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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

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'This is an earthquake, the worst leak in the history of Israeli intelligence,' says security source

## In Huge Israeli Intel breach, US, UK Have Spied on Air Force for 18 Years

By hacking encrypted transmissions of Israeli planes and drones, NSA and GCHQ intelligence services 'monitor IDF operations in Gaza, watch for potential strike on Iran

'BY TIMES OF ISRAEL STAFF January 29, 2016



*An Israeli 'Ethan' drone, in the service of the Israeli Air Force*

US and British intelligence services have spied on the Israeli air force for at least 18 years, after cracking the IDF's special encryption system for communication between fighter jets, drones and army bases, Israel's military censor approved for publication Friday, after reports of the spying operation appeared in two overseas publications.

The two countries have reportedly used this access to monitor IDF operations in Gaza, watch for a potential Israeli strike on Iran, and keep tabs on the drone technology that Israel exports. Israel said later Friday it was disappointed but not surprised by the revelations.

Based on documents and photos leaked by US intelligence whistle-blower Edward Snowden, which had previously been classified, the news reports said the US and Britain have for years been able to track the transmissions of Israeli aircraft, and effectively view images and videos broadcast to IDF commands during drone operations in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and near the Jewish state's northern border.

The tracking has been done from a Royal Air Force installation in the Troodos Mountains, near Mount Olympus, the highest point on the Island of Cyprus, according to The Intercept, which, along with German newspaper Der Spiegel, first published the documents.

The IDF encryption code was cracked as part of a major intelligence operation that has been conducted by the US's National Security Agency (NSA) and its British counterpart, the GCHQ, since 1998, the Ynet news site reported. Throughout the operation, many ciphers for advanced weapons systems used by Hezbollah, Egypt, Turkey, Iran and Syria were broken. 'This access is indispensable for understanding Israeli military training and operations and thus an insight to possible future developments in the region' However, much of the focus of the operation, code-named Anarchist, was Israel.

“This is an earthquake,” a senior security source — who spoke on condition of anonymity — told Ynet. “It means that they have forcibly stripped us, and, no less important, that probably none of our encrypted systems are safe from them. This is the worst leak in the history of Israeli intelligence.”

The US and the UK, said The Intercept, have been “monitoring (Israeli) military operations in Gaza, watching for a potential strike against Iran, and keeping tabs on the drone technology Israel exports around the world.”

In the photos leaked by Snowden, shots from video recordings taken by Israeli aircraft can be seen in detail, as well as slides prepared by members of the US and British intelligence organizations explaining the significance of the findings.

“This access is indispensable for maintaining an understanding of Israeli military training and operations and thus an insight to possible future developments in the region,” a GCHQ report from 2008 read, The Intercept reported. “In times of crisis this access is critical and one of the only avenues to provide up to the minute information and support to US and Allied operations in the area.”

In 2008, according to The Intercept, the NSA’s internal newsletter, SIDToday, enthused that on January 3, after an Israeli airstrike on terror targets in Gaza, analysts had “collected video for the first time from the cockpit of an Israeli Air Force F-16 fighter jet,” which “showed a target on the ground being tracked.”

In another leaked document, intelligence analysts are requested to record and send a video of IDF operations to GCHQ. “Due to the political situation of the region, there is a requirement for Israeli UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) operations in certain areas to be intercepted and exploited so that assessments can be made on what possible actions maybe [sic] taking place,” the request, dated July 29, 2008, reads.

Twenty snapshots identified by The Intercept in the documents include several video stills taken from Israeli drones, dating between February 2009 and June 2010.

According to a report in The Wall Street Journal late last month, even after US President Barack Obama announced two years ago he would limit spying on friendly heads of state, the NSA kept watch on Netanyahu and top Israeli officials as the Jewish state sought to thwart the nascent deal with Iran over its nuclear program.

In the process, the agency caught some conversations with US lawmakers, according to the report.

