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ISRAELI ISSUES

Netanyahu: If Hezbollah attack, they will get 'iron fist'

Addressing Second Lebanon War anniversary service in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warns that Israel will deal a "powerful response" if forced to retaliate to aggression, expresses empathy for families of soldiers killed in the war.

REAL NEWS: "Secret document lifts Iran nuke constraints" by George Jahn:

"The document is the only secret text linked to last year's agreement between Iran and six foreign powers. It says that after a period between 11 to 13 years, Iran can replace its 5,060 inefficient centrifuges with up to 3,500 advanced machines. Since those are five times as efficient, the time Iran would need to make a weapon would drop from a year to six months." [\[AP\]](#)"

Tehran's nuclear chief on Wednesday threatened that Iran would quickly resume uranium enrichment at a faster pace than before if the US-led P5+1 were to violate the year-old nuclear deal, and the speaker of Iran's parliament called for preparation to build a new nuclear plant to carry out such enrichment.



IRANIAN NUCLEAR ANNIVERSARY

- ❖ While the Obama administration has spent much time and effort over the last year lauding the controversial nuclear deal, Iran has acted with belligerence, violating UN resolutions and making every effort to spread terror.
- ❖ One year almost to the day after the signing of the nuclear agreement between Iran and the world powers, and in blatant violation of UN Resolution 2231, Tehran tried to launch a ballistic missile using North Korean technology, Fox News reported, citing intelligence officials.



NY Times Spells TERROR as TRUCK

- ❖ Look At This Unbelievable #Nice Headline! The New York Times has officially proven that they are a joke and a sorry excuse for journalism with the cover that they ran today.
- ❖ Take a look at how they labeled the terror attack that took place last night at the hands of ISIS: Yes, they called it a 'TRUCK Attack.' I guess they don't know how to spell, 'TERROR' correctly.

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TRUCK ATTACK ON FRENCH CROWD; SCORES DIE



Police Kill a Rampaging Driver at a Bastille Day Celebration in Nice

This article is by **Alison J. Rubin, Adam Rossiter and Christopher Mole**.

PARIS — A Bastille Day fireworks celebration was shattered by death and mayhem Thursday night in France's southern city of Nice when a large truck barreled through an enormous crowd of spectators, crushing and maiming dozens — eight months after the Paris attacks that traumatized the nation and all of Europe.

Officials and witnesses in Nice said at least 77 people were killed by the driver of the rampaging truck, who was shot to death by the police as officers scrambled to respond on what is France's most important annual holiday. Graphic television and video images showed the truck accelerating and tearing through the crowd, and the bullet-riddled windshield of the vehicle, which the mayor described as full of weapons and grenades.

Officials did not immediately classify the Nice killings as terrorism, but members of the Paris Prosecutor's antiterrorism office quickly took over the investigation of what happened, and they warned residents to stay indoors.

"There are numerous victims," said Pierre-Henry Brandet, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, on BFM Television. "It's a tragic, exceptional situation."

Witnesses described scenes of pandemonium, with conflicting accounts on social media, including a false report of hostages

taking in Nice, a seaside city of 340,000.

"We were enjoying the celebrations when we suddenly saw people running everywhere and tables being pushed down by the movement of panic," said Daphne Buranová, 31, who was at a bar near the beach to watch the fireworks.

"No one explained to us what was happening, and I heard some gunshots not very far away," she said. "I waited at the bar for more information because I thought it was a false alert. But then, people were still running."

The Nice killings came hours after President François Hollande of France proclaimed that the state of emergency imposed since the Paris attacks last November would be lifted July 26. There was no claim of responsibility, and the identity of the driver was not immediately clear, but the attack amounted to a gut punch to a nation that was struggling to restore some sense of normalcy.

France began to drop its guard, and a massive white truck came crashing through.

"We cannot prevent the state of emergency eternally," Mr. Hollande said before the attack, during Bastille Day celebrations in the capital. "Is the threat there? Yes."

And then, hours later, the main strip through Nice was littered with bodies, one after the other.

The spokesman for the Interior Ministry, Mr. Brandet, said in an interview on Friday.

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Trump Delays Naming a No. 2, But Pence Appears No. 1 in Line

This article is by **Alexander Burns, Maggie Haberman and Ashley Parker**.

Donald J. Trump's presidential campaign signaled strongly on Thursday that he would name Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana as his running mate, but already postponed a long-planned unveiling of the Republican ticket after an attack that left dozens dead in France.

Mr. Trump said on Twitter that he was delaying his announcement after the "horrible attack" in Nice. He did not specify when the event would go forward.

Before the attack in southern France, Mr. Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner popular with conservatives and evangelical Christians, appeared to be all but locked in as the Republican nominee for vice president — the last man standing after a madcap selection process unlike any in recent presidential politics.

But a revolution to the process remained elusive after several days of unusually frenzied and public deliberation by Mr. Trump and his family, as well as extraordinary campaigning for the job by several potential running mates. After huddling with Mr. Pence in Indiana, flying multiple other candidates to Indianapolis for last-minute interviews, hitting to party leaders that his decision had been made and then denying it to the news media, Mr. Trump delayed.

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Ginsburg Says Her Remarks on Trump Were 'Ill Advised'

By **MICHAEL D. SHEAR**

WASHINGTON — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's indignant dissents from the bench have turned her into a heroine of the left, beloved for methodically skewering her conservative colleagues. On the Internet, she has become the Notorious B.I.G. — that after being roundly criticized for a remarkable series of interviews in which she mocked Donald J. Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, Justice Ginsburg on Thursday did something highly unusual for a member of the nation's highest court: She admitted making a mistake.

