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Israel's DM Katz warns: 'Hezbollah plays with fire & Lebanon's president is dragging his feet' | All Israel News

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Report: Hezbollah smuggled 'hundreds' of rockets into Lebanon via Syria

Defense Minister Israel Katz issued yet another strident warning to Israel's northern neighbor, Lebanon, as the process of disarming Hezbollah appears to be stalling while the terror group ramps up efforts to rearm.

"Hezbollah is playing with fire and the President of Lebanon is dragging his feet," Katz warned on Sunday, after the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) conducted a series of targeted eliminations of terror leaders over the past days.

"The commitment of the Lebanese government to disarm Hezbollah and remove it from southern Lebanon must be realized. Enforcement of the maximum will continue and even intensify – we will not allow a threat to the residents of the north," Katz added.

In the past few weeks, Israeli and U.S. officials increased their warnings that Hezbollah was intensifying its efforts to restore its military capabilities through smuggling and local manufacture of weapons.

Meanwhile, the government of President Joseph Aoun refuses to order its military to disarm Hezbollah, instead demanding an end to Israel's military presence and strikes in the country.

Speaking at the start of the weekly cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stressed, "We expect the Lebanese government to uphold its commitments, namely to disarm Hezbollah."

"But it is clear that we will exercise our right to self-defense as stipulated in the ceasefire terms. We will not allow Lebanon to become a renewed front against us, and we will act as necessary."

On Saturday, the IDF killed a logistics support officer of Hezbollah's Radwan Force in southern Lebanon, who it said was involved in weapons transfers and in efforts to restore the group's terrorist infrastructure in southern Lebanon.

Three other Radwan operatives were eliminated during the strike. The day before, another Radwan terrorist was killed near Nabatiyeh, while a Hezbollah maintenance officer was struck in the Kounine area.

All were involved in efforts to restore Hezbollah's capabilities, after Israel significantly degraded its weapon stockpiles, infrastructure and leadership in a short but intense war last year.

The White House's special envoy for Syria, Tom Barrak, has been leading the Trump administration's campaign to pressure and support the Lebanese government to disarm Hezbollah, while offering to help rebuild the ravaged country in return.

"They're trying, but they're dinosaurs," Barrack said Saturday during a security conference in Bahrain. Israel's strikes there continue "because Hezbollah still possesses "thousands of rockets and missiles that are threatening it," he added.

A report by the Saudi *Al-Hadath* channel quoted an Israeli source that warned that a return to active fighting against Hezbollah is a possibility, as the group has successfully smuggled hundreds of short-range rockets to Lebanon from Syria.

The source said that Israel informed the U.S. it will respond forcefully and strike in Hezbollah's Beirut stronghold, the Dahiyeh, if the organization is not disarmed.

He also emphasized that Israel would not withdraw from the five outposts it still holds in southern Lebanon any time soon, nor will it allow the reconstruction of the border villages in the area, some of which effectively served as Hezbollah battle compounds.

‘The torch of freedom has gone out’: Israelis & American Jews react to Mamdani's NYC mayoral win | All Israel News

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Nov 5, 2025

Israeli leaders encourage New York Jews to make Aliyah, citing ‘jihadist’ stance of Mamdani supporters

Israeli and Jewish politicians and leaders around the world reacted strongly to the election victory of Democratic Socialist candidate Zohran Mamdani for mayor of New York.

Many attacked his pro-Palestinian positions and expressed concern for the well-being of New York’s Jewish population.

However, Mamdani won 33% of the Jewish vote in New York, according to CNN. Overall, he won around 50% of the vote, more than his challengers, Andrew Cuomo and Curtis Sliwa combined.

The American Jewish Committee released a statement following Mamdani’s win, saying, “We cannot ignore that the Mayor-elect holds core beliefs fundamentally at odds with our community’s deepest convictions and most cherished values.”

AJC, together with [@UJAFedNY](#), [@JCRCNY](#), [@ADL_NYNJ](#), and the New York Board of Rabbis expresses concern following the election of Zohran Mamdani as New York City’s next mayor.

“We cannot ignore that the Mayor-elect holds core beliefs fundamentally at odds with our community’s... pic.twitter.com/i5Uf6M9iK6

— American Jewish Committee (@AJCGlobal) [November 5, 2025](#)

Rabbi Marc Schneier, Senior Rabbi of the Hampton Shul, announced he would start a Jewish day school in the Hamptons to accommodate Jewish families who decide to leave New York City following Mamdani’s win.

Sacha Roytman, executive director of the Movement to Combat Anti-Semitism, said the election results were very bad news.