According to the Journal report, some of the exchanges in question involved Israeli strategy around the Iran nuclear deal that Netanyahu ardently opposed, as did congressional Republicans. In some cases the NSA overheard Israeli officials trying to convince undecided lawmakers to oppose the deal, which Congress ultimately failed to block. The White House declined to comment on specific intelligence activities carried out by the US. But White House officials said the US doesn’t spy overseas unless there’s a specific, validated national security reason to do so, emphasizing that the principle applies both to world leaders and regular citizens.

## Gaza prepares for war



**Islamist terror group has more than 1,000 people working around the clock, six days a week, to dig attack tunnels into Israel. As it rebuilds its attack tunnels, Hamas vows it will operate ‘inside the territory of 1948’ in the next round of fighting with Israel**

BY AVI ISSACHAROFF January 29, 2016

After quite a few attempts at concealment and denial, Hamas’s military wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, on Thursday released the names of “the seven heroes, men of Allah” who were killed earlier in the week in the collapse of an attack tunnel in the Tufah neighborhood in the northeastern part of Gaza City, only a few hundred yards from the Israeli border.

At first, Hamas leaders tried to hide the fact that any of its members had been killed in the tunnel. Then they claimed that the men were merely missing. Finally, they released the names of seven of the 11 excavators who

were there at the time of the collapse.

Hamas's statement read in part: "We trod the path of death for your lives' sake."

Several days earlier, Faiz Abu Smala, a journalist with close ties to Hamas, wrote on his Facebook page about a meeting with the local commander of Hamas's military wing: "He admitted to me that they were still working night and day, around the clock, and that the battle they faced would be a matter of the utmost importance, of life and death, and that they had no alternative but to work under all conditions."

The seven Hamas operatives who were killed were not the first victims Hamas's tunnels have claimed during their post-2014-war construction and reconstruction. Last month, one of Gilad Shalit's captors was killed inside a tunnel that collapsed near Khan Yunis. According to sources in Gaza, 12 other Hamas operatives were killed in tunnel collapses last year.

According to the commander, Hamas has already restocked its rocket supply and is ready for a new war. He also said that in the next round of fighting, Hamas would operate "inside the territory of 1948." This was a broad hint that Hamas plans to engage in terror attacks inside Israel using, among other means, its new and restored cross-border tunnels.

Some might say that these are empty threats of the kind that Hamas makes every so often. But a close look at what is happening right now in the Gaza Strip gives the opposite impression: 18 months after the last war, someone in Gaza is preparing the ground on the public level, and making preparations below ground on the military level, for large-scale escalation leading to another conflict with Israel.

The question is when and under what circumstances.

The numbers throw into sharp relief Hamas's determination to rehabilitate its tunnel project, which was badly damaged during Operation Protective Edge: Hamas has more than 1,000 people working around the clock, six days a week, to dig more and more attack tunnels under the border and into Israel. The inclement weather has not slowed the pace of the work, as the incident in Tufah demonstrates. This is because the tunnel project is deemed central, since Hamas believes it can use the tunnels (among other weapons) to carry out an "opening strike" that will give the impression of victory in any future round of fighting with Israel.

There are a few tunnels estimated to be crossing into Israel, but there may be more. Hamas is using concrete to line the tunnel walls, as it did in the past, and has sufficient access to such materials.

These tunnels are not the antiquated ones that were built along the Philadelphi Route at the beginning of the past decade; those were dug by amateurs at a medium depth of 7-8 meters. These new tunnels are being dug 30 meters deep, with sophisticated engineering equipment and more advanced technological support, including engineers' blueprints.

Hamas probably does not want an escalation or another round of war at this time, as former Palestinian prime minister Ismail Haniyeh hinted in his latest speech. But not everyone in Hamas hangs on to Haniyeh's every word.

For the military wing, it is crucial to restore Hamas's image, which took a serious hit in the last war. That is why an "opening strike" is almost obligatory, certainly in light of the state of affairs in the Gaza Strip, where Hamas's popularity is steadily dropping because of the economic situation, among other reasons.

