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RUSSIAN FM: S-300 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE BATTERIES DELIVERED TO SYRIA: Russia has started delivering S-300 surface-to-air missile systems to Syrian forces, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov announced on 30 Sept. 2018. Lavrov said that the measure had been taken following the downing of a IL-20 Russian reconnaissance plane over Syria. "As President Vladimir Putin said, after that incident, "the measures that we will take will be devoted to ensuring 100% safety and security of our men". Fifteen Russian servicemen were killed when the IL-20 was hit by a Syrian anti-aircraft missile off the coastal city of Latakia. Moscow has placed the blame for the incident solely on Israel and has accused the IDF of having endangered the lives of personnel in Syria during other military operations. The incident has led to one of the lowest points in the relationship between Jerusalem and Moscow in years. A high-level military delegation led by Air Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Amikam Norkin was sent to Moscow and Israeli PM Netanyahu spoke with Russian President Putin. Following the downing of the jet Moscow announced it would supply Syria with the advanced S-300 missile defense system and impose electronic countermeasures over Syria's coastline which would suppress satellite navigation, onboard radar systems and communications of warplanes attacking targets on Syrian territory. Netanyahu told Putin that the "transferring advanced weapons systems into irresponsible hands will increase the dangers in the region," and USA National Security Advisor John Bolton said the decision was a "major mistake"

REPORT: SYRIA PAID RUSSIA \$1 BILLION FOR S-300 MISSILES: Russia received \$1 billion in payment for the S-300 surface-to-air missile system according to media reports. Syria transferred the payment to Russian banks several years ago, but due to Israel's pressure to freeze the deal, the money was not officially transferred to Russia. With Russia's transfer of the S-300 missile system to Syria, the money will become available for Russian use, according to a diplomatic source. An additional diplomatic source admitted that Syria's receipt of the missile system will challenge Israel. "This is not a simple challenge for Israel and we're dealing with it in various ways, not necessarily by preventing the transfer," the source said. Russia announced last week it would upgrade Syria's anti-air defense network and send the S-300 system there, following the recent downing of a Russian military aircraft in Syrian airspace.

NEW THREATS FOR ISRAEL AS SYRIA OBTAINS S-300 RUSSIAN MISSILES: Russia announced last week that it plans to supply the S-300 to another one of Israel's enemies. The excuse this time was the recent downing of a Russian reconnaissance plane over Syria, shortly after the Israel Air Force struck Iranian targets along the Syrian coast. And even though Russia might simply be using the downing of its plane as an excuse to upgrade the Syrian military with advanced weapon systems, there is little Israel can do to stop it. PM Netanyahu spoke with President Donald Trump about the issue during their meeting last week in New York. What leverage Trump has over Putin remains to be seen.

The main problem is Syria's proximity to Israel. With a range of up to 250 kilometers, an S-300 battery stationed in Syria could potentially threaten any plane approaching Israel for landing at Ben-Gurion Airport. While it's extremely unlikely that Syria would ever shoot down a civilian aircraft, these kinds of things have happened in the past. More immediate will be the impact the deployment of the S-300 will have on continued IAF operations over Syria. Israel has insisted that it has a right to attack Iranian positions in Syria and weapons enroute to the Hezbollah terrorist group in Lebanon. Hezbollah, on the other hand, has maintained it will continue to smuggle in the weapons. What will Israel do the next time it receives intelligence about an arms shipment moving near Russian forces? That remains to be seen. What is sure is that moving forward, Israel's hands will be tied more than in the past. The next test over Syria will undoubtedly come soon.

UK TO BAN HEZBOLLAH, DESPITE LABOUR OPPOSITION: Britain will issue a full ban on the Hezbollah terrorist organization this month, extending the partial ban now in place against the Lebanese group's military wing. For the past decade, the United Kingdom has recognized Hezbollah's 'armed wing' as a terrorist organization, leaving the remainder of Hezbollah's activities unaffected, enabling Hezbollah supporters in the UK to openly express solidarity with the group. The USA, Canada, Israel, the Arab League, and some individual Arab countries recognize Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, while the UK and European Union distinguish between the group's 'political wing' and its 'armed wing'. Earlier this year, the British Parliament debated extending the ban to the entire Hezbollah organization. According to a motion brought before Parliament, the ban must be extended because "Hezbollah declares itself to be one organization without distinguishable political or military wings." The Labour Party leadership condemned the effort, despite London mayor SadiqKhan's public endorsement of a full ban.

