1. **EMAILS REVEAL HILLARY PLANNED TO SHAME ISRAEL INTO SUBMISSION**
   According to the Jerusalem Post, the release of a new round of emails from Hillary Clinton’s term as Secretary of State shows she entertained a variety of proposals for the US to foment Arab Spring-like protests among Palestinians to force Israel’s hand in peace talks. The newspaper notes one plan the Democratic presidential hopeful particularly liked was a suggestion to launch a “Pledge for Palestine” among global millionaires and billionaires in order to shame the Jewish state.

2. **US METHODIST CHURCH – SEEMINGLY UNAWARE OF WORLDWIDE DICTATORSHIPS AND GLOBAL TERROR – DECIDES TO BOYCOTT (YOU GUESSED IT!) ISRAEL**
   The pension fund of the Methodist Church – the largest Protestant group in the United States, is divesting from five Israeli banks for their role in financing settlement activity (in reality, the fund held investments in only two banks in Israel). As Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean of the Wiesenthal Center, noted, "At a time when Christians are murdered, ethnically cleansed, and displaced by the hundreds of thousands across the Middle East, the Methodist Church doubles down on the only State --Israel-- that protects Christians and their holy places, and targets it for divestment? What a disgrace!"

3. **WHERE IS THE WORLD’S LARGEST REFUGEE CAMP? (BET THE US METHODIST CHURCH DOESN’T KNOW . . .)**
   While global angst over the state of refugees continues to mount, today’s National Post features a fascinating article about Ben Rawlence who documented the “strange parallel universe” of the world’s largest refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya. The camp stretches over 78 square kilometers and is home to 500,000 people. Originally created in 1991 for 80,000 people from the Somali civil war, the camp now holds refugees from the Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda and Rwanda. Multi generations of refugees live in the camp, which has now grown larger than many towns around the world – with soccer leagues, schools and markets. Sadly, the world has largely forgotten about these refugees and of the need to find a solution.
4. REALPOLITIK VS. A MORAL COMPASS: SHOULD CANADA SELL ARMS TO THE SAUDIS?
After roasting the previous Conservative government during the federal election campaign for plans to sell weaponized vehicles to Saudi Arabia, the Liberals now find themselves in hot water in the national media for following through on the $15 billion deal they so heavily criticized just a few months ago. But this should be a question of morality, not politics: should Canada provide weapons or other material assistance to dictatorial, human-rights abusing regimes like Saudi Arabia?

5. ONTARIO GOES ALL OUT TO SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF CONVICTED TERRORIST
While convicted terrorist Chiheb Esseghaier is planning to appeal the life sentence he and an accomplice received last spring because he was not tried under Qu’ranic law, an Ontario Appeals Court has found another reason to appoint two lawyers to act on his behalf. Concerns about Esseghaier’s mental health emerged during the sentencing phase of the trial and, while a Superior Court Justice dismissed the notion that he may not have been criminally responsible for his actions due to mental illness, the appeals court noted that not taking his mental health into account may have led to a “miscarriage of justice.”

6. PAKISTANI TERROR FLIES UNDER WESTERN RADAR
At least 15 people, including 12 Pakistan policemen, were killed and another ten injured in a suicide attack in Quetta outside a polio vaccination station yesterday. In his State of the Union speech US President Obama alluded to instability in Pakistan, a nuclear state which is often not considered in global security discussions. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bomb blast and terrorists continue to target polio workers, saying the vaccinations are a CIA ruse to sterilize Muslims. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries in the world where the disease remains widespread.

* As the Spirit of Hope 2016 campaign ramps up the Campaign Team is delighted to share an archival video showing one of the Wiesenthal organization’s most renowned supporters – Frank Sinatra! – praising Simon Wiesenthal and the work to which he dedicated his life. CLICK HERE to watch this brief and very moving footage, and CLICK HERE to register today for Spirit of Hope! Finally, a big Thank You to Committee Member Benjamin Barankin for digging up this wonderful memory.

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