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# GAZA BALLOONS A BURSTING TERROR PROBLEM

BY DOV LIPMAN FEBRUARY 10, 2020



## The Simplicity of the Gaza Balloons

Literally thousands of hectares in southern Israel have been set ablaze by improvised incendiary devices from Gaza. Many are made up of simple, commonly available balloons — made of rubber or latex, or even condoms — which are filled with helium. Then, burning rags or an explosive device are attached. Terror kites are made by simply tying several sticks together, covering them with a plastic sheet and attaching a mesh carrying fuel.

When the wind blows into Israel from Gaza, the balloons and kites are released. While most land in the vicinity of the Israel-Gaza border, one balloon landed in Beersheva, about 40 km from the Strip.

Some Gaza balloons have been designed to spark multiple fires by repeatedly drip fireballs as they float over Israel. Bomb disposal crews are frequently called to defuse explosives found attached to balloons and kites. In one incident, a rocket-propelled grenade warhead attached to balloons was found in a kibbutz field.

Between July and September 2018, Gaza balloons and kites sparked an average of 12 fires a day. The fires they triggered have caused terrible ecological damage to Israel — destroying over 6,000 acres of forests and farmland and killing massive

Masked Palestinians calling themselves the "night confusion units" hold incendiary devices attached to balloons to be flown towards Israel, near the Gaza-Israel border east of Rafah on September 26, 2018. (Photo by KHATIB/AFP via Getty Images)

What kind of parent tells their child that they cannot play with balloons, kites, balls, or toy airplanes?

Either horrible, mean parents or loving, caring parents who happen to live in Israel near the Gaza Strip.

Why would caring parents instruct their children not to go near balloons, kites, and other toys? Because beginning in 2018, Palestinian terrorists began sending Gaza balloons and kites laden with explosives to harm Israelis, spark wild fires, and weaken Jewish morale.

Hamas has even established special units tasked with producing and launching them.

amounts of wildlife. Experts say that the damage to the ecosystem will take a decade to repair.

## ‘We Want to Provoke the Israelis’

An 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist involved in these Gaza balloon attacks told ABC News Australia, “We want to provoke the Israelis more, so we attached a burning rag to the kite. Thanks to God’s will, the thread was cut and the kite fell on the other side and started a fire.”

He also told ABC that a kite costs just \$1 to make and that balloons cost just 50 cents. That’s far cheaper than the Qassem rockets, which are said to cost Hamas \$800 apiece to produce.

This young terrorist also told ABC that if they don’t cause 15 to 20 fires per day then “we don’t consider this a good day.”

## Protecting Israeli Children

Seeing the success of Gaza balloons in destroying property, the terrorists moved towards attaching explosives to colorful balloons and toys to hurt and kill Israeli children.

The situation has become so dangerous that the IDF Home Front Command felt the need to release a poem to protect children living near the Gaza Strip. The poem is called “What does the wind bring with it?” and includes the words: “Sometimes, the wind brings dangerous things with it which comes from over the fence. They are not mine and they are not

a friend's." The poem instructs the children to run away and to call an adult if they find one of these items.

The Israeli police also released a public service video for children. The video begins with children playing soccer. One of them accidentally kicks the ball over the fence of the playground and the ball lands next to a kite. One of the boys runs to get the ball, sees the kite, and does what every child would do – he reaches out for the kite. But then one of the girls yells at him, "Stop, Don't touch it. It could be dangerous!" The boys keeps reaching for it and another boy screams, "get away from the kite!"

The video then switches to a police sapper who says, "Yes, it looks like a regular kite. But recently balloons, kites and drones have been flying in the air with dangerous items attached to them. " He then instructs the children, "If you see a kite or any suspicious object, walk away from it right away, call an adult and dial 100 for the police." He points to a bomb-disposal robot and concludes, "I and my robot Bambi will come to take care of it." The children salute and reply, "Yessir!"

In some instances, the IDF has struck terrorists in the act of launching the explosives. Other measures are being explored to intercept airborne balloons and kites but solutions aren't simple. Palestinians know that while colorful kites and balloons are more likely to attract the curiosity of an unsuspecting child, they are easy to spot in the air. Transparent condoms, on the other hand, are more difficult to spot in the blue sky.

The defense industry says that just like it developed technological solutions to shoot down rockets and detect terror tunnels, it will find a solution for this problem. Some Gaza balloons and kites of have been intercepted by IDF drones. And a promising new laser system called Light Blade is being tested.

No children should ever have to be told that they cannot touch kites, balloons, balls and other toys for fear that they may explode.

Even more so, no human beings should be allowed to target innocent children in this manner. And anyone who sides with Hamas in the Gaza Strip is supporting just that.

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# Islamic Jihad Strikes Netanyahu's Soft Spot a Week Before Israel's Election

The last thing embattled Netanyahu needs is a violent conflict in Gaza. Paradoxically, hitting the Islamic Jihad's No. 2 in Syria is less sensitive than bombing the Strip

Amos Harel  
Feb 24, 2020



A Palestinian militant carries chairs as he surveys an Islamic Jihad site that was targeted in an Israeli air strike in the southern Gaza Strip, February 24, 2020 IBRAHEEM ABU MUSTAFA

A week before the election, an unholy triumvirate kicked into action: The last stage of political campaigning; dread at the arrival of coronavirus in Israel; and the ritual of escalation in Gaza. We can assume that's where the headlines will stay until election day itself.

Israel didn't seek escalation in Gaza. On the contrary, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu entered the crucial stage of the battle for his political life, it seems the last thing he needed was a violent eruption in the Strip. All the internal polls the Likud is having done indicate that Gaza is his Achilles' heel. Swing voters aren't giving the government high scores for its handling of Hamas. An uncontrolled upsurge at this time could actually hurt Netanyahu's chances more than it would help him.

On the other hand, Netanyahu can't just sit tight as dozens of rockets are launched at Gaza border communities. The escalation on Sunday followed an incident by the border in the morning, when an Israeli force identified an Islamic Jihad unit trying

to lay a bomb by the fence. The Israeli force opened fire and one member of the unit was killed. A second one escaped but was wounded.



