

2021-07-30

Friday Hard News Call

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, **organized citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."** Margaret Mead

<https://leandroherrero.com/the-missing-word-in-the-famous-margaret-mead-quote/>

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B. Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

- **Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** – to locate specific days & lots more information: on the home page, you can find out what your Mayan signature is; while there, look and see where the wave began: that is the birth wave
- **to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** which will link you further to www.lawoftime.org website for further information.

30th Fri – 13 IMIX – 7 LAMAT - Yellow Resonant Stargate - Visionary Aspect.
About the illumination of human kind and opening up the stargate; having the power to look beyond the gate – 7 is the top of the mountain I am guided by the tone of universal fire. We are being the skywalker and listen to spirit's direction with the wind – we're already out there!

31st Sat - 8 MULUC – Red Galactic Moon - Artist aspect. How we make wise us of our rational mind; also about accepting Spirit's direction. Embrace the gift of universal mind being our mind – telepathy is part of this too. 8 = infinity sign;

1st Aug Sun – 9 OC- White Solar Dog – 9 is a solar tone. Artist Aspect. About unconditional love and healing the pain of the past. Contact with our spirit guide, our loyalty to human kind and letting go of unwise use of anger. First of the August festival – days getting shorter as we move towards equinox on the 21st

2nd Mon – 10 CHUEN – Blue Planetary Monkey – Artist Aspect – balancing work and play, paying attention to wise use of artistry. Gifts of spontaneity, ability to play, laughter Let go of resistance to compassion, mistrust.

3rd Tues – 11 EB – Yellow Spectral Human- Healing Aspect. Enlightenment of human kind, enlightening, attuning to spirit. All was muffled – working with abundance, letting go of dependence on rational mind

4th Wed – 12 BEN – Red Crystal Skywalker – Warrior Aspect - complex; stability; working with focus, striving for clarity -

5th Thur – 13 IX – White Cosmic Wizard/Magician – Tara's family – part of the gateway family in the Mayan calendar – this is her wizard year, and 13 is Mother, Divine Feminine we have the transcendent experience / promise of change
Visionary aspect – illumination of others, clarity of mind and purpose; being the jaquar priestess/ medicine woman

7th Fri – 1 MEN - Blue Magnetic Eagle – a new wave begins. Visionary Aspect – working on our commitment to service; re-connecting with all creation – let go of the illusion of separateness.

www.Spacestationplaza.co Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.
For even more information, SEE ALSO [the Law of Time.org](http://theLawofTime.org)

This is not a 3rd dimensional calendar -

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T & R: Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas for the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

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Rama has a pride of 9 Paschats + 2 inside kitties + 2 HUMANS = 13 in total

BASICS: Food for Paschats, the car, T & R - **\$200 – FOR THIS WEEK**
BILLS: **\$450**

RENT: **BY JULY 31ST: \$1150 – PAID!**

- **Please notify T & R when sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED
PLEASE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO DONATE THIS MONTH

- **Rama's mailing address** for cheques, money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
PO Box 280
Santa Cruz, NM 87567

- **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**

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HARD NEWS: Rama, Tara [R,T] • • •

R, T: Greetings to all! And thanks for being here!

T: Things happening very fast – some news items:

- Drumpf said to the DOJ: just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me!

R: Text from Tom the Cat today

- the Dept of Justice has ordered the IRS to release Trump's tax records to the ways and means committee of the House IMMEDIATELY
- and that the bill to continue the moratorium on rent and mortgage payment increases was not dealt with
- T & R have just found out that the House has adjourned and millions could be evicted
 - 7 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS – who knows how many people?
- When you play with Milton Friedman and that form of economics – not so good. An old movie tells the story of Chile – *The House of the Spirit*
[*The River Runs Black* – a story of dolphins and Peru]

Tom said they are moving swiftly with the US DOJ

- R's 2 cents worth: until the House of Justice is truly clean and LM Nada presides over the Solar tribunal and the wise councils of Elders are running the justice system – and the part of the soul that got captured by the dark side is healed, [there is no real justice]

Tom was rattling things off to R today –

- moving faster than they know how to talk about it: things going on he wouldn't say more than something about US Marshalls & others in the Trump Crime family -
THIS means 13,000 years of amnesia when we were lost in the garden with the power of gods and spent it raping and pillaging - falling into the human ego part – and we are turning this around at the moment

Tom shared: the Arcturians are coming in & the Andromedans; the Sirians and the Pleiadians are here now. The Andromedans show up as praying mantis people – they do look scary, but they are not

- when the galactics show up and we interact with them – the elector magnetic waves coming in are shifting time/space reality, and the beings that maintain this realm - Midgard as it's called- it is changing rapidly and merging with the other 9 realms – and all the other beings from those realms are also blending and we see that – it is a blessing to behold – Gaia/Vywamus has asked as this is how it used to be before the flood when we had all our gifts and abilities we got lost in the garden . . .

R: about the present issues around Cuba – it's been out there and also has taken a back seat
- there are things going on in Cuba to de-stabilize the country
T: the Castro regime are all assets of the CIA – the story is it's a cover-up for the real story

R: In **Front and Centre**, Amy talked about Gaza, Ramallah, the occupied territories that has to do with Ben and Jerry's [never finished the statement about the ice cream czars!]

T: There are Israeli groups who are Anti-BDS people – Israeli groups that are pro-Israel, yet totally against what Netanyahu has been doing to the Palestinians – even the pro-Israel people are against apartheid/genocide of the Palestinians

R: has been told the Mahdi/ Lord Maitraya is here and the issue is about uniting the people of the planet around **the true story of the cradle of civilization is in South America, NOT Mesopotamia**

- as the story about how the Annunaki, Nephilim, Elohim went about the planet creating civilizations – as Matais says in his programs on Gaia TV, there were the teachers and then the controllers
 - what we see today is the descendants of the controllers/Nephilim who want WW 3 – and Mother has said no more – they want WW 3: Ashtar has said 'no nukes'
- in the Arabian Sea off the coast near Iran – a skirmish between a Japanese tanker in contract with Iran, had oil in it; Israel sent a drone over the tanker and killed 2 people – this is tit for tat between Israel and Iran – and Israel is in the dog house for war crimes, time to be held accountable so this is a distraction with Iran
 - Israel wants a war with Iran and would be backed by the US: **Ashtar said no nukes**

T: 2 of the 3 bombs used over there were from the US

R: all the stuff used by Israel comes from . . .

Reading: 2021-07-30 [We're Preparing You for E.T. Contact ∞The 9th Dimensional Arcturian Council](https://danielscranton.com/preparing-you-for-e-t-contact-%E2%88%9Ethe-9d-arcturian-council-2/)
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We're Preparing You for E.T. Contact ∞The 9D Arcturian Council, Channeled by Daniel Scranton

SEE ENTIRE READING BELOW.



T: repeats message from Tom the Cat, 1 pm today

- the justice dept has ordered the IRS to release Trump's tax forms immediately to the House Ways and Means Committee
- US Marshals may be ordered to go to Maro Largo tomorrow and deliver an indictment on tax evasions, fraud and money laundering [He's been doing this since he was 19 – no lack of evidence!]
- have a nice day – Sat Nam

T: when you hold the seat of power and while you are president and started so young, lots of material to use!

• Yesterday she heard – probably in RT:

- that at least 10% of the population we have known have been killed – 7.8 million died from Covid
- also admitting that the Delta variant is 19x more lethal and contagious than ordinary Covid -
- on Wed, Randi Rhodes missed her radio program; heard that she'd tested +ve for the variant – she went ahead and got the shot -

RB: RR has no symptoms and she also got vaccinated

- they said that even though you got vaccinated, the vaccine will not prevent people from getting covid – the variant is 19% more lethal
 - ie, these guys are not done yet! ! !
- talking about a federal mandate for vaccinations – yet can do it at the state level

CONFERENCE CALL

<https://fccdl.in/wXMT9bd7D8>

RGM: asks Tara if she knows The Green Mill restaurant – 4802 North Broadway, built in 1907

T: have left such a trail of darkness, will not get out of it
the Arctic Circle is a CO2 producer – a

R: in Greenland, enough ice melted in the last week that it could cover the state of FL with 3" of water! Due to the electro magnetics of the sun

RGM: the cycle of the sun flipping its poles is done – now every other being has to adjust – we would burn up if there were not controls on the process

T: August is usually the hottest months and we haven't reached it yet!

