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ISRAELIS WELCOME FIRST WINTER RAIN: After months of scorching heat and thickets of dust, rainstorms showered northern and central Israel and temperatures dropped below the seasonal average early Wednesday morning, 7 October, 2015. Scattered rains continued throughout Wednesday and thunderstorms were expected in the northern and central Negev region. By Saturday temperatures are expected to rise slightly. In the South, flash flood warnings were issued for the Judean Desert and Dead Sea areas. (J.Post)

ATTEMPTED CAR-TERROR ATTACK THWARTED NEAR MAALEI ADUMIM: Wednesday night, 7 October 2015, following a day of multiple terrorist attacks against Israel's Jewish citizens, a terrorist attempted to run over IDF soldiers at a checkpoint near Maalei Adumim, just outside Jerusalem. He was neutralized by alert soldiers. The terrorist attempted to break through the checkpoint with his car and to hit one of the soldiers standing guard in the process. Seeing the immediate threat to his life, however, the soldier reacted quickly and shot the driver, injuring him. The terrorist then crashed, and was attended to by paramedics at the scene in serious condition. Thankfully, no one else was injured in the attack. (INN)

TERRORIST CARRIES OUT STABBING ATTACK NEXT TO MALL NEAR TEL AVIV: An assailant stabbed an Israeli man Wednesday evening, 7 October, 2015,

next to a large shopping mall in Petah Tikva, close to Tel Aviv. A 25-year-old male was lightly wounded and taken to a hospital. The attacker was apprehended. He was soon identified as a 25-year-old resident of a village near Hebron. According to witness, he reached the entrance of the mall, pulled a knife, and managed to stab at least one person before being overpowered by security guards. Almost simultaneously, a 15-year-old Palestinian was arrested in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Abu Tor after trying to stab Israeli special forces and border police officers in the area. The officers managed to overpower him, thwarting the assault. It was one of several attacks during the day. (Ynet)

JEWISH WOMAN ESCAPES ARAB MOB ATTACK: An Arab mob ambushed a female Jewish motorist with rocks Wednesday morning, 7 October then proceeded to kick her and try and wrest her from the car. She was left wounded by rocks and kicks to her entire body, but managed to escape after other Jewish motorists intervened, with one shooting and injuring one of her attackers. The victim was taken to a Jerusalem hospital and is in stable condition. The assault took place outside of an Arab village near Bethlehem, on a route used by thousands of Jewish motorists every day. While rock attacks by Arabs have become nearly routine, this is the first time in recent years that such an assault was followed by attempts to physically engage the motorist and perhaps abduct her. (Israel National News)

NETANYAHU CANCELS TRIP TO GERMANY AFTER TERROR ATTACKS: PM Benjamin Netanyahu has canceled his planned visit to Germany due to the recent terrorist attacks in Israel. The one-day trip was to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. While there, the Prime Minister and several Cabinet members would have met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Wednesday, 7 October 2015 saw a notable increase in attacks, both in number and their severity. Near Tekoa, Arabs attacked cars with stones and cinder blocks. Later, an Arab terrorist stabbed a Jewish man in Jerusalem's Old City. The wounded man then managed to draw his own weapon and shoot the terrorist. More recently, an Arab man in Kiryat Gat stabbed a soldier in the head and tried to steal his gun. When police arrived on the scene, the terrorist opened fire on them, but he was killed in the firefight. The incidents were the latest indication that a terror wave gripping Israel was spreading beyond Judea & Samaria and Jerusalem, which have been dealing with an increase in attacks for several days. Four Israelis have been killed and several more injured in a string of assaults since last week, and Israeli forces have clashed with Palestinians in areas around Judea & Samaria daily. (Arutz-7)

WAVE OF TERROR HAS NETANYAHU UNDER PRESSURE: PM Netanyahu is under increasing pressure as Palestinian Arab terrorists continue their bloody rampage against Jews in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel. On Wednesday, 7 October 2015 a female Palestinian stabbed and wounded two Israelis near the Lions' Gate of Jerusalem's Old City. Just south of the capital, a Palestinian lynch mob stoned a female Jewish motorist and attempted to drag her out of the vehicle. The previous day, Israeli Arabs living in Tel Aviv-Jaffa joined the fray by violently demonstrating in Israel's usually

peaceful seaside metropolis. Over the weekend, four Israelis were killed in stabbing and shooting attacks, and several more were wounded, including a two-year-old child. Israeli reprisals and clashes with Palestinian rioters led to the deaths of three Arabs. Netanyahu vowed tougher security measures, and thousands of Israelis demonstrated opposite his official residence in Jerusalem on Tuesday, 6 October 2015 to make sure he sticks to that promise. Israel holds the regime of “moderate” Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas responsible for this wave of terror given that Palestinian state-run media and its official school curriculum have brainwashed an entire generation of Palestinian Arabs to violently oppose the very presence of Jews in their midst. (Israel Today)

NEXT WEEK: MASS PROTEST AGAINST TERROR WAVE NEAR PM’S RESIDENCE: Authority leaders in Judea & Samaria decided on Wednesday evening, 7 October, to continue their battle outside of the Prime Minister’s Jerusalem Residence. A mass protest will be held next Tuesday, 13 October, 2015 against the ongoing security situation. “To our dismay, our requests were not attended to by the Prime Minister, and so we continue the battle.” (Israel National News)

