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News and the Jews

The week in review

Cost Of Oslo

NII (National Insurance Institute) officials report that the Oslo War which began in Sep 2000, has cost the agency and the government a great deal of money.

In 2000, NII budgeted 150 million shekels to cover the costs of medical treatments, hospital admissions, and compensatory payments to bereaved families. Two years later, in 2002, the sum has risen to 300 million shekels. The budget for this year is already 320 million shekels as the terrorism targeting innocent Israelis continues.

Prof. Yonatan Stesman, head of the NII says the need to double the budget is the direct result of the ongoing "Intifada".

Exodus

As Jewish leaders raise alarms over an increase in anti-Semitism in France, figures showed that in 2002, French emigration to Israel more than doubled.

On Wednesday, French religious leaders and officials, including four former prime ministers, gathered for an ecumenical prayer service in a Paris synagogue in solidarity with Rabbi Gabriel Farhi, who was stabbed last week by an intruder shouting, "God is Great" in Arabic.

Jean-Yves Camus, a political scientist and spokesman for the European Jewish Congress, said the aggression "demonstrates that the series of anti-Semitic acts which peaked between autumn 2001 and spring 2002, and which decreased after the presidential elections, are on the rise again."

Source: IsraelNN.com

STUFF you should know

Freedom Of The Press

A TV correspondent who reported that Arafat's Fatah group claimed responsibility for the double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, Sunday, was arrested by PA security forces.

Al-Jazeera reporter Seif al Din Shahin said his information came from a Fatah terrorist who claimed, Al Aqsa's Martyrs' Brigades, conducted the bombings that killed 22 people and wounded more than 100.

Fatah published an official claim of responsibility on its website, which included names of the bombers.

PA security officials said the correspondent was apprehended on direct instructions from Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah.

Arafat funds his Fatah group, the ruling party in the West Bank and Gaza, from foreign aid, including contributions from the European Union.

The officials accused Shahin of "inflicting damage to the interests and reputation of the Palestinian people and their struggle" by reporting a telephone conversation with a member of Al-Aqsa who claimed responsibility for the attack, the Post said.

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PEOPLE of the BOOK

Camp David Accords Part VI

Sadat (of Egypt) heard that message, and for that reason he made no concession. Israel spoke to him as if he was the leader of all the Arab countries. In particular, she made commitments to him with regard to the West Bank. It was at Camp David that the term "autonomy" was coined.

The Palestinians had stated publicly that they did not see Sadat as their representative. He had no commitment to them, nor they to him. For sure, to try to upgrade his image in the Arab countries he felt it necessary to raise the Palestinian issue. But once it was raised, Israel could and should have answered the truth: "This is no concern of yours. Peace with the Palestinians has to be made with the Palestinians." And he would have left it at that, for his interests really lay only in strengthening his own country. Nevertheless, the Israelis made commitments to him, acknowledging a limitation of their rights to the West Bank.

For him, making the requests was almost a caprice. He had nothing to lose, so why not ask? But the Israelis had everything to lose, and nothing to gain by speaking to him about the issue. And yet they spoke - and made concessions. In general, there was no reason for Israeli concessions. Sadat needed American support and money and could not get that without signing a peace treaty with Israel. He had already burned his bridges with the other Arab countries, and would not restore his image by breaking off negotiations with Israel and coming back empty handed. Carter was deeply involved in a reelection campaign and needed an agreement to improve his prestige among the voters.

To be continued...

Based on talks of the Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel.

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A Fools Paradise

"There is a need for people who yearn for Paradise, and the shortest way to Paradise is death for [the sake of] Allah."

Hamas spokesman Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Al-Rantisi December 30, 2002