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BRETHREN, MY HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAVER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED." - ROMANS 10:1 Hamas wins. Palestinians lose. – Zola

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Government of Hoodlums By Zola Levitt

I was not totally surprised to see a majority of the Palestinian people select the worst among them as some sort of representative government. They are utterly ignorant of the situation with Israel and committed to nothing more than trying to murder their neighbors.

But I had a faint hope that Fatah, the non-government that has been functioning, would continue in "power." Led by Arafat flunky Mahmoud Abbas, they really only siphon off money and pay each other lavish salaries out of foreign aid, but at least they have appointed a few policemen and apparently reasoned with some of the terrorists to show restraint.



Terror Pays

But the actual strong showing of Hamas proves that a majority of the Palestinian people continue to support

> mindless terrorism, which continues to decimate their strength and their economy.

> > I've often compared the Palestinians to American "terrorists" like the gangs, the drug dealers, the mob. the militias, and

the KKK. But in reality, there are subtle similarities and differences that would help explain the Palestinian position. With the mob and the drug dealers, we have folks trying to do business, as they see it, and their natural enemies are legitimate policemen, the FBI and the society at large. They do not tend to wantonly kill innocent civilians, but try to make a living in these unacceptable ways.

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Making Sense of Nonsense



Understanding What We're In

By Victor Davis Hanson, www.nationalreview.com

The United States is engaged in the most radical and dangerous gambit in the Middle East since the end of the Ottoman Empire. Established powers are not often inclined to tamper with the status quo abroad, and so, do not support the weaker and disenfranchised. They usually prefer to prop up whoever ensures order and stability. But after September 11, the old, safe way was seen as dangerous, and the new, dangerous way as ultimately more safe. America not merely reversed its own past practice of supporting autocrats who pumped oil and kept Communists out, at least in the Middle East; but in staying on after the removal of Saddam Hussein — so unlike post-Soviet Afghanistan, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6





Thank You, Zola

Dear Staff:

I've watched Zola via cable television for approximately 20 years. As a new Believer, I was drawn to Zola's ability to make often complex issues easy to understand in light of Biblical truth. Now, as pastor of a local church, Zola's ministry continues to be a vital blessing in assisting me to communicate to my congregation God's heart and plan for the Land of Israel, and His Chosen People.

As Biblical ignorance seems to darken the Church, its seminaries, and, unfortunately, its parishioners — I am thankful for a clear and correct voice in this hour. Thank you Zola.

Sincerely, Pastor R.

"It Make Me Feel So Good"

Shalom: my name is Elad Madmon. I'm a 23 years old jewish, Israeli boy. i was bourn in Ariel in the west bank .

before 3 month i think god was the one who sent me here. to Texas, Waco.

i dont have your belive. but i have to tell you somthing. last night i wach the T.V and so your show. it make me feel so good to see how much understanding you have about israel.

i saw what you do . and for the first time since i'm here i saw hebrew in the american T.V. i think you do good. i thought i have to tell you. i want to learn more about you. and what you do. i will be happy to give somthing frome my on for what you do but i dont have enought money. so i will give you any thing elss. i know hebrew very good . if i can help with that let me know! keep be a bllesing to all . *toda* (Thanks) *shalom*. bye E.M. "They Need Each Other"

Dear Zola:

The Israelis need Palestinian menial laborers because there aren't enough Jews in Israel to do those jobs. Why do you think they

still allow Palestinians into their midst on a daily basis? Israel can't go on without them. I am a Roman Catholic and cherish the State of Israel, but "no man can be an island." They actually need each other.

If the Israelis didn't need the laborers, they would completely shut down the checkpoints. They can't.

J.G.

Dear J.G.:

Your point is preposterous. Palestinian laborers proved unproductive and dangerous and were replaced long ago with immigrants, glad to have the jobs. Israelis need Palestinians like Chicago needs drug dealers. — Zola

Highlands, Lowlands and Violence

Dear Zola:

Shalom in the name of Jesus.

I am writing as I read the note in your latest newsletter CONTINUED NEXT PAGE



LETTERS TO ZOLA continued

concerning safety, and travel to Israel in light of the recent attack in Jordan.

Well, I live in the nation which the UN has recently designated the most violent in the West. Not Israel, nor the US, but Scotland! Yes Scotland, land of highlands and lowlands, mist and mountain, and more violence than others.

I am sure that the major media have totally ignored this fact, and that most Americans would not think twice of visiting here, and yet the UN has spoken.

We have been to Israel (with UK based tours) and felt totally safe as we traveled through the desert and areas

of the "West Bank" and the Golan. I felt safer there than I would in downtown Glasgow on a Saturday night.

So I would encourage your readers to go to Jerusalem and be blessed. In Jesus, — A.J.

But Will they Come?

Dear Staff:

Zola has had some wonderful, knowledgeable people on his TV show. They have talked about just about every belief system I'm interested in, except one!

Why has not Zola run a series on what the Jews believe about the coming of the messiah? There would possibly be several branches due to the

different sects within Judaism.

N.C.

Dear N.C.: We teach Scripture, not opinions, and an old Jewish saying has it that "where there are two Jews, there are three opinions." — Zola

A Jewish Opinion

Dear Zola,

Shalom. I am a Bible believing Jew — not Christian. However, I wanted to respond to "R.C." and his diatribe against you and Evangelical Christians. One who is secure in his or her own faith will not be terrified of someone preaching Christ. I cannot understand the fear and loathing that some so-called "Orthodox" Jews have for Evangelical Christians. It is not a "conspiracy" or some sinister anti-Semitic plot to get Jews to believe in Jesus. Christians sincerely believe that Jesus is the Christ and want to share this with everyone, Jew or Gentile. I respect their beliefs, and as far as I am concerned, the theological differences will take care of themselves in the End Times.

Meanwhile, we Jews owe the pro-Israel Evangelical Christians a tremendous amount of gratitude for their position of staunchly supporting Israel, even in the face of liberal, leftist Jews who distort their views and beliefs. Or, as in the case of "R.C.," supposedly "Orthodox" Jews who feel some sort of "threat" at the mere mention of the name "Jesus."

I venture to say that if it were not for the support of the Evangelical Christians in America, Israel would be on the brink of total collapse. As a Jew, I am terribly perplexed at the disrespect and vitriol hurled at Evangelicals. I can only pray to God that those who support Israel will ignore such arrogance and ignorance on the part of so many Jews who seem to be their own worst enemy!

Sincerely, — S.S.

It is TRUTH!

Dear Zola:

I am a retired Priest living in Florida. I, like you, also believe in the infallible Word of God. I attended your first Kibbutz Tour with a dozen of my people from Rhode Island in 2000. It was a great trip. It was also Todd Baker's first one.



I just received your February *Levitt Letter.* It was very telling, to say the least. The article, *Israel: Stain of Disgrace,* is a "clock stopper." We certainly have an enemy bent to destroy us. Derek Prince said over twenty years ago, "The greatest threat to peace in the world is Islam." He was mocked for it, but I have preached it for years. It is TRUTH! Thanks for your obedience to the Lord Jesus. You are a breath of fresh air, for sure.

Blessings to you and yours. Please say hello to Todd,

F.P.

Dear F.P.: I will pass your greetings on to my valued assistant, Rev. Todd Baker.

— Zola



OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM

Ezekiel saw the alliance of Russia and Syria 2,500 years ago in his End Times prophecies. (Ezek. 38-39). — Zola

Election Time in the Land

By Will King, www.gazabook.com



Few, if any, Israeli governments have ever

served a full term, therefore, it's no surprise that Israel is again facing early general elections this year. However, Sharon's split from the Likud and establishment of the new Kadima Party, followed closely by his severe stroke and exit from political life, have provided plenty of surprises, and raised several questions this election season.

Ehud Olmert, a staunch Sharon supporter and former mayor of Jerusalem, is poised to move into the role of prime minister. He is surrounded by ministers and Knesset members who defected from various other parties to Kadima, and were all supporters of the disengagement plan. Although billed as a centrist party, Kadima is in composition an instrument of the Israeli left, the "peace camp."

Labor and Likud, the two main traditional parties, stand to lose seats and the election to Sharon's (now Olmert's) Kadima Party. Even without Sharon at the helm, all the polls indicate that Kadima will move forward to victory in the election, despite the fact that nobody really knows their position on the issues. And in Israeli politics, there is only one issue, the conflict with the Palestinians.

While we may not yet know exactly where the next disengagement will occur, several leading figures have put forward their plans and ideas. Dore Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the UN, and current head of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, recently gave a talk with Major General Yaakov Amidor, formerly of Israeli military intelligence, about a book that they have just co-authored.



Their book, *Defensible Borders for a Lasting Peace* (JCPA, 2005), addresses the issue of the minimum amount of land that Israel needs to control in order to still be able to defend itself. According to their analysis, of critical importance are the Jordan Valley region, the hills overlooking Ben Gurion Airport, and expanding the precariously narrow Jerusalem-Tel Aviv corridor. The book was written strictly from a security standpoint, without all of the political, demographic and other outside factors.

The PLO somehow managed to convince the world that they were no longer terrorists when they signed the Oslo Accords and became the PA. However, no amount of convincing and propaganda can cover for Hamas' record of violence and terror.

Many important pieces are in motion in the Land, and a sense of action is in the air. More than ever, we need your continued prayers for the peace of Jerusalem.

Saudis Welcome Hamas Victory

Kingdom calls on global community to respect rights of Palestinian people

www.worldnetdaily.com

While much of the rest of the world has viewed the Hamas victory in the Palestinian elections with caution if not outrage, the kingdom of Saudi Arabia officially weighed in on the vote with praise for the terrorist organization.