FOREIGN MINISTRY LAUNCHES MEDIA WAR AGAINST PA INCITEMENT: Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely held an emergency meeting with the Foreign Ministry's administrative department on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, amid a string of major attacks on Jews erupting throughout the country. Officials discussed practical measures to combat increasing Palestinian incitement, and presented a presentation which included a comprehensive review of all the propaganda senior Palestinian Authority officials have touted to encourage terror attacks against Jews. Among other steps, the Ministry has launched a media campaign of its own, and an inter-ministerial team will be formed to prepare a series of informational videos on the subject of Palestinian incitement. In addition, the MFA will coordinate activities with European parliaments and USA Congress to demand a halt to PA funding for as long as the incitement continues. "Incitement is the No. 1 wave of terrorism affecting us these days," Hotovely stated. "I have ordered for the ministry to make a plan, and we will do everything to expose to the world the contents distributed by the PA - they are the ones that fan the flames and sources of terrorism on the ground." (Arutz-7)

BBC STRIKES AGAIN: TERRORIST’S DEATH LEADS ATTACK COVERAGE: BBC once again led its coverage of a terrorist attack against Israelis with news of the terrorist's death on Wednesday, 7 October, 2015. The article reports on an attack in Kiryat Gat, in which a terrorist stabbed an Israeli soldier snatched his gun, and ran into an apartment building with intent of killing more Jews. But instead of leading with the innocent victims of the attack, the BBC headline reads: "Palestinian shot dead after stabbing soldier in Israel." This is the second time in one week the BBC has been guilty of deliberately publishing a misleading headline, after it headlined Saturday's brutal murder of two Israeli Jews in Jerusalem as "Palestinian shot dead after Jerusalem attack kills two." After an uproar, BBC admitted it was "mistaken" in publishing the headline,

but refused to apologize. The head of Israel's Government Press Office issued a warning to the BBC following its eyebrow-raising headline, threatening to withdraw the major news network's press license if another terror attack was published with this angle. Nearly two hours after the initial report, BBC changed the headline to reflect a more objective stance, although the story still focuses heavily on Palestinian terrorists being injured or killed after attacking Israelis. (Arutz-7)

UN'S BAN CONDEMNS RECENT KILLINGS OF PALESTINIANS WITHOUT MENTION OF ISRAELI TERROR VICTIMS: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon urged Israel on Tuesday, 6 October 2015, to conduct a full-scale investigation into recent clashes in Jerusalem and Judea & Samaria. Ban said a "prompt and transparent" probe of the recent clashes between IDF forces and Arab rioters in Bethlehem the previous day in which a 13-year-old was killed would serve to determine "whether the use of force was proportional." Apparently unbeknownst to Ban, the IDF already conducted an investigation into Abdel Abdullah's death, admitting a soldier mistakenly shot the youth while aiming at a terrorist throwing rocks and firebombs at security forces. The youth evidently stood right next to the terrorist. Ban said that the latest clashes were "yet another worrisome sign of violence potentially spiraling out of control," although he neglected to mention the four Israelis slaughtered in two separate terror attacks in the last five days. The UN chief called for "urgent action by both sides" to curb the violence. PA chairman Abbas said earlier Tuesday that he wanted to avoid an escalation of violence with Israel, although the words ring hollow given his call for violence last month to block Jewish "filth" from visiting the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. (Arutz-7)

HAMAS CELL ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF TWO ISRAELIS: The Israel Security Agency said Monday 5 October 2015, it had apprehended five members of a Hamas cell in Nablus for the murder of the Israeli couple Eitam and Naama Henkin in a shooting attack in Samaria on Thursday, 1 October 2015. The cell is also responsible for two previous shootings. After the terrorists opened fire at the Henkin's vehicle, their car stopped and two cell members shot at the Henkins at point-blank range. During the attack one of the gunman, Karem Razek, was accidentally wounded by another cell member and dropped his gun, which was later found by security forces. It is possible that Razek's injury led the cell members to leave the scene quickly, without hurting the four Henkin children in the back seat. The cell members confessed to the brutal attack. Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon stated Monday night that the Hamas terror cell responsible for the murders of Rabbi Eitam and Naama Henkin had planned to carry out more murders. (Ha'aretz/Arutz-7)

ABBAS CLAIMS HE 'DOESN'T WANT A MILITARY ESCALATION WITH ISRAEL': Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas said Tuesday 6 October 2015, that he wanted to avoid an escalation of violence with Israel following several brutal murders conducted by Arab terrorists. "We don't want a military and security escalation with Israel," he said at a meeting of Palestinian officials. "We are

telling our security forces, our political movements, that we do not want an escalation, but that we want to protect ourselves." The mention of "political movements" is significant given that Abbas' Fatah faction claimed responsibility for the murder of a young couple, last week before the Israel Security Agency nabbed the Hamas terror cell that conducted the attack. (Arutz-7)

PM: 'CLOSE SHOPS WHOSE OWNERS IGNORED STABBED WOMAN': PM Netanyahu said Tuesday 6 October 2015, that he wants Arab shopkeepers in Jerusalem's Old City who ignored and taunted a Jewish woman who had been stabbed to stand trial. He also wants their shops to be closed down. Netanyahu said that he had asked "that steps be taken against those merchants who were on the path where a Jewish woman ran, stabbed and bleeding, and asked for help and was mocked, spit upon and kicked." Earlier in the day, Netanyahu spoke to the woman, Adele Bennett, at her hospital bedside. "They had murder in their eyes," she recalled. "They were drinking coke meanwhile, laughed in my face. I ran and cried for help - you could see the hatred in their eyes! You could see that everything was planned, they knew how to do it." Netanyahu replied: "There's one thing I can tell you - you are a big heroine." (INN)