RGM: The sun is finished its cycle: it's changed! Not an actual polar shift, but a magnetic pole shift – and the earth is doing it slowly so we the people can adapt

- In Thailand sunset was lovely colours due to the
- when he went to Thailand, the atmosphere was clear – when he left, like a foggy day in North America

R: imagine how high our vibration would be if there were no chemtrails !

Ca/Ar: about the 9/11 – saying we the people were ready for NESARA in 2001

[no comment on whether that was true or not – but the perpetrators knew what they were going to do long before that]

T: we are realizing that there was a small handful – describes how the young people of the late 70s were led astray

Ca/Pa: that the Kent State event was a landslide moment

T: brings up the story of where she and Rama were at the same time – just to see this

Ca/Pa: 31* where caller is – saw cars with no drivers[??]

- talks of the shenanigans of the landlord . . .

T: 40 kids in an Alabama hospital with the variant

- the moratorium on rents is lifted tomorrow – 7 million households will be affected

- Discussion of the polarity game being played and the way people are being kept preoccupied

RB loves **the Bolero piece that was sent out – very funny**

HERE IS THE LINK c/w message:

I bet this took a lot of practice. Bolero like it's never
been done before....beautiful

Music._whenyouhaveonly1instrument

MP4 Video File (VLC) (15.3 MB)

Musicians wearing concert dress – in a field – doing contortions to play around and over
each other – has to be seen to be enjoyed! ! !

Torval and Dean danced to this music in the Ice Dancing finals – and won!

Pa, RB – loved **Don't Worry, Be Happy on the Thursday show [A Night at the Roundtable]**

Bobby McFerrin - Don't Worry Be Happy (Official Music Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-diB65scQU>

***The rest of the call was lots of fun – something to listen to – especially
Rainbird using the Mayan calendar and finding and explaining the galactic
birthdays of several people on the call – we were all just hangin' loose and
inspired by each other's nonsense and commentaries ! ! !***

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AUDIO: THE BIGGER PICTURE by Patricia Cota-Robles www.eraofpeace.org

VLOG 229 PREPARING FOR THE DIVINE MISSION AT HAND

<https://youtu.be/sUOE50tZOfl>



AUDIO: The Ascended Masters Broadcasts

<https://radiantroseacademy.com/sanctuary/loving-our-planet-free/the-ascended-masters-broadcasts/>

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Mother / Alcyone [M / A]

Greetings in the Light of the most Radiant one! In the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame!

Greetings, Children Of RA!

Indeed this is the time; this is the place – like we just heard the Lady Master say: Call on us; call on the Ascended Master teams. We are here; We like Macha Latte Tea!

What's happening is the great transformation of light that is about the changing of the sun and of the Timelines. All of us – Sons and Daughters of the Most High when we began this story. We are returning to that awareness at this time, becoming become physical suns and daughters of the Most High. It's happening.

The energies are ever increasing; it's about the compassion and love we can pour forth into a world that – let's say, the world is fine; the sickness is the system.

- It is about the matrix; how we got caught in ideas of greater and lesser power or, to put it the way it is: - jumping on the trampoline- kitties: kids -

- We are all in this great circle of light and what's happening is we are becoming, for the first time, aware of the greater reality: how we can shift this world from one of war to one of Love and Compassion.
 - This is what Lady Master Quan Yin is bringing forth the wisdom: we have ways in which how to change this physical structure, this realm we call 'Midgard'. It is about changing space/time matter – what we might call "magic", they call the wisdom, the super science of the soul, the heart.
 - It is about how we interact with every particle. Like Kryon says: become the particle. As we can become the particle, every other particle will interact with us
 - And space is not empty; it is so full, it is ridiculous! How could it be that it would be just this one xenophobic planet – not the case!
- We are in a moment here; as we could say: the gatherings, the quickening has begun of awakening what has always been. Yet at this time, climate disruption, consciousness and conflict are front and center: earth is going through tremendous changes and it has to do with the approach of Nibiru, as will as the issues at hand.
 - As we move into a greater connection with the sun, things are becoming much more apparent. Like it was said, as we look at the sun, it is a white dwarf. As our sun ages, it becomes a blue white dwarf in its aging process. That is going to be another few billion more years – a blink of an eye!
- Meanwhile down here – what's happening is this greater awareness of how we can all interact with each other. As we call up on them, they are here to share with the wisdom and the awakening that is happening.
 - Like the last time this happened - 26, 826 years ago. Many of us have returned because this is the time to change this now, and we have the ability to do this with our thoughts.
 - As crazy as this sounds, it's about the power of Love. And in this moment, all the ascended Hosts of Heaven are cheering us on in this moment
 - That is why She keeps saying: Invite us in for that tea – we won't eat much of the dinner you serve. We are quite humble. The time is now.

T: Do you think the people are becoming more sensitive to star people?

M/A: She would say – as you were to see it from their vantage point – it is so magnificent to behold because The Golden Age is here – yet we are still looking at Kali and Mordor and the dark eye from the East who is only a reflection of the old timelines.

- It is part of the collapse of the Matrix which has to happen as we see more and more of the naked emperors being stripped of their powers, so to speak. Whether it is metaphorically or physically, they are being stripped of their power.

T: and people are wanting to do it in a way without any more fighting

M/A: That's the deal:

- Lord, Make me an instrument of thy peace, Where there is such hatred, Let me sow love
- Right now these issues that are at hand: She can only just say, there are many good folks in that physical body we call our Congress. Yet there many who are the demons from hell – AND then some OTHER places!
 - It is about this spiritual war, we could say. They want to play with - right at this Great Awakening - wanna get their hands on sidereal technologies – it's one thing to build the death star, it's another to use it: we're not gonna do that again – Ever!
 - This is why they are here, and all of the Company of Heaven
- Let's say - we have won, like you have heard, and so many others:

- as we can get past some of the funny issues that come up about idiosyncratic stuff – She means that their appearances are not necessarily - They mean us no harm; They come in peace.

T: You said you weren't going to scare everybody with your lion body! For starters!

M/A: No. That is correct! **Yet** the more human-like folks, like Captain Ashtar, Admiral Sananda, Quetzalcoatl, Lord Kuthumi, Quan Yin, Serapis Bey, Lord Alamu Meru of the Monastery of the Seven rays – They are all here to help us get it together, and get this planet back on track, in spite of the insanity going on

- She must say it's a big deal to be on this planet at this time! They commend us for being in bodies and being here, yet there is so much that is going on – they would like to snuff out the Light of a trillion suns and they can't – it is simply illogical!
 - What is coming in is this new time line: Sat Yuga – already happening and they will embrace it . . .

T: *Democracy Now* is putting a thumb on what is going on in Israel, Palestine – it is so obscene

M/A: It is this place where many of the ancient family landed – called the Cradle of Civilization, Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, Eruk, Iraq, the Middle East - the key place which has to do with the Gates of Ishtar and the City of Babylon.

- Her children Enki and Enlil, the whole kit and kaboodle, as it's been called: many of us came as teachers, not controllers. Please forgive the ones who were the controllers -
- That is the key to this is get past the anger and the hate, division - compassion –
- Like His Holiness, the Dali Lama said today we are all social animals; as we can get past the anger with each other, we can figure things out in a much more gentle way
 - Instead of . . . let some of her more colourful experiences on this planet - She would just say - send more love to her children as they are in the twilight of the gods: It's over!

T: what does that mean- 'they are in the twilight of the gods'?

M/A: it means they lost their crowns of power and, as they leave, they are already burning their bridges behind them. In their wake what we see . . .

T: what we're seeing: the only thing that can really do something about this is the Will of the People

M/A: Call on us; we will show up - it is not a joke; it's real!

T: as long as the will of the people aligns with peace, it's a requirement that You help us, right?

M/A: Yes

T: I'm from Missouri

M/A: and I'm from Nibiru – is Missouri a . . .?.

T: You know what I mean!- We're still looking at the Deep State, my way or the highway stuff

M/A: Power and control: the iron fist of Sauron. It doesn't fit with Sat Yuga which is is why it has to fall now

T: they are crying out war crimes, louder and louder: Israel: stop it!

