



# KFIR

**SMALL GROUP  
FELLOWSHIP**

**Middle East Update**



**DAN STOLEBARGER**

**WEEK 9 - MARCH 3, 2016**



[www.HolyGroundExplorations.com](http://www.HolyGroundExplorations.com)

# Headlines

Netanyahu, hitting back, said Cameron had evidently forgotten that “only Israeli sovereignty prevents Islamic State and Hamas from setting aflame the holy places in the city, as they are doing across the Middle East.”

The liberal-minded beverage firm used to employ hundreds of locals until anti-Israel boycott pressure forced the closure of its West Bank factory. Now the final 75 Palestinian staffers have been fired. Viva Palestina! Well done, BDS campaign. A great victory for Palestine. A great step forward on the way to... what, exactly?

Netanyahu: Syria truce must guarantee security for Israel. While ceasefire is important ‘from a humane standpoint,’ it should also block ‘Iranian aggression,’ prime minister says

Son of Hamas Founder Says ‘Allah’ of Koran is the Biggest Terrorist. His life is in great danger after this interview.



# They Have Forgotten, O Jerusalem

- ❖ This city cannot be divided any more than fingers can be separated from the palm
- ❖ It's not Geneva. There is terrorism. But moving toward delineating 1967 borders will not lessen the terrorism -- it will only increase it; there are just a few hundred, or even a few dozen, meters between the Jewish and Arab neighborhoods. Jewish targets would be readily available and nearby, and the Palestinian side would be free of regulation. It would be difficult to prevent gunfire and terrorist attacks. There would be easy access to weapons -- including mortars and rockets (which Palestinians are currently attempting to smuggle into Judea and Samaria and to manufacture independently). The Knesset, the Israel Museum and the Western Wall may end up with intolerable and irresolvable security issues.



# Benjamin Netanyahu Israel's Red Lines

Israel welcomes the efforts to achieve a stable, long-term and genuine ceasefire in Syria. Anything that stops the terrible killing there is important, especially from a humanitarian standpoint.

Any agreement in Syria must include a halt to Iran's aggression toward Israel from Syrian territory. Israel will not agree to:

1. The supply of advanced weaponry to Hezbollah
2. The creation of a second terror front on the Golan Heights

These are the red lines that we have set,  
and they remain the red lines of the State of Israel.



# Gaza Seaport?

- ❖ Dichter: Seaport in Hamas hands is bigger threat than tunnels. Likud MK, ex-Shin Bet chief lines up with Netanyahu and Ya'alon in rejecting idea of giving Gaza port access to ease economic pressure
- ❖ Building a sea port in the Gaza Strip would constitute a greater threat to Israel than the tunnel network the IDF sought to destroy in its 2014 war with the Hamas terror group, Likud MK Avi Dichter warned Saturday.



# Gaza - Hamas

## Circle of Wars Can be Stopped

Despite 'unprecedented quiet' on the Gaza border, the IDF knows Hamas is growing in power and rebuilding its tunnels, and Israel's security forces are readying to combat that. Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said that Israel is preparing for the possibility of another war against Hamas in Gaza.

(The idiocy could be resolved once and for all by swift removal of enemy population from Gaza, followed by annexation of the strip by Israel!)



# Kerry & Abbas

## Abbas Rebuffs Kerry's Appeal to Cool Palestinian Terror

US Secretary of State John Kerry came away empty-handed from his latest meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmud Abbas (Abu Mazen) in Amman on Sunday, February 21.

A senior member of Kerry's entourage said: "Abbas obviously thinks that terrorism in its present form serves his policy, although he won't admit as much in public." The source described the US Secretary's mood after this encounter as "disappointed and shocked." (Kerry wasn't even asking to stop terror just 'cool' it!)



# NO NEW DOWN FOR IRAN

- ❖ For the past three years, the West has been tricking itself into seeing the Islamic Republic of Iran as a country undergoing a gradual process of reform. The outcome of Friday's two elections – one for the Majlis (parliament) and the other for the Assembly of Experts – is serving as the latest mirage in the delusion.
- ❖ Let us not kid ourselves. Rouhani's showing in the elections does not signify a new era of freedom for the Iranian people. Nor does it indicate a shift away from the regime's sponsorship of global terrorism. On the contrary, if anything, it could provide American voters with a false sense of national – and international – security that is utterly unwarranted.







[www.HolyGroundExplorations.com](http://www.HolyGroundExplorations.com)