TEACHER THREATENS TO STRIKE IF TERROR ATTACKS CONTINUE: A teacher from Binyamin interrupted a press conference being held by Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein at a protest tent outside the Prime Minister's Residence on Tuesday, 6 October 2015, vowing to strike unless the government puts an end to Arab terror. "Paralyze the entire economy until this reality changes," Sarah Shulman of the Eli community urged. "I will not go out and teach children who may be murdered tomorrow, and I will not travel on roads where children and my students are afraid. We cannot continue this routine," she stressed. I don't want to sit in my house and lock up windows. Let the Palestinians lock up their windows," Shulman added. Edelstein was similarly critical of the government's response to the latest wave of terror during his press conference. "We, as residents of Judea and Samaria aren't class B citizens, we feel like suckers that are being butchered and we're without any response." (Arutz-7)

ISRAEL DEMOLISHES PALESTINIAN HOMES IN SECURITY CRACKDOWN: A wave of Palestinian violence has prompted an Israeli crackdown. The Israeli army has demolished the homes of two Palestinian terrorist who carried out deadly attacks last year in Jerusalem. Israel says the move is aimed at deterring Palestinian terrorists after a wave of shootings and stabbings that left four Israelis dead since Thursday, 1 Oct. 2015. PM Netanyahu promised a "strong hand" to fight terror and to quell unrest that has raised fears of a third intifada. (VOA)

NETANYAHU: CAMERAS LINKED TO COMMAND CENTERS WILL BE SPREAD OUT ON ALL JUDEA & SAMARIA ROADS: In a further security measure being taken this week, Israel will place cameras both on the ground and in the air over the

roads in Judea & Samaria that will be linked to command centers to provide immediate IDF response to violence on the roads, PM Netanyahu said Tuesday, 6 October 2015. Netanyahu's comments came during a visit to the site near Itamar where terrorists murdered Eitam and Naama Henkin last Thursday night, Oct. 1 2015. Netanyahu was accompanied by Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon. "The focus of this visit was on active defense of the roads," Netanyahu said, adding that "a large portion of the attacks take place on the roads." He said that the enhanced surveillance, along with the ability for quick response, can "significantly" improve Israel's ability to both thwart attacks and apprehend the perpetrators. This is a very, very important component in bringing back security," he said. (Jerusalem Post)

DEFENSE MINISTRY COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION OF SENSOR FENCES AROUND SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES: The Defense Ministry announced this week, the completion of a project to surround 12 southern communities near the Gaza border with sensor-based electronic security fences. The announcement comes as Hamas continues to build tunnels in Gaza for the purpose of targeting the South with cross-border raids in any future conflict. The Ministry's Acquisitions Administration said the project included the construction of tens of kilometers of electronic fences, advanced technological security sites, and maintenance of the fences for the next three years. The smart fence will form a physical obstacle in case of an attempted infiltration into a community, and will send a warning to a regional council control room, and to the IDF, every time the fence detects contact," the Ministry said. A Defense official said the fences form "one component in a basket of solutions that the defense establishment has formulated to strengthen the communities after the operation." (J.Post)

USA STATE DEPARTMENT CAN'T EXPLAIN ITS DOUBLE-STANDARDS FOR ISRAEL: USA State Dept. officials were left speechless when questioned why the USA army doesn't live up to the high standards it sets for Israeli forces. During last year's Operation Protective Edge, during which the IDF battled Islamist terrorists in Gaza to put an end to the threat of rocket fire and terrorist infiltration tunnels targeting its citizens, Israel faced the usual tide of criticism for its use of force despite unprecedented measures to limit civilian casualties. Among the critics was none other than the USA State Department, which issued a remarkably harsh condemnation of Israel after one particular exchange with terrorists resulted in a stray shell hitting a UN school close to where terrorist gunmen were operating. Despite it being unclear precisely who was responsible, or what the precise circumstances were, the State Department immediately rushed to accept Hamas' version of events in a statement calling the incident "disgraceful."

"The suspicion that militants are operating nearby does not justify strikes that put at risk the lives of so many innocent civilians. We call for a full and prompt investigation of this incident," the statement said. The State Dept. called on Israel to "meet its own standards and avoid civilian casualties." But it appears now that even the USA is unable to meet those "standards." On Sunday, 4 Oct. 2015, a USA airstrike in Afghanistan struck a hospital, killing at least 22 civilians. Associated Press journalist Matt Lee challenged

USA State Dept. spokesman Mark Toner over the strike, asking whether the American government viewed that incident - in which significantly more civilians were killed - just as "disgraceful." The response was a series of pauses, stammering non-answers and evasion - underscoring the blatant double-standards so often employed by foreign governments when it comes to condemning Israel. (Arutz-7)