GAZA RIOTERS HURL AT LEAST 100 EXPLOSIVES AT IDF: Rioters on Gaza border with Israel hurled at least 100 explosives and grenades, at IDF soldiers during border riots. Approximately 20,000 rioters and demonstrators participated Friday 27 Sept. 2018 in the Hamas-led riots that took place in several locations along the Gaza security fence. The rioters sabotaged security infrastructure, attempted to cross the security fence and infiltrate into Israel in several locations and hurled over 100 explosives and grenades towards IDF troops and the security fence. No IDF injuries were reported. An IDF spokesman said, "Hamas continues to orchestrate belligerent activity throughout the Gaza Strip, cynically using Gazan civilians and endangering children by sending them to the security fence as a cover for terror activity. The IDF is determined to continue operating to defend Israeli civilians against all those who seek to threaten Israeli security.

ABBAS IS NOT HELPING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE: PM Netanyahu met last week in New York with Nikki Haley, the USA ambassador to the UN, and thanked her for her uncompromising activity on behalf of Israel. "I said yesterday that the UN hall is still full of anti-Israel resolutions, but when you are at the UN, the situation is better and I want to thank you for clearing the air out of that hall," Netanyahu told Haley. "What you did with President Trump regarding UNWRA and UNESCO, is amazing," he added, thanking Haley on behalf of Israel and its friends around the world. Haley responded by saying, "The support is very moving. It's nice that our little work here is being noticed." The USA ambassador also related to the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs, saying that Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas must return to the negotiating table and accusing him of doing little to help his own people. "The Palestinians, if they want to blame anyone, it shouldn't be Israel. They should be looking at Abbas and saying, what are you doing for us?" said Haley.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE VOTES TO FREEZE €15M TO PA OVER INCITING TEXTBOOKS: "There was only a vision of one state from the river to the sea, which is not EU policy," IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff said. The European Parliament's budgetary committee voted to freeze more than 15 million euros from the Palestinian Authority if they do not remove incitement from their textbooks. The European Union is the largest single donor to the Palestinian Authority. "The textbooks published by the PA in 2017, which are financed by the EU, contain, across all subjects, numerous examples of violent depictions, hate speech — in particular against Israel — and glorification of jihad and martyrdom," the bill states. "As has already been pointed out by Parliament in its resolution on the 2016 budget, European Union-financed teaching and training programs should reflect common values."

RABBIS URGE IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE KAVANAUGH: After a day of painful testimony from both Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Dr. Christine Ford, who accused him of misconduct 36 years ago during high school, the Coalition for Jewish Values (CJV), representing over 1,000 traditional rabbis in matters of public policy, renewed its call for the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the USA Supreme Court. The CJV stated that to abandon previous evaluations of Judge Kavanaugh based solely upon uncorroborated testimony would violate both Biblical and accepted modern standards for evidence - and basic fairness as well. "The Bible not only doubly emphasizes that 'justice, justice shall you pursue,' (Deut. 16:20)," said Rabbi Dov Fischer, "but it also enjoins us to avoid peddling in unsubstantiated rumors (Lev. 19:16). People can easily make mistakes and harm the innocent. Furthermore, we should be judged on the totality of our lives, not merely on one alleged incident, and certainly not on an incident that is unsubstantiated and unprovable." While appreciating the pain of the events experienced by Dr. Ford, the Rabbis pointed out that the Senate was prepared to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh as an extraordinarily well-qualified candidate until opposing Senators pulled out her initially-anonymous letter as a last-ditch effort to block the vote - and then failed to corroborate her charge. It is immoral to besmirch someone's name in the court of public opinion on 'evidence' that would not stand in a court of law."