Other high-ranking Hamas officials, such as Yahya Sinwar, prefer the military wing's urgent approach to Haniyeh's more patient one. In their view, maintaining the status quo is untenable in Gaza, where rising unemployment and poverty rates, closed borders, and the erratic supply of electrical power could damage Hamas's ability to survive, particularly in light of the Egyptian embargo and the cutback in support from Iran.

Gaza keeps surprising us. Every time it seems that the situation has never been worse, it plummets even further. One example is this week's storm, which set a new record for electricity consumption in Israel. In Gaza, it caused a particularly long power outage. Instead of eight hours with electricity followed by 16 without, the people there

had four hours on and 20 hours off.

The cold was particularly bad in Shejaiya, Beit Hanoun and several other neighborhoods, where thousands of people whose homes were destroyed in the last war are living in prefabricated mobile homes with no proper insulation. Many homes were flooded in Khan Yunis, Hiza'a and several other places that had already been reduced to rubble during the last war with Israel. Almost everywhere in the Strip, groups of people could be seen huddling over burning barrels, trying to warm themselves in the frigid weather.

"The animals in your safari in Ramat Gan have it better than the people here," said Hisham, a resident of Gaza City, who visited the animal park near Tel Aviv in the 1990s. Gaza has never been in such a bad humanitarian situation, residents say, calling it much more difficult than it was on the eve of the last war.

"Nobody is working, there are no construction materials in the market, and there is no money because there are no salaries," said H., also a resident of Gaza City. " Hamas officials do not receive regular pay; rather, they receive NIS 1,000 to 1,200 shekels (about \$300) every 50 days. The members of Islamic Jihad have no money either.

**"This is going to lead to an explosion," said H. "It will be a miracle if 2016 ends without a war. It's not up to Hamas or Israel anymore."**

## Russians let Hizballah into Daraa, breaking their promise to Israel

DEBKAFfile, January 28, 2016

On Wednesday, Jan. 27 a large Hizballah force entered the southern Syrian town of Daraa, a critically dangerous event for Israel's security. The way to the town, which lies near the Jordanian border and across from the Israeli Golan, was opened before Hizballah by none other than Russian forces. This was a blatant violation of President Vladimir Putin's commitments to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Jordanian King Abdullah not to permit Iranian and Iran-backed forces, such as Hizballah and Iraqi and Afghani Shiite militias, reach their borders in consequence of Russia's military intervention in the Syria war.

Daraa is just 32 km from the southern Golan and 12 km from the Jordanian border. Hizballah forces in this town are therefore within easy striking distance from northern Israeli and Jordan.

What happened Wednesday was that a sizeable Hizballah contingent made it into Daraa, the day after a Syrian unit under the command of Russian officers captured the town of Sheikh Maskin, cutting off rebel forces east of Daraa from their comrades to the west.

Control of Sheikh Maskin is the key to the crossroads leading to Damascus in the north, the Druze Mountain town of es-Suwaida in the east, and Quneitra on Golan opposite Israel's northern defenses.

The battle for Sheikh Maskin was the first in the Syrian conflict to be directly fought under Russian command. Its fall sparked accounts of Russian officers commanding Syrian troops in different parts of Syria.

So far, Israel has not reacted to the Hizballah force's advance, notwithstanding public statements by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon that this would never be allowed to happen.

DEBKAFfile's military sources explain this reticence by a persistent misreading of the Syrian crisis in the higher ranks of the Israeli defense establishment. Military Intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Herzl Halevi, who has a good grasp of its complexities, is a lone voice against the defense minister and IDF chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Gady Eisenkot

In Amman, however, King Abdullah and his generals signified both alarm and fury. DEBKAFfile's sources report that Wednesday morning, the king shot off an urgent message to President Putin demanding an explanation for the Russian officers' action in opening the door of Daraa to hostile Hizballah fighters.