1.7 MILLION ISRAELIS VISITED NATIONAL PARKS, BEACHES OVER SUCCOT: Over 1.5 million Israelis visited Israel's national parks and nature reserves since the Succot holiday began. The most popular parks for the 2015 High Holiday season were the Caesarea National Park; the Eshkol Park; the Yarkon-Afek National Park; the Beit Guvrin National Park; the Ashkelon National Park; and the Banias, Tel Dan, and Shanir nature reserves. In addition, 200,000 Israelis visited 15 beaches along the Sea of Galilee over the week long holiday. Just two days into the Succot holiday, officials warned of overcrowding after some 50,000 people flooded Israel's national parks. Several sites were temporarily closed and then reopened to handle the influx. (INN)

NETANYAHU: ISRAEL 'FIGHTING TO THE DEATH' AGAINST TERROR: PM Binyamin Netanyahu on Sunday evening 4 October, 2015 ordered security forces to speed up the process of demolition of terrorists' homes and to continue to use administrative detentions against terrorists. The directive came following a security assessment held by Netanyahu upon his return from New York, in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Judea & Samaria. "I've instructed to speed up the demolition of terrorists' homes, the expansion of administrative detention of rioters, further reinforcement of forces in Jerusalem and Judea & Samaria and the removal of inciters from the Old City and the Temple Mount," said Netanyahu. Israel was "waging a fight to the death against Palestinian terror," he added. Overnight Saturday, 3 October 2015, a 15-year-old boy was stabbed near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City, suffering moderate-to-serious wounds. The assault was the second attack in Jerusalem in a few hours. Two people were killed in an earlier stabbing attack in the Old City. Rabbi Nehemia Lavi, 41, and Aharon Banita Bennett, 21, were named as the victims of the earlier terrorist assault. That attack followed the brutal murders of Rabbi Eitam and Naama Henkin in Samaria on Thursday evening, 1 October, 2015. They were shot to death by terrorists while in their car and in front of their four children. (Israel National News)

ARAB WITNESSES LAUGHED, SPAT AT WOUNDED TERROR VICTIM: On Sunday afternoon 4 October, 2015 Adelle Banita-Bennett, widow of Aharon Banita-Bennett, who herself was seriously injured in the stabbing attack the previous night in Old City of Jerusalem, woke up from a medical coma she had been placed under in order to enable doctors to treat her. Among the first people she spoke to was Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi David Lau, whom she told in detail about the attack. The widow told Rabbi Lau that she attempted to escape from the terrorist after the stabbing began. "I ran for dozens

of meters with a knife in my shoulder, bleeding. Arabs in the area who saw this horrible scene clapped and laughed, and said that they hoped for my quick death. I felt I was about to faint," she said. "I tried to hold on to someone who passed by, and they just shook me off and kicked me, and said 'die.'" Her husband, Aharon Banita Bennett, 21, and Rabbi Nehemia Lavi, 41, were both murdered as a result of Saturday's terrorist attack. The Bennett's two-year-old son was also injured. Later Saturday night, an Arab terrorist stabbed a Jewish youth in central Jerusalem. (Arutz-7)

JERUSALEM TERROR ATTACK: BBC HEADLINE SHOCKER: Two Israeli men were fatally stabbed in Jerusalem's Old City on Saturday evening. The Palestinian attacker was shot dead by security forces after he opened fire on them. The wife of one of the victims and their two-year-old baby were wounded. How did the BBC initially report on the attack? Headlines read: "Palestinian Shot Dead After Jerusalem Attack Kills Two." Notice how the main focus of the headline is the death of the Palestinian perpetrator who is "shot dead," effectively turning the terrorist into the victim. And what is a "Jerusalem attack?" Cities don't attack people. In this case, the BBC cannot bring itself to apportion responsibility to a Palestinian. Nor does it state that the actual victims of the attack were Israeli Jews. Disturbing, yes. Surprising, no. The BBC has a history of publishing headlines where Palestinian terrorists are sanitized to the point that inanimate objects such as bulldozers are held responsible for killing Israelis. While the headline was eventually changed, presumably as a result of outrage on social media, it is appalling that such an initial response could have been published at all. (Honest Reporting)

BBC ADMITS TERRORIST ATTACK HEADLINES WERE WRONG – BUT REFUSES TO APOLOGIZE: The BBC on Sunday, 4 October, 2015 admitted that its initial headline on the previous day's stabbing attack in Jerusalem was wrong, but refused to apologize for using it. Following the attack, the network posted a headline reading, "Palestinian Shot Dead After Jerusalem Attack Kills Two." The headline shocked and angered many readers who took to social media to vent their outrage. The channel later changed its headline to the more accurate "Jerusalem: Palestinian kills two Israelis in Old City." But the BBC refused to apologize for the initial headline despite acknowledging it was erroneous. "We identified the headline as one that does not accurately reflect both the events and the details reported on our website, so we changed it willingly," the network's spokesman told media sources. The head of Israel's Government Press Office issued a warning to the BBC following its eyebrow-raising headline. "There is a limit to the lack of objectivity in press coverage, and this time we are talking about an outrageous title which reminds one of the headline given by the CNN TV station after the slaughter at the synagogue in Har Nof, which introduced the attack as 'an attack on an Israeli mosque,'" said Hen. "While the BBC corrected its title later this evening, tomorrow I intend to reprimand the head of their office in Israel, and to warn him directly that we do not intend to let this pass unchallenged," Hen added. (Arutz-7)

