

## **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update July 3, 2015**

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**‘ISRAELI CITIZENS DESERVE SAME EMPATHY AS REST OF THE WORLD’:** In the wake of a spate of recent terror attacks culminating in the death of Malachi Moshe Rosenfeld on Tuesday, 30 June, 2015, Israeli ambassador to the UN, Ron Prosor, sent a strongly worded letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, demanding his condemnation. "In the two weeks since the beginning of Ramadan there has been a dramatic increase in attacks against Israelis. Each day brings with it news of a shooting attack, or a stabbing. These attacks are part of a global surge of terrorism," Prosor wrote. "We have all been witness to the horrific terror attacks of last week in France, Tunisia, and Kuwait, which you condemned 'in the strongest terms,'" he continued. "I expect you to condemn the terror attacks in Israel in an equally decisive manner," Prosor said pointedly. "The people of Israel deserve the same level of concern and empathy as any other people in the world." Placing blame for the attacks squarely on the Palestinians, Prosor asserted, "These attacks are a direct result of incitement by the Palestinian Authority in the media and in its education system. Even after this latest incident, the leadership of the PA remains silent, failing to condemn the murder of innocent people." (Arutz-7)

**HAMAS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHVUT RACHEL SHOOTING:** The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Palestinian terror group Hamas, has claimed responsibility for the shooting attack near Shvut Rachel on Monday night, 29 June, 2015. Four Israeli civilians were injured in the terror attack, with one, Malachi Rosenfeld,

succumbing to his wounds the following evening. He was brought to rest at near his home, on Wednesday, 1 July, 2015. The Al-Qassam Brigades asserted the attack was part of "a series of quality operations" carried out by the group's members in recent months, and that the attackers opened fire at point-blank range on a car of "settlers" before managing to escape safely.

Sources in the IDF and the Israel Security Agency admitted this week that a terror cell appears to be at large in the Binyamin region north of Jerusalem. Sources credit the cell with firing at a civilian vehicle and an ambulance last weekend, as well the murder of Danny Gonen 12 days ago. Meanwhile, Hamas spokesman Husam Badran called ongoing attacks against Israelis "an important quality development," whether it be shooting at "settlers or soldiers" or stabbing attacks carried out by lone-wolf Palestinian terrorists. Badran urged Palestinians to continue escalating attacks against Israelis in order to return to a situation of confrontation with the Jewish state. (Israel National News)

**SHIN BET ARRESTS 40 HAMAS MEMBERS IN NABLUS:** The Shin Bet security service has, uncovered over the last few months a large Hamas cell active in the city of Nablus and surrounding towns. The news was cleared for publication on Wednesday, 1 July, 2015. Around 40 people were arrested, including senior Hamas members who have been jailed repeatedly. Questioning of the arrestees revealed that Hamas decided to renew its activities in Judea & Samaria by creating a central headquarters in Nablus and expanding infrastructure, including gaining support, charity and laying the foundation for violence against the Jewish state. The terrorists concealed their activities by using couriers and PO boxes. Funds were transferred partially by purchasing gold from Jordan and smuggling it into Judea & Samaria. (Ynet)

**EGYPTIAN SECURITY SOURCES: DOZENS KILLED IN SINAI TERROR ATTACKS:** As many as 60 Egyptian security forces were reportedly killed when terrorists attacked checkpoints in North Sinai on Wednesday, 1 July, 2015, in one of the biggest coordinated assaults in the province. Five checkpoints were attacked by about 70 terrorists, an army spokesman said. North Sinai is the epicenter of an insurgency seeking to topple the Cairo government. Hundreds of policemen and soldiers have been killed in attacks since the army toppled Islamist president Mohamed Morsi after mass protests against his rule in 2013. The most active terrorist group in the region is Sinai Province, which has pledged allegiance to ISIS. That group had urged its followers to escalate attacks during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan which started in mid-June. Earlier this week, Egypt's top public prosecutor was assassinated in a car bomb attack on his convoy in Cairo. ISIS affiliate, Sinai Province, claimed responsibility on Wednesday, 1 July, 2015, for attacks against security forces in North Sinai. (Jerusalem Post)