Jordan has fought Hizballah and its conspiracies for three years, ever since its security forces seized an arms

cache that Hizballah had smuggled into the kingdom for a terror cell to mount attacks in the northern province of Irbid. Amman is now concerned that Hizballah is close enough to make a grab for Al-Ramtha, the only border crossing between Syria and Jordan. That would be a feather in the cap of Iran's Lebanese proxy, as the first Arab border crossing to fall to a Hizballah force outside Lebanon, and one, moreover, located athwart a main regional water source, the Yarmouk River.

As of Thursday morning, Jan. 28, Abdullah had not received a reply to his missive from Putin, but a message did come through to Amman from Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Using a back-door intelligence channel, he sent a notice in the name of Gen. Bahjat Suleiman, former Syrian ambassador to Jordan until he was expelled in May 2014, that King Abdullah must now face the consequences of his long support for the rebels of southern Syria.

The monarch was also advised to prepare for the influx of thousands of fleeing rebel fighters whom the combined Syrian and Hizballah forces were pushing towards the Jordanian border.

The next hours will be critical for the development of a similar crisis on the Israel-Syrian border in the Golan region.

## The origins of Hillsong (Part 2): Hillsong founder under the “New Order” cult

By churchwatcher / January 26, 2016

<http://churchwatchcentral.com/2016/01/26/the-origins-of-hillsong-part-2-hillsong-founder-under-the-new-order-cult/>

Many people assume that the origins of Hillsong originated from Charismaticism, Pentecostalism or the Salvation Army. This is not true.

Hillsong's roots were founded in the Canadian New Order of the Latter Rain (NOLR) cult. Today, this is internationally recognised as the New Apostolic Reformation cult.

This series of articles looks at the history of the New Order of the Latter Rain (NOLR) and how it overran the AOG in NZ, the AOG in Australia and how this was done through Frank Houston, the founder of Hillsong/Christian Life Center. In this article, we will provide more concrete evidence of how Hillsong's founder, Frank Houston, became heavily involved with the NOLR cult teachings, specifically through NOLR ministers such as David Batterham and Ray Bloomfield (even though they believed they were Pentecostal ministers).

You can read our first article to see how Frank Houston was influenced by the New Order of the Latter Rain cult through the teachings of false prophet and fraudulent healer William Branham:

The origins of Hillsong (Part 1): The New Order of the Latter Rain

### RECOLLECTION OF PENTECOSTALISM'S CONDEMNATION OF NOLR TEACHING

It is important to recall that the Pentecostal AOG denomination condemned the teachings and practices of the New Order of the Latter Rain, specifically:

1. The overemphasis relative to imparting, identifying, bestowing or confirming gifts by the laying on of hands and prophesy.
2. The erroneous teaching that the church is built upon the foundation of present day apostles and prophets.
3. The extreme teaching as advocated by the “new order” regarding the confession of sin to man and deliverance as practiced, which claims prerogatives to human agency which belong only to Christ.
4. The erroneous teaching concerning the impartation of the gift of languages as special equipment for missionary service.
5. The extreme and unscriptural practice imparting or imposing personal leading by the means of utterance.

Even though the American AOG condemned these teachings of the New Order of the Latter Rain, they did not scrutinise all of the NOLR teachings. The NOLR kept evolving in its theology and embracing new and often bizarre teachings.

Another aspect of the early Latter Rain movement was their emphasis on end times revival and church growth. Those would usher in this growth revival were “present day apostles and prophets” which the NOLR teach are governing and restoring the church and ushering in the Kingdom of God.

Oddly, Frank Houston also was known for passing the buck and responsibility of a pastor and carried an unhealthy desire to be a church growth leader. He was driven by results. Divine kingdom manifestation results.

In this article, you will notice how Frank Houston preached not the good news of salvation but the false ‘Gospel of the Kingdom’ good news of William Branham. The belief is that no one will believe the true gospel or believe God is alive unless they see signs and wonders. People in the end put their faith not in Jesus and his cross but in the person and the manifestations that around their ministry. You will notice this is what qualified Frank Houston as a minister in the Salvation Army and the New Zealand AOG, NOT his biblical or pastoral qualifications.

