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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

No End In Sight

IDF Chief of Staff Mofaz said that the PA is making preparations for an extended military conflict with Israel. In an interview with the media in anticipation of Independence Day, Mofaz said that the Palestinians are acquiring weapons, disseminating them throughout Judea and Samaria, and "more and more Palestinians are entering the circle of violence." His deputy, Maj.-General Moshe Yaalon said that the security cooperation meetings Arafat and his men are holding with Israel are merely a "tactic," and that Arafat has made no decision to stop the violence.

Nowhere To Run

In The Street

Eight people were lightly wounded Monday afternoon when a pipe bomb exploded inside a parked car in the marketplace of Or Yehuda. The bomb contained a large amount of nails, designed to cause maximum injuries.

Police Commander Yossi Sidbon said that the car was stolen on Sunday from Jerusalem. "It was a great miracle," he said, "considering that the car bomb was placed in a crowded marketplace." The explosion left only the car's chassis intact.

On The Road

Gadi Teneh of Itamar was shot at Monday morning from an Arab car that slowed down to let him pass near the Yitzhar Junction in the Shomron. Three bullets hit his car, but he was not hurt. He later told INN, "What's strange is the official attitude towards what happened. One would think that the road would be closed for an hour or two afterwards, just to have the Arabs realize that something serious occurred. But nothing; after all, the only thing that happened was that an Arab shot at a Jew..." The terrorists' abandoned car was found a bit further away.

At Home

The Arab terrorists of Beit Jala were at it again Monday, firing weapons at the Gilo neighborhood in southern Jerusalem. Several bullets hit a house on HaShayish Street.

Source: *IsraelNationalNews.com*.

STUFF you should know

No Talk's Under Fire?

Israel has been holding talks on at least three levels with PA representatives over the past few days. These include Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' contacts, security cooperation meetings, and indirect talks on the Egyptian-Jordanian initiative. The Sharon government has often repeated its promise, dating back to the election campaign, not to conduct "diplomatic" negotiations under fire.

INN's Ariel Kahane reports that Peres discussions involve an initiative to allow the re-opening of the Palestinian Authority's casino in Jericho. The PA is reportedly promising that it would keep the Jericho area "quiet and safe for Israeli travel" - although Peres said clearly that because Israel has no interest in punishing the Palestinian population, it might open the casino without any pre-conditions. In Peres words, "They [in the PA] have invested some \$700,000 worth of tourism facilities there, and it has all been shut down [because of the war]."

People there have almost nothing to eat! And what Saeb [Erekat] and others told me is that they can ensure the security in the [Jericho] area, and that there will be no shooting onto the bypass road, and that we should allow them to return to normal lives..." The Palestinians have renovated the casino building over the past two months; it was heavily damaged by Israeli fire in retaliation for terrorist fire shot at Israeli forces from its roof during the first months of the current mini-war.

Source: INN

PEOPLE of the BOOK

The Rebbe constantly stresses that "the main thing is action."

Strengthening Torah and Aiding Yeshivos

First and foremost, with regard to trusting the Creator ("the Guardian of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers") — one must make efforts to strengthen Torah learning and the performance of mitzvos. This must be at the top of the priority list. Simply bolstering Torah study helps strengthen the security of the Jewish people. When a young man engages in the learning of Torah, to a certain extent he guards the land more than a young man placing his life in danger at the border. On the other hand, though, there is a definite advantage to defending the land from the border — because of the actual self-sacrifice involved. Each of them, then, has his advantage: Whether it be the student learning Torah, or the soldier guarding the border.... Since this is the case, those in authority must first and foremost be concerned with the safety of those who dwell in the Holy Land — by both adequately funding yeshivos and implementing a sound security policy.

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SAY WHAT?

"Castle Of Sand"

"The Oslo Agreements were an illusion, and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is at a dead end... Oslo was a castle of sand."

Al-Zanun representing Yasser Arafat at the The International Intifada Support Conference opened in Teheran This Week