AL JAZEERA NETWORK ISSUES APOLOGY OVER A TWEET POSTED FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S STABBING ATTACK: The tweet read "Palestinian Shot Dead After Fatal Stabbing In Jerusalem; Two Israeli Victims Also Killed" and, like the BBC's headline, was widely criticized. The network posted an apology over the tweet, saying it had been written under the pressure of breaking news. "Many people in our audience have pointed out that the tweet appears to minimize the killings of the Israeli victims and leaves out the context that the Palestinian man was their attacker," said the statement. "This criticism is valid and we regret the wording of a tweet written under the pressure of breaking news. The story on the site was briefly headlined with similar wording, which we amended in an update," it continued. (INN)

ISRAEL STRIKES TERROR TARGETS IN GAZA: Israeli war planes early Monday 5 October 2015 hit Hamas and other terror targets in the Gaza Strip, in retaliation for rockets launched at Israel from the enclave late the previous day. A terrorist group affiliated with ISIS claimed responsibility for rocket strikes at southern Israel in which one rocket landed in open area causing no damage, and another fell inside Gaza. Also on Sunday, an 18-year-old Palestinian man was shot dead by Israeli soldiers during clashes in Judea & Samaria, medics and Palestinian police sources said. A series of clashes broke out in the area with tensions high following Palestinian stabbing attacks in Jerusalem that killed two Israelis, wounded an infant and mother, and a 15-year-old boy. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad on Sunday 4 October, 2015 released a propaganda video threatening to infiltrate Israel with fighters and carry out attacks. (i24)

FORMER BRITISH MP GEORGE GALLOWAY EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THIRD INTIFADA: George Galloway, a vehemently anti-Israel former British politician, announced his support for a third intifada, (Palestinian uprising against Israel) saying, "Whenever it comes I will support it with every breath God gives me." In the tweet posted on his Twitter account on Sunday, 4 October, 2015 Galloway wrote that "a new intifada may have begun in Palestine - or won't be long delayed." The controversial figure has been vocal about his dislike for Israel and "Zionists," though fiercely denies he is antisemitic. In October 2014, he declared his constituency city, Bradford, an "Israeli free zone" in protest of Operation Protective Edge. Galloway used to be the Respect Party MP for Bradford West but lost his seat in parliament following the UK's national elections in May, 2015. In his concession speech, Galloway emphasized that this is not the end of his political career, adding that "The venal and the vile, the racists and the Zionists will all be celebrating." (Jerusalem Post)

ISIS TERRORISTS BLOW UP ANCIENT ARCH OF TRIUMPH IN PALMYRA: ISIS terrorists have blown up the Arch of Triumph, a major monument in the 2,000-year-old Roman city of Palmyra, Syria's antiquities chief said on Sunday, 4 October 2015, after they destroyed two ancient temples at the central Syrian site in recent months. Maamoun Abdulkarim said sources in Palmyra had confirmed that the Arch of Triumph, a jewel in the exquisite collection of ruins in the oasis city, had been blown up. ISIS

terrorists have blown up temples at the Roman-era UNESCO World Heritage site, which it has controlled since capturing Palmyra from Syrian government forces in May 2015, and destroyed other monuments and historic buildings. The group considers the buildings sacrilegious. "If the city remains in their hands the city is doomed," Abdulkarim told media sources. "It is now wanton destruction. Their acts of vengeance are no longer ideologically driven because they are now blowing up buildings with no religious meaning," he added. UNESCO has called such acts war crimes and says ISIS seeks to wipe out evidence of Syria's diverse heritage. (Jerusalem Post)

PRESSURE GROWS ON NETANYAHU TO ACT WITH 'IRON FIST' IN LIGHT OF PALESTINIAN TERROR ONSLAUGHT: Israel's political establishment reacted to Saturday night's 3 October, 2015 stabbing attack by a Palestinian in Jerusalem's Old City, with calls for PM Benjamin Netanyahu to react decisively. The attack resulted in the death of two Jews and the wounding of three others. It came just two days after two Israelis were shot and killed in front of their 4 young children, while driving through northern Samaria. On Friday, 2 October 2015, Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, a member of the security cabinet, said the government is not doing enough to fight terrorism "We need to do things that will impair the Palestinians, so they understand terrorism doesn't pay," she added, saying that PA President Mahmoud Abbas is directly responsible for the recent wave of terrorism. On Saturday night, Economy Minister Arye Deri called to support the IDF and security forces in their fight against terrorism and said ministers should not attack Netanyahu while he's still abroad. Deri added that Arab MKs are fanning the flames and cynically using the situation to agitate. Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel said that the wave of terror against "Jews who are only guilty of being Jewish" is growing. "We saw in recent weeks how violence in the streets of Jerusalem is increasing and the writing was on the wall. This was the direct result of continued incitement by the Palestinian Authority. I call on the prime minister to act with an iron fist against terror." (J. Post)

JERUSALEM PROTESTS DEMAND PM STOP 'ABANDONING JEWISH BLOOD': Spontaneous protests broke out in Jerusalem on Saturday night, 3 October 2015, after two Israelis were murdered and two others wounded in Jerusalem's Old City, in a stabbing attack claimed by Islamic Jihad. Hundreds took to the streets by the light rail near Zion Square and marched towards the Old City's Yafo Gate. Leading nationalist activists took part as the crowds shouted "Jewish blood is not abandoned," and "the people demand revenge." At Yafo Gate the protesters tried to shut down the road and block traffic, at which point officers took action to disperse them. Clashes broke out in nearby Mamila Mall between the protesters and Arabs.