"Judges should avoid commenting on a candidate for public office," she wrote in a brief statement issued by the court, admitting her remarks were "ill-advised" and expressing regret. "In the future I will be more circumspect."

A revered figure at some of the nation's most elite law schools since her appointment to the court in 1993, Justice Ginsburg, 83, fabergaraged many in the legal community when she called Mr. Trump a "faker," and said she could not really imagine what it would be like if he became president.

Harry Friedman, a professor of law at New York University who describes himself as a friend of Justice Ginsburg's, said her comments were a stark example of a breach in the neutrality that justices must adhere to.

"The price you pay for being on the bench is that you withdraw from politics," Mr. Friedman said.

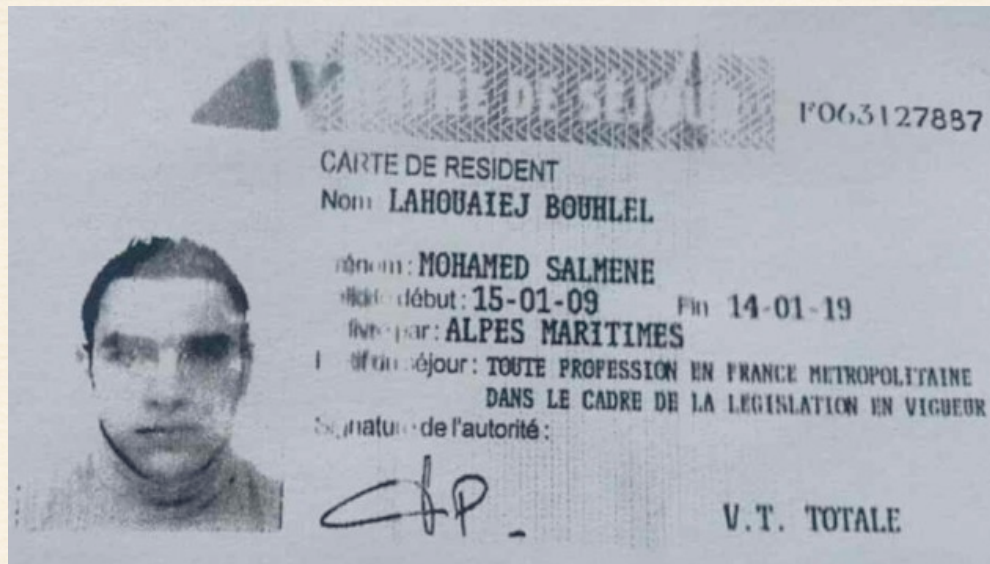
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VALÉRY SORACE/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE — GETTY IMAGES

The truck, which was riddled with bullet holes, was described by the mayor of Nice as being full of weapons and grenades.

SURPRISED???



- ❖ MSAKEN, Tunisia — The uncle of the truck driver who killed 84 people on the French Riviera says his nephew was indoctrinated about two weeks ago by an Algerian member of the Islamic State group in Nice.
- ❖ French officials could not confirm Monday that attacker Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel had been approached by an Algerian recruiter, saying that the investigation is ongoing.
- ❖ IS claimed responsibility for last week's attack, though Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said Monday that investigators have found no sign yet that Bouhlel had links to a particular network.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

A KFIR is not defined by their age but by their actions! Time for all KFIR to roar!
We have to wake this jungle that we are living in!

Make me hear of your love in the morning, because I rely on you. Make me know the way I should walk, because I entrust myself to you. Psalm 143:8 CJB Have you stepped out on faith recently? Have you made a move, followed the nudging of God, into realms you wouldn't have even dreamed of five years ago? He will honor your faith as you trust Him in that kind of walk. Those who remain in the false security of Midian never get to experience what Moses experienced on that winding highway to Egypt—the sense of moving in the strong current of God's will and plan. Press on! (CS) **Margo Wilder - member of our KFIR Fellowship**



TORAH GLEANINGS

We learn in pirkei avot; He said to them: Go and see which is the worst trait....the one that a person should most distance himself from. Said Rabbi Eliezer: An evil eye. Said Rabbi Joshua: An evil friend. Said Rabbi Yossei: An evil neighbor. Said Rabbi Shimon: To borrow and not to repay; Said Rabbi Elazar: An evil heart. Said He to them: I prefer the word of Elazar the son of Arach to yours, for his words include all of yours.(Chapter2:9)

That is to say the stingy, jealous and unforgiving evil eye is encompassed and promoted by the evil heart. Or on a deeper level, what we see is what our heart wants us to see.As we read in the last paragraph of the Shma; this shall be fringes for you, and when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of the Lord to perform them, and you shall not wander after your hearts and after your eyes after which you are going astray. ""you shall not wander after your hearts and after your eyes", the wandering after your eyes follows the wandering of your heart.

There are many who see what is going on in this land of wonder and only see failure, fear and disappointment. The land is blossoming and blooming and people bemoan the industrialization of the land. The country's developing industry and technology is developing in miraculous ways and some will only see how the cottage cheese costs less overseas. The growing amount of Torah study and the "returning to the spiritual roots" is blossoming in every corner of the land and there are those who only see secular oppression. Our vision is only a function of our heart. **(Moshe - Shorashim Shop)**



JERUSALEM

The Republican Party has reinstated a reference to Jerusalem as Israel's "undivided" capital in the latest draft of its platform, and removed a reference to "Palestine."

David Friedman, an adviser to Donald Trump, said last month that the party's presumptive nominee would consider support of an undivided Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and would not openly oppose policy decisions by the Jewish state.

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