NETANYAHU THANKS USA FOR 'TREMENDOUS' SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL: PM Benjamin Netanyahu on 26 Sept. 2018 praised USA President Donald Trump for his support for Israel. "An excellent meeting with USA President Donald Trump. Thank you for your tremendous support of Israel," he wrote on Twitter immediately after his meeting with the American President. Trump defended Israel's right to respond militarily to threats to its borders on all sides. "We are with you one hundred percent," Trump emphasized. In a press briefing after the meeting, Netanyahu said, "I heard the United States' unreserved support for Israel, its right to self-defense in general, and also regarding the incident of the downing of the Russian plane in Syria. I made specific requests and got everything I asked for. The president gave explicit instructions regarding Israel's security." Following the meeting in New York between President Trump and PM Netanyahu, USA Vice President Mike Pence reiterated Washington's support for the Jewish state. "The United States of America is proud to stand with Israel and her people, as allies and cherished friends. Under President Trump, we continue to work tirelessly to strengthen the relationship between the USA and Israel, tweeted Pence.

IRAN HAS 'SECRET ATOMIC WAREHOUSE' NETANYAHU CLAIMS: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu on Thur. 27 Sept. 2018 revealed that Iran had a "secret atomic warehouse" in Tehran. "Today I am disclosing for the first time that Iran has another secret facility in Tehran, a secret atomic warehouse for storing massive amounts of equipment and materiel from Iran's secret nuclear program," Netanyahu said in an address to the UN General Assembly. The Israeli leader said the site contains technology for the country's nuclear program, adding that Iran "took this radioactive material and spread it around Tehran like Nutella" to try to hide it. Using maps and photos, Netanyahu said the facility was hidden as a rug-cleaning operation. Iranian officials, he said, had started cleaning out the warehouse, but still have "at least 15 ship containers, they're gigantic, 15 ship containers full of nuclear-related equipment and materials stored there," he said. He called on the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect the facility immediately. "Do the right thing. Go

and inspect; go and investigate," he said. "The reason Iran did not destroy its atomic facility and warehouse is because it is not finished with them." He also lashed out at European leaders for appeasing Tehran by continuing to stick to the parameters of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. President Trump pulled out of the deal brokered by President Barack Obama in May 2018 calling it a "horrible, one-sided" agreement. But some countries - England, Germany and France — said they wanted to remain in the deal because they believe it's the best way to ensure Iran doesn't become a nuclear power.

NETANYAHU SAYS 'NO' TO UNESCO: Israel's PM Netanyahu has refused to participate in an anti-Semitism conference run by UNESCO after the organization denied Jewish heritage. Although I welcome every effort to combat anti-Semitism, I decided not to participate in the conference due to the organization's incessant inclinations against Israel. Since 2009, UNESCO has adopted 71 resolutions against Israel and only two resolutions that protect all other countries together. Anti-Semitism once discriminated against and defamed the Jewish people. Today it distinguishes against and defames the Jewish state. If UNESCO wants to erase this mark, the organization should do more than just host a conference on anti-Semitism, and it must stop being anti-Semitic. It must also desist from the absurd behavior that denies the connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, and between the Jewish people and our eternal capital, Jerusalem. No matter what they say at UNESCO - the Western Wall is not Palestinian territory under occupation, and the Tomb of the Patriarchs, the burial place of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, is not a Palestinian heritage site. Our withdrawal from UNESCO in 2017 was a clear moral statement by Israel and the United States that we would no longer tolerate the anti-Semitism of UNESCO.

AUSTRIA'S KURTZ TO NETANYAHU: I'M COMMITTED TO FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM: PM

Benjamin Netanyahu met Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurtz in New York on 26 Sept. 2018. Netanyahu expressed appreciation for a series of decisions and actions that the Austrian government has adopted in recent months. The chancellor briefed Netanyahu on the steps taken by the Austrian government and parliament to reflect their appreciation of the Jewish community, the memory of the Holocaust and the struggle against anti-Semitism, including the closure of the journal Aula associated with the far-right Freedom Party of Austria. The chancellor said that Austria is committed to fighting anti-Semitism not only in its own country but throughout Europe, and that he intends to urge the leaders of the EU to fight anti-Semitism. Austria is currently the rotating president of the EU. The two leaders also discussed regional challenges and the need to curb Iranian aggression in the region and in the world.

