

## ***Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update February 2, 2018 (17<sup>th</sup> of Shvat, 5778)***

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**NETANYAHU: "WE CANNOT ALLOW HOLOCAUST DENIAL":** PM Benjamin Netanyahu recently condemned new legislation in Poland which bars any mention of crimes by the "Polish nation" during the Holocaust, calling on Israel's ambassador in Warsaw to meet with the Polish prime minister on the contentious bill. "The law is baseless. I strongly oppose it. History cannot be changed and it is forbidden to deny the Holocaust. I ordered the Israeli embassy in Poland to meet with the Polish Prime Minister and express my firm stand against the law," Netanyahu said. President Reuven Rivlin also criticized the bill, saying that "on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, more than ever, and above all considerations, we are faced with our duty to remember our brothers and sisters who were murdered. Last week the Polish parliament approved a controversial law forbidding any mention of participation of the "Polish nation" in crimes committed during the Holocaust. The law also forbids use of the term "Polish death camp" to describe the death camps where Jews and others were murdered in Nazi-occupied Poland during the Second World War. Anyone who violates the new law, will be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to three years. (Ha'aretz)

**TRUMP ENVOY 'DEEPLY ANGERED BY HAMAS TERRORISM':** White House special envoy Jason Greenblatt toured the Israel-Gaza border area on Sunday 28 Jan. 2018 accompanied by the IDF's Major General Yoav Mordechai. Greenblatt visited one of the recently discovered Hamas terror tunnels, which extends from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip into Israel, and received a comprehensive security briefing regarding the threats emanating from Gaza. Shortly after the tour, Greenblatt tweeted his condemnation of Hamas, saying the terror group "wastes resources" on tunnels & rockets to attack

Israel, instead of helping the people of Gaza by getting the lights on, the water flowing & the economy growing. Hamas spews hateful rhetoric & foments a vicious cycle of violence. I am deeply angered by Hamas' continued terror activity. Such actions show Hamas' continued exploitation of the people of Gaza and Hamas' threats to stability and security in the region. Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other extremists continue to build up their military strength at the expense of the civilian population, causing danger to the people of Gaza, Israel, and Egypt." (Arutz-7)

**ISRAELI PM NETANYAHU FLIES TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS WITH RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN :** PM Netanyahu flew to Moscow on Monday 29 Jan. 2017, to discuss Israeli concerns about any expansion of Iran's military foothold in Syria with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Netanyahu said he would discuss with President Putin Iran's relentless efforts to establish a military presence in Syria, which Israel strongly opposes and is taking action against. Netanyahu explained that he and Putin "meet periodically in order to ensure the military coordination between the Israel Defense Forces and the Russian forces in Syria." Russia intervened in the Syrian Civil War on behalf of President Bashar al-Assad's regime in 2015. Iranian forces, Hezbollah and other Shi'ite Muslim militias also back Assad. Israel fears Iran could be left with a permanent garrison in Syria, extending a threat posed from neighboring Lebanon by Hezbollah, which has an extensive missile arsenal and last fought a war with the IDF in 2006. Netanyahu said he also planned to discuss with Putin "Iran's effort to turn Lebanon into one giant missile site, a site for precision missiles against the State of Israel, which we will not tolerate. (Arutz-7)

**NETANYAHU TO PUTIN: 'WE MUST TAKE A STRONG, TIMELY STAND AGAINST MURDEROUS IDEOLOGIES':** PM Benjamin met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on 29 Jan. 2018 and tied the fight against Iran's nuclear ambitions and terror support to the fight against Nazi Germany in World War II. "I think that the main lesson of the rise of the Nazis and—afterwards—their defeat, is that one needs to take a strong and timely stand against murderous ideologies," Netanyahu told Putin during a meeting at the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow. "This is also our mission today, and it is to this end that I want to speak with you about our common efforts to promote security and stability in our region, and - of course - the cooperation between Russia and Israel," Netanyahu added. At the beginning of their meeting, Netanyahu told the Russian president, "I very much appreciate this invitation and your personal appearance in this place, which reflects our common struggle against the greatest evil that humanity has known, and the awful price paid by my people, the Jewish people, and the Russian people and the great sacrifice of 20 million Russians alongside our 6 million, and the heroism of the Red Army in achieving victory over the Nazis." (Ynet)