Men trying to collect a body as a bulldozer approaches them, along the Gaza-Israel border, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, on February 23, 2020

Islamic Jihad would have been likely to react to its member's death in any case, in keeping with the formula created months ago by its leaders in Gaza. But the reaction was apparently intensified because of images of the incident that were disseminated, showing an Israeli army bulldozer dragging the body of the Palestinian into Israeli territory. The clips went viral and fanned the fires of rage in Gaza. The retaliatory rocket fire was unusually intense, again begging questions about the wisdom of the new policy to accrue the corpses of armed Palestinians as a possible bargaining chip in negotiations to regain the bodies of Israeli soldiers.

This time, in contrast to its wont, Israel didn't accuse Hamas of responsibility for the rocket attacks, but focused in its response on Islamic Jihad. Among the targets, there were the usual command centers in Gaza (and it seems the Israeli army has returned to its poor practice of inflating the dimensions of the bombing), but there also was an innovation. A site producing weapons for Islamic Jihad in Syria south of Damascus was also attacked.

The Israeli move was designed to signal to Islamic Jihad that it had gone too far, and to convey to the Israeli public that the government isn't indifferent to the suffering of the people in southern Israel. In effect, paradoxically perhaps, Syria is now a slightly less sensitive front than Gaza. As long as the attacks target a facility run by a Palestinian organization and not Iranian military presence in Syria, the Syrian hosts can restrain themselves.

There may have been another consideration when choosing a target in Syria. Militants in Gaza maintain close contact with the organization command in Damascus - and Islamic Jihad's No. 2, Akram Al-Ajouri, lives in Damascus. Last November, when Israel assassinated senior Jihad commander Baha Abu al-Ata, Islamic Jihad claimed that Israeli strikes aimed to take out Ajouri, bombing his residence and killing one of his sons.



Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, February 20, 2020

Islamic Jihad's incessant attempts to thwart any arrangement between Hamas and Israel in Gaza is related to power struggles between the two organizations, and to Islamic Jihad's ideological opposition to an arrangement. But Iran's influence on Gaza, through the command center in Damascus, may also be in play. Constant friction in the Strip serves Tehran well, and if it bothers its old enemy Netanyahu too, that's a cherry on top from its perspective. In any case, the persistence of incidents with the Islamic Jihad attests that Israeli intelligence may have ascribed too much personal importance to Ata. His organization continues to pursue military operations after he, the top commander, was eliminated.

As the third election campaign nears its end, Gaza is yet again casting its long shadow on the Israeli political arena. As far as the army's steps along the Israel-Gaza border since Sunday night can be assessed, deployment seems to be mainly defensive. That is also the impression garnered from the government's moves regarding Gaza in recent months.

However, things can go askew very fast, and sensitive political times demand special attention to the decisions made at the top political and military echelons. Under similar circumstances, ahead of

the second election in September, Netanyahu pressed on the Israeli army to broadly attack Gaza, and was only blocked by the direct intervention of Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit. Gaza isn't at the center of the election but events there could well affect the results, if the escalation continues.



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A Magen David Adom worker packing protective supplies to send to China, February 2, 2020. (MDA) (MDA)



# Israel Leads the Way in Fighting Deadly Coronavirus

Feb 24, 2020

**From a startup that says it may have found a solution to the spread of COVID-19 to humanitarian groups sending aid to China, once again Israel leads the way during a time of crisis.**

*By David E. Kaplan, Lay of the Land*

Dominating the news these days is a mysterious virus emanating out of China that has a passenger ship quarantined, flight routes suspended, international conferences cancelled and people panicking – where is it going to strike next?

Most disquieting is the ‘surprise factor’ – that something unknown one day can be so feared the next.

As the world grapples with this crisis, and in particular to find an antidote, joining the proverbial cavalry is an Israeli startup, Sonovia Ltd., which says it may have a solution to help stop the spread of the new deadly coronavirus “through novel technology for an anti-pathogen, anti-bacterial fabric.” It has sent the product over to labs in China for testing, notably the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing and a medical lab in Chengdu.

Shay Herscovich, co-founder of the Ramat Gan-based Sonovia, established in 2013, explains:

“We have identified the methodology to determine the fabric’s ability to eliminate viruses and bacteria. We sent a number of fabrics to China, and it would require a few

days to colonize the coronavirus on the fabric and evaluate if our technology can destroy it.”

Infusing metal oxide nanoparticles into textiles, Sonovia’s patented technology was developed as protective gear – to see if the textiles would prove highly effective blocks against bacteria and fungi. Upbeat with the positive results following tests at laboratories at Israel’s Bar Ilan University, the relevant question today is whether Sonovia’s bacteria-fighting fabric can protect against the spread of coronavirus.

According to the company, the technology can be used on masks, protective clothing, hospital bedding and gowns, and other apparel to stop hospital-acquired infections. The enhanced textile “is able to maintain its anti-pathogen activity at up to 100 washes at 75° Celsius (167 Fahrenheit) and 65 washes at 92° Celsius (197 Fahrenheit),” says Sonovia scientist Dr. Jason Migdal.

The company, says Migdal, has tested the fabrics against a variety of infections, notably a pilot study in a European hospital that showed that when the textiles were used in protective clothing, there was a significant reduction in infections.

Migdal firmly believes that the same technology could be used to block viruses and potentially stop the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

In a company statement sent out to newsrooms Migdal said “In response to the global concern regarding the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in China, which has since spread to several other countries, we would like to accelerate the development of our technology.”

Now it is in the hands of the Chinese, who, according to Migdal, will follow a European protocol to test the fabric’s anti-viral activity.

A further advantage of the ‘face masks’ are that they are designed for repeated use and “could be distributed effectively where they are needed most in China,” says Migdal, “as well as being more sustainable to the environment.”

At the time of writing, there were officially 67,192 Coronavirus cases – the vast majority in China – and 1,527 deaths.