Following a meeting of the Council of Ministers, chaired by Prince Sultan, the Cabinet issued a statement welcoming the Hamas win and warning the international community to respect the rights of the Palestinian people to determine their future through the ballot box.

"We look forward to a favorable international response to these developments," said the statement about the elections in Palestine in which Hamas won 74 of the 132 parliamentary seats.

The statement also called upon the international community to pressure Israel to follow the road to peace to achieve a just and comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

The warm welcome for the Hamas victory is seen as an indication Saudi Arabia is likely to continue funding the Palestinian Authority under its new direction. Riyadh has pledged \$100 million in funding through the next year.

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GOVERNMENT OF HOODLUMS continued

The gangs, on the other hand, are more like the Palestinians in that they claim to be defending some kind of turf, and they swagger around spouting all sorts of hateful slogans and the like. But at least they face armed opposition in the form of the other gangs and police. They occasionally kill innocent civilians, but those are collateral casualties and part of their "battle." The militiamen of the Midwest and Northwest are like the Palestinians in that they march around and hype each other up as if they were real soldiers. But they never attack anyone. They're just playing soldiers. I did the same thing, but I was five years old.

Of the American "terrorist" groups that I've mentioned above, the Palestinians are most like the Ku Klux Klan. Hamas, which proudly claims credit for the murder of every unarmed civilian they can reach, is like the Klan in that they always attack the unarmed innocent. Like those self-proclaimed freedom fighters of yesteryear in our rural states, they tend towards sneak attacks, lynching the helpless without any real point. In the end, while we still have four of the five previously mentioned groups, the Klan has deteriorated into marching in small parades, annoying the citizenry, and doing little damage.

In a way, you could almost say that about Hamas as well. More recently, they are mostly about rhetoric, causing very few casualties. All their bravado, their marching around with ski masks and guns, and the

hue and cry about "their land" and the "occupation" — all that taken together doesn't add up to much.

Hamas, despite all its bragging, perpetrates very few real attacks. They certainly never disturb Israeli soldiers. And, like the Klan, *they prefer the dark for their deeds are evil* (John 3:19).

In actual fact, Hamas has killed an average of 29 people per year since 1988 (including 30 Americans) and most of those murders were contracted out to psychopathic suicide bombers. The world has far greater concerns. The Iraqi insurgents have killed thousands and Iran is obviously the most dangerous threat of all. Hamas is mainly composed of headline grabbers and speechmakers. They are no more real "fighters" than were Saddam Hussein and his "great armies."

And, who knows? In this crazy world, maybe Hamas will be satisfied to strut around Palestinian government buildings and content themselves with political importance, and its perks (mansions, top-of-the-line Audis, belly dancers, etc.). In the upside-down world of the End Times, revolutionaries sometimes turn to abusing their own people instead of fighting with some purported "enemies." Look at Castro.

But again, let's not confuse the Palestinian election with a step toward democracy. Truly, Afghanistan and Iraq held fair elections (as long as our guys were there with their guns).

In "Palestine," the election model tends more toward Egypt, where everybody elected is a henchman of the dictator. The real difference in "Palestine" is that we now have competing dictatorships: the professional suit-wearing thieves of Fatah versus the self-styled play soldiers of Hamas.

Who knows which gang of hoodlums will really end up in the palace?



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

or Mogadishu in 1993 — it spent billions of dollars and many lives to give birth to democracy. On the principle of one-person, one-vote, the Untied States has somehow enfranchised the hated Shia and Kurds, without demonizing the Sunnis. And the Sunnis will probably end up with political representation commensurate with their numbers, despite a horrific past association with Saddam Hussein and the blood of American soldiers on their hands.

And the response?

Shiites claim that we are caving in to the terrorist supporters of al-Qaeda and the former Hussein regime. Sunnis counter that we are only empowering the surrogates of Iranian crazies. The Iranians show their thanks for our support for their spiritual brethren in Iraq by humiliating European diplomats with promises to wipe out Israel.

In the larger Middle East, the democratic splash in the Iraqi pond is slowly rippling out, as voting proceeds in Egypt and the Gulf, Syria leaves Lebanon, and Moammar Gadhafi and Pakistan's Dr. Khan cease their nuclear machinations. Hundreds of thousands of protesters hit the streets in Lebanon and Jordan — not to slur the United States, as predicted, for removing Saddam Hussein, but to damn Bashar Assad and al-Zarqawi as terrorist killers. Walid Jumblatt, the Lebanese Druze leader, now calls for Western pressure to root out the Syrian Baathists.

You'd never know all this from the global media or staterun news services in Europe and the Middle East.

The U.S. has sent tens of millions of dollars in earthquake relief to Pakistan, even though, for over four years, they have given de facto sanctuary to the killers responsible for murdering three thousand Americans. In response, the Pakistani "street" expects Americans to provide debt relief, send them aid, excuse their support for our enemies — and then goes wild should we ever cross the border to retaliate against al-Qaeda terrorists in their midst who are plotting to trump 9/11.

At home, much about Iraq has been turned around in "Alice-Through-the-Looking-Glass" fashion. Indeed the debate over Iraq has too often descended into Jabberwocky-like gibberish. We were once slandered as hegemonic; but when we didn't steal anything in Iraq, and instead spent billions in aid, suddenly we were called naive by the now realist Left.

The war was caricatured as all about grabbing oil. Then when the price skyrocketed, we were dubbed foolish for tampering with the fragile petroleum landscape, or with not charging Iraqi price-gouging exporters for our time and services. Americans tried to remain idealistic on the principle that Iraqis, if freed and helped, could craft a workable democracy, and that such consensual governments would make the volatile Middle East safer, since elected and legitimate governments rarely attack their own kind. In response, the supposedly idealistic Left charged that we were bellicose and imperialistic — as if being on the side of the purple-fingered Iraqi voter was not preferable to being on the side of the terrorist and insurrectionist, who masked his fascism with national rhetoric.

The realist Right was aghast that profits and the balance of power were lost in the equation. The isolationists felt we were either doing Israel's bidding, wasting lives and money on hopeless tribesmen, or fattening the government to administer a new empire. And all these alternative views were predicated on the 24-hour pulse of the battlefield, to be instantly modified, retracted, or amplified when events suggested dramatic improvement or disheartening setback.

The exasperated public is told that we had too few troops in postwar Iraq, but have too many now. We wanted to be as inconspicuous as possible, so as not injure Arab sensitivities or create perpetual dependency, but we ended up needing an unfortunately high profile just to put down insurrectionists.

Jay Garner was too much the military man; Paul Bremmer too little.

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Prewar forecasts warned a worried public that we might lose 3,000-5,000 soldiers just in removing Saddam. Three years later, we have removed him and sponsored a democracy to boot, and at far less than those feared numbers. But we react as if we had faced unexpected numbers of casualties.

Despite the fact that al-Qaedists were in Kurdistan, al-Zarqawi was in Saddam's Baghdad, terrorists like Abu Abas and Abu Nidal were sheltered by Iraqis, and recent archives disclose that hundreds of Iraqi terrorists were annually housed and schooled by the Baathists, we are nevertheless assured that there was no tie between Saddam and terrorists. Those who suggest there were lines of support are caricatured as liars and Bush propagandists.

Apparently, we are asked to believe that the al-Qaedists whom Iraqis and Americans kill each day in Iraq largely joined up because we removed Saddam Hussein.

After September 11, many of our experts assured us that it was "not a question of if, but when" we were to be hit again — with the qualifier that the next strike would be far worse, entailing a dirty bomb, or biological or chemical agents.

Yet when we are still free from an assault 52 months later, censors assure that our safety has nothing to do with the Patriot Act, nothing to do with wiretaps, nothing to do with killing thousands of terrorists abroad in Afghanistan and Iraq, and nothing to do with creating democratic Afghan and Iraqi security forces who daily hunt down jihdadists far from America's shores. And yet, strangely, there is no serious legislation to revoke the Patriot Act, to outlaw listening to calls from potential terrorists, or to cut off funds for operations in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Summarize what the media, the Europeans, the Middle East, and the opposition at home say about Iraq, and the usual narrative is that an initial mistake was made far worse by ideologues, leading to a hopeless situation that only makes the U.S. appear foolish and impotent, while ruining the military, creating a police state at home, and emptying the treasury.

Yet these same critics surely don't want Saddam Hussein back. They concede that after three successful elections, Iraq just might be the first truly democratic society in the history of the Middle East. And they privately acknowledge that the reputations of Osama bin Laden and al-Zarqawi are on the wane. How was that possible when almost everyone fouled up?

So how do we make sense of what seems so nonsensical? Rather easily — just keep in mind four general talking points about America's recent role in the world, and most things gradually becomes clearer.

- Point One (for Americans): My own flawless three-week removal of Saddam Hussein was ruined by your errorprone postwar peace.
- Point Two (for Middle Easterners): We are for democracy — unless you Americans help us obtain it.
- Point Three (for Europeans): We are privately for and publicly against what you do.
- Point Four (for everyone else): When angry at either the United States (or yourself,) just blame the Jews in America and Israel.

Sometimes in these crazy times, that is all you need to know.



EDITORIAL

"Munich," the Travesty

By Charles Krauthammer, The Washington Post

If Steven Spielberg had made a fictional movie about the psychological disintegration of a revenge assassin, that would have been



fine. Instead, he decided to call this fiction *Munich* and root it in a historical event: the 1972 massacre by Palestinian terrorists of 11 Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games. Once you've done that — evoked the killing of innocents who, but for Palestinian murderers, would today be not much older than Spielberg himself — you have an obligation to get the story right and not to use the victims as props for any political agenda, let alone for the political agenda of those who killed them.