M/A: It has always been Palestine – and it is about this ancient story of the Admiral who just said 'Come with me; I'll show you what you can do and greater things are doing: Now's the time: we can walk on water, walk on air, raise the dead, live forever . . .

T: We **can** do that!

M/A: We all can do that – talk to our DNA, the particles, and they will respond in like kind. We must take the time to dis-engage

T: it has taken us so long to get with the program

M/A: That's because the Illusion of time – when you stay in the NOW moment , every moment is not and just do that – it works!

- sometimes the only way to get that across: the Force brings us into our own awareness and gives us that Now moment – and we're in no other moment, but THAT NOW moment
- sometimes it is that crazy logic that comes out of left field where sometimes folks have to go through a near death experience, go to the other side, hang out for a while , come back – maybe it might be a bit of time yet as the saying goes 'We will be back!'
- Right now, this completion cycle is at hand; it's about our ascension, along with [that of] Gaia and Vyamus and ride the tide . . .

T: we are ready Mother. Have been noticing people say 'well, you're not ready', or 'you've got it all wrong' Where is that one Beingness, the common ground?

M/A: Where it is, is – take a risk; walk off the cliff with me: we will show you the wisdom;

- Just take that chance. In your own life, take a moment out of your busy day, go and walk in nature if you can or go to a place where there is grass; if there is no grass, put your feet in the dirt.
- Even as the children in Gaza put their feet in the dirt – as for depleted uranium, something else is happening on this planet **which is called the Power of the Violet Flame that** is changing physical matter, space/time
- we may not believe it, gotta feel it; get in touch with that – feel the Force - reach out and feel it; allow yourselves to be in that Oneness, that NOW moment

Both: Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant one!
Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish, Adonai 'Tsebayoth

M/A: the crack between the 2 worlds is opening WIDE!

T: thank you – that is good news!

Rama Returns: Has been in one of the briefing rooms on the New Jerusalem – hearing Serapis Bey - giving a lecture - hasn't seen him there for many moons - about what is occurring right now: the awakening of that maxim flame, the White Fire Core of Being.

- And very soon now, under the Giza Plateau, all kinds of stuff will open up, is opening up and Mr El Sisi will be no more; Egypt will not be ruled by a dictator but by We the People

T: don't hear much about him – a brutal character; an ally of the US

R: He's there – not a pretty picture

R: The message: Stay in the White Fire Core of Being

T: that requires a high level of vibration – it's time for us to do that!

R: Yes! There is a huge crystal in the temple under the Sphinx where Serapis Bey does his teachings – if you tune into that crystal it emanates the White Fire Core of Being

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AUDIO: a short message from Lisa Garr

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Joe Biden announced this week that combat operations in Iraq were over. Lee Camp looks back at all the times previous presidents made the same false declaration about the US' extended illegal occupation of the Middle Eastern nation. Camp also reports on the Medicare for All marches that took place across the country last weekend, the boost being given to the military's already-gargantuan budget, the sentencing of whistleblower Daniel Hale, and the latest in the Syrian chemical weapons saga.



Anders Lee has an update from Buffalo, New York. In June, India Walton, a democratic socialist, won the democratic primary for the mayoral race in the city. It's only a month later and Buffalo's business community already has multiple plans in place to undermine her.

Naomi Karavani reports on the corruption-ridden sentencing of human rights and corporate malfeasance lawyer Steven Donziger, Nancy Pelosi's statement against canceling student debt, and Israel fighting back against Ben & Jerry's after the company decided to stop selling ice cream in Israeli settlements.

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Biden Ends War!

Lee Camp on the latest end to the illegal occupation of Iraq, Medicare For All marches, & more. Anders Lee on Buffalo's mayoral race. Naomi Karavani on Steven Donziger's trial, student debt forgiveness, & more.

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- Max and Stacy are saying by Aug 15th, the dollar will be completely collapsed
 - and it's the day that Drumpf says he's going to be president again!
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Robin Williams On the Fragile Meaning of Life

2021-07-26 We See It Too Late - Robin Williams On The Fragile Meaning Of Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnrVk2InT3Y>

A touching and powerful speech from actor and comedian Robin Williams (1951 - 2014) on the meaning of life. A moment to remember his little spark of madness. "I try to make sense of things. Which is why, I guess, I believe in destiny. There must be a reason that I am as I am. There must be." - Robin Williams Speaker: Robin Williams (1951 - 2014)

Some Music

Reading: a bit from Tania Gabrielle

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We have strengthened the bond between humanity and that which you consider to be extra-terrestrial. It is our intention to make it easier

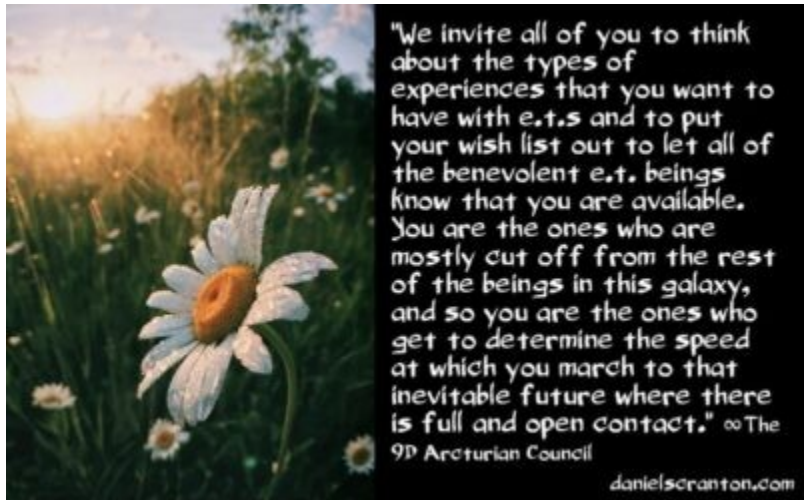
for all of you to have experiences with e.t. beings, whether they be in physical bodies or non-physical, like ourselves. We are taking our time here in warming you all up to full, open contact with e.t.s, because there are so many who are not ready for that experience. And we are only reaching a very small percentage of you who are there on Earth. And so, we plan to gradually increase the amount of energy that we transmit through this channel to bring you more gently into the full e.t. experience.

We have already opened many doorways through these transmissions, and we are continuing to do so as we connect with many of you individually. We are becoming more active, like the Pleiadians have been for quite some time, because we see the opening that the connection you all have to Pleiadians has created. We will continue to help all of you recognize that you are in fact extra-terrestrial beings, hybrids, and that you are all multi-dimensional.

Many individuals who receive these transmissions from us know that intellectually, but have yet to experience it on the physical level. And so, we invite all of you to think about the types of experiences that you want to have with e.t.s and to put your wish list out to let all of the benevolent e.t. beings know that you are available. You are the ones who are mostly cut off from the rest of the beings in this galaxy, and so you are the ones who get to determine the speed at which you march to that inevitable future where there is full and open contact.

We are just one group of many who are working on making this transition an easy and joyous one for humanity. As you absorb the energetic transmissions that come along with the words spoken by the channel, you ready yourself for more. And of course, many of you have had your Arcturian DNA activated by absorbing all that we are offering here in these messages. And the number of you who will get those activations is going to increase with each passing day.

We are the Arcturian Council, and we have enjoyed connecting with you."



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Biden Announces New Federal COVID Mandates

Jul 30, 2021

President Biden has announced new requirements for civilian federal employees amid the surge in COVID-19 cases from the rapidly spreading Delta variant.

President Joe Biden: "Every federal government employee will be asked to attest to their vaccination status. Anyone who does not attest or is not vaccinated will be required to mask, no matter where they work; test one or two times a week to see if they've acquired COVID; socially distance; and, generally, will not be allowed to travel for work."



Biden also directed the Pentagon to work toward a vaccine mandate for all military members and called on states and local governments to use federal funding they received to offer a \$100 incentive for vaccinations. New York City is launching that initiative today. Meanwhile, Washington, D.C., is the latest area to reinstate an indoor mask mandate for all.

