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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Murder On Israeli Road

Rabbi Elimelech Shapira, 43, was murdered, Wednesday, by terrorist who opened fire at his car. His friend, Elitzur Lilintal, with whom he often traveled to an early-morning Torah class in Bnei Brak, was wounded by gunfire to his legs.

"I was awoken by the sound of gunshots and Rav Shapira falling on me," Lilintal told *JNN* "I grabbed the wheel in order to speed out of there, with Rav Shapira's leg still on the gas pedal... It was pretty clear that he was not alive." Emergency workers who arrived on the scene were themselves attacked by gunfire, but continued administering medical treatment until IDF soldiers arrived on the scene. The terrorists were tracked to the nearby Arab village of Burkin.

Fighting Terror

US Secretary of State Colin Powell reiterated the State Department is remaining vigilant and will be constantly reviewing Israel's use of US manufactured weapons in the war on terror. The move was sparked by the aerial attack in which Hamas commander Salah Shehada was eliminated.

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Why Let Terror And Peace Go Hand In Hand Part II

What has happened? The Arabs have learned that through terror and through clamor they can win concessions, that the Israelis are willing to sacrifice their security bit by bit to win temporary calm.

And so the pattern continues. From time to time there is an ebb, but never a cessation. First Arab demands, then Arab terror, then escalation of the demands, and finally Israeli concessions.

To counter this trend, Israel must broadcast a clear message: Terrorism will be met with strength; when caught, terrorists and their families will be punished severely; and by no means will terrorism be rewarded by concessions.

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

Financing The PA

Israel

Wednesday, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres notified PA officials that 200 million shekels earmarked for the PA would be transferred shortly. Government officials indicated the funds generated from taxes represents about 10% of the total funds due the PA, being held back by Israel as a result of the Oslo War.

The 200 million is in addition to 140 million shekels that Israel used to pay the Israel Electric Company, health institutions, and others, bills past due that were being ignored by the PA.

United States

As part of its "war chest" for use in the war on terrorist activity, the United States Congress has authorized 50 million dollars for use as humanitarian aid for the Arabs of the Palestinian Authority.

NO OCCUPANCY

Government officials report the PA's Oslo War that began in Sept. 2000 has resulted in the shutting of 40 hotels nationwide.

During the first six months of this year, national hotel occupancy was down 13% compared to the same time period a year ago, holding now at 45%.

Source: IsraelNN.com

STUFF you should know

Heavy Handed Peace

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said that the Israeli raid against Hamas commander Salah Shehada (who was responsible for the killings of hundreds of Israelis) was "heavy-handed" and "not consistent with dedication to peace."

It's a War Stupid

In 1989, the US invaded Panama City in order to free [the ruling strongman] Noriega, using jets and helicopters. 600 civilians were killed in that raid, and thousands were wounded. Then U.S-Chief of Staff, Colin Powell, said that the appropriate amount of force was used 'and we have no need to apologize.' The Attorney General at the time, Dick Thornburg, said that the U.S. was operating according to the UN's clause 51 allowing self-defense..."

In 1993, in response to the killing and mutilation of 15 US soldiers, the USAF bombed Somalia, turning an entire area basically into a parking lot, killing over 1,000 citizens. Again the U.S. said that it was self-defense."

In this current war against Al-Qaeda, (in which 400-800 civilians have been killed), when Rumsfeld was asked about the American attack on Red Cross offices and on other civilian areas in Afghanistan, he said "This is a war that has been forced upon us by terrorists... We are making great efforts not to hurt civilians, but if civilians are hurt, the entire responsibility for such is upon the terrorists who use them as cover..."

Source: INN.com

SAY WHAT?

A Fools Paradise

"Martyrdom is a beautiful thing. Everyone longs for martyrdom... What could be better than going to paradise?"

An 11-year-old Arab girl on a talk-show broadcast of the official PA TV. July 2002