More people have died from the coronavirus than during the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) outbreak in 2002-2003.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak a global emergency and has warned governments to prepare for “domestic outbreak control” if the disease were to spread in their countries.

### Last Flight To China

As China grapples with the current outbreak – over and above the efforts of an Israeli start-up like Sonovia – there are other Israeli non-profit organisations responding to the region’s request for aid by donating sanitary masks, medical supplies, and protective gear.

Israel’s [Magen David Adom](#) (MDA) – Israel’s national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service – has contributed 2,000 masks and 200 full protection kits to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in China.

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Also, the humanitarian aid organization [IsraAID](#) sent a shipment of emergency medical supplies and protective gear to the Chinese Ministry of Health on the last flight from Tel Aviv to mainland China. This project was done with partners Israel-China Chamber of Commerce, [INNONATION](#)

and David Ashkenazi of ICCB Capital.

Yotam Polizer ,co-CEO of IsraAID, said his organization “will continue to monitor the situation and may launch a secondary response including mental health and psychosocial support for humanitarian aid workers and first responders working in the area, focusing on stress relief.”

The late Israeli humanitarian, peace activist and founder of the ‘Voice of Peace’ Abie Nathan would be impressed. I recall an interview with him in the late 1990s when he said, “My aim is that whenever there is a humanitarian crisis in the world, I want an Israel team there among the first to bring relief.”

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## Israeli Screening Breakthrough Paves Way to Inhibit Cancer Growth

Feb 16, 2020 By United with Israel Staff

***Ben-Gurion University researchers recently introduced a novel method for screening and detection designed to find new treatments for a variety of illnesses.***

Researchers from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev recently announced a breakthrough method to screen and detect new antibiotics. This paves the way for identifying medications that can inhibit the growth of bacteria, cancer and other illnesses. The findings were published in *Chemical Science*.

The research team at the Department of Chemistry at Ben-Gurion University, led by Dr. Barak Akabayov, created a method that will lead to the development of new antibiotics that target the small RNA region in the ribosome.

Ribosome is the protein-manufacturing machinery of all living cells targeted by antibiotics. Inhibiting ribosomal activity in cells ultimately leads to cell death, a desired outcome for those with bacterial infections, cancer and other debilitating diseases. However, identifying RNA molecules and various proteins in cells in order for the correct drug to be prescribed is a complex challenge.

“With the constant decline in antibiotic agents approved each year by the FDA, there is an urgent need for new antibiotics to address the approaching antibiotic-resistance crisis,” Akabayov said in a statement.

Akabayov added that his team’s “workflow design is applicable not only to antibiotics targeting the ribosome RNA, but also for other RNA targets, such as RNA viruses responsible for diseases such as hepatitis or HIV, as well as for other conditions such as cancer.”

The new screening process uses “nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) with machine learning algorithms that enable the computational design of novel drugs based on

small molecular fragments,” according to the BGU statement.

Through this process, researchers developed an enormous database of large molecules that contain small fragments that bind to a specific region of the ribosome and inhibit its activity. With this information, they hope to develop new antibiotics to fight illnesses.

Hospitals and communities worldwide are facing significant problems due to an increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), drug-resistant infections kill 700,000 people worldwide each year and could increase to 10 million deaths per year by 2050.

“The novel method developed by Dr. Akabayov provides an efficient, fast and cost-effective route to identifying novel antibiotics that inhibit the ribosome,” Dr. Galit Mazooz Perlmutter, Senior VP Business Development Bio-Pharma at BGN Technologies said. “This is extremely important in light of the looming antibiotic-resistance crisis that is predicted by the WHO and other health agencies worldwide.”

The development, funded by the Israel Innovation Authority, has a patent pending.



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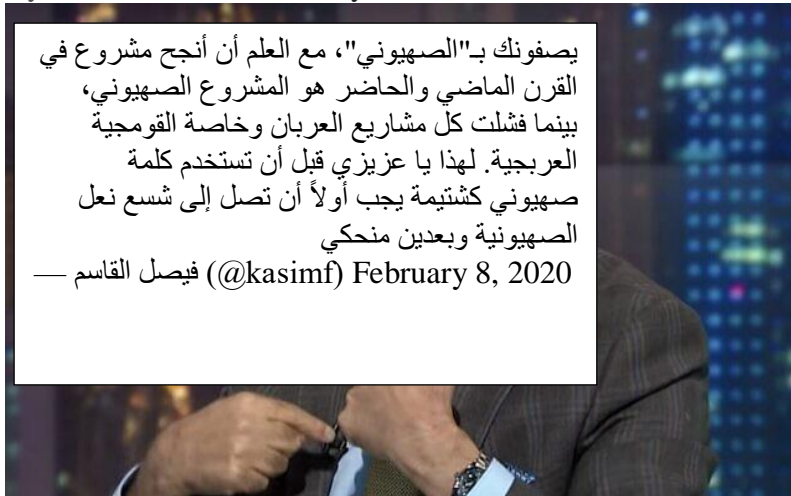
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# Al Jazeera host calls Israel most successful project in 120 years; drama ensues

Faisal al-Qassem's Arabic tweet garners critical responses, but huge majority responding to poll on his Twitter feed, then seem to agree; IDF spokesmen and Netanyahu hail him

By **TOI STAFF** 9 February 2020,



Faisal al-Qassem (Screen capture: YouTube)

A firebrand Arab television host called Israel the most successful project of the 20th and 21st centuries in an Arabic tweet on Saturday, stirring up intense debate about the Jewish state on social media.

“For most Arabs, if they want to curse you, they will describe you as a ‘Zionist,’ even though they know that the most successful project in the current and last century is the Zionist project,” tweeted Faisal al-Qassem, the host of Al Jazeera’s *The Opposite Direction*, a well-known debate show.

“All of the Arabs’ projects, especially that of Arab nationalism, failed. So... before you use the term ‘Zionist’ as a curse, you must first come somewhat closer to what Zionism has accomplished and then we will talk,” he also said.

