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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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WEEKLY ISSUES

John Kerry warns of a regional "explosion" if the US moves its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Friday referred to US President-elect Donald Trump's stated intention to move the US embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as an "aggressive statement." "We call on you not to implement your statement because we consider it as an aggressive statement, when you say that you want to move the embassy to Jerusalem," Abbas also said, according to the Palestinian news agency Wafa, that such a move was a "red line" that the PA would never accept.

-- "A visibly angry House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. opened debate on the resolution by saying that the Obama administration "abandoned our ally Israel when she needed us the most... Do not be fooled," Ryan said. "This U.N. Security Council resolution ... was about one thing and one thing only. Israel's right to exist as a Jewish, democratic state. These types of one-sided efforts are designed to isolate and delegitimize Israel. They do not advance peace, they make it more elusive.""



OBAMA WATCH

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

- ❖ Obama might Recognize a State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as the Capital on January 16th 2017? | Civil Rights and Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ❖ Obama, one of the worst presidents in history ... ANALYSIS: From turning Iran into a regional power, to coining the surreal term "leading from behind" and letting the Palestinians believe they have claim over the Western Wall, the 44th president bids an unapologetic adieu to Israel in final interview.



PA TEXTBOOKS

- ❖ Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Danny Danon condemned the denial of Israel's Jewish character in textbooks used by UN-operated Palestinian schools.
- ❖ According to a new report from Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, textbooks used in schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) removed references to Jewish municipalities in Israel, described Zionism as a foreign "colonial movement" and denied the historical and religious connections between Jews and Israel.
- ❖ "These textbooks refer to Tel Aviv as 'Tel al-Rabia' and the holy Western Wall and the Cave of the Patriarchs are portrayed as Muslim sites that the Jewish people are seeking to take control of. This is not how you make peace in the Middle East. This is how you raise another generation full of hatred and ready to use violence."
- ❖ UNRWA was accused of working with Hamas during Operation Protective Edge, including using its schools for launching rockets at Israel.



BLAME IT ON THE EMBASSY

Are IDF Soldiers Paralyzed by Israel Legal Stupidity!

Terrorist drives truck into Israeli soldiers in Jerusalem, 4 killed and 15 injured. Terrorist shot dead. Who shot the driver? Not the soldiers. They were too scared to shoot, so a civilian shot the terrorist dead. It looks like we have just paid dearly for the court case of Elor. Another report claims that the soldiers were asking for permission to open fire from their commander while their friends were being killed... This is just too sickening!

"Speaking from the scene of the attack, on a promenade overlooking the walled Old City of Jerusalem, Netanyahu said authorities have identified the terrorist and "all signs show he is a supporter of the Islamic State. **[CNN]** • Jerusalem terrorist reportedly angered by plan to move US Embassy **[Tol]**



MORE ON THE EMBASSY



In recent days, PA leaders have repeatedly threatened war and violence in response to the US potential recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital by moving its embassy to Jerusalem. As PMW has documented, Palestinian incitement to violence often accompanies Palestinian terror. Last week, a Palestinian terrorist drove a truck into a group of soldiers who had just gotten off a bus in Jerusalem, murdering three women and one man and injuring several.

At least six Palestinian leaders close to Mahmoud Abbas threatened violence recently, some explicitly threatening a religious war. On Friday, in a sermon in the presence of Mahmoud Abbas himself, Abbas' advisor on religion Mahmoud Al-Habbash said American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital by moving the embassy **"is a declaration of war on all Muslims."** Al-Habbash preached that moving the embassy to Jerusalem "harms" Muslim faith, and then threatened: **"This will not pass in silence":**



PA - PEACE PARTNERS?



