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News and the Jews

The week in review

Attack Prevented

The security forces announced Wednesday that they had thwarted a suicide attack scheduled for the coming days in Petach Tikvah. The terrorist was arrested in PA-controlled Kalkilye Tuesday with a 7-kilogram explosive pack in his possession. Several accomplices, including women were arrested with him. Two other terrorists on their way to perpetrate an attack were also caught east of Shechem... In addition, a 30-kilogram bomb was found and neutralized near the Gush Katif town of Morag.

Washed Up Ashore

The police are investigating whether the body of a man that washed up ashore in Tel Aviv yesterday is that of the missing British terrorist Omar Khan Sharif. Sharif has been sought by police since the Mike's Place suicide attack in Tel Aviv that killed three Israelis two weeks ago. The police suspect that his bomb was supposed to have been the second part of a planned double attack, but that either his bomb did not explode or he changed his mind for some other reason.

Moriah Goes Home

Moriah Lichterman, 6, who was seriously wounded last week in the terrorist shooting attack in which her father Gideon was murdered, was released from the hospital Wednesday.

Source: IsraelNN.com

STUFF you should know

We Decide, We Report

Alex Safian, Associate Director of Camera reports that on March 4th and 5th, NPR news reported two seemingly similar stories, one after the other, about Islamic extremists that blew themselves up amongst crowds of civilians, killing scores of people.

In consecutive news segments on the March 5th broadcast of NPR's Morning Edition, the first attack was described as a 'terrorist bombing,' with 'Muslim insurgents' the likely perpetrators. The report offered no explanation [or possible] justification [for the attack]. The second attack was reported without using any form of the word terror, and included nothing about who the likely perpetrators might have been, describing them only as 'militants.' Moreover, the attack, and similar attacks in the past, were implicitly justified as a 'campaign against ... occupation.'

Safian then provided the "obvious" explanation: the first attack was in the Philippines, while the second was carried out by Arab terrorists against Israelis.

"Yesterday a terrorist bombing killed 21 people including an American missionary; more than a hundred people were wounded. "A bus exploded in northern Israel today. Police and witnesses in the city of Haifa say at least five people were killed and several were injured. Militants have carried out a series of suicide bombings as part of their campaign against Israeli occupation. This is NPR news."

(Sources: IsrealNN.org, Camera.org, imra.org.il)

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Plan A Scheme And It Will Be Annulled, Because G-d Is With Us Part III

To this end, it is appropriate to mention the following point: Since there are many tens of Jews present here today ("the Divine Presence rests upon every group of ten Jews"), yet all the gentiles together do not add up to more than seventy nations (because "He set up the borders of the nations to parallel the number of Jacob's descendants" accompanying Jacob to Egypt..."). Hence we must find seventy Jews to make a ruling on the indivisibility of the Land of Israel. Since this will be a definitive Torah ruling, it will definitely endure. As we derive elsewhere, "whoever occupies himself in studying the sections of Torah which deal with the sacrifices it is counted as if he personally offered a sacrifice; the same holds true regarding one who involves himself in rulings relating to *shleimus haAretz*, *shleimus haTorah*, and *shleimus Yisrael*."

This is the only reason for wasting Jewish time on the "commotion and empty plans of the nations," time which could be better utilized learning Torah and performing *mitzvos*. We need to increase the "voice of Jacob," in order to frustrate the "hands of Esau," and this (increase) is the advantage resulting from this situation. Not only do Jews understand this gentiles do also. The *Midrash* illustrates this with an extraordinary story: Haman once saw Mordechai as he met small children coming home from school. He asked them to tell him what they had been learning. The first child related that he had learned the verse, "Do not fear sudden terror, nor the destruction of the wicked when it arises." The second child said, "Plan a scheme but it will be foiled; conspire a plot but it will not materialize, because G-d is with us." The third child replied, "Until your old age I am with you, to your old age I will sustain you; I made you and, I will sustain you and deliver you." Hearing this greatly disturbed Haman.

Based on talks of the Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel 10th of Shvat 5736 (1976)

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A Threat To Israel

"The road map is not in line with national interests and endangers Israel."

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz this week