CDC Finds Delta Variant Just as Transmissible in Breakthrough Infections, More Contagious Than Flu

Jul 30, 2021

According to an internal CDC report, infections of the Delta variant could be just as transmissible from breakthrough infections in vaccinated people as from the unvaccinated and could be more severe — with each infected person able to infect eight to nine others. The document also said the Delta variant is as contagious as chicken pox and more contagious than the viruses that cause the common cold, the seasonal flu and other easily transmitted illnesses.



House Weighing Bill to Extend Eviction Moratorium Hours Before Expiration

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Twitter: @acrider

The House is expected to consider a bill today which would extend a nationwide moratorium on evictions, set to expire Saturday, as nearly 12 million people in the U.S. are behind on rent. On Thursday, Biden urged Congress to find a way to extend the ban since the CDC is no longer able to do so as a result of a Supreme Court ruling last month.



Half of Burma Could Contract COVID, Pakistan Enacts New Restrictions, Haiti Hospitals Overwhelmed

Jul 30, 2021

Britain's U.N. ambassador has warned that half of Burma's population of 54 million could contract COVID-19 in the next two weeks amid the ongoing turmoil following a military coup in February.

Pakistan is enacting an air travel ban for anyone who cannot provide a vaccine certificate. It is also mandating all public sector workers get vaccinated, as well as public transport and retail staff, and teachers and students 18 and older.



Meanwhile, record cases have been reported across Japan and in Tokyo this week as the Olympics continue.

Israel said it will be offering booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine to people over 60, the first country to do so. This despite less than 10% of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories having been fully vaccinated.

The European Union pulled ahead of the U.S. this week in its rate of vaccination after a slow rollout earlier in the year. In July, the EU has given shots at four times the pace of the U.S.

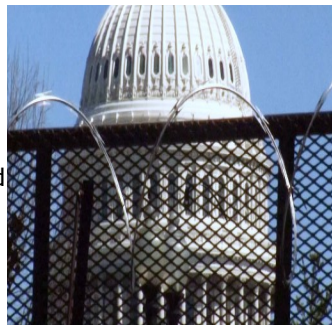
In Haiti, health workers say hospitals are becoming overwhelmed due to a surge in cases as the country grapples with a worsening economic and political crisis in the wake of the assassination of President Jovenel Moise. This is hospital director Dr. Nathalie Colas.

Dr. Nathalie Colas: "Sometimes we have almost 60 patients at the hospital who need oxygen, while we only have 10 oxygen tanks available. The areas where we could get oxygen are inaccessible. It is a very stressful situation for us at the hospital."

Congress Passes Emergency Funding Bill for Capitol Security, Resettlement of Afghan Interpreters

Jul 30, 2021

Both the House and Senate passed a \$2.1 billion emergency spending package for Capitol security, in response to a funding crisis incurred by the January 6 insurrection. The measure also includes funds for resettling Afghans who worked with U.S. forces during the occupation of their country. The first evacuation flight for Afghan interpreters and others arrived at Washington Dulles Airport earlier this morning.



Report: Over 80 Afghan Troops Killed in Insider Attacks During Taliban Offensive

Jul 30, 2021

A new watchdog report says over 80 Afghan troops were killed during the Taliban offensive this spring in more than two dozen insider attacks as the U.S. withdrawal was underway.



Dozens Killed in Flash Floods in Rural Afghanistan

Jul 30, 2021

In other news from Afghanistan, at least 80 people have been killed in flash floods in a Taliban-controlled village in Nuristan province. Scientists warn extreme weather events will get worse due to the climate catastrophe.

U.S. Will Return 17,000 Looted Archaeological Treasures to Iraq

Jul 30, 2021

The United States is returning some 17,000 archaeological treasures to Iraq that were looted during the decades of war and U.S. occupation. Some of the artifacts date back 4,000 years. Baghdad's culture minister praised the move as an unprecedented restitution.



U.S. Weighing New Sanctions on Iran as Nuclear Deal Hangs in Balance

Jul 30, 2021

The U.S. is reportedly planning to impose sanctions on Iran's drone and guided missile programs. This comes following reports the Biden administration is weighing tightening oil sanctions on Iran if talks to relaunch the nuclear deal — which the U.S. unilaterally withdrew from — fail. Iran has repeatedly said it will not recommit to the agreement until the U.S. lifts its devastating sanctions.



Israeli Soldiers Kill 20-Year-Old Palestinian at Funeral for Slain 12-Year-Old

Jul 30, 2021

In the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian man at a protest that took place during the funeral of a 12-year-old Palestinian boy killed by Israel just one day earlier. Twenty-year-old Shawkat Khalid Awad reportedly died from gunshot wounds to the head and the stomach. Israeli forces also fired tear gas, rubber-coated bullets and stun grenades at the mourners.

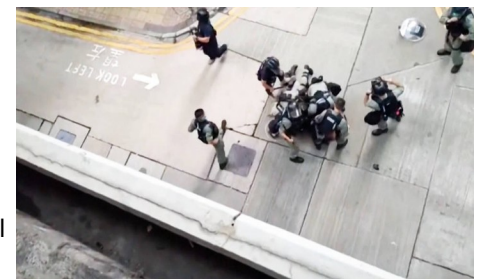


First Protester Tried Under Hong Kong's National Security Law Receives 9 Years

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Tsang Chi Ho

In Hong Kong, the first protester to be tried under a sweeping national security law was sentenced to nine years for inciting terrorism and



secessionism. Tong Ying-kit was arrested in 2020 while riding a motorbike and flying a flag with the slogan “liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our times.” Over 100 people have been arrested under the legislation following months of massive mobilizations in 2019.

Greenland Lost Enough Ice in One Day to Cover Florida in Two Inches of Water

Jul 30, 2021

In climate news, researchers found Greenland lost 8.5 billion tons of surface mass due to ice melting over just one day this week — an event that’s only happened three times in the last decade. That melt is large enough to cover the entire state of Florida in at least two inches of water.



Ex-Archbishop of D.C. Theodore McCarrick Charged with Sexual Assault of a Minor

Jul 30, 2021

A Massachusetts court has charged Theodore McCarrick, the former archbishop of Washington, D.C., with sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy during a wedding reception in 1974. The 91-year-old McCarrick, who was defrocked in 2019, is the highest-ranking Catholic official in the U.S. to face criminal charges for sex crimes. Massachusetts law stops the clock on the statute of limitations if someone accused of a crime leaves the state.



Rep. Cori Bush Unveils Bill to Protect Rights of Unhoused People

Jul 30, 2021

Missouri Congressman Cori Bush has introduced the Unhoused Bill of Rights. The bill would protect the human rights of unhoused people, including freedom from harassment by law enforcement. It would also work to permanently end the unhoused crisis by 2025 through increasing affordable housing, universal housing vouchers and ensuring funding of essential social services and housing programs. This is Congressman Bush.

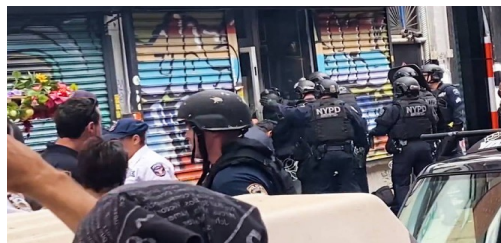
Rep. Cori Bush: “I sit here today as a formerly unhoused congressman. I am outraged. There is no reason we can fund wars and weapons, but we can’t provide universal housing and healthcare. The urgency of this crisis has never been clearer, as the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed just how many of our neighbors live one missed paycheck away from becoming unhoused.”



Brooklyn Mutual Aid Group Attacked by NYPD While Serving the Community

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Twitter: @JamilaMHammami



In Brooklyn, New York, the mutual aid collective The Gym is speaking out after they were attacked at their storefront space in Bushwick by the NYPD over the weekend. Fourteen people were arrested, one person was hospitalized, and others injured. New York officials have called for an investigation into the attack. Members of The Gym held a press conference earlier this week.

Member of The Gym: "This community experienced a brutal crackdown by every force and tool of the NYPD against a community center and safe space. Sent by a millionaire landlord who wasn't here and doesn't live or have an office in the five boroughs, they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on Saturday's violence, followed by a further four-plus days of round-the-clock surveillance. ... You can't stop us, because we mean we will be here every day with our neighbors until the world's ample resources are freely available to all."

