

Evening Wire: Hamas Has A New Leader & NYC Terror Attack?

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SUMMARY

An incendiary device was detonated in Manhattan, leading to an arrest, while two U.S. soldiers were identified as casualties of an Iranian attack. Additionally, the FDA retracted its previous claims linking a Taco Bell lettuce supplier to a recent parasite outbreak, and a new leader for Hamas was announced.

- A man was arrested for setting off fireworks and threatening bystanders outside a federal office in Manhattan.*
- The Pentagon identified two U.S. soldiers killed in an Iranian attack in Jordan, with President Trump vowing retaliation.*
- Khalil Al Haya was elected as the new leader of Hamas, replacing Yahya al Sinwar.*
- Andy Burnham became the new Prime Minister of the UK, succeeding Keir Starmer amid political turmoil.*
- A small plane crashed into a house in Texas; the pilot was hospitalized but injuries were unspecified.*
- New York City will pay cash for used drug syringes as part of a controversial harm reduction program.*
- Over a thousand public schools have closed in the past year due to declining student populations.*
- The FDA apologized to Taco Bell's lettuce supplier after retracting claims about a parasite outbreak.*

Speaker 1: An incendiary device was set off in Manhattan. The names of two Americans lost in an Iranian attack have been released, and the FDA walks back its claims that Taco Bell's lettuce provider caused an explosive outbreak. I'm Georgia Howe with Daily Wire executive editor John Bickley. It's Monday, July 20th, and this is EVENING Wire.

Speaker 2: A man is under arrest after officials say he set off an incendiary device outside a federal office in Manhattan. At around 8:30am on Monday morning, a man lit a fire and set off fireworks outside 26 Federal Plaza. The office building houses the New York Field Office for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. And a cart found at the scene had anti ICE messages written on it. Officials say the suspect also threatened bystanders with an airsoft rifle before he was arrested by federal police.

Speaker 2: His card also contained long firearms, fireworks and other items. The FBI said in a statement that its New York Joint Terrorism Task Force has launched an investigation into the incident.

Speaker 1: We've now learned the names of the two Americans who were killed in an Iranian attack over the weekend. Daily Wire foreign affairs reporter Cassia Akiva has the details.

Speaker 3: The Pentagon has identified two U.S. army soldiers killed in last week's Iranian attack on a base in

Jordan as 25 year old First Lieutenant James Feehan of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and 19 year old Private Isabella Gonzalez of Carlton, Texas. Another American service member remains unaccounted for after CENTCOM recovered unidentified remains at the attack site. With the identification process still underway in Iraq, another American service member was also killed while disposing of an unexploded Iranian attack drone, though the soldier's identity has not yet been released.

Speaker 3: According to the White House, President Trump will travel to Dover Air Force Base to attend the dignified transfer of the fallen heroes. Meanwhile, Trump declared, quote, every time Iran kills an American soldier, they will pay for that killing many times over. He added that he passed on this new directive on to Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Daniel Cain, along with other military leaders.

Speaker 2: Hamas announced the election of a new leader this morning. Daily Wire contributor Tim Pierce has the story.

Speaker 4: The terror group said that 64 year old Khalil Al Haya will take over as head of its political bureau. Al Haya has been a member of Hamas since It began in 1987 and has been the lead negotiator in indirect talks with Israel over the war in Gaza. His election ends a nearly two year period during which Hamas operated without a single head. Instead, the terror group has been run by a leadership council after its previous leader, Yahya al Sinwar, was killed by Israeli forces in October 2024.

Speaker 4: Al Haya is a veteran negotiator for the terror group, taking part in previous talks with Israel in 2014 and in talks with Syria in 2022.

Speaker 1: Speaking of new leaders, the UK's new Prime Minister assumed power today. The Labour Party's Andy Burnham took the reins from Keir Starmer this morning, assuming office in the midst of an unsteady political climate. Burnham's predecessor served for just two years before mounting divisions within the party all but forced his resignation. Look for our report on the new PM tomorrow on Morning Wire A small

Speaker 2: plane crashed into a house near the town of Fulshear, Texas on Monday morning. Daily Wire associate producer Justice Spuehler has more.

