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PSALMS 121:4 "Behold, He neither slumbers nor sleeps, the Guardian of Israel."

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NO GOOD GUYS IN "PALESTINE"

By Joseph Farah

Why does the U.S. government continue to promote the creation of an independent state of Palestine, which never has existed in the history of the world, is born of terrorist violence, and is pledged to the destruction of Israel? Even more interesting, why does the Israeli political and cultural elite support this movement?

I know this is not the first time I have raised these troubling questions. But they need to be asked again in light of the recent remarks on Lebanese television by Abbas Zaki, the Palestinian Authority's ambassador to Lebanon.

This longtime veteran of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (a pioneer in terrorism along with his late comrade in arms Yasser Arafat) announced publicly---in Arabic, of course---what all Palestinian Authority leaders say when they let their hair down.

He showed once again the only difference between the Mahmoud Abbas-led Palestinian Authority---supported financially and militarily by Israeli and American taxpayers---and the Iranian-backed radical Islamists of Hamas in the Gaza Strip is one of tactics and strategy. Hamas makes no secret of its plans to destroy Israel and makes no pretense toward negotiated settlements of the conflict between Arabs and Israelis. The Palestinian Authority makes a pretense.

But that pretense often is shattered when you eavesdrop on Palestinian Authority leaders when they speak in Arabic to their own constituents. They always tell the same story: Their effort to negotiate over the creation of a Palestinian state is merely a tactical matter. In no way does it suggest they are "selling out" the PLO commitment to destroy Israel, kill all the Jews, and establish a larger Palestinian state encompassing all of the land of Israel.

"When the ideology of Israel collapses and we take at least Jerusalem, the Israeli ideology will collapse in its entirety, and we will begin to progress with our own ideology, Allah willing, and drive them out of all of Palestine," Zaki said, according to a translation

by the Middle East Media Research Institute.

He reiterated, "The right of return (for millions of Arabs and their descendants who left Israel in 1948 and 1967) is guaranteed by our will, by our weapons and by our faith."

"The important thing is that in any operation, Israel will pay a price," Zaki said. "We don't want cases in which you don't kill even a chicken, but Israel kills 20 of you. I salute any operation that makes Israel pay a heavy price."

How many times must we hear words such as these, read them and watch them being uttered before we stop pretending there are peace-and freedom-loving leaders in the fantasy land of Palestine worth supporting?

There is no substantive difference between Abbas'PA, which the U.S. and Israel support as a "peace partner," and the fanatical killers in Hamas, who control the Gaza Strip. Perhaps the only real difference is the level of honesty with which they articulate their goals and strategy.

THIS CHARADE WITH THE PLO HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 15 YEARS. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO LEARN? THE PLO HAS NOT CHANGED ITS STRIPES. TRAGICALLY, IT NEVER WILL. IT STILL IS COMMITTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL AND THE EXTERMINATION OF ALL JEWS. TRAGICALLY, IT ALWAYS WILL BE.

There is no qualitative or moral difference between the killers of the PA and the killers of Hamas, just as there is no qualitative or moral distinction between Hamas and al-Qaida.

THE U.S. AND ISRAEL MUST LEARN NOW. THEY MUST CUT OFF ALL FINANCIAL AND MILITARY AID TO THE CUT-THROATS OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY. THEY MUST STOP NEGOTIATING WITH MONSTERS WHO SEEK ONLY THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL JEWS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY MUST STOP PRETENDING SOME TERRORISTS ARE GOOD GUYS. THEY MUST STOP PRETENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER ARAB TERROR STATE IS SOMEHOW GOING TO SERVE THE FUTURE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE JEWISH STATE.

IRAN SMUGGLING ARMS INTO GAZA BY SEA

By Yaakov Katz and Herb Keinon

Iran has stepped up its efforts to smuggle weapons into the Gaza Strip by using floatable devices that it drops near the waters off the Gaza coast to be picked up by Palestinian fisherman, senior defense officials have told *The Jerusalem Post*.

According to defense officials, Iran is now sending rockets and other advanced weaponry to Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip by sea as well as via tunnels dug under the Philadelphi Corridor and connecting the Sinai Peninsula with Rafah.

Officials said that the Navy is doing a fairly effective job in curbing the smuggling by sea, but that there are some shipments Israeli forces did not succeed in intercepting.

"They throw the weapons overboard in waterproof, sealed tubes which then float into the Gaza waters and are picked up by fishermen," one official said. "Sometimes Navy boats intercept them and sometimes they get through."