With the news of [@ZohranKMamdani](#) mayoral victory, I am announcing plans for the building of the first Jewish day school in the Hamptons.

This is in anticipation of the thousands of Jewish families that will flock to the Hamptons and greater Suffolk County to escape the... pic.twitter.com/kWhXwtKyEc

— Rabbi Marc Schneier (@RabbiMSchneier) [November 5, 2025](#)

“Anti-Semitism in the United States is breaking records every day, and the results at the polls simply reflect the mood on the streets.”

Roytman noted that the Jewish community in New York City only makes up about 11 percent of the city’s population but accounts for more than half of the city’s reported hate crimes.

“One of the largest Jewish communities in the world deserves a mayor who fights anti-Semitism, not one who incites it,” Roitman stated. “We will continue to stand with New York’s Jewish community, fight anti-Semitism on a daily basis, and closely monitor the new municipal government to ensure that city authorities fulfill their duty to protect all New Yorkers.”

Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said, “We expect the mayor of the city with the largest Jewish population in the world to stand unequivocally against antisemitism in all its varied forms and support all of its Jewish residents just as he would all other constituents.”

Israel’s Ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, said the issue with Mamdani’s win is not the fact that he is Muslim, but his consistent anti-Israel stance.

“A new reality,” Ambassador Danon told 103FM on Wednesday morning.

“The fact that he is Muslim is not the event, the event is that this is a mayor who spoke out very strongly against Israel, against the IDF, and did not back down throughout the entire campaign. We are certainly concerned about his choice, about the personal safety of the large Jewish community that lives here in New York,” Danon said.

Danon also posted to X, saying that Israel would not be deterred by “Mamdani’s inflammatory remarks.”

Mamdani’s inflammatory remarks will not deter us. The Jewish community in New York and across the United States deserves safety and respect. We will continue to strengthen our ties with Jewish community leaders to ensure their security and well-being.

— Danny Danon דני דאנון (@dannydanon) [November 5, 2025](#)

Right-wing opposition party leader Avigdor Liberman also reacted to Mamdani's win on social media, writing, "The Big Apple has fallen!"

Posting in Hebrew, he said, "Just three decades after the Twin Towers disaster, New York has elected a racist, populist, and outspoken Islamist as its mayor. Mamdani is the poster boy for the silent jihad."

"Mamdani is the last thing a city plagued by crime, anti-Semitism, and insecurity needed," Liberman concluded. He also remarked that Jews in New York City should plan to make aliyah (immigration) to Israel.

Israel's former UN Ambassador, Gilad Erdan, called Mamdani "a hater of Israel who sees us as an apartheid state, who carries out genocide and does not recognize Israel as a Jewish state."

"This is a black day, a sad day. It is a huge warning sign. Israel must wake up and implement a comprehensive plan to rebrand us in the U.S.," he added.

However, one of the strongest critiques came from Israeli Minister of Diaspora and Combating Antisemitism, Amichai Chikli, who wrote a scathing response to X.

"The torch of freedom of this beautiful city has gone out and it is a shame to waste words on how everything will be fine, nothing will be fine in this city," Chikli wrote in Hebrew.

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— עמיחי שיקלי - Amichai Chikli (@AmichaiChikli) [November 5, 2025](#)

He also called Zohran Mamdani a " Hamas supporter " and compared his stance to "jihadist fanatics."

"The city that was once a symbol of global freedom has handed over its keys to a Hamas supporter, one whose stance is not far removed from the jihadist fanatics who murdered three thousand of its own people 25 years ago," Chikli wrote.

He also encouraged New York Jews to come to Israel. "I invite the Jews of New York to consider positively determining their new place in the Land of Israel."

Powerful 6.3 quake kills at least 20 in Afghanistan, hundreds injured | Reuters

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- 6.3 magnitude quake strikes near Mazar-e Sharif in northern Afghanistan
- At least 20 killed and over 600 injured, officials say
- UN, India pledge support
- Power impacted across country
- Part of Mazar's historic Blue Mosque damaged

KABUL, Nov 3 (Reuters) - A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck near the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e Sharif early on Monday, killing at least 20 people, injuring hundreds and damaging the city's historic Blue Mosque, authorities said, with the death toll likely to rise.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at a depth of 28 km (17.4 miles) near Mazar-e Sharif, a city of around 523,000 people famous for its shrines and historic sites.

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Mohammad Rahim, a survivor in Tashqurghan district close to the quake's epicentre, said the earth shook violently for around 15 seconds.

"When we finally got outside, there was so much dust in the air that we couldn't see anything," he told Reuters while standing in front of a collapsed building.

