

Israel in the News




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Editorials, Op. Eds. and Analysis

Publication	Headline	Journalist	Topic
<i>The Wall Street Journal</i>	<u>How Congress Can Boost Haley at the U.N.</u> Withhold U.S. funds until the international body lives up to its ideals—and ours.	RON PROSOR	US-Israel relations, UN
<i>Huffington Post</i>	<u>Criticizing Israel Isn't Anti-Semitism In A Modern Disguise</u>	THOMAS WOODLEY	Attitudes toward Israel in Canada
<i>CBN</i>	<u>Egypt and Jordan: Israel's Peace Partners?</u>	TZIPPE BARROW	Egypt-Jordan-Israel relations
<i>Newsweek</i>	<u>The U.S. Is Flirting With Danger in Lebanon</u> Are we funding the terrorist group Hezbollah by the back door?	ELLIOTT ABRAMS	Lebanon, Hezbollah
<i>The Hill</i>	<u>A very big deal to solve a very big problem</u>	EINAT WILF AND ADI SCHWARTZ	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>The Hill</i>	<u>How Palestinian schools can take Israel, region closer to peace</u>	HADY AMR	Palestinian schools, peace process
<i>The Hill</i>	<u>A bold, common sense UN move for the Trump administration</u>	RICHARD SCHIFTER AND ERIC ROZENMAN	US-Israel relations, UNRWA
<i>The Hill</i>	<u>Congress should oppose David Friedman as Israel ambassador</u>	WALTER, RICHARD, PAUL, CARLA AND LORRAINE RAUSHENBUSH	US-Israel relations

<i>National Post</i>	<u>Dreams of a happy, Singapore-style Gaza can never get past the Hamas problem</u>	ROBERT FULFORD	Gaza, Hamas
<i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i>	<u>A one-state solution is no solution in Israel-Palestine conflict</u>	EDITORIAL	Peace process
<i>The Australian</i>	<u>Labor's Hawke, Rudd and Evans invite ridicule by maligning Israel</u>	GREG SHERIDAN	Israel in Australian politics, Australia-Israel relations
<i>ABC</i>	<u>No middle road on a two-state solution for Israel and Palestinian territories</u>	STAN GRANT	Peace process

The Americas

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<i>New York Daily News</i>	<u>EXCLUSIVE: Brooklyn man charged with sexually assaulting child relative fled to Israel to dodge prosecution</u>	CHRISTINA CARREGA AND REUVEN BLAU	Crime
<i>New York Daily News</i>	<u>Vice President Pence's Twitter account mistakes Nicaragua's flag for Israel's — then deletes tweets</u>	CHRIS SOMMERFELDT	D'OH! 
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Israeli intelligence minister says Trump created a new path to peace</u>	RUTH EGLASH	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Israel calls Human Rights Watch a propaganda tool, says it is not welcome</u> Foreign Ministry calls rights group “anti-Israel” and blocks its U.S.-based investigator	WILLIAM BOOTH	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>The Daily Beast</i>	<u>Pimp My Kalashnikov: Israelis Will Soon Be Mass Producing AK-47s for the U.S. Market</u> An Israeli company with close connections to the country's elite special forces has been licensed by Russia to produce assault rifles in America.	NERI ZILBER	Economy, defense industries
<i>Bloomberg</i>	<u>Pence Says U.S. 'Assessing' Move of American Embassy in Israel</u>	JOHN MCCORMICK	US-Israel relations, Jerusalem