**ISIS THREATENS HAMAS, FATAH AND 'STATE OF THE JEWS' IN VIDEO:** ISIS insurgents on Tuesday 30 June, 2015, threatened to topple Hamas, accusing the terrorist group of being "insufficiently stringent" about religious enforcement. The video statement, issued from an ISIS stronghold in Syria, was a rare public challenge to Hamas

presently in control of the Gaza Strip. "We will uproot the state of the Jews (Israel). You and Fatah, and all of the secularists are nothing and you will be over-run by our creeping multitudes," said a masked ISIS member in the message addressed to the "tyrants of Hamas." "The rule of Sharia (Islamic law) will be implemented in Gaza, in spite of you," the jihadist continued. "We swear that what is happening in the Levant today, and in particular the Yarmouk camp, will happen in Gaza," he said, referring to ISIS advances in Syria, including the Damascus district inhabited by "Palestinian refugees." Last week, a group calling itself "ISIS Palestine" put up fliers around eastern Jerusalem threatening Christians in the area with "revenge." ISIS does not have an operational presence in Israel, but support for the group among Islamists is on the rise, with dozens of Arab citizens leaving for Syria and Iraq to fight for the jihadist organization after ISIS members took part in Hamas' terror war against Israel last summer. (Arutz-7)

**POLICE BAR NAZI RALLY IN LONDON:** A controversial neo-Nazi rally timed for Shabbat this Saturday 4 July 2015, in Golders Green, the center of the Jewish community in London, will be barred by police. While police will be unable to ban the rally outright, the demonstration will be moved to central London, far from the Jewish community, and will be restricted to one hour only in a cordoned-off area, after which it will be dispersed by police. "The decision by the Metropolitan Police Service is a victory for British values and we applaud their firm defense of our community," said Gideon Falter, Chairman of the Campaign Against Antisemitism. Falter pointed out that "this neo-Nazi demonstration was an attempt to intimidate the largest Jewish community in the UK on the Jewish Sabbath in the heart of Golders Green, on the very memorial to those who lost their lives fighting Nazis." The Community Security Trust (CST), another antisemitism watchdog, similarly hailed the move. "This will allow Jewish residents of Golders Green and the surrounding area to observe their Shabbat with integrity and dignity; and sends a strong message of support for British Jews at a time when fears of antisemitism remain high," the CST said in a statement. (Arutz-7)

**BELGIUM TO PROVIDE \$4 MILLION IN SECURITY FUNDING TO JEWISH INSTITUTIONS:** The Belgian government will provide more than \$4 million to upgrade security at Jewish institutions throughout the country, Belgium's Interior Minister announced this week. The grant will go for surveillance cameras, alarms, secure windows and armored doors. Once the improvements are made, the government could decide to reduce the number of soldiers guarding the buildings. Jewish institutions in Belgium are presently under military protection on the same level as embassies, due to recent murderous terrorist attacks against Jews in Belgium, and the threat of further violence due to mounting European antisemitism. (J. Post)

**2,000-YEAR-OLD RITUAL BATH DISCOVERED BELOW LIVING ROOM FLOOR IN JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOOD:** A two thousand year old ritual bath (mikve) was recently discovered beneath a living room floor during renovations of a private home in the Ein Kerem neighborhood of Jerusalem. The mikve, fully complete

and quite large, is rock-hewn and meticulously plastered according to the Jewish laws of purity. A staircase leads to the bottom of the immersion pool. Pottery vessels dating to the Second Temple period (first century AD) and traces of fire that might constitute evidence of the Temple's destruction between 66-70 AD, were discovered inside the bath. Amit Re'em, a Jerusalem District Archaeologist, stressed that "such instances of finding antiquities beneath a private home can happen only in Israel and Jerusalem in particular." Re'em explained that "Ein Kerem is also considered a place sacred to Christianity in light of its identification with "a city of Judah" – the place where according to the New Testament, John the Baptist was born and where his pregnant mother Elisabeth met with Mary, mother of Yeshua. The discovery of the ritual bath reinforces the hypothesis there was a Jewish settlement from the time of the Second Temple located in the region of what is today Ein Kerem. (Israel National News)

