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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Uniting To Defend Terror

An Arab organization representing attorneys announced that lawyers from 25 countries have already volunteered to participate in the defense for Tanzim terrorist commander Marwan Barghouti. The lawyers will be meeting in Cairo in August to plan their strategy.

Camp David I, The Result

IDF commanders operating in southern Gush Katif acknowledge that tunnels running from PA-controlled Gaza to Egypt in the Rafiach area continue to pose a significant security threat. A battalion commander explained that while 10-12 tunnels were discovered and destroyed in past months, at least that many remain operational. It was during an operation to uncover tunnels this week when Captain Chaim Lev, 24, was killed. IDF troops continue efforts to locate and destroy tunnels but for now, PA terrorists continue working to smuggle weapons and ammunition into the PA autonomous areas via the tunnels from Egypt.

Our Capital Our Ghetto

PM Ariel Sharon, FM Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Silvan Shalom, Internal Security Minister Uzi Landau, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert took part in a fact-finding tour of a portion of the area designated as the border where the new security fence is being constructed around the capital under the plan called 'enveloping Jerusalem'.

A dispute erupted between Olmert and senior IDF commanders over the location of the fence in the area of Rachel's Tomb. The army is recommending the fence be north of the holy site, not including it inside Jerusalem. Officers explained that including Rachel's Tomb would require the demolition of 30-40 Bethlehem homes.

Preparing For Terror

The PA is working to manufacture long range rockets. This information has been obtained by investigators during the interrogation of a PA security officer, who was arrested two weeks ago. He admitted that in a Chevron bomb factory, 70 explosive devices were manufactured and rockets were under construction. He added that in tests conducted in open fields in the PA, the rockets successfully traveled several hundred meters, enough to reach area Jewish communities.

Sources: IsraelNN.com, AP

STUFF you should know

An Isolated Incident

Hasem Mohamed Hadayat, 41, who gunned down Yakov Aminov, 46, and Vicky Hen, 25 – both from Los Angeles - on the 4th of July at the El Al terminal of Los Angeles, and wounded 7 others, is revealed by **DEBKAfile's** intelligence and counter-terror sources as a Muslim extremist. During his ten years in the United States, he was a secret operative of the Egyptian Jihad who maintained undercover links to the same Jihad cell in Brooklyn, New York, as the "blind sheikh" Abdul Rahim Rahman and Ramzi Yousef. Both are doing time for perpetrating the first attack on the New York World Trade Center in 1993.

But American security officials discounted the terrorism angle. "There is no indication of any terrorism connection in this matter right now" FBI spokesman Matt McLaughlin told reporters.

"It appears this was an isolated incident," Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn added.

Source: Debka.com

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Two Steps Back, One Step Forward

"...Perhaps you are aware of that which I spoke about on Motzoei Shabbos Lech Lecha regarding the absolute necessity of settling all the territories simultaneously. This should at least be done in the places which are under dispute by the nations. In my opinion, it is clear that this is the only way to cause the enemies of Israel to give up their evil plans, when they see that we really mean it.

...If you share this outlook, surely you will raise the greatest possible commotion. Even though it would have been preferable to build these settlements immediately — at the same time that the first one was established — nevertheless, it is better to do it now, late, than to continue taking two steps back, and then one step forward. I deliberately changed the order, because unfortunately the politicians are even afraid of the method of taking one step forward, and then two steps back."

Source: The Rebbe, from a letter dated Cheshvan 22, 5738 (1977)

SAY WHAT?

Crimes Against Humanity

"The attacks against civilians by Palestinian armed groups are widespread, systematic and in pursuit of an explicit policy to attack civilians,...They constitute crimes against humanity ... They may also constitute war crimes."

For the first time, Amnesty International Reports on Arab Crimes Against Jews (July 11 2002)