<i>Politico</i>	<p>Sources: U.S. considers quitting U.N. Human Rights Council</p> <p>The body has been accused of unfairly targeting Israel, and Trump aides are questioning its usefulness.</p>	NAHAL TOOSI AND ELIANA JOHNSON	US-Israel relations, UN
<i>Politico</i>	<p>Pence, addressing Jewish Republicans, condemns rash of anti-Semitic vandalism</p>	ALEX ISENSTADT	US-Israel relations
<i>The Hill</i>	<p>Pence pledges support for Israel at Jewish group speech</p>	MAX GREENWOOD	US-Israel relations
<i>The Hill</i>	<p>Pence mixes up Nicaraguan and Israeli flags in tweet</p>	BROOKE SEIPEL	<p>D'OH!</p> 
<i>International Business Times</i>	<p>Israel News: Human Rights Advocate Denied Visa After UN Condemns Israeli Soldier's Sentence For Palestinian Execution</p>	TOM O'CONNOR	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>International Business Times</i>	<p>Trump's Mexico Wall Compared To Israel West Bank 'Apartheid' Barrier By Bolivian Politician</p>	TOM O'CONNOR	Bolivia
<i>BuzzFeed</i>	<p>Israel Apparently Doesn't Think Human Rights Watch Is A Real Human Rights Group</p> <p>Omar Shakir, a researcher with Human Rights Watch, was surprised to learn that his organization spreads "propaganda" in the eyes of the Israeli government</p>	HAYES BROWN	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>CNN</i>	<p>Trump Israel ambassador pick bragged of removing two-state solution from GOP platform at November event</p>	ANDREW KACZYNSKI	US-Israel relations
<i>NBC News</i>	<p>Arab Israelis Are Joining the IDF in Growing Numbers: Officials</p>	PAUL GOLDMAN	Israeli Arabs, IDF
<i>Newsweek</i>	<p>Las Vegas Billionaire Tells Republican Donors: Trump Will Be Best-Ever President for Israel</p> <p>Sheldon Adelson owns a newspaper in Israel and is a key donor to Benjamin Netanyahu.</p>	JACK MOORE	Sheldon Adelson
<i>Newsweek</i>	<p>Israel Bars Foreign Human Rights Watch Staff for Serving 'Palestinian Propaganda'</p> <p>NGO calls the decision an "ominous turn" after years of free access.</p>	JACK MOORE	Human Rights Watch, NGOs

<i>Toronto Sun</i>	<u>Anti-Semitism in North America has reached 'unprecedented' levels</u>	AEDAN O'CONNOR	Attitudes toward Israel on Canadian college campuses
<i>National Post</i>	<u>Student politician who called for Zionists to be punched escapes sanction from his peers</u>	GRAEME HAMILTON	Attitudes toward Israel on Canadian college campuses
<i>National Post</i>	<u>From Canadian Tire to BlackBerry to Israel, a top federal bureaucrat searches for answers on innovation</u>	DAVID AKIN	Canada-Israel relations

Europe and Australia

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<i>Financial Times</i>	<u>Can music bridge Middle East discord?</u> The Barenboim-Said Academy is opening a new concert hall, but its founder has no illusions about what it can achieve	SHIRLEY APTHORP	Music, peace process
<i>Financial Times</i>	<u>Cyber Warfare: Russia mobilises an elite band of cyber warriors</u> Since the 2015 hack of France's TV5Monde, the Kremlin-backed APT 28 has become bolder in its choice of targets	SAM JONES	Cyberwarfare
<i>The Economist</i>	<u>All shaken up: Israel's justice minister imposes four new Supreme Court justices</u> A more conservative court will be the result	N/A	Supreme Court, Ayelet Shaked
<i>International Business Times</i> (UK edition)	<u>HRW director Omar Shakir says Israel ban demeans 'democratic values'</u> Israeli government accused human rights watchdog of "fundamentally biased" reporting and "anti-Israel agenda".	ISABELLE GERRETSEN	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>International Business Times</i> (UK edition)	<u>Hackers could steal your data just by using the LED lights on your computer</u> Air-gapped computers are typically hard to hack, but one team in Israel has found a way.	JASON MURDOCK	Cyber
<i>Daily Mail</i>	<u>'This White House is in the promise-keeping business': Vice President Mike Pence vows 'unwavering' ties with Israel in speech to Jewish republicans</u> Vice President Mike Pence assured the Republican Jewish Coalition of US support of Israel at the organization's annual conference on Friday night. The conference was held at billionaire donor Sheldon Adelson's casino resort on the Las Vegas Strip. Pence also pledged to keep Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon	JORDAN GASS-PORE	US-Israel relations

