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## NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

### Justice For Terrorist?

Attorney General Rubinstein stated he opposes the deportation of the families of terrorists, since such a move is contrary to international law, adding it would not stand up to a Supreme Court challenge.

The discussion on such a possibility is part of the ongoing deliberation between government officials, the army, the GSS, and the judicial community.

### Doing Business

Israel Radio has reported that in spite of the Oslo war and ongoing violence, agricultural cooperation between Israel and the PA remains strong. The cooperation has continued at the same rate as before the outbreak of PA violence.

Israel continues to aid the PA in exporting produce to neighboring Arab countries, including Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

In addition, Israel supplies the Palestinians with 60,000 liters of milk a day, and 30 tons of Tenuva milk products.

### Violation Of The Law

Despite recent announced peace overtures by Saudi Arabia, the country is not yet ready for products bearing a six-pointed Star of David.

According to the Riyadh Daily, commerce officials launched an investigation into reports that products were seen in the country with a Star of David on the packaging, a violation of the law. Government commerce inspectors were dispatched to areas to confiscate the items in question to ensure they are no longer displayed on store shelves.

### Bethlehem II

The main focus of the IDF's "Operation Determined Path" remains in Chevron, as 10 to 15 gunmen wanted for terrorist activities, remain holed up in the Imara government complex.

PA officials said that negotiations are underway with Israel, in an attempt to secure the release of the men inside. The IDF denied this. An Israeli security official said the PA is trying to create a situation like the one recently at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where scores of terrorists forced their way into the church and refused to surrender until some were sent to the Gaza Strip and others to Europe.

Sources: IsraelNN.com, AP

## STUFF you should know

### Pre Speech

A senior White House official reaffirmed Sunday that Bush will outline a step-by-step proposal for establishment of a Palestinian state

Following is some reaction to his plan:

### US Senator

"That's a dicey proposition right now," said Senator Richard Shelby (R-Alabama) on ABC's "This Week," of the interim state idea. "I don't know how you can create a Palestinian state at the moment with all of the violence that's going on, all of the terrorist attacks."

### Israeli Defense Minister

Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said "the offer of President Bush will be welcomed if this will be under the feeling that all of the terror activities is somehow calmed, or at least someone (does) something in order to bring it lower than it is right now."

### Israeli Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres said he would embrace an interim state proposal. "I think the whole region is awaiting the speech of the president. As a matter of fact, things are being hold up because there is this expectation for the announcement by the president," Peres said.

## PEOPLE of the BOOK

### It's A Mater Of Law Part II

From this *halachah* we learn the following: Even if the entire purpose and intention of the enemy is *only* to take 'straw and stubble,' and not to kill; and should we succumb to the enemy's demands and give him the straw and stubble there will be 'peace' and no need for war; nevertheless, Torah tells us that the very threat of non-Jews taking over a city close to the border constitutes a state of *pikuach nefesh* — and the Shabbos must be desecrated to prevent its occurrence. For since the non-Jews would then be in a strategic position to conquer the land itself, the security of the country is in jeopardy. Hence, although it is only a possibility in the future, Torah bids us, because of *pikuach nefesh*, to undertake *all* measures, including actual warfare if necessary, to prevent such a situation from developing. Or in other words: the mere *possibility* that the security of the country's borders will, in the future, be weakened by the enemy's actions now, is deemed by Torah to be a situation of *immediate pikuach nefesh* — and must be prevented now.

Based on talks of the Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel .

SAY WHAT?

### The Day Of Resurrection

"The Day of Resurrection will not arrive until the Moslems make war against the Jews and kill them, and until a Jew hiding behind a rock and tree, and the rock and tree will say: 'Oh Moslem, oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!'"

The Koran (section Sahih Bukhari 004.52.176)