His mother and brother, who were both trapped in the rubble, were eventually freed by rescue workers and other locals, he said.

CASUALTIES REACH INTO HUNDREDS

At least 20 people were killed and 643 were injured, 25 of them seriously, according to preliminary figures from the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority.

"Our rescue and health teams have arrived in the area, and all nearby hospitals have been put on standby by the leadership to treat the injured," Health Ministry spokesperson Sharfat Zaman said.

Footage released by the Afghan Ministry of Defence showed military rescue teams digging through rubble and pulling the body of a young girl from the dirt. Reuters was not able to independently verify the location and date of the images.

The United Nations mission in Afghanistan said in a post on social media platform X it was on the ground supporting rescue efforts.

"We stand with the affected communities and will provide necessary support," the post said.

India, which has been seeking to [reset relations](#) with the Taliban after severing diplomatic ties following their 2021 takeover of Afghanistan, also pledged support.

Item 1 of 6 People search the debris of damaged buildings in the aftermath of an earthquake in Samangan province, Afghanistan, November 3, 2025.

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[1/6]People search the debris of damaged buildings in the aftermath of an earthquake in Samangan province, Afghanistan, November 3, 2025. REUTERS/Stringer TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY [Purchase Licensing Rights, opens new tab](#)

"Indian relief material for the earthquake impacted communities is being handed over today. Further supplies of medicines to reach soon," Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said in a post on X.

BLUE MOSQUE

The earthquake damaged part of the Blue Mosque, considered one of the holiest sites in Afghanistan and believed to be the burial site of the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammad, Balkh province spokesperson Haji Zaid said.

The current structure was built in the 15th century.

Footage shared on social media and verified by Reuters showed broken masonry and tiles lying in the courtyard of the mosque, though the main structure remained standing.

The disaster is the latest challenge for war-torn Afghanistan's Taliban administration, already grappling with crises including an [August quake](#) that killed thousands in the east of the country, a sharp drop in foreign aid and mass deportations of Afghan refugees by neighbouring countries.

The quake disrupted power across the country, including to the capital Kabul, national power supplier Da Afghanistan Breshna Company said in a statement.

Aid group Save The Children said the latest earthquake added to the humanitarian burden on the country, arriving just before winter when temperatures can drop below freezing.

"As temperatures fall, thousands of children in the earthquake-devastated east of the country are facing the winter with only tents for protection from the rain and snow," said Samira Sayed Rahman, a programme development and advocacy director in the country.

"Now, families in the north are also experiencing fear and uncertainty after this latest powerful quake."

Afghanistan is particularly vulnerable to [quakes](#) as it lies on two active faults that have the potential to rupture and cause extensive damage.

More than 2,200 people were killed and thousands more injured after a quake and strong aftershocks hit the country at the end of August.

Sudan's war spreads famine in Darfur and Kordofan as 375,000 starve : NPR.org

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CAIRO — Famine has spread to two regions of war-torn Sudan, including a major city in Darfur where paramilitary fighters have been rampaging, a global hunger monitoring group said Monday, as the war has created the world's largest humanitarian disaster.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, the leading international authority on hunger crises, said famine has been detected in el-Fasher in Darfur and Kadugli town in South Kordofan province. Twenty other areas in Darfur and Kordofan, where fighting has intensified in recent months, are also at risk of famine, according to the IPC.

El-Fasher had been under siege by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces for 18 months, cutting off much food and other supplies to tens of thousands of people. Last week, RSF fighters seized el-Fasher, reportedly unleashing attacks that killed hundreds, though the scope of violence is unclear as communications are poor.

Kadugli town also has been under RSF siege for months with tens of thousands of people trapped, as the paramilitary group tries to seize more territory from its rival, the Sudanese military.

"Extremely high levels of malnutrition"

The war has torn Sudan apart since April 2023. More than 40,000 people have been killed, according to U.N. figures, but aid groups say the true number could be many times higher. The fighting has driven more than 14 million people from their homes and fueled disease outbreaks.

The latest IPC report said el-Fasher and Kadugli have experienced "a total collapse of livelihoods, starvation, extremely high levels of malnutrition and death."

Famine is determined in areas where deaths from malnutrition-related causes reach at least two people, or four children under 5, per 10,000; at least one in five people or households severely lack food and face starvation; and at least 30% of children under 5 suffer from acute malnutrition based on a weight-to-height measurement — or 15% based on upper-arm circumference.

The IPC has confirmed famine only a few times, most recently in northern Gaza earlier this year amid Israel's campaign against Hamas. It also confirmed famine in Somalia in 2011 and South Sudan in 2017 and 2020.