The only true part of the story is the few minutes spent on the massacre. The rest is invention, as Spielberg delicately puts it in the opening credits, "inspired by real events."

By real events? Rubbish. Inspired by Tony Kushner's belief (he co-wrote the screenplay) that the founding of Israel was a "historical, moral, political calamity" for the Jewish people.

It is an axiom of filmmaking that you can only care about a character you know. In *Munich*, the Israeli athletes are not only theatrical, but historical extras, stick figures. Spielberg dutifully gives us their names — Spielberg's List — and nothing more: no history, no context, no relationships, nothing. They are there to die.

The Palestinians who plan the massacre and are hunted down by Israel are given — with the concision of the gifted cinematic craftsman — texture, humanity, depth, history. The first Palestinian we meet is the erudite translator of poetry giving a public reading, then acting kindly toward an Italian shopkeeper — before he is shot in cold blood by Jews.

Then there is the elderly PLO member who dotes on his 7-year-old daughter before being blown to bits. Not one of these plotters is ever shown plotting Munich, or any other atrocity for that matter. They are shown in the full flower of their humanity, savagely extinguished by Jews.

But the most shocking Israeli brutality involves the Dutch prostitute — apolitical, beautiful, pathetic — shot to death, naked, of course, by the now half-crazed Israelis settling private business. The Israeli way, I suppose.

Even more egregious than the manipulation by character is the propaganda by dialogue. The Palestinian case is made forthrightly: The Jews stole our land and we're going to kill any Israeli we can to get it back. Those who are supposedly making the Israeli case say... the same thing. The hero's mother, the pitiless committed Zionist,



says: We needed the refuge. We seized it. Whatever it takes to secure it. Then she ticks off members of their family lost in the Holocaust.

Spielberg makes the Holocaust the engine of Zionism and its justification. Which, of course, is the Palestinian narrative. Indeed, it is the classic narrative

for anti-Zionists, most recently the president of Iran, who says that Israel should be wiped off the map. And why not? If Israel is nothing more than Europe's guilt trip for the Holocaust, then why should Muslims have to suffer a Jewish state in their midst?

It takes a Hollywood ignoramus to give flesh to the argument of a radical anti-Semitic Iranian. Jewish history did not begin with Kristallnacht. The first Zionist Congress occurred in 1897. The Jews fought for and received recognition for the right to establish a "Jewish national home in Palestine" from Britain in 1917 and from the League of Nations in 1922, two decades before the Holocaust.

But the Jewish claim is far more ancient. If the Jews were just seeking a nice refuge, why did they choose the malarial swamps and barren sand dunes of 19th-century Palestine? Because Israel was their ancestral home, site of the first two Jewish commonwealths for a thousand years — long before Arabs, long before Islam, long before the Holocaust. The Roman destructions of 70 A.D and 135 A.D. extinguished Jewish independence, but never the Jewish claim and vow to return home. The Jews' miraculous return 2,000 years later was tragic because others had settled in the land and had a legitimate competing claim. Which is why Jews have for three generations offered to partition the house. The Arab response in every generation has been rejection, war and terrorism.

And Munich. Munich, the massacre, had only modest success in launching the Palestinian cause with the blood of 11 Jews. *Munich*, the movie, has now made that success complete 33 years later. No longer is it crude, grainy TV propaganda. *Munich* now enjoys high cinematic production values and the imprimatur of Steven Spielberg, no less, carrying the original terrorists' intended message to every theater in the world.

This is hardly surprising, considering that *Munich's* case for the moral bankruptcy of the Israeli cause — not just the campaign to assassinate Munich's planners, but the entire enterprise of Israel itself — is so thorough that the movie concludes with the lead Mossad assassin, seared by his experience, abandoning Israel forever. Where does the hero resettle? In the only true home for the Jew of conscience, sensitivity and authenticity: Brooklyn. The following columnist is always dependable and gives Hamas their due: five paragraphs. — Zola

The First Terrorist People

David Horowitz, www.frontpagemag.com

The Palestinian Nazi Party has won the elections. This is a party, Hamas, that calls for the obliteration of the Jewish state (in so many words) and the killing of Jews because they are Jews (in so many words), and cites the Koranic damnation of Jews and incitement to murder Jews in justification. Hamas is a party of Islamic fanatics who are part of the global jihad against the United States and the West, whose hero is Osama bin Laden. Hamas was the biggest foreign supporter of Saddam Hussein. With this vote in record numbers, the Palestinian people have joined en masse the Axis of Evil. They are the selfdeclared enemies of Jews, of America and of civilized values, and should be treated as such. The Palestinians have declared with this vote that they want no peace. They should be given none.

The defeated Fatah Party — the "moderate" party — is, of course, the creation of the terrorist Yasser Arafat. Its official charter calls for the destruction of Israel and its leadership has been dedicated to terror since the PLO was created by the bloody dictator Nasser and the KGB in 1964. Its leader. Mahmoud Abbas, is a Holocaust denier and the financier of the kidnapping and murder of the Israeli Olympic team in Munich in 1972, and Arafat's ally in terror for the duration since. But then the father of Palestinian nationalism himself is the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, al-Husseini, a fanatical devotee of Adolf Hitler who served the Nazi cause in Berlin during the Second World War.

The Palestinians are the first people in the history of humanity to embrace terror and genocide as a way of life. Palestinian schools train kindergarteners and first graders to aspire to murder innocent Jews by blowing themselves up alongside them, and then tell them that if they're lucky enough to be males, they will go to heaven and have 72 virgins attend their every whim. Palestinian parents murder their own children by telling them to murder Jewish children so that Allah can reward them. This is the sickest culture on the face of the earth, and the fact that is supported by the American secular left reveals the terminal sickness of those who crusade in the name of social justice.

At the core of this sickness is a hatred for the West and Israel for being successful, democratic and tolerant. And at the core of this sickness, of course, is self-hatred. Self-hatred for the 1,000 year failure of Arab Muslim culture to compete with the West and for the absolute bankruptcy of the Palestinian cause. This despite billions and billions of dollars poured into the West Bank and Gaza by Europe, Israel and the United States whose purpose was to help this people consumed in their own emotional poisons, only to be stolen in transit by their corrupt and homicidal leaders who buried their loot in Swiss bank accounts or used it to buy weapons of mass murder, and to spread destruction — which is the only contribution that the Arabs of the Palestinian mandate have made to the world since their national aspirations were first announced half a century ago.



U.S., Israel Soon to Attack Iran Nukes

By Joseph Farah, www.worldnetdaily.com



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A pre-emptive U.S. and Israeli military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities is nearly inevitable

Meanwhile, in Washington, there is growing concern that Iran's ultimate target is the U.S.

In January, Iran's Revolutionary Guards conducted a conference on the use of weapons of mass destruction nuclear, chemical and biological. Included in those briefings were presentations on electromagnetic pulse weapons and other military technologies deemed to be under development for use against the U.S., rather than Israel or other enemies of the Islamic republic. Even one nuclear weapon, used in an EMP-style attack on the U.S., would prove catastrophic to the nation, a congressional panel studying the vulnerability of America to electromagnetic pulse weapons concluded last year.

Such an attack would not require Iran to use long-range or intercontinental ballistic missiles, which it does not possess. But a simple Scud missile, with a nuclear warhead, could be fired from offshore and detonated above the U.S. wreaking near total devastation on the country's technological, electrical and transportation infrastructure. It would also have the advantage of offering Iran a degree of plausible deniability, given that "terrorists" armed with one nuclear weapon could achieve the same results.

Meanwhile, missed in all the media attention on Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's statements about wiping Israel off the face of the earth was the fact that he also called for the eradication of the U.S.

Ahmadinejad's speech in Tehran last fall, in which he called for Israel to be wiped off the face of the earth, got a healthy amount of coverage by the international media.

Yet, despite the number of stories published and broadcast, a key element of that address to "The World Without Zionism" conference was overlooked, ignored — spiked, if you will — by major press organizations.

It wasn't just a world without Zionism and Israel that Ahmadinejad and his friends in Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups were envisioning. It was a world without the United States of America.

Ahmadinejad has developed a strategic "war preparation plan" for what he calls the "destruction of Anglo-Saxon civilization."

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A Fair and Balanced Look **Bv Zola Levitt**

Not only are Americans and Israelis criticizing Spielberg's new movie, Munich, but the chief Palestinian planner and murderer "voiced outrage at not being consulted for the thriller." Mohammed Daoud stated: "When I chose a long time ago to be a revolutionary fighter, I prepared to be a martyr. I am not afraid, because people's souls are in God's hands, not Israel's." Unfortunately, he doesn't seem to have ever gotten to be a "revolutionary fighter," but just an everyday murderer. As a matter of fact, Israel knows exactly where to find Daoud, and will grant him his wish for martyrdom if he ever acts up again.

According to the Reuters news agency, "several Israeli historians also have complained about what they see as a moral symmetry in the film between slaving Olympians and the Palestinians assassinated by Israel's Mossad spy service." Obviously, there's quite a bit of difference between masked murderers of innocent civilians and law enforcement agents hunting terrorists. other than to point out that pianists and athletes are among innocent civilians always targeted by the mass murderers among those for whom our president has a vision for a state.

Kathleen Kennedy, producer of Munich, told a preview audience at Princeton University that a Palestinian consultant was used for the film. What does one ask such a consultant? Perhaps how many unarmed athletes were shot in the back, or how many got to face their murderers? You could ask the Palestinian consultant which of the weightlifters, runners, jumpers, etc. had ever killed an Arab person in the same way. Another good question would be: has any sane Israeli ever walked up to an unarmed Palestinian civilian and shot him dead? If so, when and where did that happen?

