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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Peres Peace Processor

Thousands of grief-stricken Israelis called for an end to Prime Minister Shimon Peres' peace process, as a fifth suicide bomb attack killed 12 people and wounded over 100 in Tel Aviv. In the past 8 days more than 60 people have been killed in suicide bomb blasts, detonated by the military wing of the Palestinian Muslim fundamentalist group, Hamas. Hamas' stated aim is to wreck what is left of the Arab-Israeli peace process by proving to Israelis and Arabs alike that their leaders are ineffectual, and that the two communities cannot live together. Judging by the reaction of some Israelis to the latest terrorist atrocity, the bombers are achieving their aim.

Peres has been forced to take a stronger stance towards the Palestinian threat. After an emergency cabinet meeting, he told reporters: "We will go to any corner where this twisted terror has begun to take root."
-- -March 5th 1996

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Sources: Jpost.com, IsraelNN.com, CNN

Political Obstructionism

Since then the situation has, if anything, worsened. The Israel Defense Forces, with their usual bravery and self-sacrifice in defense of their brethren, have succeeded in cleaning out the terrorists... The logical act would have been to then rout them from Beirut, thereby fulfilling the campaign's aim of completely eliminating the menace from Lebanon. But just as the army stood on the verge of total victory, politicians once again stepped in and tied the military's hands. The Israeli army now waits futilely on the outskirts of Beirut, while the terrorists, confident that political machinations will once again save them from military defeat, sit complacently within.

This campaign was undertaken with the express purpose of saving Jewish lives from terrorist attack. Self-defense is an elementary right, needing no approbation from others. Yet some Israeli politicians, with the habitual subservience to, and fear of, non-Jewish opinion have obstructed and halted the campaign. Valuable time is frittered away in endless meetings, consultations with countless committees, sending letters and telegrams, and seeking the counsel and approval of others.

Based on talks of the Rebbe during the war in Lebanon in the early eighties

Total Surrender

The United States is putting together a new peace plan for the Middle East, that would call for the Palestinians to surrender the so-called "right of return" in exchange for Israel dismantling all settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Thursday. Peres also said "that this will help the economic crisis".

Cities Of Refuge

Erez Rund, 18, of Ofra, died after being shot in the chest by a Palestinian terrorist Thursday while riding on Route 60 between Shilo and Ofra.

The terrorist fired a number of shots from ambush and four bullets hit the vehicle. The terrorist fled to one of the nearby villages under Palestinian control. Security forces immediately conducted searches in the Palestinian villages in the area.

The topography where the attack occurred allows Palestinian snipers to fire from ambush from the surrounding hilltops and hit any Israeli vehicle on the road below with ease. After perpetrating an attack, they flee back unhindered into Palestinian-controlled areas.

STUFF you should know

The States And Israel

Forty-two of the US's fifty governors have signed declarations that express support for Israel and endorse its right to live in peace and security, Governor George Pataki of New York, announced Wednesday.

In an effort headed by Pataki, a Republican, and Gov. Gray Davis of California, a Democrat, a declaration of principles was sent out to the nation's governors on April 15, two days before Israel's 54th anniversary.

Although the texts adopted by the Republican governors differs slightly from that adopted by the Democrats, both declarations state their support for Israel and their opposition to terror attacks, recognize the US and Israel as allies in defense of freedom, and urge all parties in the region to work toward peace.

Governors of the following eight states - Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Wyoming - are not included on the list of those who signed the declaration.

Source: Jpost.com



Trusting A Terrorist

"In the president's eyes, Yasser Arafat has never played a role of someone who can be trusted"

Presidential press secretary Ari Fleischer
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