### EYE WITNESS DETAILS OF THE NOLR INFLUENCING FRANK HOUSTON

Thankfully, Hazel Houston records Frank Houston (in her book ‘Being Frank’), practicing the New Order of the Latter Rain teachings in his ministry.

On pages 50-51, Hazel Houston captured a breath-taking event where Frank Houston tried to negotiate with a youth to not take his life. The youth eventually “flung his gun on the floor” and decided to sleep off “his bout of drinking” (pg. 50). Hazel records Frank complaining to God about ministry and whined, “I thought that ministry would be peaceful”. (Clearly Frank Houston neglected to read the lives of Jesus and His Apostles in the New Testament.)

And although a “sprinkling of converts gave their lives to the Lord in the twelve months” the Houston’s were at Hawera, this was “not enough” to Frank Houston who thought “this was not enough to satisfy a heart hungry to win souls” (pg. 50).

“Frank wanted more of God. He knelt at the altar at officers’ councils searching for the elusive experience called Holiness. He never found it.”

Hazel ended the chapter with this comment:

“In our next church God would give us a taste of His power. The full answer was still some years away.”

The next chapter is conveniently titled, ‘Blow A Strange Wind’. Indeed it was a strange wind the Houstons embraced. It was in this chapter we wrote about the NOLR teacher William Branham influencing Frank Houston. But we wish to open up the chapter with another few people that influenced Frank Houston in their new church at Levin, New Zealand:

“We studied our people. Amongst them there were the Allison’s, a mother and daughter who claimed to be Spirit-filled, and a seventy-year-old man who loved cricket and declared that silence always woke him up, and his wife. These people, with Ernie Hill, his wife and two sons, who moved into the town soon after we did, influenced the direction of our ministry. They, too, claimed to have an experience with the Holy Spirit.”

Source: By Hazel Houston, Published 1989 (UK: Scott Publications), Being Frank, pg. 52. [Emphasis ours]

While Hazel Houston said that she dismissed all of Pentecostalism from her mind, she informs her readers that, “Frank knew less about it until those four Pentecostal people talked to him” (pg. 52). She then goes on to describe that Frank had a supernatural encounter while he was praying in his empty Salvation Army hall. The experience frightened him and he called his church to prayer over the following days.

This is where Hazel Houston’s language get’s VERY interesting (see if you pick it up):

“Sixteen people turned up. Some stayed a short while and went on to work. Others were able to stay an hour and

a half but all stormed the gates of heaven.  
A week later the Holiness meeting throbbed with power.” (pg. 52)

The Houston’s saw a “hidden force” in this meeting at work and claimed “This was the Holy Spirit at work”. The following week,

“Sunday morning was even more powerful. This time the whole congregation was touched. There was no sermon, no altar call yet the people flocked to the front. Frank burst into weeping. He turned to me and asked me to carry on but I was also weeping. I turned to the organist. She was weeping. The Holy Spirit alone was in control as conviction swept the congregation. This was a totally new experience. We believed we were touching revival...

... One Sunday a group of Methodists walking past the hall on their way home from their own service sensed an unusual power emanating from our building.”

Source: By Hazel Houston, Published 1989 (UK: Scott Publications), Being Frank, pg. 52-53. [Emphasis ours]

Hopefully you are recognising the AOG list of identifying features and teachings of the NOLR emerging in Hazel Houston’s language ideas:

“all stormed the gates of heaven”  
“the Holiness meeting throbbed with power”  
“the whole congregation was touched”  
“there was no sermon”  
“the Holy Spirit ... swept the congregation”  
“this was a totally new experience”  
“we believed we were touching revival”  
“sensed an unusual power emanating from our building”

This is not Pentecostal nor Charismatic talk – this is NOLR/NAR talk.