<i>Daily Mail</i>	<p>Baroness who quit Lib Dems over anti-Semitic row says Britain's top group fighting hate speech against Jews should lose its charitable status</p> <p>EXCLUSIVE: Signed petition calling group a 'Zionist propaganda organisation'. Petition started by blogger who has claimed 'Zionists collaborated with Nazis'. Tonge previously suspended from party after row over alleged anti-Semitism. Her decision to sign the petition was met with a furious response from MPs</p>	RORY TINGLE	Attitudes toward Israel in the UK
<i>Daily Mail</i>	<p>Crackdown on campus anti-Semitism: Vice chancellors are ordered to adopt a 'zero tolerance' approach over fears of growing level of abuse</p> <p>Universities must prevent growing anti-Semitism on campus, says Jo Johnson. The University Minister added institutes must provide a 'safe' environment. His words come ahead of Israel Apartheid Week events</p>	SARAH HARRIS	Attitudes toward Israel on UK college campuses
<i>Huffington Post</i>	<p>Universities Urged To Adopt 'Zero Tolerance' Policy To Anti-Semitism Ahead Of Israel Apartheid Week</p> <p>There have been several anti-Semitic incidents at universities in recent weeks.</p>	JASMIN GRAY	Attitudes toward Israel on UK college campuses
<i>The Guardian</i>	<p>Israel denies visas to staff from 'hostile' Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Decision to ban new HRW director from working in Israel is an 'ominous turn' and puts country in same league as North Korea says NGO</p>	PETER BEAUMONT	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>The Guardian</i>	<p>Israel's rightwing justice minister hails supreme court appointments</p> <p>Three conservatives – one a settler – and Arab-Israeli to sit in 15-member court in move seen as victory for Ayelet Shaked</p>	PETER BEAUMONT	Supreme Court, Ayelet Shaked
<i>The Guardian</i>	<p>Netanyahu visit: hundreds protest in Sydney over visit by Israeli PM</p> <p>Crowd of 650 people gather in city centre, waving placards and flags in protest at Benjamin Netanyahu's visit</p>	PETER BEAUMONT	Attitudes toward Israel in Australia
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i>	<p>Israel refuses visa for Human Rights Watch, accusing group of 'Palestinian propaganda'</p>	RAF SANCHEZ	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>The Independent</i>	<p>Israel refuses visa for Human Rights Watch researcher accused of spreading 'Palestinian propaganda'</p> <p>Group says move puts Israel in a group with the 'most repressive states' it covers</p>	LIZZIE DEARDEN	Human Rights Watch, NGOs

<i>The Independent</i>	Donald Trump backs two-state solution but still wants 'whatever makes both sides happy' President stops short of reasserting US commitment to Palestinian statehood	STEVE HOLLAND	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>The Independent</i>	Israel orders demolition of Palestinian village in West Bank Notices served in Khan al-Ahmar after legal battle over village's future	LIZZIE DEARDEN	West Bank
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	3 Palestinians killed in Gaza tunnel Hamas blasts Egypt's handling of cross-border tunnels after toxic gas kills three workers while repairing destroyed tunnel	HANI AL-SHAER	Gaza, Egypt, Hamas
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	Israeli court rejects TIKA employee's appeal Palestinian employee of Turkish aid agency was arrested at Erez border crossing which links Israel and Gaza Strip	N/A	Turkey, Gaza
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	Claiming 'bias', Israel denies visa to rights activist Israeli officials accuse New York-based Human Rights Watch of promoting 'Palestinian propaganda'	N/A	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	Israel views Turkey as major gas market, big economy Next step in proposed Turkey-Israel natural gas pipeline project is to put words into action: Israeli conglomerate Delek	EBRU SENGUL AND ZEYNEP DUYAR CANLI	Turkey-Israel relations, natural gas
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	Israeli PM's plane over Indonesia banned in retaliation Indonesia Foreign Ministry: Decision against Israeli premier's plane taken because Israel did 'the same' to Indonesian FM	AINUR ROHMAH	Indonesia-Israel relations
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i> (Sydney, Australia)	Benjamin Netanyahu casts aside worries and embraces Australia	CARLEEN SHORTEN	Australia-Israel relations
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i> (Sydney, Australia)	Lakemba imam criticises closer trade links between Australia and Israel	CHRIS HOOK AND JASON TIN	Attitudes toward Israel in Australia
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i> (Sydney, Australia)	Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visits Manly during Sydney trip	JOHN MORCOMBE, JULIE CROSS, SARAH SWAIN AND ROBBIE PATTERSON	Australia-Israel relations

