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White smoke at papal conclave! Who is the new Pope?

May 8, 2025 usatoday.com reported: “A cardinal with ties to Indiana has a shot of becoming the Vatican's next pontiff as ranking members of the Catholic Church meet in Rome this week to select a successor to Pope Francis, who died April 21. If so, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, 72, who previously served as the Archbishop of Indianapolis, would be the first person born in the United States to serve as Pope.

Here's what we know about the search, black vs. white smoke and how to watch. Who is the new pope? Robert Francis Prevost

The newly elected pope and successor to Pope Francis is Robert Francis Prevost, a Cardinal from Chicago. He is the first American Pope. He has previously worked in St. Louis and studied in Rome, according to his Vatican profile. He also did mission work in Peru...”

Palestinian Authority leader begs UN: Save Gaza – from Israel

May 8, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Palestinian Authority leader Mohammad Mustafa has claimed that Israel bears direct responsibility for what he called a ‘deliberate humanitarian disaster’ in Gaza.

Speaking at a press conference in Ramallah, Mustafa referred to Israel as ‘the occupying power’ and charged it with causing prolonged famine and blocking humanitarian aid from reaching the population. He called on the UN and its Secretary-General to intervene immediately, urging the invocation of Article 99, Chapter 15 of the UN Charter, which allows the Secretary-General to bring to the Security Council’s attention any matter that could threaten international peace and security...”

Reports: Iran pressed Houthis into truce with US to build ‘momentum’ in nuclear talks

May 7, 2025 timesofisrael.com reported: “Iran leaned on Yemen’s Houthi rebel group to reach a truce with the US over attacks in the Red Sea in a move aimed at pushing along negotiations for an agreement over Tehran’s nuclear program, according to reports.

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday evening announced an end to hostilities with the Houthis, catching Israeli officials by surprise. The announcement did not mention the ongoing Houthi missile and drone attacks on Israel, and officials for the Yemeni rebel group pledged that such strikes would continue.

Two Iranian officials, one from the foreign ministry and the other from the Revolutionary Guards, said that Iran had persuaded the Houthis to stop their attacks on US assets as part of the Omani mediation efforts, *The New York Times* reported.

CNN cited people familiar with the matter as saying Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff had worked with the Omanis over the past week to broker the US-Houthi ceasefire. The sources said the ceasefire was also meant to help build momentum in the Iran nuclear talks, which Witkoff has also been leading on behalf of the Trump administration...”

India strikes nine sites in Pakistan, Pakistan says it downed five Indian planes



May 7, 2025 *jpost.com* reported: “India attacked Pakistan and Pakistani Kashmir on Wednesday and Pakistan said it had shot down five Indian fighter jets in the worst fighting in more than two decades between the nuclear-armed enemies.

India launched ‘Operation Sindoor,’ striking nine sites in Pakistan as well as Jammu and Kashmir, which they claimed were ‘terrorist infrastructure,’ and some of them linked to an attack by Islamist terrorists on Hindu tourists that killed 26 people in Indian Kashmir last month.

Islamabad said six Pakistani locations were targeted, and that none of them were terrorist camps. At least 26 civilians were killed and 46 injured, a Pakistan military spokesperson said...Pakistani representatives told the UN Security Council that it reserves the right to respond appropriately to India's actions, leaving many fearful of a broadening conflict in the east...”

Iran Threatens U.S. Bases ‘Wherever They Are’ as New Ballistic Missile Revealed

May 6, 2025 *breitbart.com* reported: “Iran unveiled a new solid-fueled ballistic missile and claims it has stationed similar systems nationwide, according to state-run TV, which cited military officials promising the ability to strike U.S. bases and interests ‘wherever they are’ if war breaks out...”

The missile reportedly boasts a 745-mile range, precision strike capacity without GPS, and improved defense-evading agility. According to Nasirzadeh, the system was last tested on April 17 and is capable of identifying and hitting designated targets without satellite guidance.

The announcement followed U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth’s message on Wednesday warning Tehran against continued support for Yemen’s Houthi rebels. In response, Nasirzadeh issued a stark threat that if war is initiated by the U.S. or Israel, Iran will strike their interests, bases, and forces ‘wherever they are and whenever necessary.’ He also emphasized that American military installations across the Middle East would become ‘legitimate targets’ in any conflict...”

Israel Prepares Operation ‘Gideon’s Chariots’ to Take Over Gaza, Clear Hamas

May 5, 2025 *breitbart.com* reported: “Israel called up its military reserves Sunday to prepare for a massive new operation, “Gideon’s Chariots,” in which it plans to reconquer Gaza and eliminate Hamas, neighborhood by neighborhood, over several months.

The Israeli government says that it will carry out the operation if Hamas does not agree to a hostage deal by the end of the forthcoming visit of President Donald Trump to the region, which will be from May 13 to 16.

Military analysts describe “Gideon’s Chariots” as a classic “clear, hold, build” strategy to root out Hamas and create new, credible, demilitarized civilian authorities to govern the Palestinian communities in Gaza.

Israel plans to use military pressure to rescue the remaining hostages in a new way: not by pressuring Hamas leadership, which has been unwilling to compromise, but to isolate Hamas cells that are holding captives...”

Iran: ‘Our missile silos are full’

May 5, 2025 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: “The Iranian Defense Minister, Aziz Nasirzadeh, revealed today (Sunday) a new ballistic missile with a range of 1,200 km that recently underwent a successful test, according to him.

The Iranian news agency *Tasnim* reported that in the test conducted, the missile successfully hit only the designated target, without deviating towards nearby targets and without relying on a GPS navigation system.

The missile is equipped with a heat source detection system that gives it an enhanced capability to locate the target designated for attack. The missile is a solid-fuel projectile named the Qassem Basir, is actually an upgrade of the ballistic missile named Shahid al-Haj Qassem. The missile has advanced capabilities to maneuver through the U.S. THAAD missile defense system and has demonstrated high resistance to electronic disruption...”

Islamic Attacks on Nigerian Christians Escalate



May 2, 2025 ***pjmedia.com*** reported: “Nigerian Christians are facing one of the most violent years in two decades of genocide by Islamic jihadis, according to a Christian advocacy group.

Between January and the close of April, International Christian Concern (ICC) says that it had documented ‘a dramatic rise in attacks against Christian communities in Nigeria.’ In the span of a little over three months, ICC soberly reported, over 300 Christians were killed. Dozens more were abducted while thousands were displaced as Islamic jihadi violence continues to escalate in Nigeria. Unfortunately, Nigerian authorities still largely fail to address the raging violence or help its victims...”

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