Ms. Kennedy went on before her partisan audience: "I do feel that we spent an enormous amount of time in discussion, and put efforts into exploring a fair and balanced look at the Palestinians..."

After all, cold blooded killers of unarmed noncombatants certainly deserve a "fair and balanced look"

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if you happen to be a Hollywood nutcase rooting for the other side in what we call our "War on Terror."

Spielberg will be better remembered for this awful travesty than for all the decent and good works he did before. What an absolutely shameful, partisan, un-American, and anti-Semitic film to make!



Daoud states: "Spielberg showed the movie to widows of the Israeli victims, but he neglected the families of Palestinian victims. How many Palestinian civilians were killed before and after Munich?"

There were no Palestinian victims whatever at Munich, and, in fact, the Germans have just inexplicably set a terrorist free. As for Palestinians killed, there have been very few before and after Munich. They would have been among the few collateral casualties in Israel's attempts to take out the terrorist leaders. Most Palestinians are killed by other Palestinians.

Piling outrage upon outrage, Daoud goes on: "We did not target Israeli civilians. Some of the [athletes] had taken part in wars and killed many Palestinians. Whether a pianist or an athlete, any Israeli is a soldier." This particular point is beneath contempt and not to be dignified with an answer

Dear Friends,

A further commentary on Steven Spielberg's film, *Munich*, appeared in the December 31 *National Review*. Reporter Mark Steyn states: "As the great director sees it, the problem is intransigence on both sides, which has led to a tragic 'cycle of violence.' A response to a response doesn't really solve anything," he says. 'There's been a quagmire of blood for blood for many decades in that region. Where does it end?'"

I'm glad Spielberg, a Jew who understands so little about Israel, put this in such plain words. It is the world's lie about what's really happening in that democracy. There is no "cycle of violence" as *The New York Times, The Washington Post,* CNN, etc. would have you believe, but merely murderers and those who police them. I know I've said this before, but it bears repeating. We do not describe gangland murders in Los Angeles and then arrests by police as a cycle of violence or a quagmire of "blood for blood." We do not think that we have to have a municipal peace plan so that the police will restrain themselves. Likewise with Chicago drug dealers, New York mobsters, Midwestern militiamen, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Palestinian terrorists.

Only with regard to Israel would anyone make up a story that the normal policing of murderers is some kind of war. There is not now, nor has there ever been a war within the boundaries of modern Israel.







I was once telephoned by WFAA, the ABC affiliate in Dallas, about the "war" in Israel at the start of Arafat's 2000 intifada. Indeed, murders of civilians had risen, but not anywhere near the levels of those in typical American cities. Still, ABC wanted to describe it as a war (since coverage of a war sells more commercials). I disappointed them when I said nothing that special was happening, and one cannot have a war when one side has no army or navy or air force, but just psychopathic suicide bombers.

I was given a lecture by the local ABC reporter and told that I must not understand Israel very well. Needless to say, none of my comments were utilized on the subsequent news program.

Steven Spielberg has done a really terrible thing to his own people and to the public at large. I'm terribly disappointed, but one can't expect better from unbelievers, however talented they may be in some artistic field.

Or, as the *National Review* article put it, "Bye bye, Steven... The average Joe rightly recognizes this [the cycle of violence] as a crock. In my experience, Americans aren't particularly predisposed toward Jews, but at a basic level they get the difference between the two sides... The death of innocents was an Israeli mistake, but a Palestinian objective. "So all the artful symmetries Spielberg and his screenwriter Tony Kushner find between the men who killed the athletes and the men who killed the athlete-killers, ring false to most of the potential audience. After all, even as the film was opening, the president of 'Arafatistan' (the Palestinian territories), Mahmoud Abbas, was signing off on a new law that rewards suicide bombers by providing a lifelong welfare check to their relatives. That's the difference."

At the Golden Globe Awards, a Palestinian film was voted Best Foreign Language Film. The movie, *Paradise Now*, like several others out these days, sees suicide bombing from the terrorists' perspective, and thus contributes to the notion that these murderers of innocent civilians are some sort of "freedom fighters."

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A NOTE FROM ZOLA continued

They have their human problems, their hopes, their dreams, and their religious faith. The only problem with them is that they continue to murder innocent people.

Despite all the favorable publicity and financial help being given to suicide bombing, it has virtually died out in Israel. Months pass between incidents. The fence is obviously working well to keep out these crazies, and hence the Israel-hating world wants it torn down.

We had such interest in our New Year's Eve tour of the Holy Land Experience in Orlando that we will add another weekend there this year. Around September 1st, our dear friend and ministry volunteer, Harvey Zion, a Messianic Jew who has been helping with these tours, and also tours of the real Israel, will lead this new domestic tour of first century Jerusalem. The Israel-based theme park in Orlando provides a wonderful experience, second only to a genuine Israel tour.

Sandra and I will be speaking, probably on the West Coast or Arizona at that time, but know that Harvey is a friend of sixty years, who speaks the Hebrew language and understands Jewish heritage as well as I do.

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Your messenger,

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How to Win at Losing

By Zola Levitt

I'm just overwhelmed by all the news pouring in from Jerusalem, Washington, etc. But I must admit that the subject that's on my mind the most these days is my weight loss! And I cannot help but share the simple secret.

I received a great deal of attention after my bypass, designed to help me avoid still another bypass down the road. (I think the Rapture will intervene, actually.) Not only did my cardiologist and attending surgeon give me good advice on reconditioning, but my medical insurance company provided a physical trainer to visit me three times per week after the operation. Rehabilitation was the theme, and she took the task very seriously.

At first, we talked about exercise and its twin sister, weight loss. Those two together promote physical fitness, well being, and optimism about life. I'm really encouraged by all that's happened.

I am now nearly thirty pounds lighter than before the operation, and I feel a whole lot stronger. I go shopping in the back of my own closets among those clothes that mysteriously get smaller when you've hung them up for a while. As part of the process, I re-read my 1975 diet book (no longer available, I'm afraid) whose fans I still run into occasionally. And I became acquainted with a simple new diet that I want to disclose to you immediately.

The cardiologist, the physical therapist and a personal trainer here in Florida, where we're speaking this winter, all agree: people should eat six times per day, but with smaller meals each time. The diet is given in a nutshell on the side of every Slim-Fast can. I seem to be able to manage on three small meals per day, plus two diet drinks as meal substitutes and one normal "sensible" meal. I continue feeling more and more fit. Enough said.

My Son Will Never Watch "Paradise Now"

By Yossi Tzur, www.israelinsider.com

Yossi Tzur is the bereaved father of Asaf Zur (16) who was killed in a suicide bus bombing on March 5, 2003.

In January, the Palestinian movie *Paradise Now* won the Golden Globe award. The movie shows the route that two young Palestinians take in becoming suicide murderers until the minute they board a children's bus in Tel Aviv.

The movie looks professional. The movie was done with great care for detail and is extremely dangerous, not only to the Middle East, but to the whole world.

My son Asaf, almost 17 years old, was a high school student in the eleventh grade learning computer sciences. One day, after school, he boarded a bus in Israel to get back to our home. On the way, a suicide murderer from Hebron, a 21-year-old computer sciences student in the Hebron Polytechnic Institute, exploded on the bus. 17 people were killed, 9 of them school children aged 18 or less.

My son Asaf was killed on the spot.

I looked at the movie trying to understand what it is trying to say, what message it carries. That the murderer is human? He is not.

That he has doubts? He has none. After all, he is willing to kill himself with his victims.

That the Israelis are to blame for this brutal killing? Are the Israelis to blame for the twin towers in New York, the nightclub in Indonesia, the hotel in Egypt, the shop in Turkey, the restaurant in Morocco or in Tunis, the hotel in Jordan, the Underground in London, the train in Spain? The list goes on and on.

What makes this movie award worth? Would the foreign reporters that awarded this movie the Golden Globe do the same if the movie was about young people from Saudi Arabia who learn how to fly in the USA and then take Islamic ritual in preparations for their holy mission to crash airplanes into the twin towers in New York? Would this movie get an award then?

The movie is trying to say that suicide murders are a legitimate option when all other means have been exhausted.

Is it legitimate for a suicide murderer to board a bus and kill 15 or 20 people? How about a suicide murderer who walks into a city with a biological bomb and kills 10,000 or 100,000 people — is that still legitimate? Where does one draw the line?

The world should draw the line at one person. The killing of even one person is not legitimate. My son was almost 17 years old. He loved surfing. He loved loud music.

He is now gone because a suicide murderer decided it's legitimate to blow himself up on a crowded bus.

Encouraging film makers to hide behind the award, and say that the world declared suicide bombing a legitimate means, without looking at the messages the movie carries, and its implications for future terrorists, makes the award's decision makers part of the evil chain of terror and makes them participants in the next suicide murders, whether there are 17 victims or 17,000.



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Ambassadors for Christ

By Kathleen Murray, Colonel, U.S. Army Reserves

It all begins with a stirring; a want to travel to Israel, but once having "seen" Israel, there begins the desire to talk with the people of Israel. With encouragement, I applied to be a "missionary" with Zola Levitt Ministries and was accepted. I received a library of information from the booklet *Israel's Right to the Land* to basic witnessing by Zola himself. The smallest book of all became my guide, *Jesus, the Jew's Jew*, by Zola Levitt. I felt that, with this guide, I was ready to talk with the people of Israel. Tonie Gray, ministry staffer at Zola Levitt Ministries became my partner.

