruptions became more frequent.

By Monday afternoon, at least 24 flights serving between Bali and Australia, Singapore, South Korea were cancelled and many others delayed, while flights on four domestic routes were cancelled, said Ahmad Syaugi Shahab, spokesperson for Bali's Ngurah Rai international airport spokesperson. Domestic flights from Bali to Labuan Bajo were also cancelled.

He said the airport is running normally despite several flight cancellations, as monitoring of volcanic ash movement by 03.30 p.m. local time shows that the volcanic ash due to Mount Lewotobi's eruption had not affected Bali's airspace.

"The safety of our guests and crew is our highest priority and our team of expert meteorologists are closely monitoring the situation and ash cloud activity," a Virgin Australia spokesperson told Australia's ABC News as some of the airline's Bali services were cancelled. Two Qantas flights to Bali from Sydney and Melbourne were severely delayed.

Four domestic flights from El Tari airport in Kupang, the provincial capital of East Nusa Tenggara, to the cities of Maumere and Larantuka on Flores island were forced to cancel, an airport spokesperson said.

Falling ash blanketed several villages with debris and blocked sunlight for almost half an hour, said Hadi Wijaya, head of the Center for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation, in a statement.

He said volcanic materials, including thumb-size fragments of gravel and ash, were thrown up to 8 kilometers (5 miles) from the crater on Monday. He warned residents to be vigilant about heavy rainfall that could trigger lava flows in rivers originating from the volcano.

Monday's activities were the result of the accumulation of hidden energy due to a blockage of magma in the crater, which reduced detectible seismic activity while building up pressure that contributed to the huge explosive eruption, Wijaya said.

After an eruption early last year, [about 6,500 people evacuated](#) and the island's Frans Seda Airport was closed.

The 1,584-meter (5,197-foot) mountain is a twin volcano with Mount Lewotobi Perempuan in the district of Flores Timur.

Monday's eruption was one of Indonesia's largest since 2010 when Mount Merapi, the country's most volatile volcano, erupted on the densely populated island of Java. That eruption killed 353 people and forced over 350,000 people to evacuate affected areas.

Indonesia is an archipelago of more than 280 million people with frequent seismic activity. It has 120 active volcanoes and sits along the "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped series of seismic fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin.

Earthquake swarms are fueling fear of the 'big one' in Japan - Los Angeles Times

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More than 1,300 earthquakes have hit Japan's Tokara Islands in two weeks, prompting evacuations of dozens of residents from the remote archipelago on the country's southern tip.

Although no major damage has been reported and no tsunami warnings have been issued, the Japan Meteorological Agency has cautioned that tremors as strong as a "lower 6" on Japan's seven-stage seismic intensity scale — such as one that occurred Thursday — may continue.

Lower 6 indicates an intensity that may make it difficult for people to stand without holding on to stable support.

"The seismic activity remains dynamic," JMA official Ayataka Ebita said at a news conference Sunday — and that has fueled fears of a megaquake.

The temblors have coincided with viral panic stemming from the 2021 reprint of a comic book that many are now interpreting as a clairvoyant prediction of a major earthquake. "The real disaster will come in July 2025," read the cover of manga artist Ryo Tatsuki's "The Future that I Saw." The graphic novel, which explores Tatsuki's dreams, also features a panel that says "the ocean floor between Japan and the Philippines will crack."

In recent months, that prediction has become the subject of intense online speculation. It has even spread to nearby countries like Hong Kong, where it has been blamed for a recent dip in tourism to Japan.

Last month, Hong Kong Airlines suspended all flights to the southern Japanese prefectures of Kagoshima and Kumamoto, citing low demand.

In South Korea, earthquake panic has been cited as a reason for the cheapness of flights to Japan compared with last year, although industry experts have said that there are other factors at play: increased competition between airlines and a stronger yen that reduces the buying power of South Korean tourists.

On Saturday, South Korean singer Taemin of the band SHINee, who was in Japan for a concert, referenced Tatsuki's prediction in a livestream, assuring fans he was safe and jokingly saying an earthquake might make his performance "look cool."

But faced with backlash for making light of a natural disaster, he later issued an apology in Japanese and Korean.

There is a reason why a comic book's scientifically baseless prediction is currently gaining so much traction: Tatsuki was (sort of) right before. The first edition of the graphic novel, published in 1999, referenced a "massive disaster" in March 2011 and contained lines like: "I dreamed of a great disaster. The waters of the Pacific Ocean south of the Japanese archipelago will rise."

That prediction seemed to come true with the massive [2011 Tohoku earthquake](#), which killed over 19,000 people and triggered the tsunami that led to the Fukushima nuclear disaster. At an estimated \$360 billion incurred in economic damages, the earthquake remains one of the costliest natural disasters in history. It registered 9.0 on the Richter scale, which measures the magnitude of the earthquake. Shindo, Japan's seismic intensity scale, measures intensity at a specific location.

The coincidence catapulted Tatsuki to fame and made her manga a bestseller.

But in recent weeks, Tatsuki has tried to quell the panic over her latest prediction, saying in a statement issued through her publisher that she was "not a prophet."