Qassem has frequently criticized many Arab regimes on his show and Twitter account, which has 5.5 million followers, for their anti-democratic policies. He also courted controversy in 2018 when he hosted Arabic-language IDF spokesman Avichai Adraee on his program.

Many critical responses poured into Twitter on Saturday and Sunday after Qassem posted the tweet.

Meshaal al-Nami, a Kuwaiti researcher, tweeted that Qassem and Al Jazeera’s “mercenaries are serving Zionism by spreading chaos and failing and frustrating Arabs and Muslims.”

But when the television host asked Twitter users later on Sunday to vote in a poll as to whether they consider Israel or Arab regimes to be more “advanced, developed, democratic and successful,” an overwhelming majority chose the Jewish state.

Eighty-two percent of 6,168 respondents selected Israel, while the remaining 18.3% chose Arab regimes.

Twitter does not publicly provide data on the identity of poll respondents. However the tweet and the poll were notably in Arabic, as is Qassem’s feed in general.

While a number of Arab states, especially many of those in the Gulf, have expressed greater openness to Israel in recent years, several experts have argued that Arab public opinion has remained largely hostile to the Jewish state.

Israeli officials heaped praise on Qassem for his comment, which they highlighted on their Twitter accounts.

“Dr. Faisal al-Qassem is right. The Zionist movement achieved the Jewish people’s ambition to return to its homeland and build a national state anew on the land of its forefathers.”

Ofir Gendelman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s Arabic-language spokesman tweeted on Saturday.

“I am a Zionist and proud. In 71 years, we have transformed from a poor state that lacks resources



to a state that is at the top of the world's rankings with regard to modernism, innovation, sciences, medicine and agriculture," he added.

Adraee, the IDF spokesman, tweeted on Saturday: "Faisal al-Qassem is speaking the word of truth. 'Zionist' is not a curse word but rather one of admiration."

Al Jazeera is one of a handful of Arabic-language television stations which has hosted Israeli officials.

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Many Al Jazeera hosts, however, often express considerable criticism of Israel and its policies vis-a-vis Palestinians.



## Trump Plan is Death Certificate for Abbas' Political Career, Says Palestinian Official

Feb 3, 2020

**According to some sources, the White House's "deal of the century" represents the end of Mahmoud Abbas' political career.**

*By TPS*

Palestinian Authority (PA) and Fatah officials believe they are marching toward the end of the Mahmoud Abbas era and the strategic failure of his "political intifada" against Israel.

Abbas has launched a series of diplomatic campaigns against Israel at several international forums in recent years, all of which have apparently failed in wake of President Donald Trump's Deal of the Century which calls for a partial Israeli annexation of areas in Judea and Samaria

One source told TPS that the Deal of the Century peace plan is nothing but an "American impeachment letter to Abbas" and the Arab League summit that convened over the weekend in Cairo to discuss the plan is essentially "a respectable farewell ceremony" to the PA's chairman.

Many elements in Ramallah and those close to the Hamas leadership in the Gaza Strip share this assessment, although senior officials and Abu Mazen's associates reject it and claim that his appearance before the Arab foreign ministers was "a political success and a rare achievement of a determined leader."

Ashraf Ajrami, a former PA minister, told TPS that "it is still early to talk about Abu Mazen's departure from the stage as he still has something to say on domestic, Arab and international issues, and the Palestinian system is not ready for his departure."

Hossein a-Sheikh, the PA Minister of Civil Affairs, rejected these notions and told TPS that rumors about Abbas' end are "nonsense."

A PA official said that in closed discussions there is a push to accept the Trump plan and contend with it. "I said that I think the PA should not reject

the plan and openly confront the US. Many agree with me but will not publicly express their

agreement, and the plan will not be accepted,” he said.

Based on meetings in Ramallah, the source said that senior officials understand “that the United States is determined to end Abu Mazen’s role and must now come to terms with it or risk a confrontation with Trump.”

He also said that there is an understanding that the Americans are determined to replace the PA with another mechanism if necessary, to ensure continued security coordination with Israel and the operation of vital civilian systems.

### Escorting Abbas Out the Door

The source said that after all the surprising American measures in recent months, the US will be free to escort Abu Mazen out the door and will try to appoint a successor to ensure the PA’s stability and the continued security relations with the US and Israel.

He also alleged that Abbas removal is coordinated not only with Israel, but “with Colonel Majd Faraj, the head of Palestinian intelligence who may be his successor, with US and Israeli support.”

“Faraj’s name is already being spoken about in the corridors,” the official said, but officials say that although Faraj oversees relations with the CIA and is highly trusted, there is currently no talk about his appointment as Abbas’ heir.

On the other hand, a security official said that there is broad agreement on the need for the appointment of a security personality after Abu Mazen and that Faraj is considered a natural heir, although this move is only expected to begin if Israel annexes areas in Judea and Samaria and the PA subsequently cancels the peace agreements.

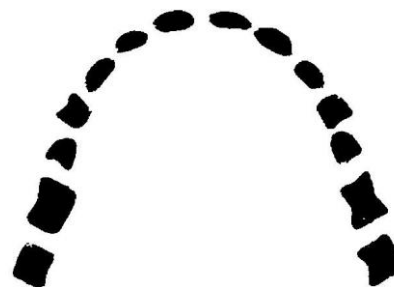
The secret visit last week by CIA chief Gina Haspel to Ramallah is perceived as a move which was intended to make it clear to Abbas that he is leaving office and to ensure his descent from the stage in an orderly manner, enabling him to preserve his “legacy” and being registered in

history as not “selling Jerusalem” and not agreeing to concessions.

The embarrassment and tension in the PA have risen in recent days, and rumors circulating claim that Abu Mazen’s appointment of Nabil Shaath as his special envoy is in fact a promise to appoint him temporarily as head of the PA.

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# What to Know About Trump's Middle East Plan    en kritisk artikel!

The proposal, three years in the making, favored Israeli priorities and was conceived without Palestinian input. Here are the main points and some of the most contested elements.



By Megan Specia  
Jan. 29, 2020 The New York Times

President Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel unveiled the Middle East plan at the White House on Tuesday. Credit... Doug Mills/The New York Times

President Trump stood alongside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel at the White House on Tuesday to reveal a long-awaited plan intended to resolve generations of conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Noticeably absent from that announcement, though, was any Palestinian representation, and Palestinian leaders have flatly rejected

Mr. Trump vowed at the start of his presidency that he would negotiate a “bigger and better deal” to broker peace than anyone could imagine. Three years later, experts say that the plan, developed under the

the plan. The proposed settlement strongly favors Israeli priorities rather than having both sides make significant concessions.

supervision of Jared Kushner, Mr. Trump's son-in-law, falls remarkably short of that goal and is unlikely ever to become the basis for a peace agreement.

Here are some of the plan's main features.

## What does the plan say?

While Mr. Trump's proposal is the latest in a series of United States-brokered attempts to forge peace between Israelis and Palestinians, his framework was a sharp departure from decades of American policy. The United States has long voiced support for the creation of a Palestinian state with only slight adjustments to the Israeli boundaries that existed before the Arab-Israeli war of 1967, when Israel wrested the West Bank from Jordan, and Gaza from Egypt.

Instead, the 181-page Trump plan proposes a West Bank riddled with interconnected

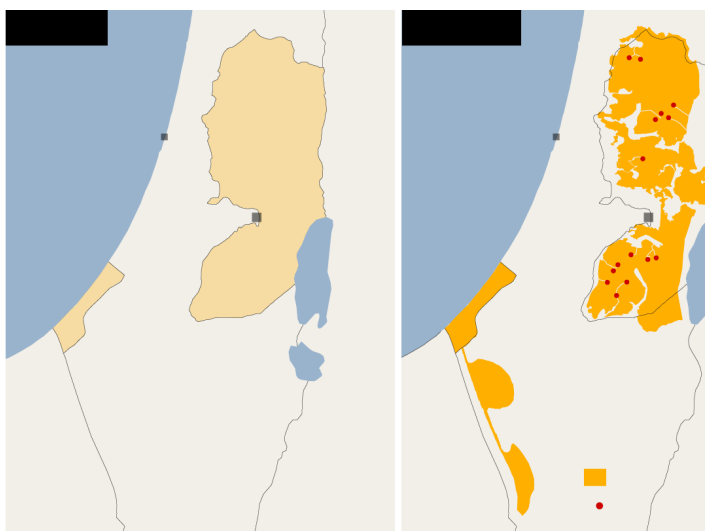
chunks of Israeli territory containing Jewish settlements, many of them largely encircled by Palestinian lands. For the Palestinians, it would mean giving up a claim to large amounts of West Bank land — including places where Israel has built settlements over the past half-century and strategic areas along the Jordanian border. Most of the world regards the settlements as illegal. The framework also sets aside the longtime goal of a fully autonomous Palestinian state. Instead, Mr. Trump vaguely promised that Palestinians could “achieve an independent state of their very own” but gave few details, while Mr. Netanyahu said the deal

provided a “pathway to a Palestinian state” with significant caveats.

The Palestinians do not subscribe to the plan, though the deal provides for a four-year window for them to engage in renewed settlement talks. During that time, Israel would refrain from constructing settlements in those parts of the West Bank that the plan has designated for Palestinians.

Previous American proposals spoke of uprooting tens of thousands of Israelis from the settlements to return those areas to the Palestinians for inclusion in their state, but the Trump plan promises to leave both settlers and Palestinians in their current homes. Rather, it maps out a series of linked settlements and other areas that would officially become Israeli territory in the midst of the West Bank.

## Trump’s Proposal for a Palestinian State



### Current

The plan also envisaged a Palestinian capital in “eastern Jerusalem,” on the outer edges of the city beyond Israel’s security barrier, while guaranteeing Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem. The city is a holy site for the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths and has long been a sticking point in peace negotiations. Mr. Netanyahu later clarified that the proposed Palestinian capital would be in Abu Dis, a Palestinian village on the outskirts of the holy city.

The plan proposes transportation links between the unconnected Palestinian territories in the West Bank and Gaza. But the element of the plan that may prove to be its only lasting effect is American recognition of Israel’s claim over the Jordan Valley and all Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

## How would this redraw the map of Israel?

The proposal gives American approval to Israel’s plan to redefine the country’s borders and formally annex settlements in the West Bank and the Jordan Valley that it has long sought to control.

That would leave the West Bank portion of any potential Palestinian state surrounded on all sides by Israel. Israeli forces seized the West Bank from Jordan during the 1967 war, and Israeli settlements have steadily encroached on the region over the decades since, a move largely condemned internationally.

Mr. Netanyahu caused controversy in September when he vowed, while running for re-election, to annex the Jordan Valley, a strategically critical chunk of the occupied West Bank nestled against the border with Jordan. On Tuesday, he made it clear that he saw President Trump’s plan as giving legitimacy to claiming Israeli settlements and the Jordan Valley as Israeli territory.

“For too long, the very heart of the land of Israel where our patriots prayed, our prophets preached and our kings ruled has been outrageously branded as ‘illegally occupied territory,’” Mr. Netanyahu said. “Well today, Mr. President, you are puncturing this big lie.”

Mr. Netanyahu said that his cabinet could move within days to assert sovereignty over those areas, but the decision could be subject to legal challenges because the current government is an interim administration.

## What has the Palestinian reaction been?

Despite Mr. Trump’s assertion that the deal was “a win-win opportunity” for both sides, Palestinians have largely rejected it.





## Det är vårt ansvar att värna judiskt liv



Ebba Busch Thor och Mikael Oscarsson. Foto: Anders Ahlgren, Jonas Ekströmer/TT

**Stoppa Saudiarabien och Qatar från att pumpa in pengar i propaganda och sprida islamism i Sverige. Det är ett av förslagen från Ebba Busch Thor och Mikael Oscarsson, KD, för att motarbeta antisemitismen.**

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Det här är en argumenterande text med syfte att påverka. Åsikterna som uttrycks är skribentens egna.

