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News and the Jews

The week in review

And The Bombs Go On

Claude Canfu of Tiberias was killed, and nine hurt from an explosive device that went off in a taxi at the Mei Ami junction in Wadi Ara, between Hadera and Um el-Fahm. The taxi was recognized as suspicious when it left Tel Aviv for Afula, and police set cars set off in pursuit. The assumption is that when the terrorist driver noticed that the taxi was being followed, he set off the explosion. Ambulances have arrived at the site of the explosion and are aiding the injured. Two people are reported seriously wounded, two moderately, and five lightly wounded. The Wadi Ara, connecting Hadera and the Tel Aviv area with Tiberias and the north-east, has been closed.

A War Of Rocks?

Reuters reported that IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Sha'ul Mofaz had accused the Palestinian Authority of becoming a terrorist entity. He accused the PA of:

- * stockpiling weapons smuggled by sea and underground tunnels to use in a Palestinian revolt;
- * amassing small arms, anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles and mortar shells, some of which have been used in recent attacks against Jewish communities in Gaza.
- * helping to escalate the violence in the past few weeks, in that "more and more Palestinian policemen, and more and more people from the security agencies from the Palestinian side, are taking part in the terror activity and in the circle of violence."

Destruction On The Holy Of Holies

Yisrael Caspi, of the Committee to Prevent Temple Mount Desecration, told INN "Our aerial pictures of two days ago show severe damage to the eastern wall of the great pit that was dug in Nov '99, a wall that was very important to the Antiquities Authority in terms of dating many findings and layers there... There has also been brutal damage by tractors to a building that is over 1,300 years old. We have not seen such damage in almost a year..."

Source: BNI Israel National News. AP

PEOPLE of the BOOK

"Protest does not produce results"?

The Rebbe:

It is impossible to know what the outcome would be if even one person would protest. All the more so when there are, thank G-d, quite a few protesting. Some are protesting behind the scenes, others publicly; some in Yiddish, others in other languages, etc. If people were not protesting, who knows what the situation would be like now?

The Talmud says that all positive things must be done even a hundred times until the result is achieved. The rabbinic authorities imply that this directive is not an exaggeration but is meant literally. In other words, even if one has performed his obligation of "You shall rebuke your fellow" or "You shall extend your helping hand ..." ninety-nine times, he is still obligated to do it again. And he is required to do so with the same vigor and drive he displayed the first time he performed the obligation, since he is, after all, fulfilling the very same injunction. Indeed, it does not seem to make any sense: he tried to perform the commandment ninety-nine times. What results could another attempt achieve?

The answer is, that we do not know what the effect of the 100th attempt may be. As Maimonides states (as an *Halachic* ruling, no less), when the world's balance of merits and demerits is not fifty-fifty, one act cannot swing the balance. But if the world is in balance, then with one isolated act of protest, one could "swing the balance for himself and the whole world to the side of merit, and bring salvation and rescue to himself and humanity." No one knows when there could be a more propitious time than the present.

From the talks and writings of The Lubavitcher Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel

STUFF you should know

Who is Mr. Arafat ?

Continued from last week.

Over the years, there have been reports that the Israelis also had tapes of Arafat ordering the executions of the U.S. diplomats and that Jerusalem provided copies to Nixon. Gen. Ariel Sharon said in 1995 that Israeli intelligence gave tapes proving Arafat's culpability in the murders to the U.S State Department and White House in March 1973.

Arafat reportedly ordered the eight gunmen to surrender peacefully to the Sudanese authorities. Two were released for "lack of evidence." Later, in June 1973, the other six were found guilty of murdering the three diplomats. They were sentenced to life imprisonment and released 24 hours later to the PLO.

During their trial, commander Salim Rizak, also known as Abu Ghassan, told the court: "We carried out this operation on the orders of the PLO and should only be questioned by that organization."

Sudanese Vice President Mohammed Bakir said, after questioning the six: "They relied on radio messages from Beirut Fatah headquarters, both for the order to kill the three diplomats and for their own surrender Sunday morning."

"I know Yasser Arafat was a direct player in the murder of our diplomats and so has every U.S. administration since Richard Nixon's," says Welsh.

Source: WorldNetDaily To be Continued.

SAY WHAT?

The value of a life

"If he knows he will achieve a political point that will get him closer to independence and if that will cost him 10,000 killed, he wouldn't mind."

Adviser Basam Abu Sharif talking about Yasser Arafat -Time Magazine Feb 26, 2001