REPORT: PALESTINIAN TEXTBOOKS CLAIM ENTIRETY OF ISRAEL AS ARAB LAND:

Palestinian Authority textbooks encourage children to view the entirety of Israel as Arab territory, and teach them to seek the land's liberation even at the cost of martyrdom, according to a new report by a Jerusalembased research group. Palestinian nationalist and Islamist ideologies that reject Israel's basic legitimacy saturate lessons for children as young as six, with various science, math, and humanities exercises all reinforcing this overarching narrative, the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT) found. The group studied grade 1–11 textbooks published for the 2017–18 academic year, and grade 12 textbooks that were inaugurated this August. Israel is routinely referred to as the "Zionist Occupation" within the curriculum, including in contexts before the 1967 Six-Day War, in which it came to control Judea & Samaria, the Gaza Strip, and eastern portions of Jerusalem. Various areas within Israel are described as Palestinian, with a geography textbook for 12th graders stating that the "Negev Plateau is located in southern Palestine," while a textbook for the same grade claims that the Israeli city of Nazareth is located in the "Palestinian North."

A map in a grade 10 geography and history textbook of "Palestine after the 1948 War" separates the territory into "Arab lands" and "Lands seized by the Jews after the war." The negative undertones become more overt in a grade 12 Islamic studies textbook, which mentions a certain Quranic verse that speaks of Jews as being "sinful and liars". One learning exercise, this time from a grade 5 Islamic studies textbook encourages children to draw parallels between the death of an early Muslim warrior who was crucified by enemies of the

Islamic Prophet Muhammad and that of Palestinian "martyrs." After learning of the hero, children are instructed to "tell a story of a martyr from my hometown, who rose in defense of his religion and his homeland Palestine." Among these Palestinian martyrs are figures such as Dalal Mughrabi, a Fatah terrorist who participated in the massacre of 38 people, 13 of them children, on a bus near Tel Aviv in March 1978.

CHILDREN IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL OFTEN SUFFER PTSD: A leading international expert on the psychological struggles facing children living in conflict and war zones recently visited southern Israel and concluded that Israeli children residing within range of the Gaza Strip face an unhealthy upbringing. Voices in the international community like to complain about the siege Israel has allegedly imposed upon Gaza. But Eliasz Gocal-Czerwinski, adviser to the secretary-general of the International Human Rights Commission on child affairs, described the living conditions for children in southern Israel as very much a kind of emotional siege. "From my point of view as a clinical psychologist, I am concerned about the needs of youth and their development, which you achieve not through economics, but through having a stable and safe environment. This isn't safe, not for the Palestinians and especially not for the Israeli children," the expert continued, as he visited a facility storing the remains of hundreds of rockets fired at southern Israel over the summer. Gocal-Czerwinski lamented that children living in the southern town of Sderot and surrounding community have come "to accept a world where every playground must have a bomb shelter. This does not provide safety and comfort" of the type children need for a healthy upbringing. Keider informed his guest that over 90% of children living in Sderot today suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). If the situation continues like this, Gocal-Czerwinski worries that the children of southern Israel will carry the emotional trauma all their lives. "You look at people 40-50 years old who were raised in such situations, and the constant fear for their lives, the instability becomes a part of their personality," he noted.

ISRAELI DOCTORS BRING CATARACT TREATMENT TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD:

MASHAV - Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation - has run eye camps across Africa to aid people with cataracts. Amb. Gil Haskel, the head of MASHAV, said: "They come in blind, and within 30 minutes of treatment they have full vision. Once they open their eyes, the first thing they see in front of them is an Israeli doctor and an Israeli flag, and that is always very heartwarming." For 60 years, MASHAV has offered nourishment on many levels to the developed world. From agriculture to water sustainability and medical treatment, Israel has harnessed its impressive arsenal of innovation and exported that know-how to the countries that need it most. It was a vision of David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir, who saw Israel's mission to not only be an independent and successful homeland for the Jewish people, but also to be a beacon of tikkun olam, [repairing the world], and presenting itself as a light unto the nations. "For Israel, development cooperation is both a moral and a political issue, and from both aspects Israel must look upon such aid as a historic mission," Ben-Gurion said.

