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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

And The World Is Quiet

Some of the 120 Arab prisoners freed by IDF forces from a PLO jail in Shechem during Operation Defensive Shield say their captors tortured them. Many of the prisoners, held on charges of cooperating with Israel, describe being hung upside down for days, having cigarettes extinguished on their bodies, and other such treatment.

Some of the prisoners said that they were beaten unconscious and slashed with knives and shards of glass, while other said they were forced to sit in raw sewage for days. Arab human rights groups have failed to condemn the torture of the prisoners. In other incidents in recent weeks, Arabs suspected of working with Israel have been brutally murdered by PLO gangs. In some cases the victims' bodies were dragged in the street and hung upside down in public squares.

UN At Work

Shortly after the news of the Rishon slaughter became known, the UN General Council condemned Israel regarding the Jenin battles. The vote was 74-4, with 51 abstentions. Israel, the U.S., the Marshall Islands, and Micronesia voted against the condemnation, while all the European Union countries were among those that abstained.

Rewarding Terrorism

US President George W. Bush announced following an Oval Office meeting with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that CIA Director George Tenet would be dispatched to the region to build a "unified PA force" that would be held responsible for stopping Arab terror. Bush expressed confidence that a single command structured force replacing separate PA security forces that exist today would provide Yasser Arafat with the necessary tools to combat terror.

Bush stated the PA was in need of reform, beginning with the unified force, adding that no one is trying to chose the PA leadership, but the onus for preventing terror attacks falls on the shoulders of Arafat.

Source: IsraelNationalNews.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Irrational Fear Of Public Opinion Part II

...In this instance, the *golus* mentality worked its influence even *without* outside pressure. It had been announced beforehand that the President of the U.S.A. was leaving Washington for a ten day trip, and would have an extremely full itinerary in Europe. This was a clear indication that Eretz Yisroel could mount this operation without fear of any real pressure from the U.S.A. Indeed, although the President could have communicated with Eretz Yisroel from overseas and applied some pressure from there, there was no real attempt to do so. This was a clear signal that Eretz Yisroel had a full ten days in which to complete the operation without political hindrance.

Moreover other nations are now too occupied with their own wars to concern themselves with other matters. Certainly then, it was the proper time to begin and fully complete the campaign. Yet, because of their *golus* mentality, some Jews imagined pressure which did not even exist! Fearing, as usual, world opinion, they succeeded in hindering the progress of the campaign.

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

STUFF you should know

Right to Self Defense

Congressman Jim Saxton, a New Jersey Republican, criticized a report published by Human Rights Watch alleging that the IDF committed war crimes in Jenin. Saxton wrote, in a letter to the organizations Executive Director, "Israel is embroiled in a war against terrorists who continue to target innocent civilians in buses, restaurants and marketplaces in an attempt to disrupt the peace process. Israel has a right to defend itself."

"Given that your investigative team relied on anecdotal accounts only from Palestinians, calls into question the accuracy of such information," Saxton wrote, "In your report, you mention that there is no evidence supporting the Palestinian claim that 'hundreds of Palestinians were killed at Jenin'. Clearly, such exaggerated statements call into question the reliability of evidence offered by Palestinians who are attempting to win a propaganda war."

Saxton, a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Source: INN

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"The Palestinian people love suicide more than Israelis love to live"

Hamas official Rantisi May 8 2002