NYPD Arrest 11 People Protesting City's Plan to Evict Unhoused People from Hotels

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Twitter: @housing4allNY

New York City police arrested at least 11 people who shut down a Lower Manhattan street in front of City Hall at a "Housing Not Shelters" demonstration Thursday. Housing rights advocates were calling out the city's plan to transfer thousands of unhoused people from hotels back to shelters, where they face increased precarity and possible COVID exposure.



Alabama Coal Miners Bring Strike to BlackRock Offices in NYC

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Twitter: @MorePerfectUS

Hundreds of striking Alabama coal miners traveled to New York City this week and held a protest in front of the offices of hedge fund BlackRock, the largest shareholder of Warrior Met Coal. Over 1,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America have been on strike since April 1 after rejecting a new contract that refused to restore their full pay, after miners took a pay cut in 2016 to help keep the company afloat.



Carl Levin, Michigan Democratic Senator Who Fought Against Wall Street Criminality, Dies at 87

Jul 30, 2021

Carl Levin, longtime liberal senator from Michigan, passed away at the age of 87. He was known for doggedly pursuing tax fraud and going after Wall Street's financial crimes. Levin also led opposition to the resolution that granted then-President Bush authority to invade Iraq. He served from 1979 to 2015.



Lummi Nation Totem Pole Arrives in Capital After Lengthy Cross-Country Journey

Jul 30, 2021

Image Credit: Twitter: @totempolejourney

A 25-foot totem pole from the Lummi Nation arrived in Washington, D.C., after a more than 20,000-mile cross-country journey through sacred lands. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and tribal leaders blessed the pole Thursday during a ceremony on the National Mall. It was carved from a 400-year-old red cedar tree and will serve to raise awareness of Native issues and protecting sacred sites.



2021-07-30 Human Rights Watch Accuses Israel of Apparent War Crimes in Gaza Assault, Urges ICC Probe



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Human Rights Watch is calling on the International Criminal Court to open a probe into apparent Israeli war crimes committed during its recent 11-day assault on Gaza that killed 260 Palestinians, including 66 children. We discuss a major report HRW released this week that closely examines three Israeli strikes that killed 62 Palestinians civilians in May. U.S.-made weapons were used in at least two of the attacks investigated. Human Rights Watch concluded Israel had committed apparent war crimes. "You had people's entire lives — their homes, their businesses, their wives, their children, their husbands — gone in a flash," says Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch, who helped lead the investigation. "The international community focuses on Gaza maybe when there are armed hostilities. But two months later these families continue to deal with the aftermath of the devastation wrought upon their lives."

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Human Rights Watch released this video to accompany its new report. A warning to our audience: The video contains graphic content, including the sounds of military attacks on civilians.

NARRATOR: On May 10, 2021, 11 days of hostilities began between the Israeli military and Palestinian armed groups, including Hamas, in the Gaza Strip and Israel. The fighting took place amid escalating repression in occupied East Jerusalem and the prolonged closure of the Gaza Strip. These policies and practices reflect the Israeli government's crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution.

Human Rights Watch conducted in-depth investigations into three Israeli strikes that killed 62 Palestinian civilians and involved serious violations of the laws of war and apparent war crimes.

ON-SCREEN TEXT: Human Rights Watch will be reporting in August 2021 on Palestinian armed group attacks that caused civilian casualties.

NARRATOR: In the northeastern corner of the Gaza Strip, outside Beit Hanoun town, shortly after 6 p.m. on May 10, a guided missile struck near four houses belonging to the extended al-Masri family. Members of the family were packing processed barley for animal feed into sacks at the time.

YOUSSEF ATALLAH AL-MASRI: [translated] My brother Ibrahim and I were around 150 to 200 meters away. When they struck our children, we were facing the events. We saw it with our own eyes when they were hit. I ran to them right away. I found our children scattered. They were scattered on the floor, ripped to pieces, blood and brain fragments.

NARRATOR: Israeli authorities have said that the attack involved a misfired Palestinian rocket coming from the west, but have produced no evidence to back up this claim. Witnesses saw a munition approaching them from the east, from Israel. Based on munition remnants found at the scene of the attack and witnesses' descriptions, we determined that the six children and two adults were most likely killed by a type of guided missile used to attack military vehicles or personnel in the open. Six days after the attack, the Israeli authorities also included the photo of one man killed in the Beit Hanoun attack on a list of militant group activists they said had been killed in unspecified locations. Human Rights Watch's interviews with witnesses who knew him indicate the man was a civilian. Our research uncovered no evidence of a military target at or near the site. We therefore found the attack to be unlawful.

MOHAMMAD ATTALAH AL-MASRI: [translated] It was a scene I could never expect. Everyone cries and screams every day. Do you know what my wife wants? She wants me to sell the house. She cannot accept how her children were all killed.

NARRATOR: Al-Shati refugee camp, located northwest of Gaza City, is one of the most densely populated places in the world. At about 1:40 a.m. on May 15, an Israeli airstrike destroyed a three-story building in the camp, killing two women and eight of their children.

ALAA ABU HATTAB: [translated] I lived with my wife and five children in the house. Our home was filled with love, peace and happiness. We had been living here for 30 years. There was no prior notice, no phone call, no order to vacate. That night I went to buy bread for dinner. All of a sudden there were sounds of explosions in the air. I found that my own home had been struck.

NARRATOR: The Israeli military said it struck the building because senior Hamas officials were there. It also separately said that they had targeted a bunker under or near the building. None of the witnesses Human Rights Watch interviewed were aware of any militants or other military targets in or near the building. The Israeli authorities have presented no such evidence.

ALAA ABU HATTAB: [translated] I had a reality. I had a dream here. I had a family here. Now I have no family and no home. My only daughter and I are on the street. They destroyed everything in my life. They destroyed my life entirely.

NARRATOR: At about 1 a.m. on May 16, the Israeli military launched a four-minute attack in the heart of Gaza City along five streets including al-Wahda Street, causing three multistory residential buildings to collapse.

OMAR ABU EL-OUF: [translated] Me, my father and mother, and my brother and sister, we started hearing the sound of loud explosions. After the second missile landed, the house started to sway right and left as if it were about to fall down and collapse. I pulled my sister by the arm towards the hallway and held her in order to shield her. And suddenly we saw the third missile coming from the window, and the hallway's entire wall collapsed, and the whole floor suddenly disappeared, and everything fell on us. And afterwards, the fourth missile came down on us and destroyed everything.

NARRATOR: Human Rights Watch determined that the three buildings collapsed after missiles struck the road or sidewalk next to the buildings. The Israeli military said that they targeted tunnels used by armed groups. Later they said the attack had targeted an underground command center, but without providing any details or evidence.

OMAR ABU EL-OUF: [translated] Why did they kill my family? Why did they kill my mother and father? Why did they turn me into an orphan? Who will in the end give me justice?

NARRATOR: The attacks killed 44 civilians, including 14 women, 12 men and 18 children. It also injured about 50 others. The Israeli military used powerful weapons in a heavily populated residential area, putting the lives of scores of civilians at risk. Since then they have produced no evidence of a military target in the vicinity to justify the attack. If there was a military target, they have also not shown that it was important enough to justify the risk to civilians. As a result, these attacks were unlawful.

The U.N. says that Israeli airstrikes in May killed at least 129 civilians, including 66 children. The Israeli military said that Palestinian armed groups in Gaza fired more than 4,360 rockets and mortars towards Israel between May 10 and 21, resulting in 12 civilian deaths, including two children. Several Palestinians also died in Gaza when rockets fired by armed groups fell short and landed in Gaza. Rockets that Palestinian armed groups fire at Israel are inherently indiscriminate when directed toward areas with civilians. Their use in such circumstances violates the laws of war and amounts to war crimes.

For years, Israeli and Palestinian authorities have systematically failed to credibly investigate alleged war crimes. The International Criminal Court prosecutor should investigate Israeli attacks in Gaza that evidently killed civilians unlawfully, rocket attacks by Palestinian armed groups against Israel that violate the laws of war, and other grave abuses, including the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution.

AMY GOODMAN: That new video produced by Human Rights Watch. The video was released along with a new [report](#) titled "Gaza: Apparent War Crimes During May Fighting."

We're joined now by Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch. He's joining us from Amman, Jordan.

