

# Former UN Official Sued for Targeting US Christian Firms that Support Israel

Two days after President Trump unveiled his plan to end the war in Gaza, officials in Washington, Jerusalem, and Doha are weighing next steps. Time is running out for Hamas to agree to the proposal and end the war and release all the hostages.

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President Trump told reporters that Hamas has only a few days to accept or reject the plan.

“We’re going to do about three or four days. We’ll see how it is. All of the Arab countries are signed up. The Muslim countries all signed up, Israel’s all signed up. We’re just waiting for Hamas. And Hamas is either going to be doing it or not. And if it’s not, it’s going to a very sad end.”



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He added that there is little room left for further negotiations.

“Not much. You know, with Hamas, we want very simple. We want the hostages back immediately. And we want some good behavior. And, you know, it’s pretty simple. You don’t get simpler. Think of it. We’ve signed every country in the Middle East. This is like an impossible thing. It’s never been done before. This is more than Gaza. Gaza was big stuff. But this is Gaza, is a piece of it!”

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In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with members of his government.

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“In Washington, I agreed with President Trump on a plan for the release of all our hostages, and the achievement of all the war goals we set. I will provide a more detailed report to both the members of the government and the members of the cabinet.”

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## **US Government Shutdown After Senate Dems Block Funding Measure**

A last-ditch effort to pass a short-term federal funding measure failed in the Senate last night. At the center of the standoff: deep cuts in Medicaid and safeguards on the president's power to cut future spending.

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The ongoing push to prevent the government shutdown fell short in the Senate after the House had approved a temporary funding patch. It had been tied to the president's spending bill that cut nearly a trillion dollars from Medicaid over the next decade – a sticking point for Democrats.

“This truly is a Democrat-owned shutdown – a Chuck Schumer-owned shutdown,” said Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY). “There is no negotiation, it's a shakedown when you ask for a trillion dollars for four weeks. It's absurd.”

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Republicans needed eight Senate Democrats to cross over to their side, but only three did.

“I tell you; we have \$17 trillion being invested, the last person who wants it shut down is us,” President Donald Trump told reporters in the Oval Office Tuesday.

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It's the first shutdown since 2018 during the president's first term, which was the longest in 40 years. While the president says he doesn't want a shutdown, he suggests he can use it to make even more cuts that Democrats oppose.

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# 14,000 Seek God, Hundreds Turn to Jesus at Franklin Graham's 'Festival of Hope'

Evangelist Franklin Graham shared the life-changing message of the Gospel with more than 14,000 people during the Festival of Hope in Brussels, Belgium, over the weekend.

Thousands gathered at Brussels' ING arena to hear a message of hope and to worship Jesus Christ.

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"I want you to know that God loves you and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, from heaven to this earth to take your sins. This is why Jesus Christ came. He didn't come to condemn us, He came to save us. Jesus Christ came for all, but you've got to come to Him in faith," Graham told the crowd.

After Graham's message, he invited attendees to put their faith in Jesus, leading many to respond, according to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA).



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One of them— 23-year-old Maria—had traveled to Brussels from Ghent. She had been to church many times before, but said she didn't have a personal relationship with God.

"I had [this] thought in my head that He would not forgive me at all because of my sin," Maria told BGEA with tears streaming down her face. She said she finally found the

reassurance and hope that she had been looking for: “I want people to see that God is in me.”

Thousands, like Maria, attended the Festival of Hope in anticipation of having their lives changed eternally.

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“As soon as the doors opened, people began pouring in,” BGEA reported in a press release.

“The crowd was a mix of Christians and unbelievers—some of whom had never been to church before—but they came to hear a message of hope,” the report continues, adding that the arena was packed.

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Once the ING arena was filled, another 5,000 people were seated in two overflow areas next to the venue, where the event was live-streamed.

As the nation continues to reel after the death of Charlie Kirk, many questions remain, but one significant development America is witnessing is a surge in conversations about revival, with droves of people coming to faith.