Meanwhile outside the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem, Samaria Regional Council Head Yossi Dagan spoke to reporters about his ongoing protest taking place since the funeral of Eitam and Na'ama Henkin the previous day, in a demand for security to be returned to the region. A crowd of 10,000 gathered Friday afternoon, 2 October 2015, for the funeral of Eitam and Na'ama, the victims of the previous day's shooting

terror attack. The couple, who was shot dead by Fatah terrorists while driving home, left behind four young children who survived without injury in the bullet-riddled vehicle. Turning his attention to the most recent stabbing on Saturday night, Degan said, "the attack that took place a few minutes ago just a kilometer-and-a-half from here only brings greater urgency to the matter I call on all Jerusalemites: don't sit at home, join us in this protest tent. People arrived over the Shabbat to strengthen the protest, now they're arriving from all around the country." (INN/J.Post)

POLICE RESTRICT ACCESS TO JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS: Access to the Old City was limited on Sunday, 4 October 2015, following multiple terrorist attacks in Jerusalem, according to the Police spokespersons unit. Only residents, tourists, business owners and students living in the Old City will be granted access to Jerusalem's Old City over the next two days. Meanwhile, PM Netanyahu was expected to return to Israel on Sunday from New York. Upon arrival, he was scheduled to immediately participate in emergency meetings regarding the tense security situation. Israeli troops in Judea & Samaria are carrying out raids against suspected terrorists, including those thought responsible for the murder of two Israeli parents last week, as police and the IDF attempt to crackdown on the weekend's wave of terror. Low-level unrest, including rock and Molotov cocktail attacks, has persisted in Judea & Samaria and Jerusalem, heightening already sky-high tensions. (JPost/Times of Israel)

THOUSANDS 'LIKE' FACEBOOK PAGE HONORING JERUSALEM TERRORISTS: A Facebook page set up in honor of the Palestinian terrorist who murdered two people and injured three others - including a mother and her two-year-old baby - has already gained more than 2,000 likes. Islamic Jihad terrorist Mohammed Shafik Halabi attacked the young Jewish family in Jerusalem's Old City, repeatedly stabbing the parents and their infant child before snatching another civilian's weapon and firing on police and tourists in a frenzied attack. Border police reacted quickly to the attack and shot him dead. As usual, Arab support on social media and on the street flooded in for the brutal murders, including in the form of a Facebook page set up in his memory just a few hours after the attack. The page features pictures of Halabi along with various slogans in support of his crime, many of which have received hundreds of likes. One day before the attack, Halabi himself had taken to Facebook, ominously declaring: "the third intifada has already begun." (Israel National News)

JEWISH TEEN STABBED IN JERUSALEM: A 15-year-old Jewish teen was stabbed early Sunday morning, 4 October 2015, at a gas station near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City. The teen, who was stabbed in his upper body, was treated at the scene by paramedics, and is listed in moderate-to-serious condition. The attacker who fled the scene was shot dead by security forces. The assault was the second one in Jerusalem in a few hours. Two people were killed in an earlier stabbing attack in the Old City on Saturday evening. Rabbi Nehemia Lavi, 41, and Aharon Banita Bennett, 21, were

named as the victims of the earlier terrorist attack. Bennett, along with his wife and two-year-old son, were attacked by the terrorist; his wife was seriously wounded and the child lightly wounded. (INN/ Israel Today)

TERRORIST SHOOTS AT JERUSALEM SUCCAH: Around the same time on Saturday night, 3 October 2015, as a stabbing attack took place in Jerusalem's Old City, a shooting attack took place in the eastern neighborhood of Nof Tzion in the capital. An Arab terrorist opened fire at a succah, a festival booth Jews are commanded to dwell in during the Succot holiday that began last week. The bullet pierced the wooden wall of the structure; fortunately no one was wounded in the attack. Police have launched a manhunt after the terrorist. (Arutz-7)

NETANYAHU DEMANDS ABBAS, PA CONDEMN KILLING OF ISRAELI COUPLE: On Friday, 2 October 2015, Israel's PM Minister Netanyahu called on the international community to condemn the Palestinian leadership's praise for terrorists who murder Israeli civilians. "Fanaticism, zealotry is there. When we hear incitement and praise for terrorists from supposed peace partners, we say, 'Cut it out'," said Netanyahu in a meeting with Secretary of State John Kerry. A Fatah-affiliated cell claimed responsibility for opening fire on the car of Eitam and Na'ama Henkin – an Israeli couple in their 30s. The man and his wife were pronounced dead at the scene, leaving behind four young orphans who were in the car with them. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas did not mention the attack, let alone condemn it, during a public appearance Friday evening, 2 October 2015. Further, several Palestinian factions, including Hamas, praised the attack as heroic. (Algemeiner)