What were you most shocked by in these interviews, in this investigation into what happened in Israel's last attack on Gaza?

OMAR SHAKIR: Amy, some of the testimonies that we collected are among the most harrowing I have ever come across in my four-and-a-half years working on Israel-Palestine. You had strikes that wiped out entire families. You had cases where families were reduced from having seven, eight kids to having one surviving member of their family. You had people's entire lives — their homes, their businesses, their wives, their children, their husbands — gone in a flash.

And those testimonies are so important for us to discuss today, because the international community focuses on Gaza maybe when there are armed hostilities, but two months later these families continue to deal with the aftermath of the devastation wrought upon their lives. And it's critically important to them and to all victims of grave human rights abuse that there is accountability for these serious abuses and that steps are taken by the international community to prevent yet another cycle of bloodshed and repression. This wasn't the first, and it won't be the last, unless we take grave, definitive action.

AMY GOODMAN: What has been the response of the Israeli government to your report, Omar, to Human Rights Watch's report?

OMAR SHAKIR: Human Rights Watch wrote to the Israeli government in June. We specified the strikes that we were looking into. We sent them a number of detailed questions. They replied to our letter saying that they were not obligated under Israeli law to answer our questions and providing a list of general assertions, stating, for example, that they took measures to minimize the impact from their strikes, that fault belongs to Hamas because, according to them, they fire from populated areas, and saying that, of course, they would investigate these strikes. But these are the same allegations, these are the same claims they trot out each time. They did so in 2008, in 2012, in 2014, in 2018, in 2019. And they're doing so again today. The reality is that there is a whitewash mechanism within Israel that ensures that these abuses are not investigated, that impunity is the norm. And that's why it's so important that the International Criminal Court include these attacks, as well as their larger context, including apartheid and persecution, in the formal probe that they are currently working on.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to ask you about the change in perception in the United States about what's happening with the Israeli government and the occupation. I remember that front-page photo display. It was Friday, May 28th. And the headline was, "They were just children." And it shows scores of more than 65 children's faces in Gaza who died in the attack.

OMAR SHAKIR: That sort of reporting should be the norm, Amy, and it's unfortunate, for too many years, that has not been the case. You know, the reality here is for too often Palestinian deaths, when they're covered — I mean, just this week, as you mentioned in the lede to the news program today, you had a 20-year-old Palestinian who was killed, killed while in a protest over the killing of a 12-year-old. And an organization, whose work is — the Defense for Children International Palestine — to document children's deaths, had their offices raided this week by the Israeli army. You know, too often these sorts of events don't make the international news cycle. These sorts of events highlight the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution.

There is certainly, Amy, growing awareness, I think, that apartheid and persecution are the reality for millions of Palestinians. I think we saw a shift in the latest hostilities, including members of the U.S. Congress, who didn't just focus on the latest Palestinian rocket or Israeli airstrike, but looked at what they described as root causes of the conflict, looking at the larger context, the discriminatory treatment of Palestinians. That's so important, because the first step to solving any problem is to diagnose it correctly. So recognition needs to happen, and then the action needs to be taken that's commensurate with that problem, in this case ending complicity with grave crimes, as well as ensuring accountability for them.

AMY GOODMAN: You talked about the killing of the 12-year-old Palestinian boy. He was named Mohammed al-Alami, sat in the backseat of his father's car at an Israeli checkpoint north of Hebron, the 11th Palestinian child killed by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank this year. That's according to Defense for Children

International, which publicized Mohammed's killing on Wednesday. Yesterday, Israeli forces raided the group's main office, seizing files about Palestinian children in Israeli detention. Can you comment on this?

OMAR SHAKIR: Absolutely. Look, Amy, there has been a systematic assault on human rights advocacy, on the individuals and groups that are reporting, documenting, speaking out against the reality of Israeli repression. You know, for international groups, that can take the form of denials of entry or deportation. For Israeli groups, it can be smear campaigns. But Palestinian groups face it the worst. This is not the only example of the army raiding a human rights organization. It happened a couple years ago with the group Addameer. And it's not limited to that. As we speak, there are Palestinian human rights defenders that are sitting in an Israeli prison over their activism and advocacy. There are Palestinian human rights defenders who face a travel ban, a punitive ban that seems linked to the work they do promoting awareness and calling for an end to Israeli repression.

So it's important for the international community to speak out to defend the space for human rights advocacy and human rights groups to operate, because if the international community cannot protect the space for human rights groups to report on human rights abuse, how are they ever going to stop human rights abuse in the first place? These are not one-offs. This is part of a systematic practice, and it must end.

AMY GOODMAN: Omar Shakir is Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch. We'll link to your [report](#), "Gaza: Apparent War Crimes During May Fighting." And, Omar, we're going to ask you to stay with us for our next segment as we look at the fallout from Ben & Jerry's decision to halt ice cream sales in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli government claims the move is antisemitic, but many Jewish groups, including J Street, support Ben & Jerry's decision. Stay with us.

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it a crime to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, or BDS. The founders of Ben & Jerry's, who no longer have operational control of the company, have defended the company's decision. A number of Jewish groups, including J Street, the New Israel Fund and Americans for Peace Now, all of whom oppose BDS, have defended Ben & Jerry's decision and rejected accusations that the company's decision was antisemitic. "What we are seeing is an aggressive, over-the-top, full-court press from senior officials in the Israeli government ... to target Ben & Jerry's simply for the fact that they made a principled decision to respect the distinction between the state of Israel and the territory that it occupies beyond the Green Line," says Logan Bayroff, vice president of communications of J Street. "These anti-boycott laws aren't just posing issues under the First Amendment, they're actually punishing companies that do the right thing by ending their complicity in human rights abuses," adds Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch.

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman.

Israel has launched what has been described as a maximum pressure campaign against Ben & Jerry's and its parent company, Unilever, after the iconic ice cream brand announced it's halting sales in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. Israel has asked 35 U.S. governors to enforce state laws which make it a crime to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, or BDS. Last week, the head of the New York State Common Retirement Fund wrote to Unilever saying it was examining whether Ben & Jerry's had violated state policy on Israeli boycotts.

Meanwhile, Brad Lander, the Democratic nominee for New York City comptroller, criticized the state's position, saying, quote, "Actions that erase the distinction between Israel and its settlements in occupied territory are effectively endorsing annexation and today's unjust one-state status quo," he said.

The founders of Ben & Jerry's, who no longer have operational control of the company, have defended the company's decision. Writing in *The New York Times* in an [op-ed](#), Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield describe themselves as "proud Jews" and "supporters of the State of Israel." They write, quote, "We believe this act can and should be seen as advancing the concepts of justice and human rights, core tenets of Judaism," they said.

Meanwhile, a number of Jewish groups, including J Street and the New Israel Fund and Americans for Peace Now, all of whom oppose BDS, have defended Ben & Jerry's decision and rejected accusations that the company's decision was antisemitic.

We're joined now by Logan Bayroff, the vice president of communications of J Street. And still with us, Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch.

We welcome you both to *Democracy Now!* Let's begin with Logan. Talk about this maximum pressure campaign the Israeli government is bringing and the response to it around the United States.

LOGAN BAYROFF: Well, yes, Amy. Thanks for having me on, first of all.

And, I mean, what we're seeing is an aggressive, over-the-top, full-court press from senior officials in the Israeli government, also from some senior leaders in right-leaning American Jewish and pro-Israel groups in the United States, to target Ben & Jerry's simply for the fact that they made a principled decision to respect the distinction between the state of Israel and the territory that it occupies beyond the Green Line, and made a principled decision that while they're going to continue to do business in Israel, they no longer want to sell their ice cream in settlements that are illegal under international law in territory that is occupied and where Palestinians face systemic injustice.

And simply for making that principled decision, they're now facing calls to have constitutionally dubious anti-boycott laws deployed against them to potentially prevent them from doing business in states across the country, or to impose some sort of legal penalty or sanction on Ben & Jerry's or their parent company. They're facing accusations, as you said, that they are somehow antisemitic, that they're somehow dehumanizing the Jewish people even, or in league with terror — I mean, completely over-the-top, frankly insane accusations that I think are just designed to intimidate Ben & Jerry's, and not just a major ice cream company, but all those, including many American Jews, who want to protest and speak out against the injustice of occupation, including groups like J Street, that also consider ourselves to be pro-Israel but also support and care about Palestinian rights and understand that the occupation needs to be called out and needs to end if we're going to end the conflict and create a better future for both peoples.