<i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i>	Bill Shorten raises settlements 'clearly and unambiguously' in meeting with Benjamin Netanyahu	FERGUS HUNTER	Israel in Australian politics, Australia-Israel relations
<i>The Australian</i>	Benjamin Netanyahu says his visit to Australia was 'wonderful'	SAMANTHA HUTCHINSON	Australia-Israel relations
<i>The Australian</i>	Shorten fights to hold back tide as Labor Left turns on Israel	JOE KELLY AND SAMANTHA HUTCHINSON	Israel in Australian politics, Australia-Israel relations
<i>International Business Times</i> (Australia edition)	Benjamin Netanyahu depicted as Adolf Hitler by protesters	FRENALYN UNTALAN	Attitudes toward Israel in Australia

Wire Services

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<i>AFP</i>	In besieged Gaza, first English library to open window to world	MAI YAGHI	Gaza
<i>AFP</i>	Israel army disperses Lebanese protesters at border	N/A	IDF, Lebanon
<i>AFP</i>	Israel to publish long-awaited report on 2014 Gaza war	N/A	Gaza
<i>AFP</i>	Israel to deny Human Rights Watch visas over 'bias'	JOE DYKE	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>AFP</i>	Israel invited 26 Oscar stars to visit. So far none has	JOE DYKE	The arts
<i>AP</i>	Montana House backs effort to boycott anti-Israel firms	BOBBY CAINA CALVAN	Attitudes toward Israel in the US
<i>AP</i>	Israeli premier calls 1st visit to Australia 'wonderful'	N/A	Australia-Israel relations
<i>AP</i>	Israel military fire tear gas to disperse Lebanese protest	N/A	IDF, Lebanon
<i>AP</i>	Pence: Administration backs Israel abroad, business at home	JULIE BYKOWICZ	US-Israel relations

<i>AP</i>	Palestinian protesters throw shoes at Trump picture	N/A	West Bank
<i>AP</i>	Israel reinstates life term of Hamas prisoner freed in swap	N/A	Palestinian terrorism
<i>AP</i>	Israeli court rejects plea bargain in ex-Chief Rabbi case	N/A	Crime, religion-and-state
<i>AP</i>	Media: Israel to conclude Arab car ramming wasn't attack	N/A	Israeli Arabs
<i>AP</i>	Israel names conservative judges to Supreme Court	N/A	Supreme Court, Ayelet Shaked
<i>AP</i>	Israel denies work visa to Human Rights Watch official	JOSEF FEDERMAN	Human Rights Watch, NGOs
<i>Reuters</i>	U.N. rights office decries Israeli sentence as excessively lenient	N/A	Hebron incident, IDF, UN
<i>Reuters</i>	Exclusive: Trump likes two-state solution, but says he will leave it up to Israelis, Palestinians 	N/A	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>Xinhua</i>	Abbas lauds Lebanon for role in pushing Palestinian cause	N/A	Palestinian Authority, Lebanon
<i>Xinhua</i>	China in full support of Palestinian just cause: negotiator	N/A	Chinese Middle East policy
<i>Xinhua</i>	Abbas vows to ensure return home for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon	N/A	Palestinian Authority, Lebanon
<i>Xinhua</i>	Israeli army shoots down Hamas drone over Gaza	N/A	Gaza, Hamas, IDF
<i>Xinhua</i>	Israel shuts down Palestinian school in E. Jerusalem over "ties to Hamas"	N/A	Jerusalem, Hamas
<i>Xinhua</i>	Palestinian FM urges int'l reaction to Netanyahu's remarks over Palestinian autonomy	N/A	Peace process

Asia and Africa

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<i>South China Morning Post</i> (Hong Kong)	<u>Netanyahu's drama-free Singapore trip: Are Malaysia, Indonesia finally warming to Israel?</u> Israeli prime minister's visit stands in stark contrast to that of an earlier leader, Chaim Herzog, 30 years earlier	BHAVAN JAIPRAGAS	Malaysia-Indonesia-Israel relations

General Articles

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<i>The Statesman</i> (India)	<u>India approves Rs.17,000 cr missile deal with Israel</u>	N/A	India-Israel relations
<i>The Hindu</i>	<u>India, Israel to develop missile for Army</u>	DINAKAR PERI	India-Israel relations
<i>The Times of India</i>	<u>Israel mulls agriculture centres of excellence in AP, Telangana</u>	TNN	India-Israel relations

