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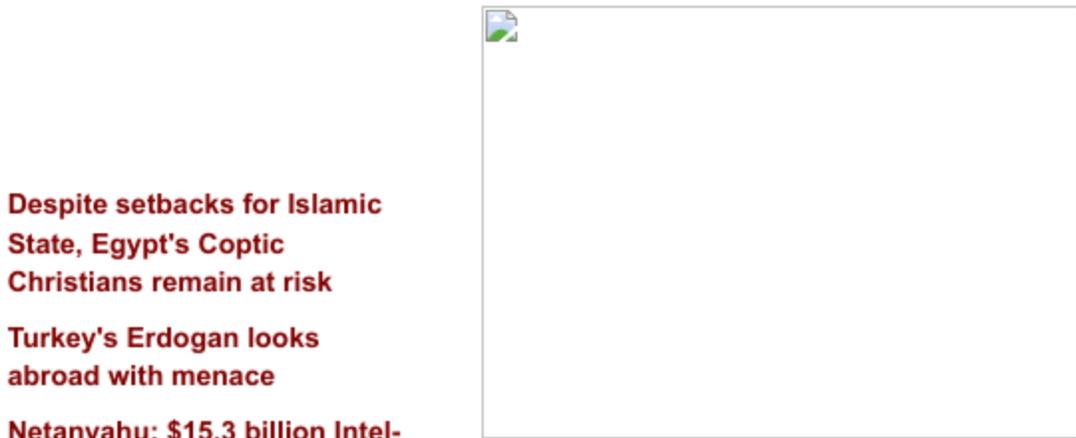
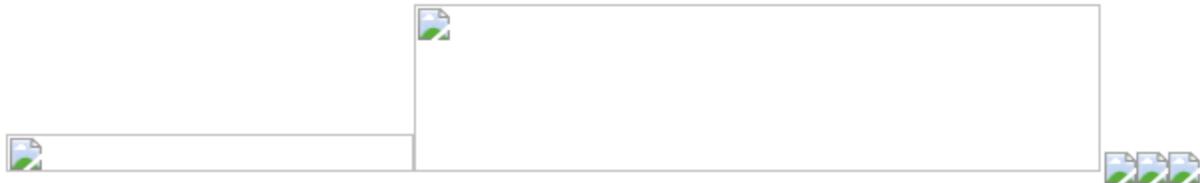
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The interior of Cairo's Coptic St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, where 29 Christians were killed in a December 2016 Islamic State terror attack.

Despite setbacks of Islamic State, Egypt's Coptic Christians remain at risk

By Sean Savage/JNS.org

As the Islamic State terror group faces setbacks in Syria and Iraq, its affiliate in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula has turned its sights on the region's Coptic Christian minority as part of its ongoing insurgency against the Egyptian government. More than 350 Christian families have recently fled from the Sinai city of El Arish, near the Egyptian border with Gaza and Israel. The mass displacement of Coptic Christians from the Sinai was prompted by a string of murders and threats by Islamic State terrorists in that region since late January. "The Islamic State is losing in Iraq and Syria, and has decided to lash out through its affiliates in places like the Sinai Peninsula," said Robert Nicholson, director of the Philos Project, an organization that promotes "positive Christian engagement in the Middle East."

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Turkey Erdogan looks abroad with menace

By Ben Cohen/JNS.org

JNS.org columnist Ben Cohen recently heard a leading Israeli security expert opine that Jerusalem's strategic interest lies in maintaining Turkey as a counterweight to Iran, despite the torrid experience of dealing with the country's dictatorial leader, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, during the last decade. That should not mean, however, that Turkey can be regarded as a reliable friend of Israel or the West. What starts with Erdoğan's April 16 national referendum—which, if passed, would massively concentrate political power in the president's office—won't end with it, writes Cohen.

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (left) shakes hands with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Sept. 22, 2014.

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Netanyahu: \$15.3 billion Intel-Mobileye deal to create 'thousands' of new jobs

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with government and business leaders Tuesday on the subject of American high-tech giant Intel's recent \$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye, the largest-ever acquisition of an Israeli technology company.

Netanyahu met with Intel International CEO Brian Krzanich, Mobileye founders Amnon Shashua and Ziv Aviram, and Israeli Economy and Industry Minister Eli Cohen in the aftermath of the second-largest acquisition in Intel's history.

"This is a celebration for the Israeli economy and for Jerusalem," Netanyahu said at the meeting. "Israel is quickly becoming a global technology power and this is no

coincidence."

The prime minister also said the acquisition would lead to the creation of "thousands of additional jobs" in Israel and "will inject funds into the Treasury."

Acquiring Mobileye, a world leader in vision technology for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, places Intel at the forefront of the emerging self-driving car market.

Intel's Krzanich said at the meeting that the deal "testified to Intel's faith in Israel as a center of innovation and its belief in the potential of the driverless car market," Israel Hayom reported. Mobileye's Shashua said that "it's not the money. The money is important. We want to change the world, change the face of cities."



*Ziv Aviram,
president
and CEO
of
Mobileye,
speaks at
the
Jerusalem
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