**FOUR ISRAELIS INJURED IN SHOOTING NEAR JUDEA & SAMARIA SETTLEMENT:** The advent of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has ushered in a month of daily terror against Israeli Jews by Muslim terrorists. In the latest attack, four young Israelis were injured in a shooting near a settlement north of Ramallah, on Monday night, 29 June, 2015. Three victims are in moderate condition and a fourth suffered serious injuries. Medical teams treated them at the scene and evacuated them to Jerusalem hospitals. The victims were in their twenties, and had been hit in their legs. The four had been driving back from a basketball game near Route 60, the main north-south artery running through Judea & Samaria, when they were attacked. Following the assault the army deployed a large number of soldiers to search the vicinity for the suspected perpetrators, and media sources said searches would be widened to nearby Palestinian villages. Troops set up checkpoints in the area and were checking vehicles for possible suspects. Photos posted on social media showed the victims' vehicle smeared with blood and riddled with bullet holes. (Times of Israel)

**IDF SAYS TERROR CELL APPEARS TO BE AT LARGE:** IDF and the Israel Security Agency moved away Tuesday, 30 June, 2015 from the "lone terrorist" explanation that they used for a recent spate of terror attacks, and admitted that a terror cell appears to be at large in the Binyamin region north of Jerusalem. Sources in the Israeli security establishment said that according to information in their possession, it can be determined that there was more than one terrorist involved in Monday night's 29 June, 2015 shooting north of Ramallah, and that there certainly may be a terror cell at large in the region. The sources said the cell may have been responsible for the gunfire at an ambulance over the weekend, and that it fired at a civilian vehicle before shooting at the ambulance. The cell may also be connected to the murder of Danny Gonen, 11 days ago. IDF Judea & Samaria Commander, Tamir Yadai, held several discussions on the matter, and the conclusion is that these are not "lone terrorists" but a phenomenon that is "gathering steam." The security establishment noted that more than 25 bullets were fired at the car in Monday night's attack- indicating there were several terrorists involved, and that they switched cars and escaped into one of the local villages. (Arutz-7)

**FEMALE SOLDIER STABBED BY TERRORIST AT RACHEL'S TOMB:** An IDF soldier was wounded in a stabbing attack at Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem Monday morning, 29 June, 2015. A female Arab terrorist arrived at the checkpoint adjacent to Rachel's Tomb, located south of Jerusalem, where she stabbed a female IDF soldier who was manning the checkpoint. The soldier was evacuated in serious condition for medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Police and security personnel overpowered the terrorist and arrested her. She has been identified as a 20-year-old Palestinian Arab resident of Judea & Samaria. Israeli security forces said the terrorist who carried out the attack confessed that her intention was to kill an IDF soldier. (Arutz-7)

**ARAB ROCK BARRAGE STRIKES SCHOOL BUS IN JERUSALEM:** A bus carrying young children from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ma'ale Hazeitim on the Mount of Olives, to their school located more centrally in the capital city, came under a barrage of rocks Monday morning, 29 June, 2015. Masked Arab terrorists hurled dozens of the potentially lethal rocks at the bus and at the terrified children inside, but fortunately none were wounded in the onslaught. Damage was caused to the windshield of the bus however. The attack is part of an ongoing wave of rock attacks on roads throughout eastern Jerusalem and Judea & Samaria. While the Arab attacks continue on a near daily basis, only a small portion are reported on in the mainstream media as most instances only involve damage to property. (Arutz-7)

**ISIS THREATENS TO 'SLAUGHTER' CHRISTIAN ARABS LIVING IN JERUSALEM:** Menacing Arabic flyers, issued by an ISIS branch in Jerusalem, threatened Christian Arabs over the weekend with slaughter unless they flee the capital by the end of Ramadan. The group called upon like-minded zealots to identify "those who collaborate with the Zionists" and provide their addresses. The note goes on to state that "ISIS soldiers will work to kill these people and will clean this country and the Muslim Quarter from these Christians during this holy Ramadan." It added that the group's operatives will begin their search in the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Beit Hanina, Shuafat, the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. "We tell Christians and the nonbelievers: 'Go away now or you will be killed when the Eid al Fitr festival ending Ramadan is near. And you will be slaughtered like the sheep.'" While no Christian Arabs who received the note agreed to be interviewed, one Israeli man with numerous Arab friends said the vitriol has rattled individuals and families within the community. "They're fearful for their lives and don't want to go to the police because they feel that the police won't be responsive," the man said, requesting anonymity. "What's most problematic is that in this case individuals aren't being targeted but an entire group, which is pretty darn serious," he added. (Jerusalem Post)