When I arrived at JFK International airport, I joined the tour group to meet with Zola and my fellow tourists to the Holy Land. Harvey Zion, one of Zola's lifelong friends and recently "born again," was on the tour, wanting to be baptized in the Jordan River. Harvey would be a great help to me in understanding what Jewish people believe and their point of view when it comes to life and practices.

During our airport gathering, Sandra Levitt introduced Tonie and me as their "ambassadors" to Israel. That caught my attention. I read in my Bible, *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us* (2 Cor. 5:19-20 NIV). Looking at the context I read, For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again (2 Cor. 5:14-15 NIV). My outlook changed no longer a missionary — but an ambassador to Israel and to its people.

By the end of the trip, I found that Tonie and I were two of many ambassadors on the Levitt tour. Like Nell, who at the Qumran gift store, saw four IDF soldiers and just couldn't stop telling them, like their grandmother, how much she loved them, hugging them and saying to them that they needed to read their Bibles, Old and New Testaments, or, Sandra Levitt inviting a young woman to sing in the amphitheater in Caesarea just when a Jewish tour group walked in. The song was sung — a love song to Jesus — followed by their applause!

Tonie and I would leave the tour group and talk to more people like Dorett

from Kiev, Mor and Shana or Moshe and Elizabeth, Israelis and former Americans, or Avi from Brooklyn who teaches emotionally disturbed young men in Safed, and so many more, like Ephraim and Sammy, cab drivers in Jerusalem, or Gabriel, an Ultra Orthodox Jew, in Mea Shearim.

Everyone who has that stirring to go to Israel is being called to be God's representative, an ambassador for Christ. We are all "up to it." It's as simple as saying, "We love Israel," then genuinely looking them in the eye and saying, as Tonie and I said to Liat, in our last hour in Israel, "but more than the Land, we love the Jewish people!"

Kathleen Murray, lives in St. Louis, Missouri. She works at a community mental health center, is a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, and is Vice President of The House of Living Water, a Christian Organization of Education teaching the Church about its Jewish roots.



Tonie (above) and Katie (below) witness to the "...lost sheep."



Only in England?

By Catriona Davies, www.telegraph.co.uk

A mother described hearing her son shot dead after he refused to convert to Islam.

Ruth Marriott told an inquest into her son's death that she heard gunshots on the day Adrian was shot five

times in the head a few weeks before his 21st birthday.

Mr. Marriott, an accounting student and gang member, was killed in a park near his home in Brixton, south London, in June 2004.

Three members of a rival gang, known as the Muslim Boys, were cleared in September last year of conspiracy to murder Mr. Marriott after the prosecution offered no evidence at the Old Bailey.

His mother told the inquest at Southwark Coroners' Court: "We heard the shooting. We heard gunfire.

"The thought did strike me that Adrian could be involved, but it was a fleeting thought. Then we heard from police the following evening what had happened.

"Adrian was told on the Sunday prior to his death that he would be killed if he did not become a Muslim by the Wednesday, which was the day he died."

Asked by the coroner, John Sampson, whether her son had taken the threat seriously, Mrs. Marriott said: "I do not think he did." She said she had last seen him on the afternoon he was killed. "He was happy. He was pestering me to order something for him out of my catalog," she said. "Adrian was very much a family man."

The coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing.

Detective Sgt John Stafford, who led the murder investigation, told the inquest that he was still searching for evidence to convict Mr. Marriott's killers. He said: "It does indeed remain a live matter. We are still keen to talk to more witnesses."

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Presidential Remarks – From the Loony Bin

By Zola Levitt

The grand pronouncements of the president of Iran would cause a lot of humor if they weren't so threatening. The U.S., Europe, and the U.N. have recently become concerned about his nuclear ambitions.

But he is also a big fan of Palestinian terrorism. Quoted during his meeting with his allies in Syria, President Ahmadinejad thrilled his gathered boosters with "...the Palestinian people will be victorious as a result of their steadfastness, sacrifices and heroism." He and Syrian President Assad reassured the crowd that, "they backed the right of the Palestinians and Lebanese to resist Israeli occupation."

Taking the last point first, there is no occupation of Lebanon by any Israelis. The small piece of border territory they defensively occupied years ago was returned, and there is no such issue. Likewise with the Palestinians, the Israelis are living on their own land, as certified by 4,000 years of history, and no amount of repetition of the term "occupation" can change that.

The "steadfastness, sacrifices and heroism" are rather complimentary to a society of largely hooligans. Steadfastness is accomplished if one buys the occupation story; all Palestinians persist in this myth, but what else do they have to do? The sacrifices involve day-to-day poverty that would not exist if they accepted the Israelis as neighbors. Or, possibly suicide bombing is referred to, but one wonders how much real sacrifice is involved when one is promised a career in heaven with 72 virgins, etc.

The final point about heroism is another mythological concept among all Islamists. What heroism is involved in the kidnapping of a terrified young girl who reports for *The Christian Science Monitor* in Iraq? How much heroism is displayed by the masked gunmen standing over this pleading captive? How much heroism is involved in shooting people in passing cars, or blowing up market places anonymously? If Islamists awarded medals for heroism, they would probably manufacture a lot of medals, but have no real heroes on whom to pin them.

As we go to print, the reporter is still alive, and we have so far, released five of the nine Iraqi women that we had captured. This was announced by one of our generals who claimed that we never negotiate with terrorists.

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One reason suicide bombers do as they do, whether in contemporary Iraq, Israel of the last few decades, or even Japan at the end of World War II, when kamikaze pilots flew their airplanes into American ships, is seldom mentioned. That reason is the awful alternative. It seems these people looked ahead to a situation of no hope and decided to do what they could for some cause, and at least make their useless lives count for something in the view of their nation, religion, village, etc.

With the Japanese pilots, it was understood that their chance of survival in upcoming air battles with superior American planes and pilots was next to nothing. Probably they all would die in a few weeks anyway. Why not instead cripple or even sink a great warship with thousands of the enemy aboard?

In Plano, Texas where suicidal adolescents drive Mercedes, vacation on the Texas gulf coast, and enjoy a steady flow of various drugs, life holds little up ahead that they don't already have and are utterly bored with. It isn't desperation or religious faith or defense of some territory that is at issue; it's simply ennui, the sense of having had it all, and it's not good enough to go on.

With the Palestinians, the alternative for the bomber is an ongoing life of numbing poverty, substandard medical care, and living under an awful dictatorship with no foreseeable chance of any real freedoms.

And likewise in Iraq, the life under oncoming democracy, while it would improve for those who cooperate, would be worse for the former Saddam-following Sunni Muslims. They would never have the importance and the privileges of a ruling class. And those among them coming from bordering Arab totalitarian states faced equally hopeless alternatives. Living in a 10th century society with secret police, crushing rules and regulations, and self-thwarting traditions is a life so hopeless that the immediate thrill of blowing up some supposed enemy is actually preferred by some.

I think that religion has little to do with it, though it's invariably cited as the true inspiration. However, when one shifts to Israel, it becomes some sort of fight over the land, and in Japan it was the defense of the country. While there usually is some ideological philosophy that goes with the suicide, the bottom line is that for some, it is the best plan.

Iran: We Would Win Nuclear War

By Ryan Jones, www.jnewswire.com

Former Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani has said that the Muslim world would win a nuclear exchange with Israel, aggravating fears Tehran's quest for atomic weapons indeed has one pur-



pose: the annihilation of what it calls the Zionist "cancer."

"[The] application of an atomic bomb would not leave anything in Israel — but the same thing would just produce damages in the Muslim world," Hashemi-Rafsanjani was quoted as saying by the government-controlled Iran Press Service.

The spiritual leader, who wields enormous power in Iran, made the comments during a prayer service in Tehran. It was the first time an Islamic leader of such prominence openly suggested a nuclear attack against the Jewish state, media analysts told the IPS.

Iran has been pursuing atomic weapons in defiance of international demands.

Concerns over Iran's nuclear efforts grew exponentially last November when President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a conference in Tehran that Israel should be "wiped off the map."

In an interview with *Ynet*, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said he has no doubt Iran will act to completely destroy the Jewish state if its nuclear program is not halted.

Israel's New Partner in Peace

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In an interview which aired on Al-Manar TV hours after the Palestinian election, Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Zahar put the organization's principles forward very clearly, including plans to continue with terror.

Al-Zahar's remarks included a determination to continue to murder Israeli civilians, a defiant refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist, and plans to replace Israel with an Arab state.

"We will not give up the resistance in the sense of Jihad," stated Al-Zahar. He added that "the war of tunnels and of security against the Israeli enemy, which ultimately led to its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank" would only continue.

Al-Zahar also described Hamas' territorial aspirations: "Our education system will not represent Palestine [merely] as a coastal strip stretching from Rafah to Beit Hanoun



[the Gaza Strip]," he stated. "Palestine means Palestine in its entirety — from the [Mediterranean] Sea to the [Jordan] River, from Ras Al-Naqura to Rafah. We cannot give up a single inch of it."

Vowing to intensify education of youth to kill Israeli civilians, Al-Zahar discussed the reforms in the education system his group wishes to introduce: "Our ministry of culture will teach them [Arab children] how the martyr is turned into prose, literature, and poetry, and how a woman, who used to cook and do the laundry, turns into one of the heroes of Palestine."

Al-Zahar added: "If today, we are unable to win the conflict decisively, for reasons known to all, we must not pass on to our sons a disgraceful defeat by recognizing the Israeli enemy's right to exist, where it has no such right."



Asking the Absurd Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

The New York Times recent-

ly had a front page story explaining a new poll it had just completed, along with CBS, on the issue of intelligence gathering. According to the *Times*, the public is very "nuanced" about the issue depending on how the question is phrased. So, how did *The New York Times* phrase it?