As you can see, it was Pentecostalism that condemned the Latter Rain Movement – but it was the confused New Zealand Pentecostals that were leading and influencing Frank Houston with the condemned Latter Rain practices. They thought that the teachings and practices of the NOLR were Pentecostal.

Nothing can be further from the truth – and yet no one from the Salvation Army or the established Pentecostal condemned the Latter Rain heretical practices happening as Frank Houston grew in prominence in the eyes of New Zealand Christians.

It was not long after these “Holiness” power meetings that a “Pentecostal” gave Frank Houston the books on NOLR teacher William Branham.

This all happened in their church in Levin, New Zealand.

When Frank Houston and his wife were moved to their next church, they were involved in a scandal and subsequently left the Salvation Army altogether. According to Hazel Houston, her husband backslid into depression, bad health, financial ruin and gave up on God and church altogether. At this time Frank Houston changed jobs from a door-to-door salesman to a “dry-cleaning man”.

## THE LATTER RAIN INFLUENCE OF RAY BLOOMFIELD

A youth by the name of Tony Austin met Frank Houston on the job and invited him to his Queen St AOG church. In Chapter 5 (titled ‘Fire Falls), Frank Houston immersed himself in Latter Rain teaching in this so-called “AOG” church. Pastor David Batterham became a friend and mentor of Frank who then introduced Frank Houston to Ray Bloomfield.

Just like Branham, Frank Houston claimed to Dave Batterham that the Holy Spirit revealed to his heart that ‘healing was in the atonement’ (pg. 69). (This was a key scripture to the Healing Movement which was also fueled by the NOLR.)

Batterham's response?

“You can accept healing like you accepted salvation,” David assured us.” (pg. 70)

Because Houston was constantly sick most of his life, his relationship with Batterham and Ray Bloomfield flourished and was heavily disciplined by their Latter Rain healing heresies. It was under Bloomfield's leadership that he accepted the role of assistant minister at Bloomfield's new church plant (called Ellerslie-Tamaki Faith Mission).

Both Frank and Ray supposedly preached the gospel and brought revival to the Maori communities in New Zealand. They were trying to continue in “revival power”. And when Frank heard Ray Bloomfield accepted missionary work in Canada, Frank felt that if he were to move in “revival power”, he “must move in the same way and with the same anointing as Ray did” (pg. 100). (Notice the dependency on ‘the man’ – and not on God?)

This is important. Consider what the AOG condemns the Latter Rain of doing while reading how Ray Bloomfield gave Frank Houston his “authority” to take over his church:

“On the last day before his departure, Ray publicly committed the church into Frank's care. Placing his hands on Frank's head he prayed, ‘Lord give your servant a double portion of my spirit and let my mantle fall on this your servant Elijah's did on Elisha,’ Frank staggered backwards as he experienced the transference of faith from Ray into his own spirit. With it came a sense of divine authority. Ray burst into prophecy. ‘You shall keep your eyes on Jesus. Look not unto man but unto God.’” (pg. 100)

These apostles and prophets were building up their own spiritual authorities before men – and no one would dare question them.

If you are still convinced that Frank Houston was NOT influenced by the New Order of the Latter Rain, this is what he wrote about Ray Bloomfield in his book ‘The Release of the Human Spirit’, (conveniently published in 1999). Do you think Pentecostals or NARismatics believe in “walking in amazing supernatural realms”?

“... early in my Pentecostal ministry I was blessed to be linked with Ray Bloomfield... Ray ministered widely all across New Zealand, doing great miracles and walking in amazing supernatural realms– levels where no one else in the southern hemisphere was walking at the time. God brought us together, and I worked alongside him a couple of years in a church he was pioneering. He mentored me and I witnessed the amazing things God was doing in his ministry... Building on this foundation, I established a pattern for break-out in my ministry.”

Source: Frank Houston, The Release of the Human Spirit, Published: 1999, pg. 7. (Emphasis ours.)