**ASSAD: "ATTACK AGAIN, AND I'LL LAUNCH A MISSILE AT BEN GURION AIRPORT":** Syrian President Bashar al-Assad sent a threat to Israel through Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying that if Israel attacked targets in the country again, Syria would respond by firing Scud missiles at Ben-Gurion Airport. "Syrian honor is above all else," Assad told Putin, who replied that he would convey the message to Israel. Media outlets belonging to the Syrian opposition and rebels reported that the targets of the last attack - believed to be carried out by Israel - were ammunition depots in which long-range missiles were stored. The Syrian Center for Human Rights said that weapons warehouses belonging to the Hezbollah terror group and the Syrian army were damaged in the attack and that there was a fire and damage to the buildings. It also said that no injuries were reported as a result of the assaults. (Arutz-7)

**IRAN SPENDS BILLIONS ON WEAPONS PROGRAMS, TERRORISM WHILE IGNORING IRANIANS' BASIC NEEDS:** A report, issued by the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), states that the Jan. 2018 uprising against the regime was due to what it says are the “grueling high prices and economic strains on an array of social sectors.” It claims that this is a result of the regime putting its resources “toward domestic suppression, warmongering and expansion of terrorism abroad,” which has led to poverty and deprivation among Iranians. The report states that over the years Khamenei has taken over the “bulk of Iran’s economy.” It claims that the organizations and institutions, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), show that Khamenei-controlled-companies make up over 50% of Iran’s gross domestic product.

The report compares what it calls funding for “warmongering and suppression” against other state expenditures. It claims Iran’s total health care budget for 2018 is \$16.3 billion, which is a third of its total war budget. The report also reveals that for the last six years the total spent on its Syrian activities is around \$15-20 billion a year. It describes how protesters shouted during the January protests, “Leave Syria, think about us, I dedicate my life to Iran.” The report also compares paltry welfare payments made to those living under absolute poverty with the larger sums of money paid to Afghan mercenaries bankrolled by Iran to fight in Syria. According to statements made by Afghan mercenaries, each mercenary is paid between \$600-700 a month. Doing the math, nearly 20,000 Afghan mercenaries cost the regime \$12-\$14 million a month. Compare that to the nearly \$70 monthly stipend Iranians living under the absolute poverty line receive, according to the report. (Fox)

**ISRAEL IS APPROACHING A SEVERE WATER CRISIS:** Despite recent rains, Israel is headed for long-term shortage, the Water Authority warns. Amid growing signs of a long-term water crisis, the Israel Water Authority and the government water company Mekorot have devised a plan to ensure enough water for homes and farms at a cost of 7.5 billion shekel (\$2.2 billion) through 2050. Even if 2018 proves sufficiently rainy to avoid the declaration of a fifth straight drought year, Israel will remain in crisis mode. “It doesn’t make a difference whether this year is declared a drought year or not, the government must prepare a strategic plan determining how much water we need over the next five years and how we can obtain it,” said one source. Officials are concerned about the Western Galilee, which is waiting for a new desalination plant. “We could reach a situation in the next year in which in some areas no water will come from the faucet, mainly in the Western Galilee,” said one source at Mekorot. The emergency program, put together over the last month and a half, addresses the medium-to long-term problems facing Israel with four measures: new drilling to take water from aquifers, new desalination plants, pumping water into Lake Kinneret and reducing water consumption. (Ha’aretz)

**ISRAEL TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY FOR GAZA SEWAGE TREATMENT WATER DESALINATION:** Israel's Water Authority signed an agreement with the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company last week to supply electricity to operate a sewage treatment facility in northern Gaza. The \$75 million project was funded by the World Bank and several donor countries. The facility is to become fully operational within two months and will serve 300,000 Gazans. Israel will also supply power to the \$40 million EU-funded Khan Yunis desalination plant. Preventing a humanitarian crisis in Gaza "is a clear Israeli interest on the security, diplomatic and moral levels," said Alon Shoster, head of Israel's Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council. (Ynet)

