

## In the News (Topic 1 of 3) US Senators Drop a Bombshell on the WHO

**Article:** US Senators Drop a Bombshell on the World Health Organization

**Article Link:** <https://vigilantnews.com/post/us-senators-drop-a-bombshell-on-the-world-health-organization/>

### Key Talking Points:

- Per *Vigilant News*, in a shocking turn of events, all republican senators (49), led by Senator Ron Johnson, have formally urged President Joe Biden to withdraw his support in expanding The World Health Organization's (WHO) pandemic authority.
- The letter, sent ahead of the 77th World Health Assembly scheduled from May 27 to June 1, 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, argues that the who's mishandling of the covid-19 crisis underscores the need for major reforms rather than granting it more power.
- The senators warn that such an expansion could threaten U.S. sovereignty and constitutional rights, emphasizing that any international agreement enhancing the WHO's authority should be treated as a treaty, requiring a two-thirds supermajority vote in the senate for approval.
- Dr. Meryl Nass said on X that this action is an appropriate threat to the world health organization's proposed pandemic treaty.

## In the News (Topic 2 of 3) HAMAS ACCEPTS DEAL LAST-MINUTE WITH ISRAEL

**Article:** Hamas Accepts Deal Last-Minute with Israel Poised for Rafah Incursion

**Article Link:** <https://cmsedit.cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2024/may/no-deal-with-hamas-as-israel-marks-holocaust-remembrance-day>

### Key Talking Points:

- The website *Axios* reported over the weekend that the Israeli government had proposed a possible hostage deal with Hamas that includes discussing an end to fighting in exchange for the hostages. Hamas reportedly had no objections to the deal initially and agreed to send a delegation to Cairo. This causing protests in Israel from those both for and against the deal.
- However, this week CBN news reports it appears an agreement between Israel and Hamas may not happen. During holocaust Remembrance Day, Hamas was demanding an end to the war while Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted Israel will keep going.
- In addition, per Reuters, Israel had begun evacuations of parts of Rafah over the weekend in preparation for their war against Hamas holdouts. And it appears today they have begun airstrikes on Rafah.
- Hamas announced the latest cease-fire talks have ended. The terror group insists on two key demands. One, the end of the war, and two, Israel completely pulls out of the Gaza strip. Both are non-starters for Israel.
- While ending the war has been a key Hamas demand, right-wing party members of Israel's governing coalition have threatened to leave if it agrees to what they call a "reckless deal."
- For example, just last week, Hamas took credit for launching about 20 rockets from southern Lebanon into northern Israel. The IDF says they were all intercepted.

- Thousands demonstrated in Tel Aviv on Saturday, demanding the release of the hostages and the resignation of prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government, after a Hamas propaganda video showed two Israeli hostages in captivity.

## **In the News (Topic 3 of 3)** ISRAEL AIRSTRIKE NEAR DAMASCUS & TURKEY BANS TRADE WITH ISRAEL

**Article:** Israel Airstrike Near Damascus; Turkey Bans Trade with Israel | Watchman Newscast

**Article Link:** NA

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yprlsvXob10>

### **Key Talking Points:**

- Per *The Watchman*, Erick Stakelbeck, Israel has allegedly also carried out an airstrike near Damascus, for the first time since the famous attack in early April that killed IRGC commander Mohammad Reza Zahedi.
- Meanwhile, in a massive geopolitical statement, turkey halts all trade with Israel, for the first time in almost 76 years, over its war in Gaza against Hamas. Turkey in the past has also called for the re-formation of the Islamic caliphate.

## **Biblical Message**

### Key Verse

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