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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

PA Justice

At least two PA residents were executed Thursday in Bethlehem. Masked gunmen following the executions then tied rope to the legs of a victim, dragging the body into the center of the city.

In another case this week, the body of a suspected informant was hung by his feet in the center of Ramallah, on display for the residents to see.

To the dismay of Israel and other human rights activists, PA human rights organizations have not yet broken their silence over the executions.

Who Is A Jew

For the first time in the state's history, seven non-Orthodox converts to Judaism were registered by Ministry of the Interior officials as "Jews" on Thursday. Rabbinical officials affiliated with the Reform and Conservative Movements converted them.

Political Security

Officials in the Defense Ministry had harsh words for PM Sharon's Office pertaining to statements released that he ordered a troop withdrawal from Ramallah on Thursday.

DM officials stated by circumventing the proper channels for political gain, Sharon endangered forces operating in Ramallah. Senior commanders reported hearing of the troop withdrawal on Israel Radio and not via the chain of command. DM officials explained that Sharon's staff preempted the announcement without regard for the troops in the field, placing them at risk.

UN At It Again

UN Security Council passed a resolution by 14-0 vote, calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan addressed the Council, calling for an end to the "illegal conquest" by Israel. Anan failed to make any differentiation between the PA sponsored terrorism, and Israel's retaliatory and self-defensive military actions, repeatedly calling on the sides to stop the fighting and bloodshed.

Source: IsraelNationalNews.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

It Is Forbidden To Remain Silent In Matters Of Life And Death!

It is irrelevant whether or not protesting will be effective, because the reason for protest is *not* that a logical reason exists to indicate that protest will be effective, but rather *because we are pained by the situation!* I assume that you are also embroiled in this matter. Our involvement however should not be for the purpose of deriving enjoyment or receiving accolades.... If one receives notoriety for this involvement, one is usually receiving the opposite of what is usually called honor. In any case, I have long given up worrying about such public reaction.

Someone asked me, how can it be that I am not affected when someone denounces me and calls me a certain name, then another person calls me a different name, and a third calls me something even worse? I told him, that this is something that has been ingrained in me from my youth. Not that it doesn't bother me at all, but it doesn't bother me enough to make me change my approach — when dealing with matters of life and death, we cannot be silent! This is the clear ruling in the Code of Jewish Law, based upon an undisputed ruling in the Talmud, that it is forbidden to remain silent in matters of life and death!

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

STUFF you should know

Old-Fashioned Blood Libel

Amidst reports that Saudi Arabia is seeking peace with Israel, an article in the Saudi government daily Al-Riyadh shows that extreme anti-Semitism in the Saudi kingdom is still standard fare. The article, translated by Middle East Media Research institute (MEMRI), is written by Dr. Umayma Ahmad Al-Jalahma of King Feisal University, appeared in the Saudi paper in two parts, on March 10 and 12.

Following are some excerpts:

"During this holiday [Purim], the Jew must prepare very special pastries, the filling of which is not only costly and rare - it cannot be found at all on the local and international markets... the Jewish people must obtain human blood so that their clerics can prepare the holiday pastries. ... the victim must be a mature adolescent who is, of course, a non-Jew - that is, a Christian or a Muslim. His blood is taken and dried into granules. The cleric blends these granules into the pastry dough... Let us now examine how the victims' blood is spilled. For this, a needle-studded barrel is used... [These needles] pierce the victim's body, from the moment he is placed in the barrel... Thus, the victim suffers dreadful torment - torment that affords the Jewish vampires great delight as they carefully monitor every detail of the bloodshedding with pleasure and love that are difficult to comprehend... This blood is very carefully collected - as I have already noted - by the 'rabbi,' the Jewish cleric, the chef who specializes in preparing these kinds of pastries..."

Source: INN

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WHAT?

"The Human Element"

"We learned from the Lebanon experience how important the human element was to the Israelis, because the Jews are few and if they lose more and more, everything will change for them,"

Abu Mujahed, a leader of the Al Aqsa Brigades, linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement