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## News and the Jews

The week in review

### Saudi Explain Their Position

Ahmed al-Tuwajri, a member of the appointed Consultative Council of Saudi Arabia, told the Saudi press that he wrote a letter to US President George W. Bush and the members of Congress explaining to them that suicide bombers attacking Israelis are just "young men and women [who] offered their souls for the sake of freedom and independence and in defense of their religion, dignity, self and family..." He then expressed his despair that the US President "could not find anything to describe these great sacrifices except to say they are terrorist, criminal actions..."

Tawajri further chastised that U.S. policy in the Middle East has "destroyed our dreams and the dreams of peace-lovers around the world." Furthermore, the Saudi wrote, it "provokes hatred against America all over the world and is also a major element that sparks extremism and terrorism."

### "Executed Or Jailed"

WorldNetDaily.com reported this week that Sheikh Abdul Hadi Palazzi, a leading Muslim religious thinker and secretary-general of the Italian Muslim Association, has called on Prime Minister Sharon to continue his military campaign against Yasser Arafat until the latter is "executed or jailed." Palazzi stated specifically that he asks Sharon to continue the operation "against the boss of terror until the day when the Egyptian criminal Abdel Ra'uf al-Kobdah [a.k.a. Yasser Arafat]" is neutralized for good.

Palazzi has several non-Orthodox Moslem beliefs, such as Israel's right to exist according to the Koran and the fact that there is "no such thing as a 'Palestinian.'" Regarding the latter, Palazzi says, "It is a PR fiction, a Madison Avenue fantasy."

### Gaza Heating Up

Anti-tank grenades were fired at soldiers positioned in the southern Gush Katif (Gaza) community of N'vei Dekalim on Thursday night. Elsewhere in southern Gush Katif, soldiers in Kfar Darom were targeted by gunfire. There were no injuries. Soldiers fired back.

Source: IsraelNationalNews.com

## PEOPLE of the BOOK

### Refusal To Surrender Lands Makes War Unnecessary

...*Shulchan Aruch*, the Jewish Code of Law, prohibits the surrender of lands necessary for security. This applies not only to Eretz Yisroel itself, but also to lands outside Eretz Yisroel. Until now, Jews in the Galilee could not live peacefully, and were forced to hide in shelters from terrorist shellings from Lebanon. The aim of Operation "Peace for the Galilee" was to remove the terrorists from Lebanon once and for all, thus allowing Jews to live peacefully and securely. Yet, despite the results seen from previous submission to pressure, there are those willing to repeat this mistake and surrender the now terrorist-free area.

Our Sages say that had the Jewish people merited it, the redemption from Egypt would have been final, with no exile following it. So too today. If, after victory in previous wars, Jews would have followed the directive of *Shulchan Aruch* and been steadfast in their refusal to surrender lands necessary for their very security, this present war in Lebanon would have been completely unnecessary.

Based on the talks and writings of The Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel. (1983)

## STUFF you should know

### Never Again ?

Fifteen People were killed last Thursday when a truck bomb was set off outside a Synagogue in Tunisia.

In Kiev, Ukraine, vandals attacked the main synagogue there while several dozen worshipers were inside. The rabbi of the nearby Chabad yeshiva was wounded. The Simon Wiesenthal Center issued its first-ever travel advisory on Friday, urging its 400,000 constituents to exercise "extreme caution" when visiting France and Belgium. The Center noted that more than 400 hate crimes against Jews and Jewish institutions have been recorded in the past 18 months in France, and that Belgium's Chief Rabbi, among others, has been assaulted on the streets of Brussels. Some 20 tombstones in a Jewish cemetery in Strasbourg, France, were defaced over the weekend, with Nazi swastikas painted on them. Police arrested three people in connection with the incident. French officials say that anti-Semitic attacks throughout the country have begun to number ten a day, including the brutal beating last week of a Jewish soccer player by a gang of 15 hooded men wielding metal bars.

Source: INN

## In Memory of Pesach Chaim Ben Dovid Newman

### Merited Martyrdom

"Whoever has not merited Martyrdom in these times, should rise in the night and ask, 'My Lord, why have you denied me Martyrdom?'"

PA religious leader Muhammad Ibrahim Maadi in a sermon featured on official PA television (Apr 12 2002)

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