#### **Det är 75 år sedan Auschwitz befriades.**

Det är en plats som Max Safir känner väl, alldeles för väl. Förra september, 80 år sedan andra världskrigets början, visade han oss runt i lägret där han piskades och plågades. Där han tvingades äta lera för att överleva. Max vägde bara drygt 20 kilo när han till slut fick lämna Auschwitz.

Max är 94 år gammal i dag. Han är en av få överlevande som finns kvar, en av få som har egna upplevelser av vad som skedde innanför Auschwitz grindar. En dag kommer det inte att finnas några överlevare kvar som kan berätta om sina mest smärtsamma minnen, det värsta folkmordet i modern tid. När de inte kan längre är det vårt ansvar, både som medmänniskor och politiker, att föra deras berättelser vidare. Men vårt ansvar tar inte slut där. Det är inte nog att minnas dem som mördades eller den värld som gick förlorad när sex miljoner judar slaktades, en värld som aldrig kommer åter. Som politiker och förtroendevalda har vi även ett ansvar att värna och möjliggöra judiskt liv, inte minst när det blir allt svårare att leva öppet som jude på flera håll.

**De senaste åren** har det skett oräkneliga dåd mot både judar och judiska institutioner runt om i Europa. Så sent som i september – i samband med judendomens heligaste dag jom kippur – attackerades en synagoga i Halle, Tyskland. Två personer miste livet. För drygt två år sen attackerades synagogan i Göteborg av ett tiotal maskerade män. De kastade brinnande föremål mot byggnaden, där judiska ungdomar hade samlats till fest. Tack och lov skadades ingen, den gången.

Det bör inte förvåna någon att vakter, kameror, säkerhetsslussar, skyddsglas och otaliga andra säkerhetsåtgärder har blivit ett måste för judenheten i Sverige och Europa. Ny statistik från Brottsförebyggande rådet visar också att det är hatbrotten mot judar som ökar allra mest.

**Svenska judar berättar** att de inte vågar bära sin Davidsstjärna offentligt eller säga till sina kolleger att de är judar. De är rädda för att mötas av hat, hot och glåpord. Sverige har varit ett hem för judar sedan 1700-talet då Aron Isak grundade den första judiska församlingen i Sverige. Sedan dess har judar hunnit göra ett betydande avtryck

på det svenska samhället, inom allt från konst och litteratur till näringsliv och vetenskap. Vi vill att Sverige ska fortsätta att vara ett hem för judar. Och där man är hemma ska man varken behöva gömma sig eller vara rädd.

Säkerhet är en av de viktigaste frågorna för fortsatt judiskt liv i Sverige. Därför vill vi att judiska institutioner, exempelvis synagogor, ska kunna klassas som skyddsobjekt. Vi vill också satsa 10 miljoner kronor på säkerheten kring religiösa byggnader. Polisen måste vidare kunna neka demonstrationstillstånd till exempelvis nazistiska grupper som vill demonstrera vid synagogor. Gruppernas enda syfte med att visa sig där är att hota – och hot ska inte kunna gömma sig bakom yttrandefriheten.

**Forum för levande historia** behöver också upplysa om islamism. Där är antisemitismen en bärande beståndsdel. Kristdemokraterna föreslår ett förbud mot att utländska extremister får finansiera organisationer, stiftelser, trossamfund och politiska grupperingar i Sverige. Exempelvis vill Saudiarabien och Qatar sprida islamism i Sverige och pumpar därför in pengar i propaganda.

Vi vet också att antisemitiska attityder är vanligare i invandrargrupper som sökt sig till Sverige från länder där judehatet närmast är statsideologi. Därför behöver nyanlända som kommer till Sverige genomgå samhällsorientering. Samhällskunskap måste ingå i kraven för medborgarskap och permanent uppehållstillstånd.

Vi behöver skapa förutsättningar för att goda värderingar sprids och genomsyrar hela Sverige. Vi ska inte ge upp i kampen mot antisemitism.

Vi kommer alltid att minnas Max Safirs berättelse. Och vi kommer att göra allt vi kan för att värna judiskt liv i Sverige.

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# Israel's Election: What Do the Iranians and Palestinians Want?

by Bassam Tawil

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- The Palestinian Authority (PA) in the West Bank and Hamas in the Gaza Strip seem to have endorsed the banner of Netanyahu's political rivals in Israel: "Anyone but Bibi (Netanyahu's nickname)." The two Palestinian groups 'perceive Netanyahu as a major threat to their dream of destroying Israel and as someone who has further strengthened Israel's standing in the international arena.
- The Palestinians are apparently convinced that it would be easier to extort concessions from inexperienced politicians such as Benny Gantz, Moshe Ya'alon and Gabi Ashkenazi. For the Palestinians, Netanyahu is a hard nut to crack. His strong stance against their tactics of intimidation have been, for them, a source of concern.
- Abbas and his officials, in short, are telling the Israelis: "Look, we have a problem here. This man, Netanyahu, will not surrender to us -- and that is why you need to elect a new leader."
- Abbas, not surprisingly, would doubtless prefer Israelis to replace Netanyahu with a weak leader who would comply with all his demands and take Israel back to the indefensible pre-1967 armistice lines -- a move that would most likely result in the militias of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Iran sitting on the West Bank hilltops overlooking Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport.

The Palestinians are doing their absolute utmost to ensure that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud Party do not win in Israel's general election on Monday, March 2.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) in the West Bank, and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, seem to have endorsed the banner of Netanyahu's political rivals in Israel: "Anyone but Bibi (Netanyahu's nickname)." The two Palestinian groups perceive Netanyahu as a major threat to their dream of destroying Israel and as someone who has further strengthened Israel's standing in the international arena. In a last-minute, apparently desperate attempt to undermine the current Israeli prime minister's chances of winning another election, the PA has launched a public relations campaign to explain to the Israeli public why they should not vote for Netanyahu.

