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By Yaakov Lappin/JNS.org

Amid a quiet-yet-massive arms race between Israel and Hezbollah, both sides are preparing for the possibility of a war branching out to sea. The new reality for Israel's navy is that Hezbollah and Hamas are more than terrorist organizations—they represent new kinds of armies. The navy is acquiring systems for defending itself against incoming rockets and missiles, former Israeli Navy Chief Vice-Admiral Eliezer Marum told JNS.org. "The navy can deal with these threats," he said. "It has solutions for them now, should war break out."

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By Ben Cohen/JNS.org=br>

President Donald Trump's domestic crisis doesn't change the fact that there is a realignment in the Middle East between Israel and the Arab states—and potentially the Palestinians—based on shared interests, from economic development to confronting the Iranian threat. These opportunities form the basis for a meaningful peace process—one that won't depend on the fate of a single president, writes JNS.org columnist Ben Cohen.

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By Sean Savage/JNS.org

Described as one of the most significant archaeological finds in modern Israel, the Magdala Stone, unearthed in 2009, has been unveiled to the public for first time as part of a joint exhibition <<http://jns.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=20b32ab0e3215f9f006699472&id=17a04c4fd&e=396a6a85e5>> on the history of the menorah May 15-July 23 between the Vatican Museums and the Jewish Museum of Rome. "This is a dream that finally comes to fulfillment," said Father Juan Solana, general director of the <<http://jns.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=20b32ab0e3215f9f006699472&id=dc6c81d43b&e=396a6a85e5>>
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By Eliana Rudee/JNS.org

Israelis celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification=May 23-24. Leading up to the holy city's semi-centennial milestone=2C JNS.org presents 50 facts highlighting the rich tapestry of Israel&rsq=o;s capital.

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