JERUSALEM MAYOR WISHES ISRAELIS A HAPPY SUCCOT HOLIDAY: Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat on Wed. 26 Sept. 2018 praised the unity of those visiting the Western Wall to hear the Priestly Blessing. Speaking to media sources after the ceremony, Barkat said, "Sukkot is a holiday that gets all people together. If you look around, you've got secular, religious, and ultra-Orthodox, you've got Sephardic Jews, Ashkenazim - all over the map, all people, all tribes, all coming to Jerusalem to pray together." Barkat also encouraged Jews to visit Jerusalem more often. "Have a happy holiday, and come and do 'aliyah laregel' to Jerusalem, this year and three times a year next year," he concluded. "Aliya laregel" refers to when Jews from around Israel would visit the Holy Temple during the holidays of Pesach (Passover), Shavuot, and Sukkot. Today, the concept mainly refers to visiting the Western Wall during these holidays.

BEN GURION AIRPORT-JERUSALEM FAST RAIL BEGINS OPERATIONS: Israel opened a high-speed rail link between Ben Gurion International Airport and Jerusalem on Tues. 25 Sept. 2018, part of a \$2 billion project that has been long-awaited by Israelis. The train will cut travel time between Ben Gurion Airport and a new, 260-foot-deep underground terminal at the entrance to Jerusalem to around 20 minutes. By

road, the trip takes at least 40 minutes. At the airport, the bright red train drew smiles from eager passengers. "It was like a dream come true. It's really quite amazing and will be a valuable asset to people wanting to get to and from the airport," said Eli Rothbard, a ground services employee at Ben Gurion. The train, travelling at speeds of up to 100 mph, traverses a series of new tunnels and bridges, passing through hills between Jerusalem and the airport, about 25 miles away. The line runs through sections of the outskirts of Jerusalem, and in the Latrun Valley, about midway between the holy city and Ben Gurion Airport.

ISRAEL 6th FOR HEALTH CARE EFFICIENCY: Israel is among the world's six leading countries in health efficiency, according to the latest Health Care Efficiency Index published by Bloomberg. The index, published annually, rates the health care efficiency of 56 countries with life expectancies of over 70, per capita GDP of over \$5,000, and populations of over five million. Israel was rated one place higher than in last year's index. The five countries ahead of Israel in health care efficiency are Hong Kong, Singapore, Spain, Italy, and South Korea. At the bottom of the list are Bulgaria, the USA, Azerbaijan, Russia, Serbia, and Brazil.

WAS RUSSIA JUST WAITING FOR AN EXCUSE TO ARM SYRIA? Russia remains a staunch ally of the Syrian regime and by extension its allies in Iran and in the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terrorist group. Israel, meanwhile, has been bombing Iranian and Hezbollah targets in Syria, with Moscow's tacit approval. But Russia's final response to last week's accidental downing of a Russian spy plane during the course of an Israeli air raid on Syria suggests that the Kremlin hasn't been happy about the Jewish state interfering in its war zone. Contrary to claims by Israeli officials, Moscow did blame Israel for Syrian anti-aircraft batteries inadvertently shooting down a Russian spy plane that was flying near to where the Israeli aircraft had launched their missiles. Ostensibly to prevent such a mishap from reoccurring, Russia has agreed to sell its most advanced anti-aircraft system, the S-300, to the Syrian regime. Russia tried to sell the S-300 to Syria years ago, but backed down following a fierce outcry from Israel and other Western powers. The loss of 15 Russian servicemen has finally given Moscow the excuse it needs to conclude the deal. And that's bad news for Israel.

The Israel Air Force is innovative, and will likely find ways to continue striking Iranian targets in Syria despite the presence of the S-300. More worrying is that Russia will have incentive to help the Syrians use the S-300 to its fullest potential in targeting and bringing down Israeli aircraft. After all, Moscow wouldn't want the world to think that its most advanced anti-aircraft system is incapable of stopping Israel's American-made planes. PM Benjamin Netanyahu departed on Tues. 25 Sept. 2018 for NY City, where he will address the UN General Assembly and hold an urgent one-on-one meeting with USA President Donald Trump. Without question, the rising tension with Russia, as well as the unacceptable threat of Iranian forces in Syria, will be a major focus of those talks. USA National Security Adviser John Bolton has already called Russia's promise to give Syria the S-300 a "major mistake."