The campaign, orchestrated personally by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, aims to scare Israeli voters by warning them that casting their ballots for Netanyahu would mean the end of the Middle East "peace process" -- a euphemism for Palestinians retaking territory "from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea" -- or, in other words, all of Israel, as set forth in the 1974 Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Phased Plan, which advocates accepting any land one can and then using that as a base from which to acquire the rest.

Abbas's latest attempt to scare the Israeli public began earlier this month, when he dispatched 20 Palestinian officials to a meeting with Israeli "peace activists" in Tel

Aviv. Organized by a left-wing anti-Netanyahu group called the Israeli Peace Parliament, the meeting was held under the banner: "Two States for Two People" and "No to Annexation." (The "annexation" refers to Netanyahu's plan to apply Israeli law to some parts of the West Bank, particularly the Jordan Valley and several Jewish communities).

Abbas sent his officials to Tel Aviv for the meeting not to promote peace with Israel, but evidently to convince Israelis not to vote for Netanyahu. That is what one concludes by listening to the statements of the Palestinians who attended the "peace" gathering. These officials included former Palestinian cabinet ministers and parliament members, as well as senior officials of Abbas's ruling Fatah faction.

Although the meeting in Tel Aviv was also held under the banner, "Yes to Peace," the Palestinian (and Israeli) speakers devoted most of their speeches to condemning

US President Donald Trump's recently unveiled plan for Middle East peace.

The speakers also spent much of their time bad-mouthing Netanyahu and depicting him as a "threat" to peace and stability in the region. The Palestinians who attended the meeting did not offer an alternative to the peace plan. The only "plan" they came with to Tel Aviv is one that sees Israel submit unconditionally to all of Abbas's demands: for the present, a full Israeli withdrawal to the armistice lines of 1949, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

The message the Palestinians were hoping to send to Israeli voters through the meeting seemed to be: "Vote for a candidate who will accept all of our demands and dictates, or else we, the Palestinians, will make you sorry that you didn't."

In yet another attempt to influence the upcoming Israeli election, Abbas ordered his so-called Palestinian Committee for Interaction with Israeli Society, a group consisting of several PLO and Fatah officials and pundits, to invite prominent Israeli (Jewish) journalists to Ramallah, the present *de facto* Palestinian capital in the West Bank, for a tour of the city and meetings with senior Palestinian officials.

Abbas and his associates went out of their way to pamper the journalists and make sure they felt happy and comfortable in Ramallah, to a point where religiously observant journalists were even offered kosher food ordered from a nearby Jewish village.

Why did Abbas invite the journalists to Ramallah? To inform them that Palestinians want peace -- and are even ready to sign a peace agreement with Israel within the next two weeks! Ready, that is, if -- and only if -- the Israeli government agrees to Abbas's demands and retreats to the pre-1967 lines, where in 1949, fighting had stopped. Abbas and his officials, in short, are telling the Israelis: "Look, we have a problem here. This man, Netanyahu, will not surrender to us -- and that is why you need to elect a new leader."

Although Palestinian officials have not said so openly, they have made it clear that they would prefer to see Netanyahu's rivals in the Blue and White Party in power. The Palestinians are apparently convinced that it would be easier to extort concessions from inexperienced politicians such as Benny Gantz, Moshe Ya'alon and Gabi Ashkenazi. For the Palestinians, Netanyahu is a hard nut to crack. His strong stance against their tactics of intimidation have been a source of concern.

Abbas and his officials have made it clear that they want nothing to do with any Israeli leader who calls them out for their lies and double-talk.

Abbas, not surprisingly, would doubtless prefer Israelis to replace Netanyahu with a weak leader who would comply with all his demands and take Israel back to the indefensible pre-1967 armistice lines -- a move that would most likely result in Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Iran sitting on the West Bank hilltops overlooking Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport.

The Palestinians appear to want an Israeli leader who will also not call them out for paying salaries and stipends to Palestinian terrorists and their families for murdering Jews, and who will not call them out for their continued hostile incitement against Israel. They also appear to want an Israeli leader who will not have such strong and close relations with the US.

The Palestinians, in addition, seem to be hoping for an Israeli leader who will not be able to promote normalization between Israel and diverse Arab states -- as Netanyahu has successfully managed to do in the past few years, and who will not boost Israel's standing in the international community or hold close ties with world leaders such as Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump, as Israel's current prime minister does.

Similarly, Iran and its Palestinian proxies, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, appear desperate to see Netanyahu voted out of office. For them, Netanyahu is a nightmare: he actively and effectively blocks their ongoing attempts to extend their control over the region, in Syria, Yemen, Lebanon and Iraq.

The Iranians are angry about Israeli airstrikes on their bases and those of their Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad allies in Syria. Netanyahu has been doing his utmost to prevent Iran from taking over Syria and bringing its threat against Israel closer to Israel's border.

Iran, it seems, has ordered Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad to resume their terror attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip one week before the election. The terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip and their masters in Tehran seem persuaded that upgrading their attacks against Israel will terrorize Israelis into voting Netanyahu out of office.

By firing dozens of rockets at Israel this week, the Palestinian terrorists apparently sought to send a message to Israeli voters that they need to elect a new leader because Netanyahu cannot provide them with security and calm.

Iran and its Palestinian and Lebanese allies in the Middle East appear to think that if a weak leader replaces Netanyahu, they can continue to amass weapons and complete their scheme of expanding their control over Syria, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. They seem to view Netanyahu as an obstacle to achieving these objectives.

Like many Arabs, Palestinians clearly consider Netanyahu a tough leader who stands up to terrorists' threats and attacks, but they dislike that he has managed to garner a great deal of respect in the international community -- even the President of the Sovereignty Council of Sudan, Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, openly met with him in public. The terrorists of the Middle East have always despised Netanyahu. They pray for the day that he is ousted from office -- whether by the ballot box or by the courts, for accepting cigars and champagne from his friends. If that happens, Iran, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and

Hezbollah will no doubt celebrate -- publicly passing out candies, as they often do each time a Jew is killed or injured in a terrorist attack.