Speaker 5: The Texas Department of Public Safety said the pilot, who was the only one on board, was taken to the hospital. Officials did not say how badly he was hurt. The Fulshear Simonton Fire Department released a photo of the crash. A bright yellow propeller driven plane appears to have just missed the backyard pool and landed, with one wing on the roof and the other on the ground. It's not clear what led to the crash, but the pilot appeared to be attempting to land at the nearby private Covey Trails airstrip.

Speaker 1: The New York City Council has cemented Mayor Mamdani's plan to pay cash for used drug syringes. Mamdani's first city budget directed 3 million to the program, in which people can trade used syringes

for cash at one of eight locations across the city. Under the program, a single syringe can net someone 20 cents. Up to 50 syringes can be turned over in a single day for a \$10 payout. The program will be administered by the nonprofit Addiction Response resources under an \$11.1 million contract that extends through the end of next year.

Speaker 1: Critics say that Mamdani's plan will give taxpayer money to active drug users that can then be used to buy more drugs.

Speaker 2: The new city manager of a beachfront town in California is in jail less than a month into her new role. Police in Sausalito responded to a noise complaint early Saturday at the city's Yacht Harbor. It was there that authorities found a disgruntled Elaine Forbes, who had been serving as Sausalito city manager for three weeks. Forbes was on a yacht that she claimed was her own, and she told police to leave because she was having a, quote, bad morning.

Speaker 2: But police say the yacht is owned by someone else who did not give her permission to board. Authorities took her into custody on Saturday morning and placed her into the Marin County Jail on suspicion of felony burglary.

Speaker 1: New federal data shows that more than a thousand public schools have been shut down in the past year. Daily Wire associate producer Brooke Margauto has the details.

Speaker 6: This is the fourth consecutive year of skyrocketing closures driven by smaller student populations. Researchers are calling this the big Shrink and they expect it to continue as more families choose private schools and homeschooling. This, combined with an end to pandemic era federal funding has led to major school districts including Houston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh shuttering dozens of schools, with more cuts likely on the way.

Speaker 2: The FDA is walking back claims that a Taco Bell lettuce supplier was to blame for the recent highly publicized parasite outbreak. Earlier on in the outbreak, the FDA pointed fingers at Taylor Farms de Mexico due to a positive lab test showing traces of cyclospora, that's the pathogen responsible for sickening hundreds of Americans. But the agency released a statement on Sunday backtracking on their previous claims, writing, quote, fda laboratory experts re reviewed the sample results and have concluded that the finding does not represent true amplification and should considered a false positive.

Speaker 2: The FDA has reportedly apologized to Taylor Farms and called their earlier claims a,

Speaker 1: quote, mistake and the World cup finale took a darker turn after the final whistle was blown as an on field brawl broke out between Spain and Argentina. Once Spain's victory was secured, celebrations were interrupted as one Argentinian player was shown hitting an opponent in the chest. Another Argentinian threw the Spanish goalkeeper to the ground, prompting other players and coaches to join the brawl. During the trophy

ceremony, the defeated Argentinians turned their backs on Spain in what many saw as an act of poor sportsmanship.

Speaker 1: Fans and players alike were left disappointed in Argentina's actions, but others were left dumbfounded as for the first time in recorded history, a soccer player was pushed to the ground and somehow managed to immediately stand up and continue fighting.

Speaker 2: Oh man. All right, those are your drive home updates. To learn more about these stories, go to dailywire.com and in case you missed it, earlier today we covered some major stories, including Trump ordering intensive strikes on Iran after US Troops were killed in Jordan and Iraq Andrew Tate and his brother being arrested in Florida on dozens of new charges and ice traffic stops resuming, though with some significant changes. Thanks for tuning in. We'll be back tomorrow morning with another full edition of MORNING Wire.