**NAVY TAKES OVER FLOTILLA SHIP:** IDF naval fighters early Monday morning 29 June, 2015, boarded the Swedish ship Marianne that was taking part in the latest flotilla trying to violate Israel's naval blockade of Gaza. The troops took control of the

ship and sailed it to the Ashdod Port where its contents are being inspected. The takeover process was short and there were no injuries on either side. The action was taken after a large number of requests to the passengers on the vessel. Once the passengers clarified that they would not cooperate, it was decided to take over the vessel and sail it to the Ashdod port. PM Netanyahu welcomed the operation to take over the vessel: "This flotilla is nothing but a demonstration of hypocrisy and lies that is only assisting the Hamas terrorist organization and ignores all of the horrors in our region. Preventing entry by sea was done in accordance with international law and even received backing from a committee of the UN Secretary General. We are not prepared to accept the entry of war materiel to the terrorist organizations in Gaza as has been done by sea in the past. Just last year we foiled an attempt to smuggle by sea hundreds of weapons that were destined for use in attacks against Israel's citizens," said Netanyahu. (Arutz-7)

### **ISRAEL APPROVES EXTENDING FORTIFIED FENCE ON ITS JORDAN**

**BORDER:** Israel's security cabinet has approved extending the fortified fence along its Egyptian border into a section of the frontier with neighboring Jordan, PM Netanyahu said on Monday 29 June, 2015. Jordan and Israel closely coordinate security for their 150 mile-long border as well as for the strategic 60 mile-long Jordan Valley within Judea & Samaria. But the Netanyahu government worries that African immigrants and armed jihadi infiltrators might try to reach Israel via Jordan after the Egyptian Sinai border was fenced off with a 16 foot-high razor-wire barrier in 2013. Briefing Israeli lawmakers, Netanyahu said his security cabinet on Sunday 28 June, 2015 gave the green light for a new 18 mile stretch of fence that will run northward from Eilat along a now often porous Jordanian border. He said the fence would help protect an Israeli airport due to open next year at Timna, 12 miles from Eilat, and which has been billed as a wartime alternative should Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion airport come under rocket attack. "This is an important matter. It is part of our national security," Netanyahu said. (Ynet)

### **MEMBERS OF UNHRC 'DON'T CARE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS,' SAY**

**PROTESTERS IN GENEVA:** Shouts of "The people of Israel live" reverberated across the square outside of the headquarters of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva Monday, 29 June, 2015 as hundreds of supporters of the Jewish state rallied against a report commissioned by the organization accusing Jerusalem of war crimes during last summer's war in Gaza. A sign carried by one protester read "16,500 missiles have been fired from Gaza into Israel." The UNHCR "needs to overcome its obsession with Israel," World Jewish Congress CEO Robert Singer told the crowd, accusing it of a double standard that "stands in the way of an effective human rights policy. Today, whenever Israel has to make use of its legitimate right to defend its existence against the thousands of rockets fired into its territories, when it tries to destroy the terrorist infrastructure of Hamas and other groups in Gaza, it is immediately accused of committing war crimes by the United Nations," he proclaimed. (Jerusalem Post)

