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DAN'S MUSINGS



What a week! Just said goodbye to our Revealing Israel Group and Hello to our Talmidim Work Group, who are celebrating our 10 year anniversary. We have worked together on Bomb Shelters, Green Houses in the Negev, Apartments for Holocaust survivors, schools for the mentally impaired and also working with Messianic Fellowships, like the one here in Ashdod. We have one more group after Talmidim and then we will be home.

Things are heating up here in Israel with the elections coming up and things are coming to a boil with the PA, Gaza and the Temple Mount. No big surprise ... after all it is the Middle East!

Please keep us in your prayers - I have been out with a bad cold for the last two days.



NEWS BITES

Next move: *Jewish Insider* has learned that Sen. Cruz (R-TX) is circulating a clean resolution that just condemns antisemitism. He intends to introduce it early next week. A source familiar with the plan said that "it's just a condemnation of anti-Semitism. There's nothing extraneous. The entire thing clocks in at just over a hundred words."

A senior Hezbollah commander captured by British special forces in Iraq has resurfaced in southern Syria where he is setting up a network to launch attacks against Israel, according to the Israeli military... Ali Musa Daqduq has re-emerged in the Syrian Golan Heights where he is the leader of a unit known as the Golan File...

The United Nations cultural arm **UNESCO declared that Rachel's Tomb**, the burial place of Jacob's wife & mother to Joseph & Benjamin, is a Muslim site with no connection to the Jewish people. This is a travesty of Biblical proportions. Anyone who reads the Bible knows that Biblical Rachel is the mother of two of the twelve Tribes of Jacob. She is one of the matriarchs of the Jewish people.



GAZA BALLOONS



Incendiary device said carrying missile warhead lands in Israel-Gaza border area
Police sappers initiate controlled explosion in Sdot Negev Regional Council, where balloon lands; no injuries reported

Police sappers were called to the Israel-Gaza border area on Saturday after a balloon suspected of carrying an explosive device landed in Israeli territory. Hebrew media reported that the balloon was carrying a warhead from an anti-tank missile.

The balloon was located in the Sdot Negev Regional Council. Police instructed hikers to keep away from the area as they carried out a controlled explosion.



PAY FOR SLAY



The (PA) announced that it will pay civil servants half of their salaries for February but terrorists and their families have already received the full amount paid to them as a stipend for attacking Israelis. The PA blamed the austerity measures on the decision by the Israeli government to withhold approximately \$140 million in tax money due to the PA decision to continue paying stipends to terrorists and their families. Israel collects funds from imports into the West Bank and Gaza, in addition to other taxes, and forwards a large sum of it to the PA, after deduction of payments for water and electricity.

A document with the text "MANDATORY UNDER PALESTINIAN LAW" overlaid in large red letters. The document appears to be a financial statement or a list of items, with columns for descriptions and amounts. The text is in Arabic. The document is titled "مجلس الوزراء" (Council of Ministers) and "2016".

رقم	الوصف	المبلغ
1	صافي الإيرادات	19,570
2	صافي المصاريف	18,658
3	صافي الأرباح	912
4	صافي المصاريف التشغيلية	3,120
5	صافي المصاريف الإدارية	4,200
6	صافي المصاريف التشغيلية	1,370
7	صافي المصاريف التشغيلية	(1,700)
8	صافي المصاريف التشغيلية	1,602



LINDSEY GRAHAM



Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) said during a tour of the Golan Heights yesterday that he will work with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) on legislation to recognize the Golan "as part of the State of Israel now and forever."



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who accompanied Graham on the tour, along with Ambassador David Friedman, thanked the senior Republican lawmaker for his support. "The Golan is part of Israel. The Golan must stay part of Israel forever. I think it's very important that the international community recognize this fact and accept it, and most especially, our great friend the United States," Netanyahu said.



HEZBOLLAH ROCKETS



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said Friday that Israel is “scared” of another war with his Lebanese terror group. Hezbollah is believed to possess between 100,000 and 150,000 rockets and Israel has warned it is working to develop precision missiles with Iranian assistance. *(Those rockets will be the first target of the next conflict!)*



KOOLULAM



Singing in Jerusalem, and harmonizing in Washington – by Peggy Cidor: "At AIPAC's next conference, scheduled to begin Sunday, March 24 in Washington, DC, there will be... a refreshing sound from the courtyards of Jerusalem. 'Koolulam' – a social-musical initiative aimed at strengthening the fabric of society, according to its organizers – will broadcast its most recent impromptu concert from Jerusalem in the hope the AIPAC delegates will similarly harmonize together... On Friday at the Tower of David Museum, some 1,000 Israelis and tourists joined with the three conductors to produce the song 'I'll be there – Reach out medley and Blue voice.' Friday's performance, professionally video-taped, will be repeated in Washington in the hope that the AIPAC delegates will gain a broader appreciation of life in Israel beyond the news headlines." **[JPost]**



TEMPLE MOUNT



Police sealed off the Temple Mount holy site in Jerusalem on Tuesday after a firebomb was thrown at officers, leading to several arrests and low-level clashes.

The incident came amid already high tensions at the site and threatened to set the region alight as Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas warned of "serious repercussions."

One officer was treated for mild smoke inhalation after the firebomb attack on a police post situated on the edge of the sensitive holy site, according to police.

The Molotov cocktail set fire to a motorized cart used by police on the Temple Mount.



NEXT UP



Newly appointed (PA) Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtayeh has a history of praising terrorists. According to a translation by the (MEMRI), Ishtayeh appeared on a Hezbollah-affiliated station shortly after the death of arch-terrorist Abu Daoud, the mastermind behind the 1972 Munich massacre, and praised the deceased terror leader, saying, "The martyr Abu Daoud continues the convoy of martyrs who fell for the sake of Palestine. We all follow this path." Abu Daoud, was head of the Palestinian terror group Black September and orchestrated the attack in which eleven Israelis were taken hostage at the Munich Olympic games and eventually murdered.

Ishtayeh also endorsed violence in the interview, saying, "The ink in which the Palestinian history has been written is red, and I believe that it will continue to be written in red ink."



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If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our KFIR Global Community, please send them to our website to get signed up. We have had great growth this year but believe God wants to continue growing this Group that seeks to be devoted to the WORD, to PRAYER and to be like the sons of ISSACHAR, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do!

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