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Dr. John Plake, editor-in-chief of the State of the Bible series and chief innovation officer at the American Bible Society (ABS), told CBN News his organization has witnessed incredible expressions of faith across the U.S. during recent survey waves.



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"We do see ... in my lifetime, an unprecedented move toward the church, and toward God, and from places that you wouldn't normally expect to see it," he said, noting a significant upturn in young adults attending and engaging in church. "Prior to this moment in time, we were witnessing a 30-year slide, a decrease in church involvement, a decrease in Bible use, a decrease in faith affiliation."

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While ABS hasn't conducted new research after Kirk's death, the organization's recent research and reports from various churches across the U.S. indicate that houses of worship are seeing even more people come to faith.

Many believe that the horrific assassination of Kirk has accelerated spiritual resurgence.

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"I think what we're seeing is just the latest very tragic example of the fact that disruptions lead people to question the way they're living their lives day to day," Plake said. "And we've looked at this for many years. We've been talking about the movable middle. These are people who are kind of Bible test drivers. They think the Bible is a good idea, they may not interact with it a lot on their own, they may be kind of confused by it or feel stopped from interacting with Scripture."

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# **‘Dragon’s Prophecy’: New D’Souza Film Chronicles Israel’s October 7th Horrors Through Bible Lens**

JERUSALEM, Israel – U.S commentator and filmmaker Dinesh D’Souza has just completed a new film in collaboration with author Jonathan Cahn, who wrote the book, *The Dragon’s Prophecy*.

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The film, with the same title, is set for theatrical release just before October 7th, the second anniversary of the brutal Hamas murders and kidnappings that triggered Israel’s seven-front war.

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D’Souza was in Jerusalem recently and came to our studios to talk about the film. He told us, “It’s about October 7th. It’s

about Israel. Radical Islam, Hamas, biblical archaeology, and a hint of biblical prophecy.”

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## **UniteUS in Tampa Sees Former Satan Worshipper Baptized, 1,000+ Choose Jesus as Lord**

The Spirit of God is moving once again in the hearts of thousands of college students, this time at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Nearly 7,000 young people filled the Yuengling Center to worship Jesus on Thursday night, while hundreds publicly declared their faith at the UniteUS campus event, according to the ministry.

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Leaders reported to CBN News that the event saw over 1,000 decisions for Christ and more than 300 water baptisms.

“WHAT A NIGHT TAMPA,” reads an Instagram post. “There is a move of God happening in Gen Z and we got to witness just a

glimpse of it tonight. Thank you, Jesus.”

UniteUS is a growing campus evangelistic movement known for salvation, baptism, and worship.



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As CBN News has reported, the organization traces its origins to an event that kicked off at Auburn University’s Neville Arena in September 2023. Five thousand students showed up to worship Jesus, and 200 were spontaneously baptized in a nearby lake.

“When God gave me the vision for Unite Auburn, I could have never imagined what was coming,” UniteUS founder and evangelist Tonya Prewett told CBN News.

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“I remember standing at [the] baptisms after the Auburn event in the middle of thousands of students just praising God and thinking how can this stop? And it hasn’t. He keeps doing it. Again and again,” she shared.

UniteUS is now nationally recognized as a movement that is having a longstanding impact.

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The organization’s tour hit USF during its second campus stop of the 2025-26 school year on its mission to share the Gospel with students across the country.

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# **‘A Hurricane of Grace’: Nearly 700 Baptized at Texas Church During Sunday Service**

A Texas church is celebrating how “God is changing lives in miraculous ways,” after nearly 700 people were baptized and hundreds more responded to the Gospel message during a powerful Sunday service.

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Josh Howerton, senior pastor at Lakepointe Church in Rockwall, Texas, recently reflected on what took place during a September 21 service where hundreds of people showed up to hear the Word of God.

“Never seen anything like today. Stairs filled with people with Bibles on their laps bc seats were full,” he wrote on Facebook. “Almost SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE baptized this weekend at Lakepointe. Hundreds responding on the spot. The tide is turning.”