Middle East

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<i>Al Jazeera</i>	<u>Why Hollywood has abandoned Brand Israel</u> Oscar nominees' refusal to be paid props for Brand Israel could reflect a desire to avoid a very polarised discussion.	CATHERINE ROTTENBERG	The arts

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<i>Al Jazeera</i>	<u>Jabal Mukaber faces Israel's collective punishment</u> Palestinians in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood have been threatened with residency revocation after recent attacks.	YLENIA GOSTOLI	Jerusalem
<i>Al Jazeera</i>	<u>Palestinian women lead resistance in Budrus</u> Fighting back against Israel's incursions has become second nature for residents of the West Bank village.	JACLYNN ASHLY	West Bank
<i>Al Jazeera</i>	<u>Palestinians decry West Bank industrial zone expansion</u> For years, Israel has increasingly taken control of Palestinian lands in Area C to build out its industrial zones.	YLENIA GOSTOLI	West Bank
<i>Al Jazeera</i>	<u>Palestinian diaspora holds first global conference</u> Palestinians from 50 countries gather in Istanbul to discuss forming new political entity to represent their views.	ALI YOUNES	Palestinians
<i>The Jordan Times</i>	<u>2017 to see action against 'normalisation' of ties with Israel, activists say</u>	SUZANNA GOUSSOUS	Attitudes toward Israel in Jordan
<i>Gulf News</i>	<u>Rebirth of public hammams in West Bank</u> Home heating technology and fear of Israeli raids during Intifadas forced Palestinians to avoid bathhouses	NASOUH NAZZAL	West Bank

The World Jewish Press

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<i>JTA</i>	<u>Did Donald Trump and the Jews have a good week?</u>	BEN SALES	US-Israel relations
<i>JNS</i>	<u>On anti-Semitism, difficult questions and contested answers</u>	BEN COHEN	US-Israel relations, anti-Semitism, attitudes toward Israel in the US
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>Why Arab Peace Moves Could Be Gamechanger For Peace — Trump Or No</u>	J.J. GOLDBERG	US-Israel relations, peace process

<i>Intermountain Jewish News</i> (Denver)	Kapos? David Friedman's judgement is in doubt David Friedman's profound disrespect for the Holocaust, besides abetting Holocaust denial, casts doubt on his abilities as a diplomat.	EDITORIAL	US-Israel relations
<i>The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles</i>	Israel and America: Despair or Opportunity	AVRAHAM BURG AND JONATHAN JACOBY	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>The Jewish News Weekly of Northern California</i>	Keep the drums beating for a two-state solution	JON KAUFMAN	US-Israel relations, peace process
<i>The Jewish Chronicle</i> (UK)	Israeli right wins battle in war over Supreme Court Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked has made progress in her mission to make the court more conservative	ANSHEL PFEFFER	Supreme Court, Ayelet Shaked

General Articles

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<i>JTA</i>	Pence pledges Trump will keep Iran from going nuclear, walks back Jerusalem promise	RON KAMPEAS	US-Israel relations
<i>JTA</i>	Tel Aviv and Jerusalem marathons revel in a 'healthy competition'	HILLEL KUTTLER	Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, sports
<i>JNS</i>	Netanyahu's Australia visit: sunny outlook on bilateral ties, cloudy picture on 2 states	SEAN SAVAGE	Australia-Israel relations
<i>JNS</i>	Diverse array of US Jewish leaders engages Israeli officials amid shifting landscape	ALEX TRAIMAN	Attitudes toward Israel among US Jews
<i>JNS</i>	What Israel's counter-terrorism experts are saying about their 'art'	ELIANA RUDEE	Counter-terrorism
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	Marijuana In Israel Gets A Push From The Right	NAOMI ZEVELOFF	Cannabis
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	Israeli Drone Can Read Your Computer's Secrets	DAN FRIEDMAN	Cyber
<i>Jewish News</i> (UK)	Top London university to host banned speaker for Israel Apartheid Week King's College will host Professor Farid Esack, who gained notoriety for refusing to pray for victims of the Paris terror attacks	N/A	Attitudes toward Israel on UK college campuses

<i>Jewish News</i> (UK)	<u>Coldplay in Israel and West Bank 'to listen and learn'</u> British band arrives in the Middle East, denying speculation they will perform a concert during their visit.	JEWISH NEWS REPORTER	The arts
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