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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Cabinet Decision:

Not to React

More than half of the 50+ people - including an Israeli-Arab baby girl and her father, as well as a 23-year-old woman whose leg was amputated - who were wounded in Wednesday's Palestinian car-bomb attack in Hadera are still hospitalized. Meir Brami, 35, and Shoshana Ris, 21, were killed, and were buried Thursday in Hadera. Five people were wounded seriously in the bombing.

Wednesday night's emergency security cabinet meeting ended with a decision not to react to the attack, which took place within pre-1967 Israel. Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami said that Israel wishes to give U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's new ceasefire initiative a chance to succeed. Another consideration in the cabinet's no-decision was Shimon Peres' report to Barak that Yasser Arafat had called him last night and said that he was interested in stopping the violence.

Miraculous Recovery

Shimon Ochana, the Border Guard policeman who was critically wounded in Gilo by Palestinian sniper fire over a month ago, was released from the hospital today. His recovery thus far is considered a "medical miracle." He will undergo a long rehabilitation treatment period.

"Bomb Tel-Aviv"

Israel Radio reported earlier this week that thousands of Palestinians were out in the streets of Gaza, waiving Egyptian flags, dancing and chanting:

"Mubarak, Mubarak, our friend, continue and bomb Tel-Aviv".

This is the same chant used during the Gulf War, only then it was with the name Saddam.

Mass Rally:

"Let the IDF Win!"

Over 100,000 people gathered at Zion Square in Jerusalem Wednesday night to protest the government's policy of restraint. "Let the IDF Win!" the protestors repeatedly chanted. Rabbi Moti Elon told the cheering throngs, "The People of Israel are strong!"

Sources: Israel National News, Israel Wire, Gamla News

STUFF you should know

Remember Baby Shalev?

In May 2000, Shalev Shabbat, two and a half years old, was in a car with her mother and aunt. They were driving through Jericho on their way home, when a Palestinian "policeman" threw a firebomb at the car...

Nadia Matar of Women In Green called Shalev's mom to find out how she's doing:

"She is doing fine" said her mom, Sigal.

What is "fine", you may ask. Well, that means that she can actually go back to kindergarten for a few hours a day. But the rehabilitation is very difficult. Shalev has to undergo many different treatments, often painful. She was heavily burnt over 70% of her body. She constantly wears a "pressure suit". She lost all her hair. Half of her face is OK, the other half is badly burnt. The 5 fingers of her left hand were completely burnt and fell off. She can walk, but limps a bit with one foot.

"What saved her is her wonderful personality", Baby Shalev's mom told her. Shalev is a happy child, sings a lot and has, despite everything, an incredible joie-de-vivre".

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Concessions Jeopardize Security

The *Shulchan Aruch*, the Code of Jewish Law [1], rules that if enemies approach a city of strategic importance and demand items that are seemingly insignificant, and it appears that their intention is to attack or plunder, one is obligated to take up arms and resist their demands, even when doing so entails a violation of the Sabbath laws. The rationale: Concession will expose the entire land to danger and threaten the safety of its inhabitants.

There is no question that the surrender of the lands in question to the Arabs involves a threat to Jewish lives. This would unquestionably jeopardize the life and limb of all the inhabitants of the Holy Land. For this reason, the opposition to the above-mentioned plan is not restricted to the religiously observant. The safety of Jewish life and the holiness of the Land of Israel lie at the core of every Jew's soul. When a person — and how much more so, a Jewish government — acts irresponsibly regarding these matters, this leads to a critically dangerous situation.

*Adapted from the Lubavitcher Rebbe's letters and talks in the late seventies.
1. Orach Chayim 329:6.*

"We will not give up a single grain of soil of Palestine"

"Even if an agreement of Gaza is signed - we shall not forget Haifa, and Acre, and the Galilee, and Jaffa, and the Triangle and the Negev, and the rest of our cities and villages. It is only a matter of time. The weak will not remain forever weak, and the strong will not remain forever strong... If we are weak today... and we are not able to regain our rights, then at least we have to pass on the banner - waving high - to our children and grandchildren..."

"...We will not give up a single grain of soil of Palestine, from Haifa, and Jaffa, and Acre, and Mulabbas [Petah Tikva] and Salamah, and Majdal [Ashkelon], and all the land, and Gaza, and the West Bank..."

October 13 2000 - Dr. Ahmad Abu Halabiya, Member of the Palestinian Authority-appointed "Fatwa Council".

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