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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Miracle in Me'ah She'arim

An alert woman and her brave brother helped prevent a possible tragedy Thursday. Moshe Bik of Me'ah She'arim, in an exclusive interview, told INN what happened:

"My sister saw someone putting a large bag in the trash bin. She called me over and asked me to look at it. I thought maybe it was a stolen bag, that someone had taken out the money and thrown the bag away. I took it out, and saw that there was a bomb in it, attached to a cellular phone. I detached the wires, and then called the police."

INN: "Weren't you afraid that it might blow up?"

Bik: "Well, it was already in my hands... It was attached in a fairly simple way, just like a square battery is attached to a radio."

INN: "What did the policemen say to you afterwards?"

Bik: "Some of them said to me that I was stupid for even getting close to it, but others said that I did a great thing, that I saved many people in the neighborhood, and that I should recite the HaGomel blessing [for one who was saved from danger]."

INN: "Many people owe you a great thank you today."

Bik: "The thanks go to G-d, not to me."

Police sappers who arrived on the scene meticulously dismantled the bomb. During the process, the cellular phone rang - the "call" which was designed to detonate the bomb. Earlier this morning, another explosive device was safely dismantled in the same area, near the Education Ministry.

The missing link

The police confirmed that they did not allow the rally for Jerusalem organizers to carry out their plan for a human chain around the Old City walls, as a result of an agreement with the PLO's Fatah. INN reports that the Palestinians demanded that the police forbid the human chain between Damascus Gate and Herod's Gate. In return, Fatah promised that they would prevent Arab rioting and violence during the rally. Jerusalem's new police commander, Mickey Levy, agreed to the deal and canceled the approval he originally issued for the human chain.

Palestinian Authority bombed Tel Aviv bus

A Jordanian citizen has confessed to placing and detonating two bombs on bus #51 in Tel Aviv on Dec. 28. The terrorist told Israeli agents that PA Intelligence officials drafted him and provided him with the explosives. He detonated the bombs by use of a cellular phone.

The Jordanian man was arrested several hours after he perpetrated the attack. A gag order placed on the story prevented publication of his arrest until now.

Source: Israel National News.

STUFF you should know

Jerusalem reunited

How it happened

On the second day of the 6 day war in 1967, King Hussein ignored Israeli appeals to stay out of the war. Eventually he fired the opening shots on western Jerusalem (near the governor's palace and downtown Jerusalem), and lost the Old City, the municipal area of the eastern parts of Jerusalem, and the whole of Yehuda and Shomron ("West Bank") to Israel's counter attack. The barriers, barbed wire and snipers' nests that had existed since 1948 were ripped away. Sensational and malicious reports from Beirut, Cairo and Damascus charged that shrines were desecrated. On the spot international observers repudiated these lies.

In fact, the holy places suffered very little damage in the fighting. In order to protect the holy places from damage, the Israeli Army refrained from bombing or artillery shelling and resorted to hand-to-hand fighting in order to capture the Old City, suffering heavy casualties as a consequence. As a further precaution the Israelis stationed guards around the shrines. Damage done to the Dormition Abbey was caused by indiscriminate Jordanian shelling.

Source: OneJerusalem.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Played like a fiddle

A pattern has been established. First demands are made. Then terrorist attacks create a mood of fear and uncertainty. And afterwards, the Arab leadership clamors that the attacks are justified because of oppression and explains that the situation can be quieted by concessions. An agreement is reached and is swallowed by the Israelis.

What has happened? The Arabs have learned that through terror and through clamor they can win concessions, that the Israelis are willing to sacrifice their security bit by bit to win temporary calm.

And so the pattern continues. From time to time there is an ebb, but never a cessation. First Arab demands, then Arab terror, then escalation of the demands, and finally Israeli concessions.

To counter this trend, Israel must broadcast a clear message: Terrorism will be met with strength; when caught, terrorists and their families will be punished severely; and by no means will terrorism be rewarded by concessions.

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Based on the Public Talks and Writings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe

SAYS WHAT?

Ask the Mayor

"We have created a moral equivalent between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. And they are not moral equivalents. One is a nation of laws. The other isn't. We have romanticized Arafat into something that he isn't, which is a responsible leader of a country.

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani on "Larry King Live"