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## News and the Jews

The week in review

### Arafat's Promises

Wednesday IDF troops came under PLO gunfire at the Kissufim junction in the Gaza district. There were no injuries. Soldiers returned fire.

### Arafat's Forked Tongue

Only two days after a speech in which he called for an end to some terrorism against Israel, PLO leader Yasser Arafat encouraged the opposite to a crowd in Ramallah Tuesday "All the Palestinians are martyrs," he cried, "and are all Muhammad al-Dural" Al-Dura was a 12-year-old boy whose death in the early days of the Oslo War became a symbol for the Palestinians; they claimed that he was killed by Israeli cross-fire, but some evidence clearly showed that he was in fact killed by Arab shots.

Arafat also said, "This brave people will continue to protect and defend our holy land with its blood and soul, and all its property... We will meet next time in Jerusalem, because we are fighting in order to bring the victory to our prophets, every

baby, every child, every man, every woman, and every elder person, and all the youth - we will sacrifice ourselves for our holy places, and we will establish our dominion over them. We are prepared to give 70 of our martyrs for every martyr of theirs in this campaign..."

### That's Right

President Moshe Katzav made a "gesture" to the Israeli-Arab sector Tuesday. On the occasion of the end-of-Ramadan Id el-Fitr festival, he visited the town of Sakhnin in the Galilee, as well as the graves of two Arabs who were killed in clashes with the police, during the violent Arab riots of October 2000. Several locals demonstrated against him during the visit, and clashed violently with the police while blocking the road on which he was to arrive. The President said that he came to express sorrow and honor the memory of those who died, noting that the Arabs of Israel have a right to protest, but only in legitimate ways. In answer to a question, his spokesperson said that it's true that the two did not simply "die," but "the President feels that he wants to take a step towards dialogue and open communication with the Arab sector." Katzav did not visit the bereaved families of Emanuel, although he did visit the wounded in the hospital.

## STUFF you should know

### Occupied Land ?

When Menachem Begin paid his first visit to president Jimmy Carter as prime minister, Carter spent much of the time pressing Begin to "freeze the settlements."

Begin's reply was simple: "You, Mr. President, have in the United States a number of places with names like Bethlehem, Shiloh, and Hebron, and you haven't the right to tell prospective residents in those places that they are forbidden to live there. Just like you, I have no such right in my country. Every Jew is entitled to settle wherever he pleases."

Nevertheless the Carter administration launched a veritable propaganda campaign to spread the "ruling" that Jewish settlement in the West Bank - that is, Judea and Samaria - and in the Gaza Strip were illegal (in addition to being an "obstacle to peace").

Most of the media willingly fell into line. Following opposition and protest from various quarters, the Carter administration recognized that if one talks of illegality one must provide chapter and verse. Thus the State Department came up with the Fourth Geneva Convention as proof.

To be continued...

Sources: Jpost.com

## PEOPLE of the BOOK

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### The Land Belongs To Us By Divine Right Part III

...The Wrong Way: Instead of declaring firmly that the Holy Land is ours by Divine fiat, some approach the representatives of other nations in an entirely different manner. They say that there was a certain non-Jew, Lord Balfour by name, who lived in London and who issued a "paper" in 1917, declaring that the Jews should have the Holy Land as a "national home". One who presents such a claim based on non-Jewish sources automatically implies that he has no proof from Jewish sources! The statesmen from the other nation can retort, "Very well, one non-Jew indeed issued such a paper, but 140 non-Jews now say the reverse. That person (Lord Balfour) had no right to make such a declaration over the Holy Land." The statesman does not know how right he is. "That person," indeed had no rights over the Holy Land! For it was the Al-mighty's desire to give the Holy Land originally as "a heritage to the nations" and it was His Divine will to take it away from them and give it to his people Israel.

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From the talks of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Rabbi M. Schneerson 5738 (1978)

SAY WHAT?

### A Fools Paradise

"We do not only wear uniforms; we are all military. We are all martyrs in paradise."

Yasser Arafat in a speech in Ramallah this week.