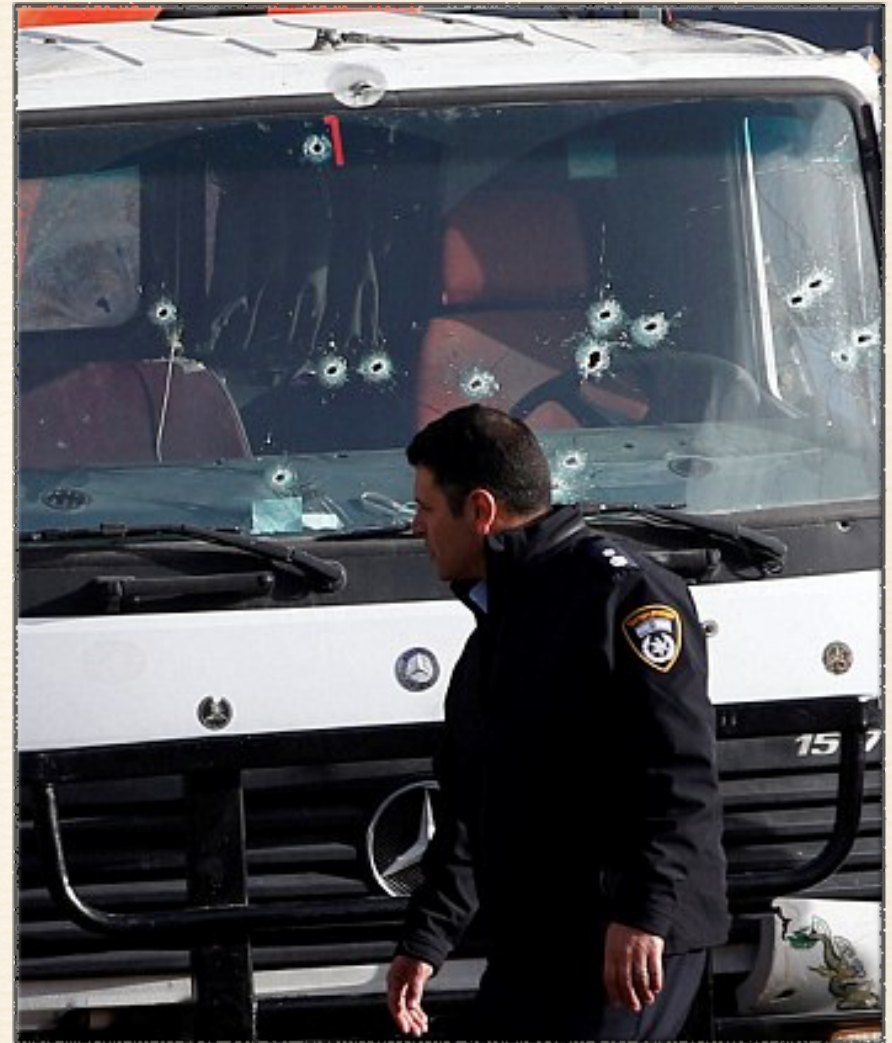
- ❖ Palestinians took to the streets and social media on Sunday to celebrate the truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem in which 4 IDF soldiers were killed, Israel's Channel 2 reported. In the Gaza Strip, the ruling Hamas terror group praised the attack, calling it a "natural response to the Israeli occupier's crimes" and proof that the "Jerusalem Intifada" was not over. Since September 2015, Palestinian terrorists have killed 40 Israelis in an ongoing surge of violence.



SHAHID

PA: Terrorist who killed four in truck ramming attack died for Allah

- Official PA media grants terrorist supreme Islamic honor calling him a *Shahid* - "a Martyr who died for Allah"
- PA will pay terrorist's wife 2900 shekels (\$760) monthly for life
- Abbas did not condemn the terror attack
- PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine): "Blesses" and "congratulates" the Palestinians over "the Jerusalem operation"
- DFLP: (Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine) Truck ramming attack is "part of the Palestinian resistance... a legal right anchored in international law and all the resolutions of the international bodies"
- DFLP: "Turn this intifada of the young people into a comprehensive popular intifada that will include all sectors of the society"



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- ❖ Terrorism won't steamroll us. A car or truck ramming attack is a terrorist attack that is difficult to prevent, and lands a painful blow. The funerals of four young Israelis scheduled for today throughout Israel are testimony to that: Erez Orbach from Alon Shvut, Shir Hajaj from Maaleh Adumim, Yael Yekutieli from Givatayim, and Shira Tzur from Haifa.
- ❖ Nation, do not remain silent. We must battle terrorism effectively. Anyone who does not fight terrorism effectively will suffer more and more losses, leaving the keys to any move forward in the hands of a group of terrorists who want nothing more than to murder and destroy the fabric of life and hope.
- ❖ The terrorist was killed, not "neutralized," and that's good -- terrorists deserve to die.
- ❖ Now we must bury our dead, embrace the families, care for the wounded, and take a number of steps: We need to investigate anyone who had anything to do with the attack and find all the people who helped or supported the terrorist, and punish them all: demolish houses and deport them to the extent the law permits. We must do this quickly, not a year from now. Experience shows us that a supportive environment and incitement give potential terrorists incentive, and what deters them is the thought of what might befall their families. We should distribute weapons to every trained citizen who can be trusted. We have seen what a determined citizen who finds himself at the scene of an attack can do. True, this does present certain dangers, but it's what is called for right now.



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.- Elie Wiesel



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