The *Times*/CBS poll asked the question two ways. First it asked, "In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone calls and email of ordinary Americans on a regular basis?" Not surprisingly, only 28% of the public said "yes." If anything, I'm surprised it was that high! No one in the Bush Administration has suggested or defended regularly intercepting phone calls and emails of ordinary Americans.

The second version asked whether they would support such monitoring of "Americans that the government is suspicious of." That proposal is supported by a whopping 68% of those polled. But even that doesn't accurately describe what the Bush Administration is doing. It is monitoring communications between known al-Qaeda operatives and affiliates with individuals in the U.S. I suspect that if that question had been asked by the *Times*, support for the program would be even higher.

Briefs

Off-Duty Police Officers Protest Orlando Sentinel

JERUSALEM – Dozens of gunmen, including off-duty police officers, halted traffic on two major roads in the Gaza strip for more than an hour Saturday (January 14), in the latest sign of chaos gripping the area ahead of the January 25 Palestinian elections. The protestors demanded retribution for the killing of a police officer in a drug bust a week ago and urged Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to impose order in Gaza.

What's of interest here in this Israel-bashing newspaper is the fact that the casual reader cannot identify the country in which these gunmen and protestors caused these problems. Was it Israel perhaps? If the dispute was in Gaza, were the off-duty police officers Jewish cops from nearby Ashkelon or Ashdod or Beer Sheeva?

Anyone knowledgeable about Israel, of course, would understand that when "dozens of gunmen" are mentioned, they would be Palestinians in 100% of the cases. Still in all, the paper may have the faint hope that the article will serve to criticize Israel in some way. It is not made clear that this entire scene happened in Palestinian territories, especially with the dateline "JERUSALEM."

And, I wonder, did scenes like these occur in the president's "vision for a Palestinian state." — Zola

'Stayin' Alive'

In reference to the NSA wiretapping issue, the *Orlando Sentinel* recently pointed out that:

"In most countries, unauthorized spying on citizens is taken for granted, experts say." In the article, the following is mentioned: "In Israel, where officials and law enforcement agencies deem government eavesdropping vital in the fight against terrorism and where any government minister can approve it, people are not ruffled over the imbroglio in Washington.

'When suicide bombers are all around, people prefer to be alive,' said Menachem Hofnung, a professor of political science at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. 'Most Israelis prefer safety in the streets over the rights of Palestinians.'"

Gosh, I'm the same way. When possible suicide bombers are all around, I, too, prefer to stay alive. And, like the Israelis, I prefer safety in the streets over the rights of local, radical Islamists. — Zola

Full-Time "Man on the Street"

Dad – I recently read in Ann Coulter's *How to Talk to a Liberal* that *The New York Times,* using the phrase "man on the street," has interviewed the same man more than one hundred times. They represent each unrelated interview as if the reporter just grabbed someone out of a crowd — except it's usually the same guy: Greg Packer. We know the *Times* is dishonest, but I keep being surprised at how low they'll stoop.

What an amateurish tactic this renowned newspaper uses! They won't work hard enough to interview only liberals and claim it's random — they have to use the SAME liberal again and again and claim it's random.

— Aaron (Levitt)

Concerning my last email, it looks like Ann was referring to the media in general, not only *The New York Times*, who have quoted Greg Packer on countless occasions as a "man on the street" — which is even more odd, since he can only be a "man on [one] street" at a time.

— Aaron

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Immigration to Israel

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The immigration rate from North America to Israel in 2005 was the highest it has been since 1983, according to the Jewish Agency. More than 3,100 North Americans moved to Israel in 2005.

In addition, a study conducted by pollster Mina Tzemach found that 93 percent of American immigrants questioned for the survey were satisfied (49 percent) or very satisfied (44 percent) with their absorption in Israel.

The statistics were prepared ahead of an El Al flight carrying 202 North American immigrants to Israel from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York. The *Nefesh B'Nefesh* (Soul to Soul) flight was the seventh one from North America last year. The flight was organized by the Jewish Agency as well as *Nefesh B'Nefesh*, an organization that facilitates immigration, assists immigrants financially and helps them find work in Israel.

A Nefesh B'Nefesh official said, of the 3,100 North Americans classified as immigrants last year, some 300 were already living in Israel when they changed their status.

Michael Landsberg, the executive director of the Jewish Agency's North American Aliyah Delegation, told the newspaper *Ha'aretz (the Land)* that 2005 was the third year running that has seen a consistent increase in the number of North American immigrants to Israel. The vast major-

ity of the people arriving have postsecondary degrees, and two-thirds are younger than 35, said Landsberg.

"Don't Leave Even One"

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A recent poll found that 65 percent of Palestinians "support al-Qaeda actions in the USA and Europe."

Palestinian Media Watch believes there is such a high percentage of Palestinians who support al-Qaeda terrorism partly because of the prevalence of PA broadcasts that call for the killing of "infidels," or non-Muslims.

Stated the deliverer of a recently televised sermon: "Destroy the infidels and the polytheists! Your enemies are the enemies of the religion. ...Count them and kill them to the last one, and don't leave even one."

Noted Palestinian Media Watch: "This prayer — clear incitement to the genocide of 'infidels,' a term that includes the Christian West — is common from PA religious leaders. Prayers to annihilate all infidels have been included in Friday prayers on PA TV at least six times in recent months."

Two of the sermons were delivered by Yusuf Jum'a Salamah, PA Minister of the Waqf and Religion, the most important religious office in the PA, the media watchdog group reported. PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas was present on at least one of the sermons.

Palestinian leaders calling for the destruction of "infidels" have clearly stated that group includes the United States and the United Kingdom.

"The infidel countries — first and foremost, the USA – have succeeded greatly in tearing our Islamic world apart," stated Yusuf Abu Sneina on "Voice of Palestine,"

While Palestinian Authority political leadership does not include incitements to violence in media statements, "in their Arabic sermons to the Palestinian population, PA religious leaders have been praying for years for the destruction of Western countries," Palestinian Media Watch noted.

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Listen to What They Say

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

Diplomats all over Europe, and the U.S. too, are demanding that Hamas, winner of January's Palestinian elections, recognize Israel's right to exist as the "price" for continued aid. But what if Hamas agreed to that condition — does any sane person think they would mean it? Why should we give this murderous band of Islamofascists even one penny no matter what empty words they speak under pressure? From their founding until this very moment, Hamas has consistently excelled at only one thing — killing Jews.

Now, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton don't have a problem giving money to Hamas or negotiating with them. Carter says we could send the money to the United Nations, which then could pass it on, thus getting around our laws that prohibit subsidizing terrorist groups. Clinton had this to say, "One of the politically correct things in American politics is we just don't talk to some people that we don't like, particularly if they ever killed anybody in a way that we hate." Clinton thinks America is silly because we actually have moral qualms about negotiating with people who strap on bomb belts and blow up Israeli families having lunch.

Before we deceive ourselves about the Hamas agenda, let's listen to their leader, Khaled Mash'al, who, in the wake of the election victory, said this: "We will not agree to any kind of disregard of our right to Jerusalem." (Notice he isn't asking for half of Jerusalem.) "We are committed to the right of return." (This is the Palestinian insistence on flooding Israel with millions of Palestinians who have never lived one day in Israel to demographically swamp the Jewish nation.)

My friends, in order to get their hands on U.S. and European money, Hamas may say all sorts of things in the weeks ahead that diplomats will grab on to as evidence of "moderation." But when they talk to their own people, Hamas never changes — their goal is the destruction of Israel, their top ally is Iran, and, ultimately, they want to celebrate our destruction, too.



Israeli Goat Fights Terror www.bridges forpeace.com

Anti-terror goat: It may sound like a prank, but 29-year-old dog trainer Geva Zin from Kibbutz Lahav in the south is in



fact training a goat to detect explosives, Israel's leading newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth* recently reported.

Zin is trying to solve a problem that has been troubling IDF soldiers and American fighters in Iraq: How to detect explosive materials hidden on one's body, as in the case when dealing with suicide bombers.

Explosive-sniffing dogs may be the obvious solution, yet using a dog in Muslim societies would be problematic and offensive to the local population.

Zin, who runs a kennel in Kibbutz Lahav, has already trained dogs and even pigs to sniff out explosive materials and uncover mines. Following reports on Zin's success in training pigs for such mission, military officials turned to him with a request to train animals that would be less problematic in the eyes of Muslims.

According to Zin, the problem is critical in countries that suffer from increasing Islamic terrorism, such as Iraq, Chechnya, and some Middle Eastern nations.

"When I served as a dog trainer in the army, there was a problem of getting dogs into certain vehicles due to the presence of Islamic holy books in the car. The placing of dogs in homes also provoked fury and anger among people who were not involved in terrorism and were merely screened. Compared to that, a goat is a very friendly animal, and it is accepted in the Muslim world," Zin said.

His breakthrough came with a young goat he was raising, Lalosha, who is able to sniff out explosives. The minute she identifies explosive material, she sits down, giving a signal to a soldier next to her that the individual in question must be carefully checked.

MARCH 2006



Be Tolerant (or We'll Kill You)

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's denial of the Holocaust is a matter for academic discussion, and the West should be more tolerant of his views, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman said recently. Ahmadinejad has called the Holocaust a myth and suggested Israel be moved to Germany or Alaska, remarks that sparked international uproar and threaten diplomatic talks with Europe over Iran's nuclear program.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi defended the president's remarks, which also drew a rebuke from the U.N. Security Council.

"What the president said is an academic issue. The West's reaction shows their continued support for Zionists," Asefi told a weekly news conference.

