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News and the Jews

The week in review

Attempted kidnapping on Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Hwy

A PA policeman, who is in Israeli custody, was one of three Islamic terrorists who on Tuesday night attempted to kidnap an Israeli taxi driver on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

Taxi driver Benny Buzaglo picked up the three fares from Shar HaGuy Interchange area and headed towards the capital. At about 10 pm, the terrorists brandished a gun and tried to kidnap the driver and make off with his vehicle.

Benny fought off his attackers who eventually fled empty handed and then notified police. A helicopter was ordered into the air and other steps were taken to apprehend the terrorists. One of the two in custody, a PA policeman, admitted to taking part in the attempted kidnapping / carjacking.

Terror victims laid to rest

Terror victims Mordechai Dayan, 27, and Etgar Zeitouny, 34, were laid to rest in Haifa on Thursday. The two were killed in Tul Qarem on Tuesday by masked gunmen.

They were owners of a sushi restaurant on Sheinkin Street in Tel Aviv. Despite pleas urging them not to travel to the PA autonomous city of Tul Qarem to shop for

earthenware vessels for their restaurant, the two made the trip, accompanied by an employee, an Israeli Arab citizen of Baka el-Gharbiya. While they were dining together in the Abu Nidal restaurant, gunmen entered and forced them outside by gunpoint where they were summarily executed.

"From the horse's mouth"

Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami was interviewed by Israel's daily Yediot Acharonot. He seemed to condemn the Oslo process in stronger terms than have been sounded by many on the opposite side of the political spectrum:

"I sat last week with the Palestinians [during the negotiations], and I asked myself, why is that I have the feeling that if there is no agreement, their world will not fall apart? This means that the option of 'no agreement' does not particularly scare them. I asked myself why? Here is the problem of Oslo. Oslo gave them what they have now, which is - and it doesn't matter what words you use - a state for all intents and purposes. They have embassies, a budget, an army, offices, ministers, everything... If there were no Oslo, and we would have had negotiations on a final-status arrangement with their leadership-in-exile, when they had nothing, it could be that the distance between an arrangement and [nothing] would have been clearer to them. Today, when they have Gaza, Jericho, Shechem, and everything else, they don't have the feeling that they will lose anything if there is no agreement."

Sources: BNI, INN.

STUFF you should know

"The PA is full of thieves"

In an afternoon of more than 15 interviews with Palestinians in eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina a clear majority said they would prefer to remain under Israeli control rather than risk the economic and political uncertainties of Arafat's Palestinian state-in-the-making.

"The hell of Israel is better than the paradise of Arafat," said Abdulsamia Abu Sbeih, 57, a twinkly-eyed retired fishmonger in the eastern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina. "We know Israeli rule stinks, but sometimes we feel like Palestinian rule would be worse... The Palestinian Authority is full of thieves."

Most of those interviewed spoke in blunt practical and at times vehement terms of the financial and social benefits of Israeli administration and contrasted them with Arafat's record in the parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip he has ruled since 1994. Many said they want no part of the Palestinians' notoriously corrupt administration, economic mismanagement and brutal, feuding, police.

Source: OneJerusalem.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

"Do not fear sudden terror..."

"...We need to increase the "voice of Jacob," in order to frustrate the "hands of Esau" ... Not only do Jews understand this — gentiles also do. 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.

From the Rebbe's Public Address of 10 Shevat, 5736 (1976)

SAY WHAT?

Dead Serious.

"To speak of the State of Israel without a United Jerusalem is like referring to the human body without a heart."

Comedian Jackie Mason