**'CHRISTIAN TIDAL WAVE ABOUT TO CRASH ON BDS':** The Christian Zionist

NPO Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN) on Monday, 29 June, 2015, welcomed the adoption of anti-BDS resolutions it has pushed for at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. PJTN activists in Pennsylvania were also instrumental in having the draft resolution passed in the New York State Assembly, after Tennessee in April passed anti-BDS legislature followed by a similar move in Indiana. But PJTN announced that this is just the beginning, as supporters of the group in 34 states throughout America have already started working to prepare anti-BDS motions in a wave of support for Israel. "As proud Christian Zionists that represent millions of believers worldwide, we will stand as a firewall around the Jewish People and will ensure that no form of genocidal antisemitism be tolerated," said one PJTN leader. "We call upon all Christians worldwide to join our movement and let the people of Israel know they are not alone in their struggle. Mark my words: By the end of this year, what began as a pro-Israel resolution in Tennessee will be a national movement across the USA and around the world. We have already recruited 34 states, with the recent addition of New York and Pennsylvania and this is only the beginning." (Arutz-7) *More voices are being raised on behalf of Israel, and ever-increasing action being taken against organizations and groups who further anti-Israel bias and antisemitism. This is an answer to prayer. May it continue and cause far-reaching changes to be made on behalf of the Jewish state. Include your voice among those who are being heard.*

**REPORT: POWERS GIVE IN – NO INSPECTION OF IRAN’S NUKE FACILITIES:** The P5+1 countries led by the United States under Barack Obama have reportedly caved in to Iranian demands and will not insist on inspections of nuclear installations as part of a deal on Iran’s nuclear weapons program, according to media sources Sunday night, 28 June, 2015. Former CIA Director Michael Hayden said that the United States has lost its edge going into the final days of a nuclear negotiation with Iran. "I actually fear that the Iranians have the upper hand right now," Hayden said Sunday night. "I actually fear we have painted ourselves into a corner where we believe that any deal is better than no deal at the present time." Hayden said the framework of the deal doesn’t go far enough in preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear arsenal in the future. Sunday, 28 June, 2015, USA officials confirmed to Fox News that world powers meeting in Vienna to hammer out the nuclear deal will miss their June 30, 2015 deadline. (Arutz-7/Fox)

**SUPREME COURT: SAME-SEX COUPLES CAN MARRY IN ALL 50 STATES:** The USA Supreme Court ruled Friday, June 26, 2015 that same-sex couples have a right to marry nationwide, in a historic decision that invalidates gay marriage bans in more than a dozen states. Gay and lesbian couples already can marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia. But in a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the 14th Amendment requires states to issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples and to recognize such marriages performed in other states. The ruling means the remaining 14 states that did not allow such unions, in the South and Midwest, will have to stop enforcing their bans. Cheers broke out outside the Supreme Court when the decision was announced. Speaking

in the Rose Garden, USA President Barack Obama called the ruling a "victory for America." (Fox News)

**VATICAN SIGNS TREATY WITH ‘STATE OF PALESTINE’:** The Vatican has signed a treaty with the “State of Palestine” in hope of advancing a two-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The accord, which was signed on Friday, 26 June, 2015 concerns the Vatican’s activities in territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority. Israel immediately criticized the move. “This hasty step damages the prospects for advancing a peace agreement, and harms the international effort to convince the PA to return to direct negotiations with Israel,” Israel’s Foreign Ministry stated. “The Palestinians continue to act unilaterally, which distances us from any chance of holding direct dialogue,” Deputy FM Tzipi Hotovely said. Friday’s treaty is the first document formalizing the Catholic Church’s recognition of Palestine. (JTA)

**‘ENLIGHTENED WORLD MUST UNITE AGAINST FORCES OF DARKNESS,’ NETANYAHU SAYS:** PM Benjamin Netanyahu called on "the enlightened world" to unite "against the forces of darkness" who perpetrated the acts of terrorism in France, Tunisia, and Kuwait on Friday, 26 June, 2015 that left dozens dead and scores wounded. "These cruel acts of murder once again highlight the fact that the enlightened world is in a struggle against the forces of darkness," Netanyahu said. "The struggle against the murderous terrorism of extremist Islam requires us to unite, and this begins with unequivocally denouncing the murderers and their supporters." A suicide bomber killed at least 27 people when he blew himself up inside a packed Shi'ite Muslim mosque in Kuwait city during Friday prayers. The ISIS terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attack, which also wounded over 200 people according to the interior ministry.