FURIOUS NY ASSEMBLYMAN: 'WE'RE DEALING WITH ANIMALS': A furious New York Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn) responded to the murder of Rabbi Eitam and Na'ama Henkin by Arab terrorists, telling media sources that Israel is dealing with "animals." In the attack, which was claimed by the "armed wing" of Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Abbas' Fatah faction, the young couple was gunned down while driving, as their four small children sat in the backseat. "A six-month-old who was left without a mother, without a father," said a visibly shaken Hikind. "When does this murder end? Who's to blame for this? None other than the leader of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, who incites the Palestinians on a regular basis." Attacking Abbas, the Jewish assemblyman noted that "in spite of the fact that he wears a tie, he is no different than Yasser Arafat and the other murderers and the other terrorists. He is the same." According to the New York Democrat, Israel should ignore world pressure and do whatever it needs to do to protect its citizens. "Our enemies have one goal, and that is to murder Jews - men, women and children," said Hikind, before taking an emotion filled pause. "As a father of three children, six grandchildren of ages similar to these children...to lose a mother and a father driving on a road? What kind of animals would take a machine gun and just kill innocent people? Who are we dealing with? " he

asked. "Why are we fooling ourselves for a single moment to think there's someone to talk to about peace?" (INN)

PALESTINIAN CHILD SHOOTS HIMSELF – THEN BLAMES ‘SETTLERS’: On Saturday, 3 October, 2015, during the Jewish Sabbath, Palestinians claimed that a Jewish resident of Judea-Samaria shot and wounded a six-year-old child near to Kalkilyeh, lightly wounding him. According to initial Palestinian claims, the child was standing by the side of the road when an Israeli car stopped close by. At that point, they claimed, a "settler" emerged, drew his weapon and shot the child in his stomach. The child was then transferred for treatment in Kalkilyeh. However, after investigating the incident Civil Administration investigators quickly revealed that the child had in fact been lightly wounded when he accidentally discharged a weapon he had been playing with. After interviewing witnesses, the investigators further revealed that the child's family had then fabricated the story of a "settler attack" in order to avoid the victim's brother, who owned the firearm, from getting into trouble with authorities, as well as to be eligible for "settler violence" compensation from the Palestinian Authority. (Arutz-7)

NETANYAHU IN FIERY SPEECH, BLASTS UN SILENCE ON IRAN THREATS: Israel's PM Binyamin Netanyahu took the podium on Thursday, 1 October, 2015, at the UN General Assembly in New York, speaking just a day after Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas announced he was no longer bound by the 1994 Oslo Accords, from the same platform. Netanyahu began his speech by saying: "After three days of listening to world leaders praising the deal with Iran, I begin my speech by saying, ladies and gentlemen, check your enthusiasm at the door. This deal doesn't make peace more likely. By fueling Iran's aggression by billions of dollars in sanctions relief it makes war more likely. In the last six months alone, since the nuclear deal's framework was announced, Iran has boosted supplies of devastating weapons to Syria; sent more soldiers into Syria to prop up Assad's brutal regime and shipped weapons to Houthi rebels in Yemen, including another shipment just a few days ago. Hezbollah smuggled in SA-22 missiles to down our planes. The days when the Jewish people remained passive in the face of genocidal enemies are over!" he asserted. "No one should question Israel's determination to defend itself against those who seek our destruction. For in every generation there were those who rose up to destroy our people. Babylonia and Rome; Inquisition and expulsion; in modern times – pogroms and Holocaust. Yet the Jewish people persevered.

And now another regime has arisen, swearing to destroy Israel. That regime would be wise to consider this: I stand here today representing Israel, a country 67 years young, but the nation state of a people nearly 4,000 years old. Yet the empires of Babylonia and Rome are not represented in this hall of nations. Neither is the 'Thousand year Reich.' Those empires are gone, but the people of Israel live," Netanyahu said. "Last month, Khamenei once again made his genocidal intentions clear before Iran's top clerical body, the Assembly of Experts. He spoke about Israel, home to over 6 million Jews. He pledged, 'There will be no Israel in 25 years.'" An angry Netanyahu intoned: "Seventy

years after the murder of 6 million Jews, Iran's rulers promised to destroy my country, murder my people! And the response from nearly every one of the governments represented here, has been absolutely nothing. Utter silence. Deafening silence.” At this point, Netanyahu remained silent for a full 30 seconds, to illustrate the UN's lack of backbone. “The dreams of our people, enshrined for eternity by the great prophets of the Bible – those dreams will be fully realized only when there is peace,” he explained. "As the Middle East descends into chaos, Israel's peace agreements with Egypt and Jordan are two cornerstones of stability." (Arutz-7)

PALESTINIANS CONTINUE REJECTIONISM: UN BIAS AGAINST ISRAEL: PM Netanyahu in his continuing UN speech delivered Thursday 1 October 2015, stated that Israel remains committed to achieving peace with the Palestinians as it has with Egypt and Jordan. "I am prepared to immediately, immediately, resume direct peace negotiations with the Palestinian Authority without any preconditions whatsoever. Unfortunately, President Abbas said yesterday that he is not prepared to do this. The peace process began over two decades ago, yet despite the best efforts of six Israeli prime ministers, Rabin, Peres, Barak, Sharon, Olmert and myself, the Palestinians continually refuse to make a final peace with Israel. You heard that rejectionism yet again only yesterday from President Abbas. How can Israel make peace with a Palestinian partner who refuses to even sit at the negotiating table? The UN won't help peace by trying to impose solutions or by encouraging Palestinian rejectionism. And the UN should do one more thing: the UN should finally rid itself of the obsessive bashing of Israel. Here's just one absurd example of this obsession: in four years of horrific violence in Syria, more than a quarter of a million people have lost their lives. That's more than 10 times the number of Israelis and Palestinians combined who have lost their lives in a century of conflict between us. Yet last year this assembly adopted 20 resolutions against Israel, and just one resolution about the savage slaughter in Syria. Talk about injustice! Talk about disproportionality!" (Arutz-7)