The IPC previously declared famine in five locations in Sudan. Three were sprawling refugee camps near el-Fasher that have emptied as RSF troops advanced, with most people fleeing into el-Fasher or nearby towns. The other locations were in parts of South and West Kordofan provinces that have since also fallen into RSF hands.

The new report warned that towns near el-Fasher, including Tawila, Melit and Tawisha, are at risk of famine.

It said about 375,000 people had been pushed into famine in Darfur and Kordofan as of September, and another 6.3 million people across Sudan face extreme levels of hunger.

Paramilitary focuses on Darfur

Since Sudan's military retook the capital, Khartoum, earlier this year, the RSF has turned its focus to the Darfur region in the west, and on taking Kordofan to secure supply lines toward the country's center.

Save the Children in September said food supplies had run out in Kadugli, where it said fighting had escalated.

Another Kordofan town, Dilling, has reportedly experienced the same conditions as Kadugli, but the IPC didn't announce famine there for lack of data, the new report said.

Across Sudan, the IPC said more than 21 million people, or 45% of the population, faced acute food insecurity as of September, a 6% drop from the previous report which covered the period from December 2024 until May this year.

The drop was due to reduced conflict and improved humanitarian access in Khartoum, neighboring Gezira province and the eastern province of Sennar after military regained control of Khartoum and Gezira, allowing more than a million displaced people to return home.

The IPC called for a ceasefire as the sole measure that "can prevent further loss of life and help contain the extreme levels of acute food insecurity and acute malnutrition."

[Mysterious underwater objects spotted thousands of times near US shores: report | Fox News](#)

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California and Florida lead in coastal UFO reports as experts question government transparency

A popular [UFO-reporting app](#) has been making waves after reportedly recording tens of thousands of mysterious underwater objects up and down the United States' coastlines, raising eyebrows and leaving experts with more questions than answers regarding their origin.

Enigma, a non-partisan organization that boasts its "largest queryable historical sighting database for global UFO sightings," has recorded roughly 30,000 UFO sightings since its launch in 2022, [according to](#) the company's website.

However, users have turned their attention away from the skies in the hunt for proof that life may exist elsewhere.

Since August, Enigma has documented more than 9,000 sightings of mysterious objects within 10 miles of United States shorelines or other major bodies of water, Marine Technology News [reported](#).

Unidentified Submersible Objects (USOs) are defined as "any object detected underwater that cannot be immediately identified or explained," according to the outlet.

USOs can be observed through both technological sensors and by the naked eye — with witnesses often describing them as moving at incredibly fast speeds, making precise changes of direction and possessing "transmedium" capabilities by seamlessly transitioning between water and air.

"What is really interesting to me is the reports that we receive about [United States] [underwater vessels](#) detecting craft moving at exceptionally high speeds underwater," Kent Heckenlively, author of "Catastrophic Disclosure: Aliens, The Deep State and The Truth," told Fox News Digital. "Now that's one of two things: That's something we don't understand, or that means our technology is picking up ghosts underwater."

[HOUSE WITNESS TESTIFIES UFOS NEARLY ACTIVATED RUSSIAN NUCLEAR MISSILES DURING 1982 INCIDENT](#)

Of the 9,000 reported sightings since August 2025, approximately 500 occurred within 5 miles of a coastline, according to Marine Technology News.

Additionally, over 150 objects [were reportedly seen](#) either hovering above — or entering and emerging from — bodies of water.

The two states with the highest coastal populations — California and Florida — top the charts for the highest number of USO sightings, according to Enigma's website. [California accounts](#) for 389 reported sightings, with the Sunshine State coming in second place with 306 witness accounts.

The data also shows several clusters of activity centered around specific coastal points throughout the country, raising eyebrows for both experts and government officials who fear the objects could pose a risk to national security.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: MILITARY WHISTLEBLOWERS TESTIFY TO CONGRESS ABOUT UNEXPLAINED UFO ENCOUNTERS

"It seems like there are five or six areas where there's real high UFO activity around water," Heckenlively said. "It would make a great deal of sense, and I think the problem that the regular person is facing is that they're saying to themselves, 'Okay, if these things are real, how could they come to earth and hide?' And the ocean seems like a great place to hide."

The sentiment is echoed by retired Navy Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, who previously argued that [video footage released by the Pentagon](#) shows technology that "jeopardizes U.S. maritime security, which is already weakened by our relative ignorance about the global ocean."

