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News and the Jews

The week in review

Terrorists use Israeli supplied weapons

The weapons used in the terrorist murder of Eli Cohen of Modi'in as he was driving along the highway to Givat Ze'ev some ten days ago were supplied to the Palestinians by Israel. Ballistic tests carried out during an inquiry into the murder found that the bullets that struck Cohen came from Kalachnikov sub-machine guns that were given to the Palestinian paramilitary police force by Israel. The last consignment of Kalachnikov guns from Israel to the PA - involving 300 weapons - was carried out nine months ago.

Chemical warfare

The Palestinians have adopted chemical warfare methods. Arutz-7 has learned that some of the bombs recently placed by Palestinian terrorists have included agricultural chemicals that can worsen the condition of victims wounded by shrapnel.

Defense Committee: IDF unprepared for full-fledged war

The IDF is unprepared for a full-fledged war, the chairman of the sub-committee for IDF readiness in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee warned Thursday during a committee meeting.

MK Rehavam Ze'evi (National Union-Yisrael Beiteinu) said that if a full-fledged war were to erupt in the region, the IDF would be unprepared for it because of insufficient supplies and because its reserve duty soldiers are insufficiently trained for it.

Barak rejects GSS recommendation

The Police and Israel's General Security Service recommend re-opening the Temple Mount to Jewish visitors. In a meeting this week at the Prime Minister's Office, police and GSS leaders said that reopening the Temple Mount to Jews would not cause renewed outbursts of tension there. Prime Minister Barak rejected the recommendation.

Sources:
Haaretz, Israel National News.

STUFF you should know

Facts on Jerusalem

When the British left Palestine in 1948, Jerusalem was besieged by Arab forces which cut off the roads and blocked food and water in an attempt to isolate and starve its people.

Jerusalem was rescued by the Israelis, who carved a new road through the mountains to bring food and water to its inhabitants. In six weeks, 1490 men, women and children - 1.5% of the Jewish population - were killed in the city, many by indiscriminate shelling of the Transjordan Arab Legion and by Egyptian and Iraqi artillery batteries.

Arab Legion forces seized the Old City, and the Jewish population of the ancient quarter was driven out or captured. The Old City and its holy places became part of Jordan, under Muslim control.

The New City, however, expanded by the Jewish development of the previous century, withstood attack and became the Capital of Israel, and until 1967 was linked with the rest of the country by a narrow corridor.

Source: OneJerusalem.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

I Was brought up not to be silent

It is absolutely irrelevant whether the protest will or will not be effective. The reason for crying out is not based on the assumption that it will be effective, but rather because the situation is painful! I assume that everyone is embroiled in this matter - but not because they expect to gain any recognition or honor from it; if a person gains anything, he gains the opposite of honor, but I have already stopped paying attention to that!

Someone asked me, how can it be that I am not affected when someone denounces me and calls me names, another person calls me a different name, and a third calls me something even worse? I told him that for me, this is something that has been ingrained in me from my youth. Not that it doesn't bother me at all, but it doesn't bother me enough to make me change my approach. That is, when we're dealing with matters of life and death we cannot be silent! This is a clear ruling in the Code of Jewish Law, based on the undisputed ruling in the Talmud that it is forbidden to remain silent in matters of life and death!

From a public address by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, 20th Menachem Av, 5739 (1979)

SAY WHAT?

Half a Heart

"We remember - and we know that Jerusalem is the very heart of the Jewish people, and the one and only united capital of the State of Israel."

A speech by the Late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Yom Yerushalayim 5754 - 1994