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Headlines

- ❖ **FALESTINE of BALESTINE just not PALESTINE!** Arabic indeed does not have an equivalent to the letter "P." The "F" sound is denoted by the letter "Fa," and "Palestine" is pronounced "Fah-lah-steen. While the absence of the letter "P" in the Arabic alphabet has been used as an occasional point of ridicule by those who oppose Palestinian self-determination, it is not generally considered a serious political argument.
- ❖ **The Muslim claim to Jerusalem** as entirely political rather than historical or religious. "Jerusalem appears in the Jewish Bible 669 times and Zion (which usually means Jerusalem) 154 times. In contrast, Jerusalem appears as frequently in the Koran as in the Hindu Bhagavad-Gita, the Taoist Tao-Te Ching, the Buddhist Dhamapada and the Zoroastrian Zend Avesta – which is to say, not once."
- ❖ **BDS** - The EU also promised that it would not assist in labeling efforts and that it would oppose any boycott or isolation campaigns against Israel. The EU further announced that it is opposed to the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, that it is dedicated to Israel's security and that it condemns terrorism and incitement to violence.
- ❖ **Arab member of Israeli Parliament** justifies murder of Israelis by terrorists:
"[The Martyrs acted] in the turmoil of the struggle against the oppressive occupation - they did not go to kill for criminal reasons"

Iran

- ❖ Iran celebrates revolution by re-enacting capture of US sailors
- ❖ Millions of Iranians celebrate anniversary of 1979 Islamic Revolution. Authorities display weaponry, including a version of the Shahed drone which flew over a U.S. aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf last month.
- ❖ Iranians held nationwide celebrations Thursday to commemorate the anniversary of the 1979 revolution that ousted a pro-Western monarchy and brought Islamists to power, with some making a point of taunting the U.S. despite Iran's landmark nuclear deal with world powers.
- ❖ Many streets were decorated with anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli banners and posters. The revelers also burned the flags of both countries.



Obama

- ❖ Obama's visit to the radical mosque now is a clear signal of how he intends to spend his last year in office. It tells us that during this period Obama will adopt even more extreme positions regarding radical Islam. Obama's apologetics for radical Islamists is the flip-side of his hostility for Israel.
- ❖ The US Customs authority's announcement last week that it will begin enforcing a 20-year old decision to require goods imported from Judea and Samaria to be labeled "Made in the West Bank," rather than "Made in Israel," signals Obama's intentions. So, too, it is abundantly clear that France's plan to use the UN Security Council to dictate Israel's borders was coordinated in advance with the Obama administration.
- ❖ Part of the reason Obama is acting with such urgency and intensity is that he knows that regardless of who us elected to replace him, the next president will not be as viscerally hostile to Israel or as emotionally attached to Islam as he is.



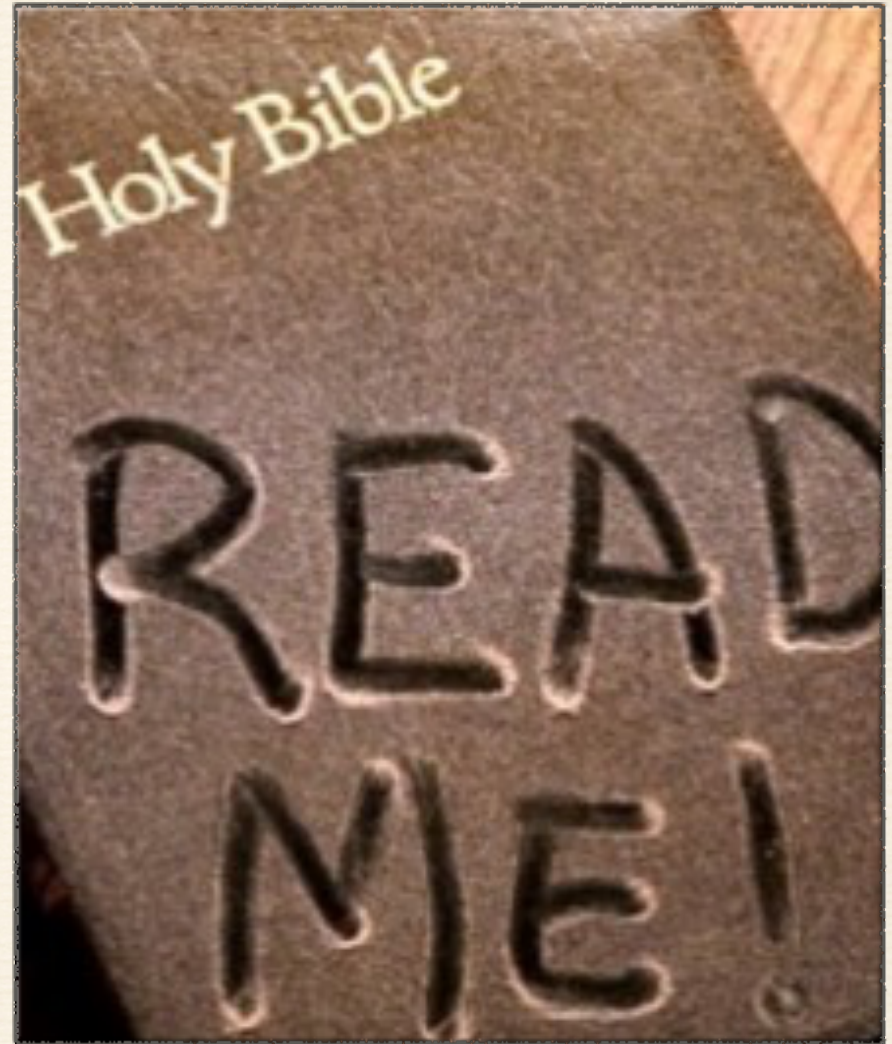
Social Media

- ❖ "Facebook and YouTube are hiding behind the First Amendment of the US Constitution," Tor said. "They are American companies, and whenever we contact them [about this issue], we are told to complain about individual posts, because they cannot prevent content from being uploaded."
- ❖ "Why are these companies, which are capable of sending specific ads to target audiences any time they want, incapable of blocking content that calls for causing physical harm to Jews all over the world?" Tor asked. "Why is such content tolerated? ... Israel, France and the EU all feel that incitement on Arabic social media sites leads to [violence against Jews]. So why is it continuing?"
- ❖ Tor said Israel has been demanding that social media sites set clear criteria for antisemitism and incitement against Jews and to prevent posts that fit these criteria from being uploaded and shared.
- ❖ "Jewish communities across the world feel they are under attack," Tor said. "And in the absence of action on the part of the large Internet companies, they feel victimized and in need of protection."



A Zionists Ploo

One does not need to be a security expert to understand that the retreat from Gaza will not stop Arab terrorism, nor will it save money or Jewish lives. There is no need to be a rabbinical scholar to understand the meaning of Joshua 15:20: "Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; unto the Brook of Egypt, the Great Sea being the border thereof." Only after the Independence and Yom Kippur wars, in spite of the 'unhelpful' efforts of the International community, did we regain only 18% of all Jewish land. Why do we have to share it with enemies who are determined to destroy us? It is time to get united behind the Jewish goals. Unfortunately, for 60 years it was not done and we are seeing the hideous result. It is time for Jews to step out of the Diaspora mentality and stop self-victimization. It is time to take back what is rightfully ours.





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