"The fact that unidentified objects with unexplainable characteristics are entering US water space and the [Department of War] is not raising a giant red flag is a sign that the government is not sharing all it knows about all-domain anomalous phenomena," Gallaudet wrote in a report released last year.

JD VANCE SAYS HE'S 'OBSESSED' WITH EERIE UFO VIDEOS

The 2019 video depicts an unidentified object buzzing past the Navy's USS Omaha ship, before plunging into the Pacific Ocean without a trace.

"Pilots, credible observers and calibrated military instrumentation have recorded objects accelerating at rates and crossing the air-sea interface in ways not possible for anything made by humans," Gallaudet wrote.

Of the various witness accounts compiled by Enigma, one of the most compelling shows two mysterious underwater objects lighting up while underwater, according to Marine Technology News.

Enigma and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to Fox News Digital's request for comment.

However, years of public skepticism have led to [apps such as Enigma crowdsourcing data](#) regarding UFOs, in what Heckenlively believes is a positive step toward transparency between the United States government and citizens looking for answers.

"I'm skeptical of alien stuff," Heckenlively said. "But I'm convinced that the government is lying to us."

In what has historically remained a topic shrouded in secrecy, Heckenlively hopes having UFO findings made public by non-governmental organizations can put pressure on officials to prioritize transparency regarding national security.

"What's the best disinfectant for corruption? Sunlight," Heckenlively told Fox News Digital. "So let's throw as much sunlight on this as possible, and see what scurries out."

[JD Vance, Marjorie Taylor Greene suggest aliens could be angels | Christainpost.com](#)

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Both Vice President JD Vance and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., have floated the possibility in recent days that what some humans see as so-called extraterrestrials and UFOs could be supernatural and even demonic in nature.

During an interview last week with journalist Miranda Devine, Vance expressed interest in using his access to classified material while vice president to uncover the truth behind potential alien intelligence, which he claimed could be angelic in nature.

"I really want to sort of dig into it," Vance said, noting both he and Secretary of State Marco Rubio have been curious about the topic since their time in the U.S. Senate. "There's certainly an interest there, there's certainly an intrigue. But I haven't yet had the time to really dig in. Things have been so busy."

"But the crazy person inside of me — and all of us put the tin foil hat on from time to time — I can't allow myself to become so busy that I spend the next three years and I don't get to the bottom of this, so I will get to the bottom of this, but it's going to take me a little time."

When Devine cut in to note Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard recently [expressed her belief](#) that aliens could be real, Vance was reluctant to completely agree. However, he suggested that there could be room for such a belief within the framework of his Roman Catholic worldview.

"I wouldn't say that I do or don't believe [in aliens]," he said. "I mean, I'm a big believer that there are things out there that we can't explain, and so if another person sees an alien, maybe I see an angel or a demon."

"So I'm a big believer that there are like spiritual forces working on the physical world that a lot of us don't see and a lot of us don't understand and a lot of us don't appreciate," he continued.

"But, you know, is it aliens or is it our guardian angel? Or is it aliens, or is it a not-so-guardian force that doesn't care about us; or, in fact, actively wishes us harm? I don't know the answer to that question."

Days after Vance's interview with Devine, Greene echoed him during a Friday appearance on "Real Time with Bill Maher."

"Do you think demons and the devil are real?" Maher asked during a panel discussion about UFOs, to which Greene replied: "Absolutely. I'm a Bible-believing Christian. And I believe those could be fallen angels."

"Fallen angels? The aliens are fallen angels?" Maher asked.

"That's possible — I think that's what they could be. That's what makes sense in my worldview," Greene added while some in the audience laughed at her.

Her comments came during a discussion that included Dan Farrah, a film producer and director whose upcoming documentary ["The Age of Disclosure"](#) interviewed 34 high-ranking members of the U.S. government, military and intelligence community about UFOs and an alleged 80-year global coverup. He claimed some in the government believe the phenomena are demonic.

Rubio was among the officials interviewed in Farrah's documentary, in which he called for transparency and [admitted](#) the U.S. government has "had repeated instances of something operating in the airspace over restricted nuclear facilities — and it's not ours."

Last October, President Donald Trump [touched on the topic](#) of UFOs during an appearance on "The Joe Rogan Experience."

Noting how he has spoken with fighter jet pilots who claim to have witnessed spherical objects traveling in the sky at speeds faster than an F-22, Trump said the topic has generated enormous interest, though he is not particularly interested himself.

"It's not a great interest for me, but it's a little interest. I get that question as much as almost any question. Do you think that we have aliens coming, you know, flying around or whatever?" he said. "I mean, there's no reason not to think that Mars and all these planets don't have life, you know?"