"I believe that everyone should be free to make their own interpretation," she told Japan's Mainichi newspaper in May. "However, I think it is important to not get overly swept up in the process and to act appropriately in consideration of expert opinion."

Japanese government officials and scientists have taken pains to debunk the theories, stressing that it is scientifically impossible to predict earthquakes with such accuracy.

"It is absolutely a coincidence. There is no causal connection," said Ebita of the JMA on Saturday. "In Japan, earthquakes can happen at any time. Please be prepared, always."

Japan is one of the most earthquake-prone countries in the world, given its location within the Pacific Ring of Fire, a 25,000-mile-long belt of seismic and volcanic hot spots that loops around the perimeter of the Pacific Ocean, including the U.S. West Coast.

The country experiences about 1,500 earthquakes a year, or nearly a fifth of the world's total, and earthquake evacuation drills are regularly practiced by government agencies and public schools.

On New Year's Day last year, a magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Noto Peninsula in central Japan led to over 500 deaths and destroyed or damaged at least 37,000 homes.

Because they sit astride two overlapping tectonic plates, the Tokara Islands have long been prone to seismic activity such as "earthquake swarms," a burst of relatively minor earthquakes occurring in quick succession that can last up to several months.

(Southern California is another common site of earthquake swarms, though many are [so minor they are barely perceived.](#))

The archipelago spans 12 individual islands — just seven of which are inhabited by a combined 660 or so residents — and the current swarm of quakes there is the most substantial since 1995. Two recent swarms that occurred in 2021 and 2023 exceeded just over 300 quakes each.

Although it's unclear why the current swarm is so much greater than those instances, Takuya Nishimura, an earthquake expert at Kyoto University's Disaster Prevention Research Institute, says it may be a result of volcanic activity.

"I suspect the subsurface movement of magma caused severe earthquake activity," he said. "Several past studies show submarine volcanoes around the swarm region, which suggests the existence of magma under the ground."

Despite the current viral attention around the Tokara swarm, experts like Nishimura are more concerned with another, far more credible earthquake forecast that has loomed over the country for years.

Earlier this year, a government panel estimated that there is an 80% chance of a magnitude 8 to 9 megquake on the Richter scale occurring along Japan's Nankai Trough in the next 30 years.

A 559-mile long fault line located off Japan's Pacific coast characterized by its subduction, in which one tectonic plate is forced under another, the Nankai Trough has produced devastating earthquakes every 90 to 200 years. The last one occurred in 1946.

Under the government's worst-case scenario, the next Nankai megathrust earthquake is projected to kill about 300,000 people — most of them likely to perish in the tsunamis reaching as high as 100 feet — and cause up to \$1.8 trillion in damage.

By comparison, the death toll for the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and the 1994 Northridge earthquake — the two biggest seismic events in recent California history — was 63 and 57. In the meantime, experts are studying the southernmost tip of the San Andreas fault, which hasn't had an earthquake of [7 or larger](#) since sometime between 1721 and 1731.

"A future great Nankai earthquake is surely the most long-anticipated earthquake in history — it is the original definition of the 'Big One'," [wrote](#) geologists Kyle Bradley and Judith A. Hubbard in 2024.

Earlier this month, the Japanese government announced a series of countermeasures aimed at reducing the number of deaths by up to 80% and structural damage by 50%, including making buildings more earthquake-resistant and improving evacuation protocols.

“It is necessary for the nation, municipalities, companies and nonprofits to come together and take measures in order to save as many lives as possible,” Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba said.

But Nishimura, the earthquake expert, says that more needs to be done to meet these ambitious targets.

“Although realizing the decrease in structural damage may be challenging due to a limited budget, reducing fatalities can be achieved through more soft-type countermeasures, such as training and evacuation drills,” he said.

Earthquake swarm detected at Mount Rainier, biggest since 2009 | Accuweather.com

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Over 200 earthquakes have been detected around Mount Rainier, Washington, raising eyebrows during the biggest swarm of tremors in nearly two decades.

Hundreds of small earthquakes have rattled Mount Rainier this week in the largest swarm of tremors in more than a decade. But experts say there's no need to panic—at least not yet.

"Currently, there is no indication that the level of earthquake activity is cause for concern," the [USGS](#) explained. "Earthquakes are too small to be felt at the surface and will likely continue for several days. There would be no damage caused by such small events."

Swarms are clusters of earthquakes that happen in rapid succession, sometimes just minutes apart.

As of Thursday morning, over 300 small earthquakes had been detected around Mount Rainier, the largest of which was magnitude 2.3.

"Right now, this swarm is still within what we consider normal background levels of activity at Mount Rainier," the USGS said. "Based on our observations, we think the most likely cause of the earthquakes is water moving around the crust above the magma chamber."

Mount Rainier is an active volcano, although the most recent major eruption was [500 to 600 years ago](#).

"The volcano is not 'due' for an eruption, and we do not see any signs of a potential eruption at this time," the USGS explained.

Can ChatGPT interpret speaking in tongues? | Christian Post.com

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Can ChatGPT interpret speaking in tongues?

