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News in Brief

Israel successfully disrupted Syria's aerial and anti-aircraft defenses using highly advanced technology in its strike in Syria last month, the weekly Aviation Week wrote last week. The paper said Israel employed special technology to blind Syrian radar, to ensure the striking planes were not detected as they flew over Syrian territory.

According to the weekly, officials in Iran - which operates the same aerial defense systems - are concerned by the failure of the Russian-made radar systems. (Yossi Melman)

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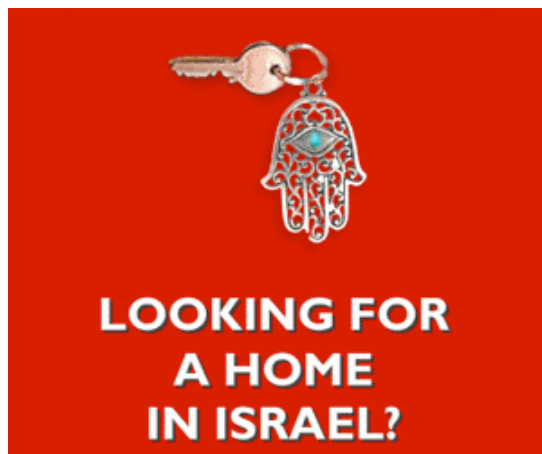
The United Nations delegation to Israel is severely understaffed and unable to properly maintain the organization's influence in the immediate region, diplomats involved with the delegation's work told Haaretz this week.

According to the sources, most of the UN activity in Israel and the Palestinian Authority is coordinated with headquarters in New York. The UN's envoy to the Middle East, Michael

Williams, announced several weeks ago that he was leaving his post to serve as Britain regional envoy. His deputy recently announced he was leaving "for personal reasons."

Two other senior diplomats from the delegation have also left, rendering it "almost ineffectual," according to the diplomats. (Barak Ravid)

Surgeon from Rambam and Sheba hospitals in Haifa and Tel Hashomer have, over the past two days, transplanted vital organs taken from the bodies of two women into the bodies of 10 patients. Some of the patients had been waiting for



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a transplant for several years. The two donors died from strokes. The liver from one of the donors went to a 30-year-old marathon runner who had suffered severe sunstroke that damaged his liver. Another liver went to a man in his fifties in Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. (Yuval Azoulay)

Haaretz correspondent Akiva Eldar has won the annual Eliav-Sartawi award for Middle Eastern journalism, awarded by Search for Common Ground, an international conflict resolution organization. Eldar received the prize jointly with Salameh Nematt, a Jordanian journalist, for their "Reaching Across the Divide" series, which features correspondence between the two on Middle Eastern issues. "Reaching Across the Divide" is comprised of 10 separate articles, five by Eldar and five by Nematt. The series was published in Haaretz, the Palestinian paper Al-Quds and the Baltimore Sun.

Eldar is a senior political correspondent and member of the Haaretz editorial board. Nematt is a former Washington bureau chief for the London-based Al-Hayat newspaper, and a regular guest on television and radio talk shows. (Haaretz Staff)

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