**TRUMP ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST DAY:** USA President Donald Trump on 26 Jan. 2018 condemned the murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust, in a statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. “Tomorrow marks the 73rd anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-

Birkenau, the Nazi death and concentration camp in Poland. We take this opportunity to recall the Nazis' systematic persecution and brutal murder of six million Jewish people. In their death camps and under their inhuman rule, the Nazis also enslaved and killed millions of Slavs, Roma, people with disabilities, priests and religious leaders, and others who courageously opposed their brutal regime," said Trump. "Our Nation is indebted to the Holocaust's survivors. Despite the trauma they carry with them, they continue to educate us by sharing their experiences, strength and wisdom. Although they are aging and their numbers are slowly dwindling, their stories remain with us, giving us the strength to combat intolerance, including anti-Semitism and all other forms of bigotry and discrimination," he continued. "Every generation must learn and apply the lessons of the Holocaust to prevent new horrors against humanity from occurring." (Arutz-7)

**THE "HOLOCAUST":** The "Holocaust" refers to the period from January 30, 1933, when Hitler became Chancellor of Germany, to May 8, 1945 the end of the war in Europe. Millions of Jewish men, women and children were murdered by Hitler and his brutal cohorts during this time. While it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of Jewish victims six million is the round figure. Auschwitz concentration camp was a network of concentration and death camps built and operated by the Third Reich in Polish areas annexed by Nazi Germany during World War II. Buchenwald was a German Nazi concentration camp established near Weimar, Germany, in July 1937, one of the first and largest of the concentration camps on German soil. It was in holes such as these that Jewish victims were starved, tortured, subjected to slave labor, beatings, inhumane medical experiments and murdered in gas chambers by the millions. Elderly Holocaust survivors in Israel suffer mental and physical torments to this day. Their children in many cases bear traumatic scars as a result of being raised by such emotionally and physically shattered parents. (JNN)

**WORLD REMEMBERS HOLOCAUST AMID SIGNS OF RISING HATRED:** German Chancellor Angela Merkel has warned that anti-Semitism is on the rise in her country as political leaders, Holocaust survivors and others mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. In a weekly podcast, she called it "incomprehensible and a disgrace that no Jewish institution can exist without police security - whether it is a school, a kindergarten or a synagogue." In Warsaw, Poland, USA Secretary of State Rex Tillerson took part in a wreath-laying ceremony at a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Commemorations were also held later Saturday 27 Jan. 2018 to mark the 73rd anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. (Fox)

**UK LABOUR LEADER FAILS TO MENTION JEWS IN HOLOCAUST DAY MESSAGE:** The CEO of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has blasted British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, after he failed to include a reference to Jews and anti-Semitism in his statement on the occasion of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Corbyn had earlier shared on his Facebook page the message he had written in the Holocaust Educational Trust memorial book. "We should never forget the Holocaust: The millions who died, the millions displaced and cruel hurt their descendants have suffered," he wrote. "At this, and at all other times, we should reflect and make sure succeeding generations understand the power of words; their power to do good and inspire; and their power to promote hate and division. Let us use their power to educate to inspire but above all to build values of trust and respect," wrote the Labour leader. ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt later tweeted, "To omit any reference to Jews or anti-Semitism in your Holocaust remembrance statement is offensive to us and the millions murdered. Nazi ideology was rooted in hate & anti-Semitism. We can never forget that." Corbyn has increasingly come under fire for his failure to properly deal with the anti-Semitism within

the ranks of the Labour party. Over the last several years, dozens of Labour members have been suspended over their anti-Semitic statements. (Arutz-7)

