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# ISIS - ISTANBUL

- ❖ Istanbul, Turkey - Gunshots, screams and explosions pierced the air Tuesday as three terrorists armed with bombs and guns killed at least 36 people at Istanbul Ataturk Airport in Turkey.
- ❖ Witnesses described deadly carnage and crowds in a panic as the attackers struck one of the world's busiest airports.
- ❖ At least 36 people were killed, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said. An additional 147 people were wounded, Turkey's Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said.



# SPEAKING OUT!

This morning, a 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist stabbed and murdered a 13-year-old Israeli girl, Hallel Yaffa Ariel, while she slept in her bed. The Palestinian terrorist Muhammad Tarairah, who entered the girl's home in Kiryat Arba near Hebron, also injured an Israeli security official before he was shot and killed.

Fatah's official Facebook page immediately posted his picture, declaring him a Martyr - "*Shahid*," the highest honor achievable in Islam according to the Palestinian Authority.

According to Palestinian Authority law, the family of today's murderer will immediately start receiving a monthly PA stipend that the PA pays to the families of all the "Martyrs."

The mother of the terrorist told a local Hebron news network that her son was "a hero" who made her "proud":

**Mother of terrorist Muhammad Tarairah:** "My son is a hero. He made me proud. My son died as a Martyr defending Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, he [my son] has joined the Martyrs before him, and he is not better than them. Allah willing, all of them will follow this path, all the youth of Palestine. Allah be praised."

[Local Hebron News Network <http://alkhalil.ps/>, June 30, 2016]



# ISRAELI ISSUES

"The third Intifada will inflame the Zionist regime's security and life," the head of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic announced on Tuesday, the country's semi-official state news agency Fars reported. "Intifada is an important opportunity for Palestine and you should endeavor to keep this stream alive and God will help you on the path of Intifada until victory.

This year, International Quds Day, created in 1979 by the father of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, falls on July 1. Fars described it as an "event during which demonstrators express their solidarity with the Palestinian people and opposition to the occupation of the Palestinian territories by the Zionist regime of Israel."



# PEACE PARTNERS?



- ❖ The Palestinian leadership continues to incite to violence against Israelis, as a senior Palestinian official called to end Israeli lives in a most violent fashion. “Wherever you see an Israeli, slit their throat,” declared Sultan Abu Alainin, member of Fatah’s Central Committee and aide to Palestinian Authority (PA) head Mahmoud Abbas in an interview with the Palestinian Donya Al-Watan newspaper on Monday



# GOOGLE / FB CENSORSHIP

- ❖ Large internet companies have typically been wary of outside intervention in how their sites should be policed [Illustrative]. Some of the web's biggest destinations for watching videos have quietly started using automation to remove extremist content from their sites, according to two people familiar with the process.
- ❖ The move is a major step forward for internet companies that are eager to eradicate violent propaganda from their sites and are under pressure to do so from governments around the world as attacks by extremists proliferate, from Syria to Belgium and the United States.
- ❖ A Twitter spokesman said the company was still evaluating the Counter Extremism Project's proposal and had "not yet taken a position."



# UN S HELP SOUGHT



## Netanyahu to UN chief: Help us bring home missing Israelis

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon meet with Shaul, Goldin and Mengistu family members in Jerusalem

Netanyahu: Hamas is cruelly and illegally holding the remains of our soldiers and holding our citizens.







# QUOTABLE QUOTES

WHAT DOES "SHALOM" MEAN IN HEBREW?

It is intriguing that the word Shalom (root: ש.ל.מ SH-L-M) is connected with such verbs as לְהַשְׁלִים "leHaShLim", which means "to complete" and לְשַׁלֵּם "leShaLem" which means "to pay". This is a clear example of how the Hebrew language manages to deliver a beautiful message: paying one's debts and completing our endeavors is our way to achieve true peace.

I have also heard Rabbi's mention that the greeting of the word SHALOM wishes the individual the ability to experience what Adam and Eve had in Eden BEFORE the Fall!

# TORAH GLEANINGS

The Torah tells us that " all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night." Our sages teach on that verse that this night was the 9th day of Av. Said G-d to them: You have wept without cause, therefore I will set aside this day for a weeping throughout the generations to come. The litany of disasters that occurred on the day of the ninth of Av (the day when the spies returned) is simply staggering. It was a failure in believing in their Divine destiny. Without a clarity of vision regarding the destiny of the Jewish people, they begin to flounder and fail. It is that lack of vision that keeps them chained to exile. It is that failure of insight that prolongs our wait for redemption on the "Peoplehood" level.

Furthermore it is that same sin that attempts to imprison each one of us in our own individual paths of growth and development. Hashem opens up opportunities and new gateways in our lives, and we tend to ignore or turn away. We would rather stay in the emotional stagnant places we have created and not take the leap into spiritual psychological and emotional turmoil of growth and possibility. That is the challenge of our generation.

We need to muster the strength, faith and courage to break the stranglehold of the "sin of the Spies" in our personal and corporate lives .Only in this way can we truly lay down the groundwork for complete redemption to flourish .





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