

# Eye on the World

## June 14, 2025

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**Luke 21:34-36**—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



“Eye on the World” comment: Due to the travel schedule of the editor, this edition will be very short (consisting of just two articles).



An article by Amichai Stein titled “West Fears Miscalculation Between Israel and Iran, Diplomats Tell ‘Post’ ” was posted at jpost.com on June 12, 2025.

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Amid U.S. reports that Israel is preparing to strike Iran’s nuclear facilities and Iran’s threat to respond harshly to any action, Western diplomats told *The Jerusalem Post* on Thursday that they are concerned about a potential miscalculation between the two nations.

According to U.S. reports, Israel has completed preparations for a possible attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities, with indications that a strike could occur in the near future. Additionally, a senior Iranian official told Reuters that a “friendly” regional country warned Tehran of a potential Israeli attack.

In the past 24 hours, Tehran has vowed to retaliate against any Israeli action. A senior Iranian security official told Press TV that, in the event of an attack, Iran would “surprise” both the U.S. and Israel.

On Sunday, talks will take place in Oman between U.S. President Donald Trump’s Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff, and Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi – marking the sixth round of

discussions on the nuclear deal. Western diplomats described this round as “decisive,” amid the U.S. demand for a complete halt to uranium enrichment and Iran’s assertion that enrichment is its “natural right.”

Prior to the talks, Witkoff will meet with Israel’s Minister of Strategic Affairs (Ron Dermer) and Mossad chief (David Barnea).

### **Not allowed to enrich uranium**

In a speech at a conference hosted by the United Hatzalah organization on Wednesday night, Witkoff declared on Wednesday night (in a speech hosted by the United Hatzalah organization) that Iran must never be allowed to enrich uranium or develop any nuclear threat.

Witkoff said: “A nuclear Iran poses an existential threat to Israel, as does an Iran armed with a large arsenal of missiles. This is as much an existential threat as the nuclear threat itself. It is an existential threat to the United States, the free world, and all Gulf states. We must stand firm and united against this danger and ensure that Iran never acquires the means to fulfill its deadly ambitions, no matter the cost.”



An article by Nicole Silverio titled “MSNBC’s Mike Barnicle Tells Viewers Not to Believe All the Footage Showing Riots, Flames in LA” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on June 11, 2025.

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MSNBC senior contributor Mike Barnicle told his viewers on Wednesday to not believe the footage and photographs they are seeing coming from Los Angeles, California, and insisted everything is peaceful.

Barnicle said there are “no riots” in the streets of Los Angeles and that tensions in the city are “calming down,” even though rioters have set vehicles on fire, looted stores and assaulted law enforcement officers. He accused the media and President Donald Trump’s administration of misleading the public to believe there is chaos in the streets over the raids conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“This is literally a Tale of Two Cities. There’s the tale of one city being told by the administration by sending the National Guard and the United States Marine Corps onto the streets of an American city. Then there’s the other tale of a city, Los Angeles itself, when told by the mayor of Los Angeles (Karen Bass) and the governor of California (Gavin Newsom), you realize the facts of the tale of the two cities. And the facts are Los Angeles is calming down, that there are no riots in the streets, that the activities of the protesters is confined to about 4 or 5 square blocks in the city. The impact of pictures that people see on there [sic] TV tells a story that’s not really accurate. I mean, the flames, the cars being burned, the concrete blocks being thrown at the police. That’s all been taken care of by the Los Angeles Police Department. They have restored order on their streets.”

BBC News correspondent Katty Kay claimed the riots have been “minor” and compared it to a “picnic.” She said it appears that the National Guard and Marine Corps’ presence at the riots may seem like “overkill” as long as the riots stop in the near future.

Footage has shown rioters in masks waving Mexican flags, setting fire to cars, looting local businesses and vandalizing public property with spray paint. More footage and photographs posted by Fox News’ Bill Melugin showed rioters throwing rocks at Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents as they attempted to leave a riot in Paramount, California, causing an agent to suffer from a minor incarceration [sic] to his hand after a rock broke through the windshield.

Some shops were boarded up to avoid more looting that has taken place over the past several days. Some workers were seen rushing to cut wood before the new curfew for the rioters began on Tuesday.

Rioters in Orange County set off fireworks and appeared to use a trash bin as a barricade on Monday night.

Rioters in Little Tokyo tagged the walls with anti-Trump and anti-ICE rhetoric, writing things like “[expletive deleted] ICE, Trumps A Lame.”

The state of California sued the Trump administration for deploying at least 2,000 National Guard troops and around 700 Marines to Los Angeles, though a judge temporarily rejected their bid on Tuesday to block the deployment.



**Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”**