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ISSUES

Abbas orders Palestinians flag lowered to half mast to honor Castro

Israeli Air Force strikes Islamic State target in Syria - second strike in 24 hours across border in Syrian Golan Heights, leveling ISIS post and destroying stored weapons. Strikes aim to prevent jihadi group and other terrorists from establishing bases along Israel's borders.

The U.N. presented six new and absurd anti-Israel resolutions, demonstrating blatant hypocrisy and anti-Semitism. On November 29 - the UN, issued the ludicrous demand that Israel give the strategic Golan Heights back to Syria, the most unstable country in the region.

"Former Israeli Official: Iran in Rush to Arm Terror Proxies Before Trump Takes Office" by Ruthie Blum: "Iran is stepping up the speed at which it is arming its proxies in the region due to its fear that after Donald Trump assumes the US presidency in January, its room to maneuver in Syria will be greatly hampered



ABBAS - #1 ENEMY

- ❖ Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz (Likud) declared Thursday that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is Israel's top enemy, saying the Palestinian leader has consistently refused to recognize the Jews' right to self-determination and is unwilling to view major cities, such as Tel Aviv and Haifa, as Israel's territory.
- ❖ In an interview with Israel Radio, Steinitz responded to comments Abbas made in a key speech Wednesday, during which the Palestinian leader doubled down on his refusal to recognize Israel as a Jewish state and threatened to back away from recognizing the State of Israel altogether.
- ❖ During his major policy address at the Seventh Fatah Congress in Ramallah, Abbas stressed he "will not recognize a Jewish state," and said Palestinian recognition of Israel "will not last forever" if Israel does not recognize a Palestinian state.
- ❖ "It is another sad joke," Steinitz told the radio station, adding that Abbas recognizes the de facto existence of Israel, but not its right to exist.



IT PAYS TO BE A TERRORIST

While PA leader Mahmoud Abbas was accepting praise for sending Palestinian firefighters to help put out fires in Israel, the PA Finance Ministry was busy doing the paper work to start paying salaries to the Palestinian arsonists who were arrested for setting many of those same fires. So far Israel has arrested 23 suspected arsonists connected to the hundreds of fires that raged across Israel last week burning more than 500 homes and 32,000 acres of forests and national parks. According to Palestinian law documented by PMW, anyone imprisoned for "resisting the occupation" receives a high monthly salary. Therefore, all of those convicted and imprisoned for arson will receive PA salaries "from the day of arrest until the day of release."

The PA has already paid the five Hamas terrorists who murdered Eitam and Naama Henkin in front of their four children last October in total NIS 91,000 as reward for their murders. And terrorist Abdallah Barghouti has already received NIS 645,000 for building the bombs that murdered 67 Israelis at the Sbarro pizza shop, Sheffield Club, Moment Café, the triple bombing at the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall, Hebrew University and No. 4 bus in Tel Aviv. Today there are approximately 7,000 Palestinian prisoners on the PA payroll. The PA rewards them every month for terrorism, and this generous arrangement will cost the PA NIS 488 million in 2016 alone, according to the PA's publicized budget.



FIRE RECAP

Last week, over hundreds of fires in forests and cities raged across Israel, aided by strong winds and extremely dry weather conditions. 560 homes were destroyed along with 30,000 dunams (7,400 acres) of national park lands. In all 130,000 dunams (32,000 acres) of natural forests and brush were destroyed. Many countries sent assistance to Israel and the Palestinian Authority sent 8 fire trucks and 40 firefighters to assist in battling the flames.

Israeli police reported that many of the fires were started by arson and 23 people - most of them Israeli Arabs, the rest Palestinians - were arrested as suspects.



TRUMP'S UPCOMING PURGE

"Trump's Coming Witch Hunt Against Political Islam" by Eli Lake: "On the day after Donald Trump won the election, one of his campaign's advisers and endorsers made a prediction. "You are going to see a purging," retired Lt. General Jerry Boykin told Frank Gaffney on his "Secure Freedom Radio" podcast. Boykin predicted that Trump as president would purge "people inside the government that are known to have connections to the Muslim Brotherhood and its front groups and its entities here in America." Until now, this movement was largely ignored by elites in the Republican and Democratic parties."



J. CARTER & B. OBAMA

NYTIMES OP -- Jimmy Carter calls on Obama to recognize an independent Palestinian state before leaving office: "I am certain that United States recognition of a Palestinian state would make it easier for other countries that have not recognized Palestine to do so, and would clear the way for a Security Council resolution on the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Security Council should pass a resolution laying out the parameters for resolving the conflict. It should reaffirm the illegality of all Israeli settlements beyond the 1967 borders, while leaving open the possibility that the parties could negotiate modifications."



TORAH PORTION

INTRODUCTION - This week's Torah portion is a difficult one for me. The whole Jacob / Esau mess is really hard to "clean up" and I find the Jewish Sages insights a bit weak. It is what it is - favoritism and deception!

Also, we have the whole "predestination and the foreknowledge" of God issue. Although I do not understand how "free will" fits into all of this I am left with the sense that God is much greater than my limited mind can possibly conceive.

vs 3-4 - El Shaddai. This Name depicts God literally as Shaddai, Who is sufficient in granting His mercies, and Who has sufficient power to give whatever is necessary (Rashi to 43:14). The name Shaddai is a conjunction of, Who is *sufficient or enough*. He is sufficient in His mercies and His hand is sufficient to give you whatever you need. "May He Who said to the world 'Enough,' now declare my troubles are enough ... (Jacob).

DAN - Lord, God, please be my El Shaddai today and give me the strength to continue on even though there are times that like Jacob I am crying out "ENOUGH!"

Shabbat Shalom - Dan

For more on this week's Torah portion go to our Facebook KFIR Torah Study Page.



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH



A thorough knowledge of
the Bible is worth more than
a college education.

- Theodore Roosevelt

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