

Israel News Desk

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“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. (Gen 12:2)

Once again, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken centre stage with the whole of May being taken up with reporting in various forms through the MSM.

Despite the evidence to suggest that the COVID-19 virus originating from China, it is not surprising that a newly released study from a group of researchers at the University of Oxford has found that 1 in 5 people responding to the survey believed that the Jews were responsible for the virus. 2500 adults who were representative of the English population according to age, gender, religion and income were surveyed on their attitudes toward the government narrative on coronavirus and related conspiracy theories between May 4th and May 11th.

The respondents were asked to what extent they agreed with 48 conspiracy statements.

Presented with the statement “Jews have created the virus to collapse the economy for financial gain” almost 20% agreed either completely or a little.

The survey also found that those who blamed the Jews (for the virus) were also more likely to blame Muslims, Bill Gates and Pharmaceutical companies too.

Interestingly, the survey also found that those who endorse conspiracy theories also reported a lower adherence to the authorities’ guidelines to contain the virus outbreak.

PAKISTAN – Mufti Abu Hisham Masood, a Pakistani Islamist Cleric, declared that Jews created coronavirus. He said that Jews created the coronavirus for the purpose of “global governance” and that “any vaccine developed will be controlled by Jews”. Masood is affiliated with the Tehreek-e-Taliban movement of the Taliban in Pakistan.

IRAN – Iran has passed a bill “confronting the hostile acts of the Zionist regime against peace and security” preventing any co-operation with Israel. That means the purchase and use of Israeli technology such as computer hardware and software the Iranian Fars News reported. Iran said earlier in May that “any co-operation or spying for the Zionist regime is equal to enmity towards God and corruption on earth”. (Well, we will see how they get on without Israel’s tech.)

USA – America wants Israel to sever ties with China in areas with security risks. Cooling relations with Beijing could involve Israeli academics’ ties with China.

Washington’s demand is also complicating the Israeli government’s plan to develop economic ties with China. “This is not exclusive to Israel”, said an American official. “We’re having similar conversations with all our allies and partners”. There is a feeling in Israel that while there has been no talk of possible penalties or incentives to get Israel to dial down relations with Chinese universities, America is Israel’s top benefactor and cannot be ignored.

A new study in Israel recently published in relation to Coronavirus found that more than 70% of coronavirus patients in Israel were infected by a strain that originated in America. “Those who returned from America created transmission chains” said Dr Adi Stern, of Tel Aviv University.

6% of infections were imported from the UK. Israel was quick at the beginning of the pandemic to shut its airports and quarantine those arriving for 14 days.

GERMANY – The head of Germany’s military counter-intelligence service has issued an extraordinary apology for leaving Israel off the map. “It should not have happened,” said the service’s president Dr Christof Gramm. The error was first noticed by the Jerusalem Post. A spokesman for the service stated that “there are currently no indications of deliberate action or a political background.”

ISRAEL – 3 Gulf States have reached out to Israel to help them fight the coronavirus crisis.

Bahrain and another unnamed Gulf state have picked the brains of the Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer, Tel Aviv, on how they responded to the pandemic, and the United Arab Emirates’ ambassador to the UN said publicly that her government would be willing to work with Israel on a vaccine

A 'STATE-OF-THE-ART' disinfectant developed in Israel can kill 1005 of bacteria and viruses, including coronavirus, it has been claimed. "It works in a very different way from many others," said Karen Cohen Khazon, of distributors Tera Novel. The firm says it successfully tested it in hard-hit Bnei Brak's milkvaot.

As the number of coronavirus patients in Israel drops, IDF soldiers are returning to a normal routine. They are again being allowed to use public transport and take normal leave. The IDF will also restart reserve training for ground forces. A total of 223 service members had been diagnosed, all with mild symptoms.

Israel's cash-strapped flagship carrier EL AL is to operate 60 humanitarian cargo flights from the Chinese city of Wuhan to several major European cities via Israel.

The airline will initially operate 15 weekly flights from Wuhan to Tel Aviv, followed by 9 weekly flights to London, 3 to Paris and 3 to Frankfurt.

Each flight will carry approximately 25 tons of humanitarian aid to assist the battle against the coronavirus outbreak.

Israel has also created three antibodies to fight coronavirus. Defence minister Naftali Bennett confirmed: "During the past few days, our scientists at the Israel Institute for Biological Research (IIBR), have determined a set of three more antibodies that neutralize the novel coronavirus.

"This scientific breakthrough has three key parameters: 1. The novel antibodies are fully human monoclonal, selected from COVID-19 patients. 2. These antibodies specifically bind to distinct elements of the aggressive coronavirus. 3. The institute has demonstrated the ability of each of the antibodies to neutralize the live coronavirus".

It would appear that The IIBR is the first institution to achieve a scientific breakthrough that meets all three of the aforementioned parameters simultaneously.

Please continue to pray, especially for the IDF and the IAF, and for the peace of Jerusalem.

Every blessing
Maranatha
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