"Westerners are used to leading a monologue, but they should learn to listen to different views," he added. Some 6 million Jews were killed by the Nazis and their allies between 1933 and 1945.

Ahmadinejad, a former Revolutionary Guardsman who was elected president, also said in October that Israel was a "tumor" that must be "wiped off the map".

A statement drafted by European Union leaders described his Holocaust comment as "wholly unacceptable." The White House termed the remarks "outrageous."

Asefi denounced international condemnation as emotional and illogical. "The EU statement is not based on international diplomatic norms. They should avoid illogical methods," he said.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the Holocaust remarks could weigh on European Union efforts to resolve the dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

Britain, Germany and France had tentatively planned to hold talks later this month on the nuclear program, which the United States and the EU fear is a cover to make nuclear bombs. Iran says it needs it to generate electricity.

When asked whether Ahmadinejad's remarks could hinder talks to resolve Iran's nuclear stand-off with the West, Asefi said: "We do not make any hasty judgment. But Iran's right should be respected. We will never abandon our right to nuclear technology."



Western Wall is Muslim!

By Scott Shiloh, www.israelnationalnews.com

The Palestinian Authority's Office for Religious Affairs claims that the Western Wall, revered by Jews for generations as the last structural remnant of the Second Holy Temple, is Muslim property.

The Palestinian Authority's official website, echoing the claims of its Religious Affairs office, also attempts to negate Jewish ownership of the Western Wall. The PA office claims Muslim ownership of the Western Wall by referring to the wall on its



website as the Al-Boraq Wall. According to Muslim legend, the wall is the place where Mohammed tied his horse, named Boraq, before ascending to heaven.

Muslim tradition holds that Mohammed rose to heaven from the Temple Mount, though that idea is not mentioned anywhere in the Koran, the central text of the Muslim faith.

Rabbi Chaim Richman, Director of the International Department of the of the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, said that the PA's claims of Muslim ownership of the Western Wall has "far reaching implications" for Israel.

Richman said that the PA's denial of the Jewish Temple's existence "is part of a campaign to totally eradicate, erase, and destroy all Jewish connection to the Temple Mount, Jerusalem, and the Land of Israel."

The PA contends that Israeli archeological digs near the site of the Western Wall, also commonly known as the Wailing Wall, "totally failed to find any proof that support their false claims" to the Wall.

Richman said that "Islam has for many years been waging a campaign to destroy any evidence of a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount." He cited efforts by the PA and the Muslim Wakf (religious trust) to carry out excavations on the Temple Mount for the purpose of destroying artifacts relating to the First and Second Temples. He said that thousands of tons of archeological material has already been deliberately destroyed by the Wakf.

By destroying the remnants of the Jewish temples, Richman said that the PA believes that it is strengthening its hand in the final status negotiations with Israel over the status of Jerusalem, the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. "If we have no connection to the Temple Mount, then we have no connection to Jerusalem, and no right to anywhere in the Land of Israel," he added.

In an attempt to revise recent history, the PA claims that during the time of the British mandate over the Land of Israel (1917-1948), the Jews began exceeding earlier arrangements "and claimed ownership" of the Wall.

Moreover, the PA website states that after the Arab conquest of Jerusalem, "the Muslims had mercy on the Jews and let them cry at a place near that wall. The number of Jews at that time was very small, and the plaza they stood on was only four meters wide."

The PA attributes the infamous Arab riots of 1929 to Jewish efforts to claim ownership of the Western Wall. Hundreds of Jewish civilians were killed in those riots, which were initiated by the Mufti of Jerusalem, and are in many ways similar to the Arab intifadas of 1987 and 2000.

The current intifada which began in 2000 is called the Al-Aksa Intifada. Al-Aksa is the name of the large mosque on the southern section of the Temple Mount.

Many in the PA claim that the intifada was sparked by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount. However, it is widely known that plans for the current intifada, also known by many as the Oslo War, were well in place prior to Sharon's Temple Mount visit. Some PA officials concede that the PA used Sharon's visit as a convenient pretext for launching the war.

Prior to Sharon's visit, negotiations in August, 2000 at Camp David between then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and PA leader Yasser Arafat broke down when PA negotiators refused to recognize that the Jewish people have any connection to the Temple Mount. Senior PA negotiator Saeb Erekat asserted at the talks that the Jews never had a Temple at the site, calling it a fabrication of history.

Richman explained, that despite the efforts of the PA and the Muslim Wakf, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount can never have the same significance for Muslims as for Jews. He pointed out that Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in the Bible, "and not once in the whole Koran," the Muslim holy book.

Today, Jews are allowed to visit the Temple Mount only at very specific hours and in small numbers, and must be accompanied by Israeli police as well as a representative of the Wakf, the Muslim body currently responsible for activity on the Temple Mount. In addition, Jewish visitors are not allowed to bow or pray anywhere on the Mount itself, and may not even bring books with Hebrew writing.

"It may have already happened."



By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

The world is about to change. I fear, in fact, that this column will become significantly outdated before it reaches you.

Iran has openly defied international treaties by reopening facilities designed to produce the enriched uranium needed to build nuclear weapons. Israel's defense minister, Iranian-born Shaul Mofaz, has made it known that his country is preparing for military action to stop Iran's nuclear program if diplomacy fails.

No one, not even the UN's chief atomic watchdog, Mohamed El Baradei, doubts that Iran has the capability to become, within months, a nuclear power. The country already has, courtesy of the Russians, missiles capable of delivering payloads anywhere in Israel as well as anti-aircraft weaponry and advanced fighter jets. The Nobel Prizewinning UN bureaucrat, El Baradei, has warned Israel not to attempt a repeat of its pre-emptive 1981 bombing of Saddam Hussein's Osirak power plant. The Egyptian El Baradei, by the way, has stated his belief that Israel's possession of nuclear weapons is the source of all major problems in the Middle East.

El Baradei has warned Iran that the international community "is losing patience," even though he has rejected an EU request for an official UN condemnation of the Islamic government. The only diplomatic tactic that might conceivably prevent the continuation of Iran's nuclear program, a total boycott of the country's petroleum exports, is not being seriously considered, as any such boycott would almost certainly be vetoed or violated by oil-hungry China and arms-dealing Russia.

Rather than toning down his anti-Jewish rhetoric, which includes a straightforward promise to "wipe Israel off the map," Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has simultaneously declared the Nazi Holocaust a Zionist myth and demanded that Europe, as the perpetrators of the Jewish genocide he says didn't happen, provide a new country, perhaps in Austria or Germany, for Israel's Jews.

In one sense, the Iranian decision to speak freely has been salutary, inoculating Israel to some extent from the tired pretense that it is anything but the Jewish nation's existence that has provoked the blind hatred of the Islamists. Ironically, in fact, it was apparently Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza that has forced Muslims either to acknowledge that Israel is not bent on domination of the entire region or admit that animosity toward the nation is a core tenet of their faith.

Iran's President Ahmadinejad has chosen the latter path, explicitly confirming that supporters of Islamic sharia law are at war with Israel only because they are at war with the democratic traditions of the West. Ironically, thanks to Bin Laden, Ahmadinejad and the other Muslim theocrats jockeying for the job of new Caliph, the Islamist vocabulary is being defined and clarified.

We now know, for example, that the "Zionist conspiracy" is, in fact, Judeo-Christian support for religious liberties and democratic government — the anathema of the longedfor Caliphate. One reason that freedom is so unacceptable to these tyrants is the increasing incidence, especially in areas where Islamic authorities cannot enforce laws against apostasy, of Muslim conversions to Christianity.

It is important, however, to note that Iran's rulers do not have the support even of their own people, which is one of the most pro-Western and pro-democratic populations in the Middle East. Astonishingly, exiles report a widespread, though secret, pride within the country that the current president of Israel, Moshe Katsav, was born in Yazd, Iran to an Iranian Jewish family.

Iran's current revolutionary leadership came to power not through popular support, but through brutal repression of dissidents and voter fraud so blatant that the vast majority of Iranians simply stopped participating in sham elections. To mask the boycott of the last election, in which voters were asked to choose between deeply unpopular candidates handpicked by the ruling religious party, the government issued obviously phony footage from prior elections.

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IT MAY HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED continued

HEBREW LESSON (below)

The radical Shiite vision of a new Caliphate, held by these rulers, is particularly alarming. The founder of the ruling religious party, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, declared, "Every Muslim has a duty to prepare himself for battle against Israel." The previous president, Mohammad Khatami, though lauded by the Western media as a moderate, publicly dealt with the "question" of Israel by pronouncing that, "If we abide by the Koran, all of us should mobilize to kill."

Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, considered the second most powerful man in Iran, recently admitted that "it is not irrational to contemplate that the use of even one nuclear bomb inside Israel will destroy everything," while the counterattack on a much larger Islamic world would result in "damages only."

Rafsanjani's statements cannot, unfortunately, be dismissed as rhetoric aimed at his own hardliners, as he is a founder of Hezbollah, the terrorist group that attacks Israel daily from southern Lebanon. By continued and open funding of Hezbollah and other proxies, Iran is already engaged in war with Israel. Perhaps most alarmingly, President Ahmadinejad and his cronies are devotees of a radical form of Shia that believes the return of the messianic twelfth Imam, or Mahdi, along with his aidede-camp Jesus of Nazareth, can be hastened by the initiation of total war with the infidel.

A nuclear-armed Iran will increase the risk of such a conflict exponentially, even if such weapons are never used. It is the existence of Israel's nuclear arsenal, after all, that ended the series of joint, Islamic military invasions of the Jewish state, the last being in 1973. The doomsday threat that Israel might launch nuclear weapons against attacking countries, if it were on the verge of being annihilated, forced the war into its current "cold" or terrorist form. While tragic and brutal, terrorism has proved far less disruptive to Israel than the periodic large-scale invasions.