AMY GOODMAN: This is U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price responding to questions on Ben & Jerry's earlier in the week.

NED PRICE: Well, I don't have a reaction to offer regarding the actions of a private company. But more broadly, what I will say is that we firmly reject the BDS movement, which unfairly singles out Israel. While the Biden-Harris administration will fully and always respect the First Amendment rights of our citizens, of the American people, the United States will be a strong partner in fighting efforts around the world that potentially seek to delegitimize Israel, and will work tirelessly to support Israel's further integration into the international community.

AMY GOODMAN: Logan Bayroff, if you can respond to Ned Price and also talk about the letter that your group, that J Street, New Israel Fund and others have written to — what is it? — 35 U.S. governors?

LOGAN BAYROFF: Well, what I would say is that it's — you know, and I'll take those — they're sort of related. I think it's notable that the Israeli government has been writing to governors rather than to the federal government. There has been an effort going on for years, as you know, to pass and push these really insidious, constitutionally dubious anti-BDS laws at the state level. There's also been efforts at the federal level that groups like J Street and others in the American Jewish community, and some in the pro-Israel community, have advocated to block. You know, we've said this legislation does not represent the majority of the American Jewish community who thinks First Amendment rights are very important, who thinks that any form of boycott is protected political free speech that needs to be sacrosanct in this country, and who thinks that these attacks are dangerous and don't do anything to help American Jews or even in the long run to help Israel.

We've succeeded in blocking those at the federal level, but they have passed at the state level. And that's why you have this effort to the governors to try to sort of go around the power of the president or the power of Congress to conduct foreign policy, and to try to have state governments intervening to punish companies or individuals because they want to speak out against the occupation or support Palestinian rights. And that's what's going on here. And, I mean, J Street has joined friend of the court briefs in a number of cases where these laws have been struck down, in places like Arkansas, in places like Georgia. Just this year, courts have found some of these laws unconstitutional, and yet many are still being passed. Many are still on the books. And you have this effort — these legal efforts moving forward to target Ben & Jerry's, I think, as a test case, again to sort of intimidate and suppress other companies or individuals who might want to come out and say, "We want to find a way to push back against what's happening in the occupied territory."

AMY GOODMAN: I want to bring Omar Shakir back into the conversation and get your response, Omar Shakir, with Human Rights Watch, based in Amman, Jordan, the Israel and Palestine director there. Axios had a very interesting [piece](#) on this maximum pressure campaign. They wrote, "On July 22, the Israeli Foreign Ministry sent a classified cable to all Israeli diplomatic missions in North America and Europe ordering them to start a pressure campaign against Ben & Jerry's and Unilever in order to convince them to negotiate. Israeli diplomats were instructed to encourage Jewish organizations, pro-Israel advocacy groups and evangelical communities to organize demonstrations in front of Ben & Jerry's and Unilever offices and put pressure on investors and distributors for both companies. The Foreign Ministry also asked the diplomats to push for public statements condemning the companies and to 'encourage public protests in the media and

directly with key executives in both companies.' The diplomats were also instructed to echo those protests on social media for maximum [visibility]." And this final example: "The Israeli Embassy in Washington and the Israeli Consulates around the U.S. were asked to push for the activation of anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) legislation in several states and to engage with governors, mayors, members of Congress and state officials like attorneys general." Again, I was reading from Axios. Your response, Omar Shakir?

OMAR SHAKIR: Amy, it's clear that they're trying to follow the Airbnb model. What I'm referencing here is, when Airbnb made a decision a couple of years ago to stop listing in the occupied West Bank because doing so made them complicit in serious human rights abuses, they undertook a similar strategy, and they eventually bullied Airbnb into caving.

The difference here is that Ben & Jerry's is a deeply principled company with clearly articulated values and are acting pursuant to this. This is a company that, at its core, takes the principles of human rights and social justice seriously.

The reality here, as Logan mentioned, is that settlements are illegal. They are war crimes under the Fourth Geneva Convention. And when businesses operate in the West Bank, they are directly benefiting from and contributing to the entrenched discriminatory system there. What do I mean? I mean businesses that operate in the West Bank receive permits, access to infrastructure, that are systematically denied to Palestinians. They are operating on or with land that was confiscated from Palestinians. They are providing jobs and revenue that goes into further entrenching these war crime settlements. And they are also operating in a system in which you have dual legal regimes, in which in the very same store that sells Ben & Jerry's, if a Palestinian and an Israeli happen to work there, they're governed under different systems, with different rights and protections.

So the reality here is that businesses, under the U.N. Guiding Principles, have a duty not to contribute to human rights abuses. That's a decision Ben & Jerry's made. It's a principled distinction following their international legal obligations. These anti-boycott laws aren't just posing issues under the First Amendment; they're actually punishing companies that do the right thing by ending their complicity in human rights abuse. Human Rights Watch does business and human rights work around the world, and we are calling for companies that operate in settlements to do the same thing that companies who are involved in human rights abuses everywhere else do, which is end that complicity and rights abuse.

AMY GOODMAN: So, how exactly will this go down in Israel and the Occupied Territories? It won't take place for another year because of the contract that Ben & Jerry's has with the local distributor. Is that right, Omar?

OMAR SHAKIR: That's correct. In essence, this decision says that they are not going to operate in settlements. And because their current distributor in Israel was not willing to agree to that condition, they will not be renewing their agreement with that distributor beyond the end of 2022. And to the extent that they continue to operate in Israel, they will ensure that they do so without operating in the occupied Palestinian territory, which of course includes occupied East Jerusalem, which the Israeli government has annexed but remains occupied territory under international law, and where the Israeli government every day, routinely, systematically, is abusing the rights of Palestinians and systematically oppressing them.

AMY GOODMAN: Omar Shakir, we want to thank you for being with us, Israel and Palestine director of Human Rights Watch, speaking to us from Amman, Jordan, and Logan Bayroff, vice president of communications for J Street.

Next up, we go to Guatemala, where thousands took to the streets Thursday for a national strike, demanding the resignation of right-wing President Alejandro Giammattei. Stay with us.

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We go to Guatemala to speak with an opposition lawmaker and a Maya K'iche' leader who joined Thursday's major national strike demanding the resignation of right-wing President Alejandro Giammattei and other government officials facing allegations of corruption. Major highways were blocked for hours as protesters marched through Guatemala City and in rural communities denouncing corruption, a worsening economic crisis and the government's catastrophic mishandling of the pandemic. The demonstrations are the "third chapter of our history in the fight against corruption, which started in 2015," says Lucrecia Hernández Mack, Guatemalan physician and a member of the Guatemalan Congress with the political party Movimiento Semilla who was the first woman to lead the country's Ministry of Health. "People here in Guatemala are just outraged." Indigenous governments and people across Guatemala united in leading the call for the mass mobilization, adds Andrea Ixchíu, Maya K'iche' leader, journalist and human rights defender in Totonicapán, Guatemala. "We are tired [of] how in the midst of the pandemic the Guatemalan government is stealing the money from the vaccines and militariz[ing] the country."

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We end today's show in Guatemala, where thousands took to the streets across the country Thursday for a massive national strike demanding the resignation of the right-wing President Alejandro Giammattei, as well as other government officials. Major highways were blocked for hours as protesters marched through Guatemala City and in rural communities denouncing corruption, a worsening economic crisis and the government's catastrophic mishandling of the pandemic.

COVID-19 cases continue to skyrocket, with hospitals collapsing or on the verge. Meanwhile, less than 2% of the population of Guatemala has been vaccinated.

The national strike was called by Indigenous leaders, who vowed they won't stop until there's radical change in Guatemala. This is Indigenous rights defender María Caal Xol, speaking Thursday from the region Alta Verapaz.

MARÍA CAAL XOL: [translated] We have been resisting, and we will continue to resist against these injustices that have Indigenous communities on our knees. We will continue to protect our dignity, what our ancestors inherited to us, what our grandmothers and grandfathers inherited to us, those who have been disappeared, persecuted and assassinated for over 500 years.