The Palestinians' attempt to influence Israeli voters is not only a bid at meddling in the internal affairs of Israel, but also a dangerous attempt to persuade Israelis to choose a weak and inexperienced leader whom they believe they can play for a fool and control through terrorism and threats.

It is up to Israel's voters which way they will go.

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## Israeli firm unveils kit to diagnose coronavirus, as 2nd team works on a vaccine

Announcement of BATM kit comes as officials struggle to balance need for rapid testing and worries over false positives; science minister hails institute's progress toward vaccine

By **TOI STAFF** 28 February 2020



A man gets tested for COVID-19 in Algiers, Algeria, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020. (AP/Anis Belghoul)

An Israeli firm said Thursday it has developed a kit to test for the coronavirus, sending its stocks soaring as the world hunts for an effective way to confirm who is carrying the fast-spreading contagion.

Health officials have urged the development of rapid testing devices to screen who may have the virus, as questions have arisen about current diagnostic tools' ability to flag carriers. Health officials have also worried about overtesting and deluging health systems with false positives that will lead to public panic.

The debate over testing has taken on added urgency as the number of cases worldwide has climbed past 82,000, including over 2,800 reported deaths, with cases now present on every continent and dozens of countries.

BATM said in a statement that its test's ability to successfully screen those carrying COVID-19 had been verified by several labs and hospitals, and that customers in several countries had expressed interest. It did not provide details.

It said the test met criteria set out by the US-based Centers of Disease Control and that it was working with European research institutions to develop "a price point suitable for large scale production."

### Vaccine hopes

Separately, Israel's state-funded Migal Galilee Research Institute said it had identified similarities between COVID-19 and Infectious Bronchitis Virus, which affects poultry, that could allow it to develop a vaccine to battle the deadly outbreak. It said it was

working to quickly adapt its IBV vaccine for use against COVID-19.

Human trials have not yet been approved.

"Our goal is to produce the vaccine during the next 8-10 weeks, and to achieve safety approval in 90 days," Migal CEO David Zigdon said in a statement.

Science Minister Ofer Akunis hailed the team's work as an "exciting breakthrough" and said he was confident there would be "further rapid progress."

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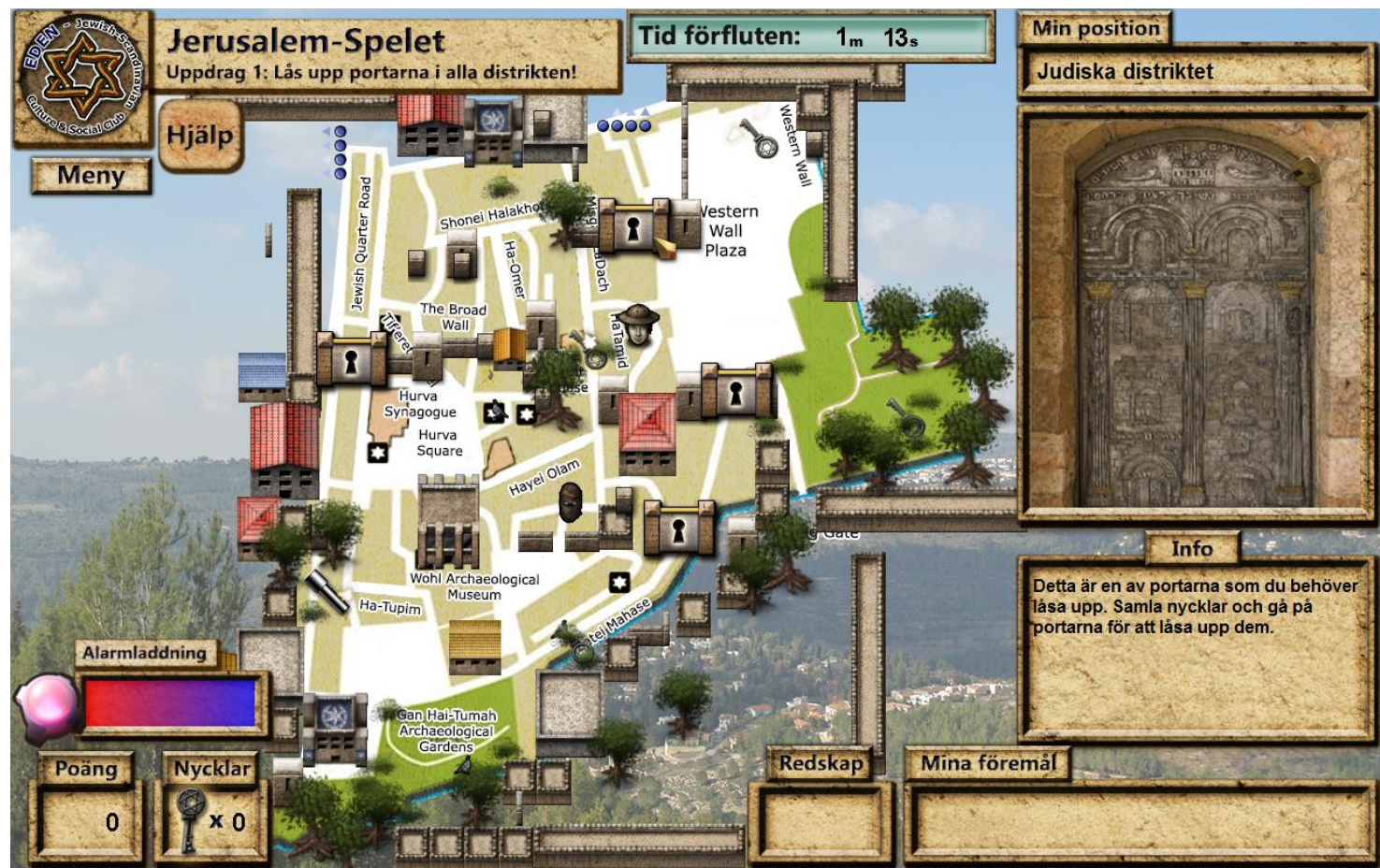


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