At least 38 people, including foreign tourists, were killed when at least one gunman opened fire on a Tunisian beachside hotel in the popular resort of Sousse on Friday, 26 June, 2015. It was the second major attack in the North African country this year, and took place during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan. A decapitated body daubed with Arabic writing was found at a USA-owned factory in southeast France, also on Friday, after an assailant rammed a delivery van into gas containers at the site, triggering an explosion. The assailant killed and beheaded his 50-year-old manager before entering the secured site in the vehicle. French President Francois Hollande described it as a terrorist attack and said all measures would be taken to stop any future strikes on a country still reeling from Islamist assaults in January. (Jerusalem Post)

**MK: ‘ISRAEL WILL FIND A WAY’ TO STOP GAZA FLOTILLA:** Member of Knesset, Motti Yogev, is convinced Israel will stop the anti-Israel 'Freedom Flotilla III' from approaching Gaza, he stated on Sunday, 28 June, 2015. "We must act to explain to the world that this will not work and that it is terrorism and terrorists, not Israel, which necessitates the blockade on Gaza," he added. "Israel is ready to send everything humanitarian to Gazans, including goods and cement - despite the fact that concrete is

useful for rebuilding terror tunnels - and certainly fruits and vegetables. If Gaza were demilitarized, these things could come and go freely. But beyond that, on an operational level, Israel will find a way not to allow ships to approach Gaza," he added. The flotilla has been dubbed "Freedom Flotilla 3," a maritime challenge to Israel's legal naval blockade on the coastal enclave of Gaza which is controlled by the Hamas terrorist organization. Israel has maintained the blockade since 2009, in order to prevent Hamas from smuggling large amounts of weapons for use against civilians. It was revealed last week that the flotilla is indirectly funded by the French government via a pro-Palestinian NGO. (Arutz-7)

**5.2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE FELT THROUGHOUT ISRAEL:** Tremors from a 5.2 magnitude earthquake were felt throughout Israel Saturday, 28 June, 2015 at around 6:30 p.m. The earthquake's epicenter was some four kilometers southeast of Nuweiba, in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula which borders southern Israel. No damage or injuries were caused. Flights from Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport were halted for ten minutes, due to the tremors which were felt there as well. After a series of checks on runways and technical equipment, flights were resumed. (Israel National News)

**ISRAEL WINS BIG AT EUROPEAN GAMES:** Israel emerged as a big winner at the European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan over the weekend, taking home a total 11 medals. Israeli judokas took gold and silver medals in two different weight categories. Competing in the men's under-73 kilograms competition, Sagi Moki won gold, defeating the outgoing European champion. It was the promising athlete's first win in a major international tournament. Taking a surprising silver in the over-100 kilogram competition was Uri Sasson, 24. Israel's women's team also had something to smile about with Yarden Gerbi taking the bronze medal in the under-63 kilograms competition. (INN)

**WORLDWIDE JEWISH POPULATION NEARS PRE-HOLOCAUST NUMBERS:** The worldwide Jewish population is approaching the size it was before the Holocaust, a new report by a Jerusalem-based think tank says. The report, compiled by the Jewish People Policy Institute, indicates that there are 14.2 million Jews worldwide as of early 2015. Add in various "subgroups" (such as immigrants to Israel and American "partial Jews") and the number approaches 16 million - which nears the pre-World War II global Jewish population of 16.6 million. After Israel, which is home to 6,103,200 Jews, the United States has the second-highest Jewish population at 5,700,000. (Times of Israel)

**ONE IN TEN ISRAELIS FORCED TO SKIP HOT MEALS DUE TO POVERTY:** Israelis are in general happy with life, a new poll released by the Central Bureau of Statistics said. In a poll of 7,400 adults from around the country, 86% said that they were "satisfied" with their lives. Of those, 31% were "very satisfied" with their lives. Satisfaction and happiness were a feature of life for both Jews and Arabs, with 88% of the former saying they were satisfied, while 73% of the latter did as well. With that, many Israelis wish they could do better economically. According to the report, sixteen

percent of Israelis said they had been forced to cut down on food because of poverty; 11% said they were forced to give up a hot meal at least once out of every two days because they could not afford to buy food for that meal. (Arutz-7)

