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# Headlines

- \* Leaving a 6-month-old baby behind to commit the kind of slaughter that was likely to result in their own deaths is not something that most parents outside of a mental institution, a radical mosque or the Palestinian Authority could understand.
- \* After much delay, President Barack Obama conceded Saturday that this week's deadly California shootings that killed 14 and wounded 21 were "an act of terror" carried out by terrorists who were "possibly radicalized."
- \* Indeed, as the blood in the streets of Paris barely had a chance to dry, world leaders convened there this week -- for a climate-change conference. Yes, as Iran races towards nuclear weapons and jihadists gain strength wherever they hang their hats, it is global warming, rather than global jihad, that is topping the agenda.
- \* Palestinian Authority officials and media are not only condoning, but also encouraging terrorism against Israelis. However, they recommend doing so at the right place and at the right time, in order not to be likened to the Islamic State (ISIS) by the international community.



\* Every family of a PA terrorist who is killed receives from Abu Mazen (PA President Mahmoud Abbas) 14-15 thousand shekels a month that the PA gets from Netanyahu. The money transferred to the PA comes from taxes that Israel collects, and there is no reason to continue transferring the funds because the Palestinians were in breach of agreements regarding their use.

\* Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven further strained his country's relationship with Israel Monday, saying he does not consider stabbing attacks in Israel to constitute terrorism. "No, it is not classified as [terrorism]," Lofven said in an interview to the Swedish news agency TT. "There is an international classification regarding what constitutes or does not constitute [terror]. As far as I know, the [knife attacks in Israel] are not defined as terror."



# Obama Completely Overwhelmed by Terrorist Attacks

- ❖ Though he vows the U.S. will defeat new terror threat, President Barack Obama's speech after the San Bernardino attack offers no new policy solutions
- ❖ Republican candidates slam Obama's response to the attack, say he has "no strategy, no leadership."
- ❖ In a rare Oval Office address, U.S. President Barack Obama vowed the United States would overcome a new phase of the terror threat that seeks to "poison the minds" of people around the world, as he sought to reassure Americans shaken by recent attacks in Paris and California.
- ❖ Still, he announced no significant shift in U.S. strategy and no new policy prescriptions for defeating the Islamic State group. His remarks also failed to quiet Republican critics who have long accused him of underestimating the Islamist militants' strength and staying power.



# The Collapse of the PA

- ❖ Israel's nightmare scenario? What, exactly, will a PA disintegration look like? At the start, probably the way things happened Thursday. Maybe an isolated incident, with a Palestinian police officer or two who decide to attack Israeli targets and cause many Israeli casualties.
- ❖ From there, an Israeli response will follow. Or maybe an Israeli retaliatory shooting will bring a high number of Palestinian casualties.
- ❖ And then will come a grass-roots demand by members of the security services to act against soldiers and settlers.
- ❖ And as happened at the beginning of the Second Intifada in 2000, we will see more and more Palestinian soldiers and police joining the demonstrations and attacks against Israelis.



# White House Welcomes Enemies of Israel



President Barack Obama is introducing anti-Zionist values into the White House. After J Street and "Breaking the Silence," next in line is Arab Knesset Member Ayman Odeh, who refuses to condemn Arab terror and blames it on Israel. Even more absurd is that Odeh is a Christian, but the persecution and slaughter of Christians in the Moslem world has not stopped him from embracing his fellow Muslim MKs who call the Israeli government "Nazi" and openly campaign for the end of Israel as a Jewish state.



# Quote of the Week

**“There can be no peace when we have an onslaught of terror – not here or not anywhere else in the world, which is experiencing this same assault by militant Islamists and the forces of terror. Israel is fighting these forces every hour. We are fighting them directly against the terrorists themselves; we’re fighting also against the sources of incitement. And we believe that the entire international community should support this effort. It’s not only our battle, it’s everyone’s battle. It’s the battle of civilization against barbarism.”** - Netanyahu told Kerry, before their recent meeting.





# Christmas Presents?



- ❖ The Palestinian leadership stops at nothing when it comes to inciting against Israel and Israelis, utilizing even child's play.
- ❖ The Palestinian leadership has been engaged in all means of incitement against Israelis, including through children's TV shows and sports events, and Israeli customs officers have learned of yet a new way.
- ❖ Customs officers working at the port of Haifa on Tuesday discovered thousands of children's dolls which were intended to be used as a means to incite children to hate Israelis and use violence.
- ❖ Some 4,000 stuff masked figures of a Palestinian rioter holding stuffed rocks were caught en route from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Palestinian Authority (PA), apparently for distribution among the young and easily impressionable Palestinian children.
- ❖ The dolls have a Palestinian flag affixed to them. Some have "Jerusalem is ours," while other have "Jerusalem, here we come" written on the scarves.





# Chanukah



- ❖ The story of Chanukah takes place during the Second Temple period (approx. 200 BCE), when the Syrian-Greeks occupied the Land of Israel. In contrast to most enemies of the Jewish people, the Syrian-Greeks essentially had no interest in murdering Jews. Rather, they wanted the Jewish people to adopt the Greek religion and way of life.
- ❖ I guess you could say that the Syrian-Greeks desired death by assimilation for the Jewish people. Jewish practice was officially against the law. Torah study, circumcision and even resting on the Sabbath were all punishable by death.
- ❖ As the saying goes with regards to all Jewish holidays, "They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat!" Chanukah is no different. The primary victory was apparently the military victory of the small Jewish army, known as the Maccabees, over the huge and well-armed army of the Syrian-Greeks. When the battle was over, the Maccabees made their way to the Temple Mount (as did the "Maccabees" of the Six Day War). What they found, however, was a desecrated and defiled sanctuary.
- ❖ In order to formally rededicate the Temple, the Maccabees had to light the Menorah. But to do so, they had to overcome another obstacle: They had to find pure olive oil that had been certified by a High Priest. And in what was yet another miracle, they did! They managed to find a single flask of certified oil!
- ❖ On to the next miracle: The small flask of oil that contained enough oil to burn for only one day burned for eight days! The eight-day holiday of Chanukah was born!