At the very least, Israel's nuclear deterrent capabilities, which have effectively protected Israel from invasion for more than thirty years, will be largely negated if Iran acquires the ability to "wipe Israel off the map."

It may have already happened.



Hebraic Insight: The Blessing of Trust

Surely it is one thing to believe in God – in the sense of acknowledging God's existence or assenting to certain creeds – and it is another thing to personally trust in the Lord to meet our heartfelt needs. Trust in God is called *bittachon* in Hebrew, a word that comes from a root word meaning "to lean on, feel safe or secure, to be confident."

Although not without its cognitive side, *bittachon* primarily involves an act of the heart and will: when I trust in God I emotionally decide to put my expectations, my hopes, my dreams, my desires – in short, all of my life – into the care of the Lord and His provision for me.

Bittachon expresses a vote of confidence in the will of God. We rely upon God's *emunah* (faithfulness) and character as the only true source of our hope. As the Psalms repeatedly state, the confi-

dence that comes from relying upon God is valid only because of God's *chesed* (his loyalty or covenantal faithfulness), not because of our own merit or faithfulness.



Some of the Jewish sages have said that *bittachon* can be of two forms: "active" *bittachon* and "passive" *bittachon*. Active *bittachon* is self-confidence to carry out actions and goals we set for ourselves. However, it is by God's grace that we are enabled to do anything at all, and this recognition leads to passive *bittachon*, namely, the confidence that God will work all things together for good to those who are trusting in Him (Romans 8:28). The one who trusts in the Lord is blessed, since his expectation shall never be dashed.

Gardening Without God

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

The Palestinians who took over the Jewish greenhouses in the Gaza Strip, when Israel withdrew its communities from the area, now are asking expelled farmers for advice after reportedly failing to reproduce the region's famous insect-free vegetables.

Prior to Israel's August withdrawal, the residents of Gaza's Gush Katif slate of Jewish communities ran greenhouses known for producing high-quality, insect-free vegetables. The Gush Katif gardens featured some of the most technologically advanced agricultural equipment and accounted for more than \$100 million per year in exports to Europe. The greenhouses also supplied Israel with 75 percent of its own produce.

The hothouses were passed to the Palestinians in September in a \$14 million deal brokered by former World Bank President James Wolfenson and several wealthy Jewish Americans.

The Palestinians now running the greenhouses reportedly told the Israeli-Palestinian Economic Cooperation Fund they failed in their efforts to grow bug-free produce.

Now the Palestinian owners have asked the United States Agency for International Development, which has been involved in reconstruction efforts in Gaza, to hire former Jewish Gaza greenhouse owners as consultants for their declining vegetable businesses.

Eitan Hederi, a former Gaza farmer who represented Gush Katif residents in the Wolfenson greenhouse transfer told WND, "The Palestinians are privately turning to U.S. AID to hire us because we are experts in this kind of farming. It's a really complex process that we engineered."

Anita Tucker, an expelled Gaza resident and one of the pioneer farmers of Gush Katif, told WND, "I am not at all surprised the Palestinians are failing. When they worked in our greenhouses they needed to be monitored closely. Many didn't understand certain things, like not using different kinds of chemicals. Plus, when we were in Gaza, our efforts were blessed by God."

Tucker explained she and other Katif farmers engineered agricultural technology specific to the dry, sandy Gaza conditions.

"We used different kinds of netting, also aluminum, since we knew the reflection of the sun kept bugs away," she said. "We used colors because we knew certain kinds of bugs were attracted to or kept away from different colors. We used certain organic insecticides for certain plants, and were very strict about which chemicals we used. We kept our greenhouses as clean as possible. And we also had our own proprietary inventions and technology. "

Asked if she would serve as a consultant for the new Palestinian owners of her former greenhouses, Tucker said, "Probably not. We see the terror coming out of Gaza, coming out of the neighborhood I used to live in, and it's just horrible. Hamas has taken over different parts of Gush Katif and are firing rockets into Israel. I am not saying the Palestinian farmers are involved, but it seems they are not doing enough to stop the terror."

Hederi, who says he already has been asked by U.S. AID to consult on greenhouse technology, said, "I am still thinking about it. It's a very difficult decision."



Arabs Study at 'Settler' College Israel Today

Despite the controversial politics of the area and hostility between settlers and Palestinians, more Arab students are studying at a college in the Jewish settlement of Ariel, 25 miles northeast of Tel Aviv. About 300 Arabs are enrolled at the College of Judea and Samaria, half from Israeli Arab towns and half from Palestinian territories. About 8,500 attend the school, dubbed the

"Settler College."

The Zionist institution requires that every student take one course per semester in Judaism, Jewish history, or the Land of Israel,



and that the Israeli flag be displayed in every classroom on campus.

Student counselor Rafa'at Swidan said Arabs choose the college because of the high academic standard. "They leave political differences at home." Swidan said. "In this college, we see successful coexistence between Jews and Palestinians."

Our Advice: "Kill Him!"

Israel Today

Islamic militants have called for the murder of 73-year-old actor Omar Sharif because he played the role of the Apostle Peter in a film shown on Italian television. The threat appeared on the El-Sas website:

"Omar Sharif has converted to Christianity. Our advice: Kill Him!"

Sharif, who was born to an Arab Christian family, converted to Islam out of love for his first wife.



Italians are concerned about how to protect the actor, recalling the murder of Dutch film producer Theo van Gogh, whose assailant followed through on his threats. Sharif is now working on a new film that is bound to cause more trouble: *The Ten Commandments*. The film is being shot in Morocco.



Christiane Amanpour – Secret Israeli Spy? Associated Press

Iran lifted its ban on CNN January 17, a day after the government barred the U.S. network from the country because of its mistranslation of nuclear comments by President Mahmourd Ahmadingiad, state tolog



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, state television reported.

Ahmadinejad ordered the reversal "due to the expression of an apology" from CNN over the mistranslation, the state-run TV broadcast said.

Iran imposed the ban after CNN misquoted the president as speaking of developing "nuclear weapons" when he actually referred to "nuclear technology." CNN admitted the mistake in a broadcast.

Hardliners called the mistranslation a deliberate act to misrepresent Iran's position at a crucial moment in international negotiations. The move highlighted the continuing tension between Iran and the West over Tehran's nuclear program.

The *Jomhuri-e-Eslami* newspaper said that CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour was a "CIA and Mossad agent with a bad record" who should be barred from Iran.

In the *Kayhan* newspaper, hard-liner Hossein Shariatmadari wrote that the chances of the mistranslation having been an accident were "close to nil."

"The distortion was deliberate with the aim of preventing the impact of the president's comments on the public opinion," wrote Shariatmadari, who is chief editor of *Kayhan* and close to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But Ahmadinejad emphasized CNN's apology in a letter to Culture Minister Mohammad Hossein Saffar Harandi.

"Although the open distortion of comments by this channel is against the mission of the media in protecting the right of nations to be informed of various opinions and events, given its apology, the channel should be authorized to resume its activities," CNN quoted the president as saying in the letter.

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In its apology, Atlanta-based CNN said it had "quoted Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as saying that Iran has the right to build nuclear weapons.

"In fact, he said that Iran has the right to nuclear energy. He added that 'a nation that has civilization does not need nuclear weapons and our nation does not need them.'

"CNN has clarified what the Iranian president said and apologized here on the air to the Iranians directly," the newscaster said.

Culture Ministry official Ali Reza Shiravi confirmed to the Associated Press that the ban had been lifted completely.

"CNN can resume its activities as of today," Shiravi said.

The controversy came amid a flurry of meetings by world powers over how to react to Iran's decision to remove U.N. seals from its uranium enrichment plant and resume small-scale enrichment — a process that can produce fuel for nuclear reactors as well as material for atomic bombs.

False Embrace

Israel Today

A photo that flashed across the world showed a Palestinian woman weeping and embracing a bare olive tree. It was supposedly destroyed, along with the rest of her grove, by Jewish settlers living nearby. The international media seized on the story and the Israeli government even apologized for the behavior of its citizens.

"Jewish settlers from the settlement of Elon Moreh cut down more than 200 olive trees," read the caption by the Associated Press. The Israeli media also published the photo based on Palestinian information without checking the facts. The far left-wing Israeli organization Peace Now blasted the settlers and accused the army of failing to impose the rule of law in the "occupied territories." The Council of Jewish Settlement condemned "all violence, including harming Palestinian property."

But after an investigation, the council charged that the incident was a provocation started by extreme left-wing activists who "wish to sully their Jewish brothers, while at the same time extending their hand to terrorists."

The residents of Elon Moreh denied involvement. "We wish to emphasize that we have no connection to this incident, which is based on the testimony of a single Arab," they said in their statement.

The truth eventually came out.

A closer look at the photo shows that the trunk is intact, and that only the top branches are cut off. This is called *pruning.* Olive and other species of trees are trimmed in this manner in the winter to produce a good harvest.

"Why would vandals bother sawing off each individual branch? Wouldn't they just cut down the trunk?" asked Aviad Visuly, of the Haifa-based Land of Israel Task Force.

Residents of Yitzhar, another settlement in Samaria, were also recently accused of destroying an olive orchard. Two settlers were arrested and later released without charges. Left-wing activists admitted to police that they look for trees that have been pruned and then accuse the settlers of cutting them down.

The moral of this story is that things are not always as they appear in the Middle East. International news media can be manipulated to become the tools of Palestinian propaganda.

A picture paints a thousand words, but it can also paint a thousand lies.



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