**NETANYAHU WARNS: WEST CONCEDED TOO MUCH TO IRAN:** PM Binyamin Netanyahu stated in a speech Thursday, 25 June, 2015: "The top threat that endangers our security is Iran's effort to arm itself with nuclear weapons. In general, as the deadline set by world powers for Iran to achieve its objectives approaches, they are increasing concessions to Iran," he noted. "In recent days, Iran's ruler, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei negated even the most basic conditions formulated in the bad deal sealed in Lausanne - and has demanded to have no limitations on the nuclear program planned over the next decade; not to condition the removal of sanctions on Iran acquiescing to the agreement; and no supervision on military sites. This agreement is fundamentally flawed, leaving the path to achieving Iran's arsenal of nuclear bombs within a decade," he continued. "It gives it tens of billions of dollars instantly, through which Iran will increase its subversive activities, its conquests and its terror against Israel, the Middle East and beyond. The West could still come to their senses," he urged. "It's still not too late to insist on a good agreement, and certainly not too late not to promote a bad agreement. In any case, whatever may happen, Israel will always protect itself." (Arutz-7)

**ISIS IN JERUSALEM THREATENS CHRISTIANS:** A flier published by the brutal ISIS terrorist organization was put up around eastern Jerusalem on Thursday, 25 June, 2015, in what is thought to be the first ISIS announcement in the Israeli capital. The flier threatens Christians in the area with "revenge," and is signed by the organization "ISIS Palestine," reports Israel's Channel 10. ISIS has been rapidly gaining a foothold in Israel, with dozens of Arab citizens of the state leaving for Syria and Iraq to fight for the jihadist organization after ISIS members took part in Hamas' terror war against Israel last summer. A cell of the group was nabbed in Hebron in Judea last November showing their presence in the region, while in Gaza the group has clashed with Hamas and repeatedly fired rockets at Israel to spark fighting between Israel and Hamas. (Israel National News)

**ISIS SELLS 42 YAZIDI WOMEN TO ITS TERRORISTS AS SEX SLAVES:** The ISIS terrorist group on Thursday, 25 June, 2015 sold 42 Iraqi women it had abducted from the Yazidi religious minority to its fighters in eastern Syria as sex slaves. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the women were sold "for between \$500 and \$2,000 dollars." The women were abducted last year in the Sinjar region of northern Iraq where ISIS had launched a wide offensive, the Britain-based monitor said. Earlier this month they were brought to the ISIS-held town of Mayadeen in Syria's eastern Deir Ezzor province. "Some were abducted with their children but we do not know their fate," said Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman. The Yazidis, a religious minority which lives mainly in Iraq's Sinjar region, are neither Muslims nor Arabs and follow a unique faith. They are considered infidels by the jihadists. In 2014, the jihadists massacred Yazidis, forced tens of thousands of them to flee, captured thousands of girls and women

as spoils of war and used them as sex slaves. The UN has said the atrocities committed against the small community may amount to genocide. (Arutz-7)

**PALESTINIAN SHOT AFTER OPENING FIRE ON SOLDIERS AT JORDAN VALLEY:** A Palestinian was seriously wounded by IDF fire on Friday 26, June 2015, at a checkpoint, about 30 kilometers south of Beit She'an. No soldiers were wounded and the site was declared a closed military area. Earlier this week an 18-year-old Palestinian stabbed a border police soldier at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. The soldier, who was severely wounded, had time to shoot at the terrorist, seriously wounding him. Rescue personnel called to the scene treated both and evacuated them to local hospitals. (Ynet)

**GAZA FLOTILLA NGO FUNDED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT:** One of the NGOs behind the latest anti-Israel flotilla to Gaza is funded by the French government, Israeli media sources have learned. The Platform of French NGOs for Palestine is among the groups supporting the Freedom Flotilla III, which seeks to directly defy the Israeli government's blockade of the Hamas-ruled enclave. The Platform recently announced that the latest boat to join the flotilla, The Marianne of Gothenburg, had set sail from Sicily and was set to join four other vessels carrying some 70 anti-Zionist activists in route for Gaza.