TRUMP SLAMS IRAN'S LEADERS DURING UN ADDRESS: President Trump on Tues. 25 Sept. 2018 unleashed an aggressive attack on Iran during his address to the UN General Assembly - calling the Islamic regime a brutal dictatorship that neglects its own citizens and exports terror across the Mideast. "Iran's leaders sow chaos, death, and destruction. They do not respect their neighbors or borders or the sovereign rights of nations. Instead, Iran's leaders use the nation's resources to enrich themselves and to spread mayhem across the Middle East and far beyond," the president said. "The Iranian people are rightly outraged that their leaders have embezzled billions of dollars from Iran's treasure, seized valuable portions of the economy, and looted the people's religious endowments, all to line their own pockets and send their proxies to wage war. Not good," he declared. He then claimed that other countries in the Middle East had supported his decision to pull out of the Iranian nuclear deal. "The Iran deal was a windfall for Iran's leaders. In the years since the deal was reached, Iran's military budget grew nearly 40%. The dictatorship used the funds to build nuclear capable missiles, increase internal repression, finance terrorism, and fund havoc and slaughter in Syria and Yemen," he said.

DANON: IRAN'S ACTIONS SPREAD TERROR: Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, responded on 25 Sept. 2018 to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's speech at the UN General Assembly, in which he claimed that a nuclear Israel is "the greatest threat to world peace". "Rouhani is financing global terrorism, and is trying to preach about morality to Israel. Iran's actions spread terror around the world in a long and bloody path across continents," said Danon. "Had it not been for Tehran's financial support, Hamas could not have dug terror tunnels into Israel and Hezbollah would not have built huge stockpiles of weapons. Rouhani's words are detached from reality, and only strengthen the policy of the world to exit the nuclear agreement, and present a strong stance in the struggle for a safer world," added the Israeli ambassador. Rouhani, in his speech, attacked Israel for "crimes of occupation" and added, "Israel, equipped with nuclear weapons, constitutes the greatest threat to peace in the region and in the world." He also criticized the United States' decision to reinstate sanctions against Iran following President Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear agreement. Rouhani clarified that Iran's condition for returning to the negotiating table with the USA is an immediate lifting of the sanctions imposed by the United States on his country. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo listed a dozen demands in May 2018 that he said could make up a new agreement with Iran after the USA left the 2015 deal. Iran rejected those demands outright.

UK LABOUR PARTY BACKS FREEZE ON ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL: The British Labour Party on Tues. 25 Sept. 2018 passed a motion criticizing Israel and backing a freeze on British arms sales to Israel. The party criticized Israel's use of force against Palestinian protesters on the border with Gaza and called for more British government funding for UNRWA, the United Nations agency for "Palestinian refugees". Before and during the votes some delegates waved Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) flags and chanted "Free Palestine". The move comes as the Labour Party has been rocked by anti-Semitism in recent years. Dozens of Labour members have been suspended over their anti-Semitic statements, and the party has been criticized for its failure to deal with the anti-Semitism within it. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has come under fire as well for calling Hamas and Hezbollah his "friends" and continues to be plagued by incidents of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel statements. On Mon. 24 Sept. Corbyn told the Labour Friends of Palestine that a Labour government would recognize an independent state of Palestine "as soon as we take office."

HAMAS CALLS FOR MARCHES IN JUDEA & SAMARIA: Journalist Faiz Abu Shamla, a regular columnist for the official Hamas newspaper Felesteen, called on the newspaper to mobilize the necessary staff work to create an organizational framework that would initiate a 'march of return' in Judea & Samaria. He urged the Supreme National Council of the Return Processes to complete the staffing of its organizational structures in Judea & Samaria, to designate certain places for the processions of return, and to call on the Palestinian Arab public to participate in the demonstrations on Fridays. Abu Shamla enumerated the feats of the Gaza March of Return, which he said approached the achievements of the Arab revolt of 1936. The list includes the large number of participants in the marches and riots, innovations in the form of new terrorist methods such as kite arson, the operation of a night fighting unit to wear down the IDF and residents of Israeli towns, infiltration into Israel, and attacks on individuals.



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