ISRAELI COUPLE KILLED IN SHOOTING ATTACK, 4 CHILDREN ESCAPE UNHURT: A Palestinian gunman shot dead two Israeli parents in an attack on their vehicle in Samaria on Thursday night, 1 October, 2015. Four of their young children survived the attack without injury. IDF units pulled the children out of the car and paramedics declared the parents dead on the scene after failing to detect vital signs. A 4-month-old baby, a 4-year-old boy, a seven-year-old boy and a nine-year old boy survived the attack without physical injury, after witnessing their parents being shot dead before their eyes. In light of the shooting, Israeli politicians accused Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' incitement for the attack, which came a day after he threatened to stop abiding by all agreements with Israel in a speech to the UN General Assembly. Likud Minister Miri Regev said, "24 hours after the violent speech of the arch-murderer, Abbas, a husband and wife were killed in Israel." She called on Israel to take harsher steps against Palestinian terror. Education Minister Naftali Bennett said, "A people whose leaders encourage murder will never have a state. Now the time of talking

is done and the time for action has come." The IDF ordered four battalions to join existing military forces in Judea & Samaria in the wake of a terror attack. (J.Post)

'THE ENTIRE NATION IS CRYING': Joining the responses of the politicians to Thursday night's, 1 October 2015, horrific murder of a young couple in Samaria was that of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi David Lau: "Despite the Succot holiday and its joy, the entire nation is pained and cries at the murder of the parents who were sacrificed in Kiddush Hashem (sanctification of G-d's name) just because they were Jews," said Rabbi Lau. The rabbi called on the public to pray for the peace of the entire Jewish people at this difficult time. He then turned his attention to the four children who witnessed their parents being murdered right before their eyes. "The tender orphans are the children of the entire people of Israel; we will strengthen them, we will embrace the family and despite the great sadness and the awful pain we will continue to pray and believe that the Guardian of Israel will guard the remnant of Israel, and we will soon merit the redemption of the people of Israel." (J. Post)

HAMAS PRAISES FATAL SHOOTING OF COUPLE IN SAMARIA AS 'HEROIC TERROR ATTACK': Hamas praised as a "heroic terror attack" Thursday's, 1 October, 2015 shooting that left an Israeli couple dead, and their four young children, orphaned. The Palestinian group called for more "quality attacks." (Jerusalem Post)

IRANIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN SYRIA AHEAD OF MAJOR GROUND OFFENSIVE: Hundreds of Iranian troops have arrived in Syria in the last 10 days and will soon join government forces and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies in a major ground offensive backed by Russian air strikes, two Lebanese sources told media outlets. "The Russian air strikes will in the near future be accompanied by ground advances by the Syrian army and its allies," said one of the sources familiar with political and military developments in the conflict. Officials confirmed the operation would be aimed at recapturing territory lost by President Bashar al-Assad's government to rebels. It points to an emerging military alliance between Russia and Assad's other main allies – Iran and the Hezbollah terrorist group – focused on recapturing areas of northwestern Syria that were seized by insurgents in rapid advances earlier this year. "The vanguard of Iranian ground forces began arriving in Syria: soldiers and officers specifically to participate in this battle. They are not advisers. We mean hundreds with equipment and weapons. They will be followed by more," one source said. Iraqis would also take part in the operation, the source said. (NY Post) *This is a very dangerous alignment of Israel's greatest enemies so close to the Jewish state's northern borders. Although these allies of Assad - foes of Israel- are presently involved with internal fighting in Syria, the fact that they have troops, sophisticated weapons, an air-force, and collective hatred of Israel all assembling in one place suddenly, seems reason for alertness and concern. Please continue to intercede regarding this dangerous coalition and for the protection of Israel's northern borders.*

‘ISRAEL CONCERNED WITH BUILD-UP OF IRANIAN FORCES IN SYRIA NEAR GOLAN BORDER’: Israel is concerned with the build-up of Iranian forces in Syria, near the border with Israel, Energy and Water Minister Yuval Steinitz said this week. Steinitz's comments came amid the recent addition of Russian troops to Syria to bolster Syrian President Assad in his fight against rebel groups challenging his rule in Syria. However, the Likud minister was more concerned with the infusion of troops from Assad's other central backer, Iran. "Nobody wants to see Russian forces in the area of the Golan Heights, but we definitely don't want to see Iranian forces near Israel," Steinitz told Army Radio. Steinitz said that Israel would clarify Israel's concerns regarding Iranian forces in Syria in discussions with the relevant parties. (J. Post)

OREGON COLLEGE SHOOTER: ‘ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?’ A gunman stalked onto a college campus in southwestern Oregon on Thursday, 1 October 2015 and opened fire, asking his victims to declare their religious affiliation before killing at least 10 of them one by one. After reloading his weapon, the killer asked the students, “Are you a Christian? If you are a Christian then stand up.” He then told the students, "Because you are a Christian you're going to see God in about one second" and then he shot and killed them. After killing Harper-Mercer the police called all available ambulances. At least 13 students were evacuated to hospitals in the area, including three in critical condition. (Ynet)



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