**SAUDI-BASED MUSLIM BODY REJECTS HOLOCAUST DENIAL:** A Saudi-based Muslim group rejected Holocaust denial in a letter to the USA Holocaust Memorial Museum. "History is indeed impartial no matter how hard forgers tried to tamper with or manipulate it," said the letter sent 22 Jan. 2018 to the museum by Mohammad Al Issa, the secretary general of the Muslim World League, five days before International Holocaust Remembrance Day. "Hence, we consider any denial of the Holocaust or minimizing of its effect a crime to distort history and an insult to the dignity of those innocent souls who have perished. It is also an affront to us all since we share the same human soul and spiritual bonds." The letter was posted on the site of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Al Issa suggested the letter was prompted in part by his friendship with the think tank's director, Robert Satloff, who has written extensively about North African Muslims who protected Jews during the Holocaust. A former justice minister, Al Issa took over the Saudi-funded Muslim World League in 2016. The appointment of Al Issa appears to be a piece of Saudi Arabia's pivotal westward turn under its new crown prince, Muhammad bin Sultan, Satloff said. "Taking his lead from Mohammad bin Salman, the current crown prince who has vowed to cleanse his country of extremism and return it to 'moderate Islam,' Al Issa seems to have a specific mandate to transform the MWL from an organization synonymous with extremism to one that preaches tolerance," he said. (INN)

**NEW ISRAELI SYSTEM SHOWS WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE THE MOST ONLINE ANTI-SEMITISM:** Ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Ministry of Diaspora unveiled a new system that monitors anti-Semitic posts on social media and exposes them. The system, dubbed Anti-Semitism Cyber Monitoring System (ACMS), was developed by the Defense Ministry and other cyber companies. It allows authorities to view exactly how many anti-Semitic posts are currently online, how viral they are and who is behind them. It can also sort the posts by country name, exposing the countries with the most online anti-Semitism. "Let every anti-Semitic activist on social media know he is exposed from now on," said Diaspora Minister Naftali Bennett. "It's time we put a mirror in front of our haters and expose the ugly face of the modern anti-Semite, the one who doesn't hang swastikas out on the street but posts them on Twitter. From this day on, we will know who those anti-Semitic inciters are and they will be dealt with by law enforcement authorities worldwide." (Koenig)

**IRAN HAS FIRED 23 BALLISTIC MISSILES SINCE START OF 2015 NUCLEAR DEAL:** Iran has aggressively pursued its ballistic missile program since agreeing to the 2015 nuclear deal, regularly launching nuclear-capable missiles in what critics consider a violation of the spirit of the deal, according to a report obtained by Fox News. The report shows Iran has fired some 23 missiles since signing the deal, as many as 16 of them nuclear-capable. The controversial deal reached with the Obama administration did not include a ban on missiles, and Iran and European signatories to the agreement stress international inspectors have certified Iran is in compliance. But critics say the robust missile program shows the Islamic republic is bent on intimidating its enemies and preparing for the day when it can do so with the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. The deal's opponents, including the Trump administration, argue that the nuclear agreement has emboldened Iran's non-nuclear activity - its support of extremism, ballistic missile development and cyber-attacks. President Trump has threatened to pull the USA out of the Iran deal by May 2018 if European nations refuse to agree to changes. Israel considers Iran to be its most menacing foe, one that unceasingly threatens to destroy the Jewish State. (Fox)

**AMERICAN UN ENVOY NIKKI HALEY TO PRESS IRAN MISSILE THREAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL DELEGATION:** The USA ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, is heading a delegation of Security Council diplomats visiting Washington, DC this week, as part of a continued push by the Trump administration to emphasize its concerns about Iran's supply of missiles to proxies in the Middle East. The USA Mission to the UN said on 26 Jan. 2018 that Haley would lead the diplomats on a tour of the Iranian weaponry supplied to the Shi'a Islamist Houthi militias in Yemen. The weapons were first unveiled in Dec. 2017 by the Pentagon at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, near the nation's capital. The weapons that diplomats were scheduled to view were originally provided to the USA by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. "These are Iranian made, these are Iranian sent, and these were Iranian given," Haley said at the time of the weapons' unveiling. Meanwhile, a prominent Washington, DC-based think tank calculated this week that Iran had conducted 23 ballistic missile launches since the announcement of the JCPOA - the nuclear deal agreed to by six world powers and Iran - in July 2015. The launches were significant, the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD) argued in a new policy memorandum, because they showed Iran's continued determination to assemble a missile that can deliver a nuclear warhead. (Algemeinger)

