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IT'S TIME TO PRAY!

WEEKLY HEADLINES

Turkey on Monday recalled its ambassadors to Israel and the United States in protest of the Israeli military's deadly response to riots on the Gaza border.

The United States has erected an "American outpost settlement in east Jerusalem" with the opening of its embassy in Jerusalem on Monday, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said Tuesday.

Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called on Muslims to carry out a jihad against the US in response to America's move of its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Talk is cheap, but I wonder sparking a new intifada in the West Bank was Hamas' end game all along.

Hamas official: 50 of the 62 Gazans killed in border violence were our members



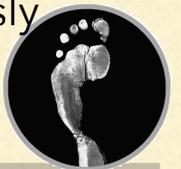
PAID RIOTERS



Palestinians who managed to breach the border were apprehended and interrogated by Israel's Shin Bet security agency. Their interrogations shed some light on the methods and tools used by Hamas' military wing to encourage violence and terrorism at the border. The activist were paid a minuscule amount - 50 NIS per activist or a lump sum of \$100 per family - to change the fence. Instead of risking their own operatives, Hamas has systematically sent teenagers and children to the area.

"Hamas forbids its operatives from approaching the border, fearing that they will be killed or captured by the IDF, unless the security fence is breached, in which case they must infiltrate [Israel] armed, under the cover of the masses, and carry out terrorist attacks," the agency said in a statement.

Meanwhile Monday, Israeli intelligence agencies revealed that Iran was transferring money to Hamas expressly to fund the violence along the border.



WHAT WAS THE PLAN



Two Palestinian Facebook pages and a forum directing rioters in Gaza gave explicit instructions to murder and kidnap Israelis on May 14, the day the U.S. embassy opened in Jerusalem, as well as suggestions on how to accomplish this goal. It is not clear if Hamas itself was the group sending these messages but recent speeches by their leaders indicate they were all for spilling as much blood as possible. A Hamas official has admitted in an interview that 50 of some 62 Palestinians killed in recent clashes with Israeli security forces along the Gaza border were members of the Palestinian terrorist group.



Gazans were instructed not to deal with "the wounded or the Martyrs" but to concentrate on "the battlefield": "Do not busy yourselves with the wounded or the Martyrs (Shahids), as the medical teams behind us are ready for this. Just pay attention to the battlefield and act wisely and according to the instructions."

The portrayal of the events in Gaza by some news agencies as peaceful demonstrations is clearly false.



IDF DROPS LEAFLETS



IDF jets on Monday morning distributed leaflets over the Gaza Strip warning Palestinian civilians not to approach the security fence. The leaflets also stressed to the Gaza residents that the Hamas terror group, which rules the Strip, was putting their lives at risk by encouraging them to commit violence and attempt to infiltrate Israel.

“Hamas is trying to hide its many failures by endangering your lives,” the leaflets said. “At the same time, Hamas is stealing your money and using it to dig tunnels at your expense.” “Don’t be puppets in the hands of Hamas,” the IDF urged. “You deserve a better government and a better future.”

“Do not approach the security fence and do not participate in Hamas’s life-threatening farce,” the notice concludes sternly.



PA RECALLS US AMBASSADOR



"Palestinians recall envoy from Washington over embassy move" by Barak Ravid: "Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has decided to recall the head of the PLO office in Washington in protest over the opening of the new U.S. embassy in Jerusalem... This move further deepens the crisis between the U.S. and the Palestinian Authority... The Palestinian boycott makes the White House ambition to launch a peace plan and new round of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in the upcoming months much more difficult to achieve." [[Axios](#)]



IRAN POSTS REWARD



The Iranian Justice Seeker Student Movement has reportedly disseminated posters calling for the bombing of the embassy. There will be a “\$100,000 dollar prize for the person who destroys the illegal American embassy in Jerusalem,” the poster states in Farsi, Arabic, and English, according to an independent translation of the propaganda poster provided to the *Free Beacon*. Behnam Ben Taleblu, described the poster as repulsive and blamed the Iranian ruling regime for fostering such an attitude. “This is nothing short of an invitation to a heinous act of an international terror by a student group that looks up to the world’s foremost state sponsor of terror—the Islamic Republic of Iran,” he said.



RUSSIA'S S-300



Possibly seeking to de-escalate tensions in Syria, Russia will not provide Syria with the S-300 air defense systems. Russian officials on Friday indicated that they have changed their minds and will not supply the Syrian government with the advanced S-300 surface-to-air missile system.

"For now, we're not talking about any deliveries of new modern [air-defense] systems," Kozhin said when asked about the S-300 system.

Netanyahu, who attended Russia's military parade commemorating its 73rd anniversary victory over Nazi Germany, sought to discuss the escalating situation in Syria with Putin.

A day later, Iran launched 20 rockets at Israel, and the IDF retaliated by wiping out nearly Iran's entire military infrastructure in Syria. An Iranian version of the S-300 was destroyed in the strike before they had a chance to deploy it.



WHY TRIUMP MOVED THE EMBASSY



What motivated Donald Trump to go against decades of American policy at a time when the peace process is frozen, amid warnings of Arab outrage and a looming nuclear threat from Iran? When neither mainstream American Jews or Israeli leaders were pushing for this? The answer is evangelical Christians, which represents a major shift in American-Israeli policy.

Forever, American-Israeli policy has been commanded by American Jews, mainly by the those involved in the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the World Zionist Organization and Zionist Organization of America.

However, on Monday, when Israelis and Jews around the world rejoice at this formal declaration by America of Jerusalem as Israel's historic and eternal capital, Jews will not be able to take credit. The credit for the embassy's move goes to Christian Zionists.



GUATEMALA



"Guatemala opens embassy in Jerusalem, two days after U.S. move" by Jeffrey Heller: "Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attended the embassy's opening on Wednesday in an office complex in West Jerusalem. "It's not a coincidence that Guatemala is opening its embassy in Jerusalem right among the first. You were always among the first. You were the second country to recognize Israel," Netanyahu said." [[Reuters](#)]



WEEKLY QUOTES

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein."
- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



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UPCOMING TOURS

NEW FALL OFFERINGS

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