The Platform of French NGOs for Palestine is an umbrella organization for more than 40 anti-Israel groups, and is very active in the BDS (Boycott Divestment and Sanctions) movement against Israel. Among other things, the Platform demands an end to all agreements and relations between the EU and Israel. It is also a regular recipient of French taxpayers' money, via the French Development Agency, (AFD) a public aid agency which works on behalf of the French government. As recently as March 2014, the AFD approved a three-year grant of 225,000 euros to The Platform of French NGOs for Palestine. The Platform has also received thousands of euros in donations from French parliamentarians, according to a 2014 report by the NGO Monitor watchdog. The revelations once again shine the spotlight on how European government-funded NGOs are playing a leading role in international efforts to delegitimize the Jewish state, even as European politicians pay lip service against the campaign. (Arutz-7)

**THE REASON FOR ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE OF THE GAZA STRIP:** Israel's blockade of Gaza dates back to 2006, after Hamas terrorists kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, and with rocket attacks escalating against Israeli civilians in the aftermath of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza a year earlier. The blockade was tightened in 2007 when the Islamist terrorist movement consolidated control of Gaza, using it as a launchpad for ever-more intensive rocket attacks against Israeli towns and villages. Since then the blockade - which is meant to prevent weapons, fighters and other equipment reaching Islamist terrorist groups - has been eased considerably, although weapons are still not allowed to be trafficked in. At the same time, a more restrictive blockade by the Egyptian military is ongoing, as Egypt seeks to cut Islamist terrorists in Gaza off from the Sinai

Peninsula, where it says Hamas and other groups are helping fuel a jihadist insurgency. Anti-Israel activists have long called for Israel's blockade to be lifted, claiming that it is "illegal." However, in 2011 the UN's official Palmer Report found that the blockade is in fact entirely legal. (Israel National News)

**PALESTINIAN SOCCER TEAMS NAMED AFTER TERRORISTS:** Weeks after Palestinians sought to boot Israel from world soccer, Palestinian participants in a youth tournament in the town of Abu Dis, east of Jerusalem, were set to play for teams named after terrorists who have killed numerous Israeli civilians. Squads such as the Martyr Abu Jihad team, named after a Fatah founder responsible for the deaths of 125 Israelis, and the Martyr Khaled Nazzal team - dubbed after the secretary of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which orchestrated the Ma'alot massacre in May 1974 in which 22 schoolchildren and 5 adults were killed - are set to take part in official matches to be played throughout the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The Israeli and Palestinian soccer associations were recently involved in a confrontation after the latter tried to have Israel suspended from the International Federation of Soccer. The Palestinian delegation to FIFA later dropped the motion amid pressure from dozens of international delegates. Palestinians maintain that Israeli security restrictions are limiting the movement of Palestinian players. Last month, a Palestinian soccer player was briefly detained by Israeli security personnel at the border crossing with Jordan, prompting the head of the Palestinian Football Association, Jibril Rajoub, to send a letter of complaint to FIFA head Sepp Blatter. An Israeli security source told Israel Radio that the player was detained for security reasons and was arrested seven months ago for receiving funds from Hamas representatives in Qatar to pass on to Hamas members in Judea & Samaria. (Times of Israel)

**STUDY: GERMAN SCHOOLBOOKS BIASED AGAINST ISRAEL:** German schoolbooks present Israel as an aggressive, warlike country while ignoring that the Jewish state is the only functioning democracy in the Middle East, according to a new study by a joint Israeli-German commission reported on this week. The study examined 1,200 history, geography and social studies textbooks and found "tendentious and one-sided photographic presentations" of Israeli soldiers inflicting violence on weak-appearing Palestinians. (J.Post)

**FLUORESCENT GREEN JELLYFISH, NATIVE TO JAPAN, LIGHTS UP ISRAEL'S MEDITERRANEAN:** A fluorescent green jellyfish native to East Asia has found its way into Israel's Mediterranean waters, researchers at the University of Haifa recently observed. Most commonly found in the waters of Japan, the transparent and fluorescent jellyfish likely immigrated to Israel via the ballast waters of commercial vessels, the university said. "Despite its small body of just a few centimeters, it is considered to be filled with plankton and small crustaceans, but you can remain calm – it is not dangerous to humans." (Jerusalem Post)

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