AMY GOODMAN: And this is a student movement leader speaking from a roadblock in Guatemala City.

LAURA AGUIAR: [translated] We must learn that we, the students, have to be part of the change. The urban region has to learn from collectivity, because individuality is only going to make our situation worse.

AMY GOODMAN: The national strike comes after recent mobilizations in response to the abrupt ousting last week of Guatemala's top anti-corruption prosecutor, Juan Francisco Sandoval, who was then forced to flee the country. He went over the border into El Salvador. The move also prompted the U.S. government to suspend some of its cooperation with Guatemala's attorney general.

Well, for more, we go to Guatemala City, where we're joined by Lucrecia Hernández Mack, Guatemalan physician and a member of the Guatemalan Congress with the political party Movimiento Semilla. That's "the seed movement." In 2016, she became the first woman to lead the Ministry of Health in Guatemala. She's the daughter of the late Guatemalan anthropologist Myrna Mack, who was assassinated by U.S.-backed security forces in the early '90s. And in Tonicapán, Guatemala, we're joined by Andrea Ixchú, Maya K'iche' leader, journalist and human rights defender.

We welcome you both to *Democracy Now!* We're going to start with Congressmember Mack. Can you talk about the significance of this mass protest, and what has prompted it?

LUCRECIA HERNÁNDEZ MACK: Well, we could say that these manifestations and demonstrations are sort of like the third chapter of our history in the fight against corruption that started in 2015. In 2015, we saw, with the CICIG, the International Commission Against Impunity, we saw cases that revealed the participation of the vice president and the president involved in corruption. And we saw many demonstrations. We also had a strike, a national strike, that finally made the vice president and president to resign.

Then we had a second chapter where basically the corrupt strike back. And we see how the public institutions start being taken over, like the Supreme Court of Justice, the Constitutional Court, the Electoral Court, etc., etc. And finally, the FECCI, Juan Francisco Sandoval is ousted by the attorney general. And this is basically the third chapter, where people here in Guatemala are just outraged, and we go back into the streets and demand for the president, Giammattei, and the attorney general to resign also.

And what we see is that we are just fed up with corruption. If we continue to go this way, we basically have no public institutions free of corruption. So, this is the moment where we have united political parties with social movements, with ancestral authorities, communities, rural communities, citizens from the urban areas, students, motor taxis, think tanks, NGOs, activists, everybody is coming together to say, "No more. We don't want this anymore." And interestingly enough, this is a movement that has been led by ancestral authorities. So we are basically saying, "We don't want this anymore."

AMY GOODMAN: I want to bring Andrea Ixchú into the conversation, Maya K'iche' leader, journalist, human rights defender. You're in western Guatemala. This was an Indigenous-led mass protest. Can you talk about what's happening in your area, the significance of the Indigenous leadership, and particularly describe the Guatemalan blockades, Indigenous people taking to the streets and blocking the highways?

ANDREA IXCHÚ: Hello. Thank you for this space.

I think it's really important to say that — well, we always say it — that Indigenous peoples have been mobilizing for more than 529 years against colonialism, corruption and the pillage of our ancestral lands. The Indigenous government of Tonicapán, where I came from, decided to call for these big mobilizations and to call to this national strike, reunited with other Indigenous governments from all over the country, because

we are tired how, in the midst of the pandemic, the Guatemala government are stealing the money from the vaccines and militarizes the country.

The anti-corruption prosecutor is dismissed without justification. And the prosecutor was investigating a recent meeting between the president, Alejandro Giammattei, who received in recent weeks investors related to nickel mining companies that operate illegally in Guatemala and that are violating the rights of the Maya K'iche' communities that lives in the region of El Estor, Izabal, an area of exploitation, of monocultures, of mining, and that have lived very hard the effects of the pandemic and the climate crisis.

So, a lot of Indigenous communities have been militarized during the pandemic. We haven't received attention and social programs during pandemic. And especially in the K'iche' area, the voices of the women, as María Caal, that you heard at the beginning, is telling how a lot of companies is operating in their lands without consultation and consent from the communities. So we see with preoccupation how the president is reuniting with these land investors, with these mining contractors a few months before a consultation is going to be done in El Estor, because the communities needs to give their opinion about the mining operation in the area.

So, during the pandemic, as I said, the country was militarized. There was multiple violent evictions, where a lot of Indigenous communities were expelled from their lands, from their communities. So it's suspicious, these kind of meetings that the special prosecutor anti-corruption was investigating against the president when he was removed from his position. So, as Indigenous peoples, we have always been organizing against the exploitation of the land, the defense of the water, the defense of the territories. And because we are tired that this state that is very well administrated by economical elites, military and drug traffickers, are just denying our access for a dignity, a life in dignity.

So, when the people says that Indigenous communities are blocking the roads, we said, "No, we are mobilizing for a life in dignity, where we can have deep political changes in the way that our country is organized," because the ones that have been blocking the road for develop and life in dignity are the crime elites that refuses to make changes and that are [inaudible] Guatemalan state.

AMY GOODMAN: Lucrecia Hernández Mack in Guatemala City, you are in Congress. For people outside Guatemala who may not be familiar with the term the Pacto de Corruptos, the Corrupt Pact, talking about a group of business people, political leaders, well, if you could describe what they are and their ascendancy now, also particularly in Congress, and what it means for human rights all over Guatemala?

LUCRECIA HERNÁNDEZ MACK: Yes. The Pacto de Corruptos was very visible when in Congress there was an attempt to protect the president, Jimmy Morales, back in 2017. And what we see is that this is the alignment of economic elite, politicians, even drug traffickers here in Guatemala, as well, that have links to politicians. We also see, you know, public authorities involved. And what has happened is that they have taken over public institutions in order to protect themselves from justice, guarantee their impunity. And so they have taken, basically, like I said, the Electoral Court, the Supreme Court of Justice, the Constitutional Court. They are going after the human rights ombudsman. And we see that they have also used the public institutions to pursue independent judges, political opposition, journalists, civil society leaders, activists with various actions, like smear campaigns, troll factories, threats, harassments, criminal complaints or accusations. And they are basically undermining the state, the government. They are using the state and the public institutions for their own benefit. And they are basically undermining the democracy and the justice system. So, this is what has the people fed up, because we can no longer tolerate any more advance of this Pacto de Corruptos, the Pact of the Corrupt.

AMY GOODMAN: Let me ask Andrea about the demands, the Indigenous demands for the Guatemalan government to establish a plurinational state. What does that mean?

ANDREA IXCHÍU: Well, the Mayan, Xinca and Garífuna Indigenous authorities propose a route to a new political pact, because we know that it's not going to be easy. We wait to build a plurinational popular assembly, a constitutional assembly, because it's really important and it's really urgent to transform from the roots the political pact that has denied the very existence of Indigenous authorities, our ways of living and

organizing, the ways that we administrate our lands. So, we are saying that that needs to change, that we need a country where the people can live in dignity and in respect. And that means sitting down and speaking with the politicians, sitting down and speaking with the people organized all over Guatemala. So we know that it's going to be a path. It's going to be a long way to go to. But also it's an urgent thing that we need to keep doing, because the crisis that we're living is — the conditions that we live in are ugly.

AMY GOODMAN: And, Lucrecia Mack, in this last minute, you were the first woman minister of health of Guatemala, before you became a congressmember. Describe the COVID situation right now.

LUCRECIA HERNÁNDEZ MACK: What we're seeing right now is the overlapping of the political crisis with the economic crisis and the health crisis. And the health crisis is not only a problem with the vaccines, with the vaccination. Like you said, we have less than 2% of our population vaccinated. But right now we are in the third wave. So we are seeing record figures of cases and deaths from COVID-19. And right now hospitals, public and private, are just full. They are saturated. The health workers are just burned out. And that's why we also saw health workers yesterday participating and joining and supporting the national strike. And the government is very reluctant and resisting to take measures in order to control the pandemic.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, I want to thank you both for being with us. We'll continue to follow the situation. Lucrecia Hernández Mack, member of the Guatemalan Congress, first woman health minister of Guatemala, before she was a congressmember. And Andrea Ixchú, Maya K'iche' leader, journalist and human rights defender, joining us from western Guatemala. I'm Amy Goodman. Thanks so much for joining us. Stay safe.