**NETANYAHU AT 2018 DAVOS FORUM:** The World Economic Forum is best known for its annual meeting at the end of January in Davos, a mountain resort in Graubünden, in the eastern Alps region of Switzerland. Israel's PM Netanyahu was interviewed by news sources on the main Davos stage last Thurs. 25 Jan. 2018. Along with several issues, upon which he was asked to comment, was the permanent status of Jerusalem: "Under any peace agreement the capital of Israel will continue to be in Jerusalem," he said. Netanyahu reiterated that the seat of Israeli government is in Jerusalem, and that Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3000 years. Donald Trump did "a great service for peace, because peace can only be based on truth. You can't build peace on fantasy," the PM said. When asked whether there wasn't anything to be said for the Arabs' historical connection to Jerusalem, Netanyahu stated that "Israel's position is that Jerusalem should remain united under Israeli sovereignty with complete freedom for everyone to practice their faiths as they choose." He further claimed that if that were to change, "you could see Israel descend into the sectarian violence that categorizes other places in the Middle East.

The Palestinians should have all the power to govern themselves but none of the power to threaten us," Netanyahu said. "In any political arrangement the Jews must retain security control in the area, because otherwise you'll have ISIS. We have a mosaic of failed states in the Middle East, and we don't want another one." Netanyahu called Jared Kushner and Trump's peace team "very able," and remarked that "these people have made their marks in the market in real estate. This is fundamentally not a real estate deal, but it also has its real estate elements. They're very creative." He said the Palestinians – who have been "pampered" by the international community – "have to stop kvetching and return to negotiations. But it is a fact" he continued, "that Abbas simply does not want to negotiate, he runs away." To sum up the subject of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Netanyahu said, "I think we want to end this conflict. I know what it could do for the neighborhood, for the Palestinians, for us." (J.Post)

**NO CONTACT BETWEEN USA AND PALESTINIANS SINCE TRUMP'S JERUSALEM ANNOUNCEMENT:** Egypt and Jordan both disagreed with the USA decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital but have moved on, and now it is time for the Palestinian Authority to do the same and return to negotiations, USA Vice President Mike Pence said last week at the end of his two-day visit in Israel. Prior to coming to Israel, Pence spent a day in Cairo and Amman, meeting Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and Jordan's King Abdullah II. He said Abdullah informed him that the USA and Jordan will "just agree to disagree" on the issue of recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Pence noted that it was the Palestinians who walked away from the negotiations in 2014 and that “it’s time” for them to come back to the table.

Pence’s comments came as a senior White House official revealed that there has been no contact between the PA and the White House’s top Mideast negotiators, Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt since Trump’s announcement on 6 December 2017. Despite this, and that the Palestinians have said the USA can no longer play the role of mediator in the diplomatic process, the official said the Trump administration remains “hard at work” on its peace plan, though there is currently no date for its release. The official dismissed the idea, which the Palestinians are pursuing, that Europe could take over the lead role in the diplomatic process from the USA. “There isn’t a single European country or other country we’ve spoken to since the 6 December 2018 announcement that in any way, shape or form believes that a USA-led process could be replaced,” he said. “They all want to work with the USA, despite the Palestinian reaction. I don’t think anybody believes the USA can be replaced in this process. Frankly, I don’t believe the Palestinians believe the USA can be replaced in this process.” (Fox)

**TRUMP’S NEXT SANCTION: SHUTTING DOWN PLO’S WASHINGTON OFFICE:** The United States is considering more sanctions against the Palestinian Authority as it continues to refuse to sit down for talks with Israel, officials in Washington said on Thurs. 25 Jan. 2018. According to those sources, if PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas does not come to his senses soon and return to the negotiating table, USA President Donald Trump will not stop cutting aid to the PA, and the next sanction will be the closure of the Palestine Liberation (PLO) offices in Washington and the sending of the PLO envoy back to Ramallah. The report came hours after Trump, during a meeting with Israel’s PM Netanyahu in Davos, threatened to cut off all monetary aid to the PA unless they agreed to resume negotiating with Israel and harshly criticized the PA for boycotting Vice President Mike Pence when he visited Israel earlier last week. “They disrespected us a week ago by not allowing our great vice president to see them, and we give them hundreds of millions of dollars in aid and support - tremendous numbers, numbers that nobody understands,” charged the president, who added, “That money is not going to them unless they sit down and negotiate peace.” (Arutz-7)