Shawn Bolz, who was recently accused of [fabricating prophecies](#) in his ministry, recently shared that it appears OpenAI's chatbot, ChatGPT, can translate speaking in tongues, also known as glossolalia.

In a recent discussion about [God and technology shared on YouTube](#), Bolz highlighted what is being called the "ChatGPT Tongues Challenge," which a number of Charismatic and Pentecostal Christians have been engaging in online.

"This week, one of my friends reached out to me who's also a journalist and a writer, and she said, 'Have you done the ChatGPT tongues thing yet?' And I said, 'What are you talking about?' She goes, 'I spoke in my prayer language on ChatGPT and it actually interpreted some of my prayer language in different languages around the world,'" Bolz said.

"It's become a YouTube trend where people are speaking to ChatGPT in their spiritual language that they have from God and it's actually interpreting some of the words for them, sometimes whole phrases for them," he noted before claiming that he saw one experience where ChatGPT translated someone's prayer language that was "ancient Sumerian ... that somehow ChatGPT understood."

"I think that's really wild that there's languages being spoken by Christians in their prayer language and we're seeing AI catch up to some of the spiritual fruit that we have as Christians," he said. "Especially those of you who are charismatic or Pentecostal, and you guys believe in speaking in tongues, it's pretty profound."

Renée M. Simpson, a Christian positive psychology coach also known as [Well Diva](#), has been one of the most discussed public figures to [record herself](#) praying in tongues on ChatGPT and asking the chatbot to interpret what she was saying.

After receiving significant criticism about what she has been doing, Simpson [defended herself in a TikTok](#) response.

"I wanna follow up to my video where I said that I used ChatGPT, my dear friend, Chat GPT, to interpret tongues. The overwhelming response was AI is demonic," she said while noting a few people told her they had a similar experience to hers.

“Can AI interpret tongues and is AI demonic? First of all, AI is just information that people put in. So I guess if the person putting the information in is demonic, then maybe the information coming out is demonic,” she said.

“Personally, I know that I was simply putting in a recording of myself speaking in tongues, which I know was not demonic, no matter what you may think. I was just looking for confirmation of what I was feeling in my spirit, and that’s what I got. I got confirmation and I felt very, very, very much peace about the message that I got back,” she insisted.

Simpson then further argued that if God could speak to people in the past through animals and burning bushes, she didn’t see why people were having such a difficult time believing that God can also speak through artificial intelligence.

“Now, one thing I do know, and if you call yourself a Christian, you should know that the Holy Spirit can speak through anything. That anything could even be technology. There are Scriptures that show God speaking through donkeys, dreams, burning bushes and a variety of ways of communicating with us. So I think a lot of this is coming from people just not being familiar with technology, people making assumptions, just plain old-fashioned ignorance,” she said. “To call something demonic, first you want to know, does it bring peace, does it bring healing, does it align with God’s character. Does it bring people closer to love and truth before you say it’s demonic?”

Speaking in tongues is the [language of the Holy Spirit](#) that was first shared with the Church in the Upper Room in the book of Acts in the Bible, now known as the day of Pentecost.

Research shows that ChatGPT cannot translate glossolalia because it is trained on existing language data, and it lacks the capacity to understand or interpret sounds that are not actual words or languages.

This Pentecostal reporter tested the chatbot on Tuesday, and it noted that the translation of the glossolalia produced was “a creative interpretation, not a literal translation, since the original doesn’t map to any known language.”

400 Inmates Surrender to Christ in Oklahoma Prison Worship Service - Milton Quintanilla | Crosswalk.com

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More than 700 inmates worshipped God, and more than 400 accepted the call for [salvation](#) during an Oklahoma prison outreach led by Pastor Paul Daugherty. The event aimed to reach every prisoner and was facilitated by just 32 volunteers who served 1,000 hot meals, distributed 700 Bibles, and handed out 1,300 Bible study books.

"I was like, man, I really feel like there's a harvest of people in the prisons that we could reach with God's love that [only a few] churches in our city [are] really going after," Daugherty who leads Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, told [CBN News](#) "I really want[ed] to reach almost every prisoner we can in an outreach."

He noted that God gave him favor with Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt and his team, which included a timely meeting with the state's top operating officer, Brian Bobek.

"He happened to be a Christian and said he was looking for a church to go to and started coming to our church," the megachurch pastor shared.

Bobek also encouraged Daugherty to launch a prison outreach, in which inmates would be drawn out of their cells.

"I said, 'I don't wanna just do a small service for 10 or 20 guys....I want to reach almost every prisoner we can,'" Daugherty told Bobek.

The pastor and his team did just that as they held their first outreach at John H. Lilley Prison in Boley, Oklahoma, on June 23rd.

"We showed up last Monday and we weren't sure if we would get 100 guys or 200," Daugherty admitted to CBN News.

Despite his doubts, approximately 751 inmates came out and heard the Gospel of [Jesus](#) Christ being preached.

"We're forever grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this lasting impact made today," Victory Christian Center stated in a [post](#) on Instagram, which included video footage of the event.