**HALEY SUGGEST IT’S TIME THE PALESTINIANS FIND NEW LEADERSHIP:** USA Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley on Thurs. 25 Jan. 2018 told the Palestinians to find new leadership if they expect to achieve a peace settlement that leads to a better future for them and Israelis alike. While the USA remains committed to helping Israel and the Palestinian achieve a peace agreement, she told the UN Security Council, “We will not chase after a Palestinian leadership that lacks what is needed to achieve peace.” Haley compared Palestinian Authority chairman Mahmoud Abbas unfavorably with other Arab leaders who, she said, had taken courageous steps to reach peace agreements with Israel in decades past. “He has rejected any American role in peace talks. He has insulted the American president. He called for suspending recognition of Israel,” Haley said of Abbas. “He invoked an ugly and fictional past, reaching back to the 17th century to paint Israel as a colonialist project engineered by European powers.” In contrast, she recalled that Sadat traveled to Jerusalem to address the Knesset in 1977. “Sadat did not go to Jerusalem on bended knee. He spoke in no uncertain terms about the hard concessions he expected from the Israelis,” she said. “And then he said the words that both he and the world knew marked a turning point. He said to the Israeli legislators, ‘You want to live with us in this part of the world. In all sincerity, I tell you, we welcome you among us, with full security and safety.’” (Worthy News)

**ABBAS FAILS TO RECRUIT EU AS NEW PEACE BROKER:** PA President Abbas was recently in Brussels trying to woo the EU, in the hope it would volunteer to replace Washington as the main sponsor of the peace process. Standing next to the union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, Abbas tried to convince the EU to recognize Palestinian statehood. Mogherini responded that the Europeans are interested in playing a "central role" in a renewed peace process, but she also acknowledged, "No effort will ever bring the two sides together if the international multilateral framework does not include the United States." Additionally, on 25 Jan. 2018 for the first time in its history, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe called for the Palestinian Authority to halt its payments to incarcerated terrorists and their families. Israel swayed the council to include a denunciation of terrorist payments as part of its passage of an overall resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (Times of Israel)

**THE PALESTINIANS AREN'T READY TO MAKE PEACE:** No rational person could hear Abbas' 14 January 2018 diatribe, in which he engaged in a wild anti-Semitic rant, and still believe he has any interest in two states or coexistence. His complaints were not so much about the USA recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital as they were about the entire Zionist project. He made it clear his real problem was with Arthur James Balfour and the origins of Jewish statehood as well as in denying the historical ties between the Jewish people and their ancient homeland. He vowed to go on supporting terrorism and his violent words confirmed a commitment to incitement. Abbas demonstrated why he didn't take advantage of the eight years when Obama was hammering Israel to make concessions: he isn't interested in a deal that will end the conflict on any terms. To understand that peace isn't possible in the foreseeable future doesn't mean it can't happen eventually, when the political culture that makes Abbas' stand popular is rejected in favor of one rooted in an admission that their failed century-old war on Zionism is over. (Jewish News Syndicate)

**TRUMP BURST THE PALESTINIAN BUBBLE:** President Trump "burst the Palestinian Arabs' bubble", Middle East expert Dr. Mordechai Kedar said on 25 Jan. 2018. "The Palestinians are very disappointed because they built an entire house of cards by claiming they will get a Palestinian state. Who will give them such a thing? Nobody. They dream about the 'return' of the 'Palestinian refugees' not to 'Palestine' but to the same villages in which they lived in Tel Aviv, in Netanya. These are all pipe dreams, and now Trump came and took out the Jerusalem card from the building, as well as the card with the issue of the refugees which they kept alive for 70 years, and now the whole thing is shattered to pieces," said Kedar. "They've lost all direction, they have no idea what to do now, because they have no agenda. Everything in which they believed turned out to be nothing. This frustration," he said, "will bring about the end of the Palestinian Authority." Asked if the current situation could cause Palestinian Arabs to carry out more terrorist attacks, Kedar said, "Terrorists never need another reason to carry out attacks. The mere fact that we Jews have a state made us a target. I support the move of not only the American embassy but of all embassies to Jerusalem because this will contribute to peace. When our enemies understand that they've lost the fight against us, peace will come," Kedar declared. (Arutz-7)



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