In recent months, the IDF has noticed an increase in Iranian-made weaponry in the Gaza Strip, including rockets and mortars. Terror groups in Gaza recently were equipped by Teheran with two different types of mortar shells made in Iran--one 120 mm with a range of 10 kilometers like a Kassam rocket and another with a range of six kilometers. Defense officials told the *Post* that in recent weeks thousands of mortars have been smuggled into Gaza.

Officials in Jerusalem said some of the weaponry now in Gaza was far too large to have been smuggled through tunnels burrowed from Sinai into Gaza, and that there was obviously an alternative route that was being used to smuggle weaponry into the area.

In addition to providing weaponry, Iran is also training Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists, who have used the periodic openings at the Rafah Crossing with Egypt, as well as the collapse of the border with Egypt in January, to travel to Iran and train there in terror and guerrilla warfare.

Officials said the weapons could take several routes from Iran to Egypt. One possibility is that the weapons are taken by boat from

Iran to Egypt and then are smuggled into Gaza through tunnels or thrown into the waters off the coast and near the border.

Another possible route is that the weapons are transferred by Iran to Syria, and then to Lebanon, where Hizbullah ships them by boat to Egypt.

A branch of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards--called the Quds (Jerusalem) Force--is believed to be responsible for overseas operations, such as training Hizbullah and Palestinian terrorists and providing them with weapons.

Meanwhile, a full closure was imposed Thursday on Gaza and the West Bank, effective midnight Thursday, for the duration of Pesach.

A terror infiltration into the Kerem Shalom Crossing into Gaza was thwarted on Thursday by the IDF. Military sources said that three armed terrorists were spotted on their way to the crossing--the main conduit for food and medical supplies transferred to Gaza--and were intercepted by a force from the Bedouin Desert Battalion that was stationed nearby.

One terrorist was killed and another was wounded in an ensuing gunfight.

The foiled infiltration followed heavy violence on Wednesday when three IDF soldiers and close to 20 Palestinians were killed in clashes in Gaza.

On Thursday, 10 rockets were fired into Israel, including a Grad-model Katyusha rocket that hit an open field south of Netivot. No one was injured in the attacks.

Earlier in the day, two Islamic Jihad operatives were shot dead in the West Bank town of Kabatiya near Jenin. The IDF said troops surrounded a home in which the operatives were hiding and called on them to come out. The suspects refused and were killed in an ensuing exchange of fire

Psalm 83:4 Against Your people they plot deviously, they take counsel against those sheltered by You.

Psalm 83:5 They said, "Come, let us cut them off from nationhood, so Israel's name will not be remembered any longer!"

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FROM THE CHAIR

By Inez Weissman

These are indeed "the times that try men's souls." It is that time in history when the good created from the sacrifices of the past is threatened. The hatred of the Jews has an ancient history, pre-Christian, and resulting in the deaths of millions, as those of the Holocaust, six million of whom we just mourned at Yom Hashoa here in Oregon, a Holocaust now being denied by the Islamists as having happened. The Islamist propaganda is as vicious as that of the Nazis with a translation of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" a best seller and reported as compulsory reading for the military. The latest efforts to demonize the Jewish people are within American so-called human rights groups which have been often taken over by anti-Israel bigots with support from so-called "liberals". This demonizing appears on university campuses in Europe and is also in some of our American colleges.

That the sermons in mosques call for the death of Americans or that Islamic children are taught that Israel and the United States must be destroyed is known, but are we made aware that the Arab leader Mahmoud Abbas (the Palestinian Authority's ambassador to Lebanon) when speaking in Arabic makes clear his support of terrorism against Israel and America, but, never-the-less, is an invited guest to our White House? The expressed support for the so-called Palestinians by Secretary of State Rice, indeed, is difficult to explain, but helps clarify the terrible "two-state solution" she and President Bush are attempting to force on Israel, which if realized, guarantees the destruction of the Jewish State.

Thus, we know the past and the present, but what of the future? The positive is the increasing support of Evangelical Christians for a strong and safe Israel on the land God gave her. Their voices, and we must pray for millions of them, can make history. Their votes in the coming elections, their presence at Christian pro-Israel events; their presence in *Americans for a Safe Israel* are of great importance. We dare not fear the future. It is ours to determine. Yes, we recognize the dangers ahead as we confront Iran, Syria and North Korea, but we will do what we must to protect our country and our friend Israel, the holders of the Judeo-Christian Heritage that has brought us democracy. We will support the good, defeat the evil. **WE WILL WIN!**

BUSH SEEKS \$200M IN FUNDING FOR PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

By Hilary Leila Krieger

(Post Correspondant, Washington)

As international donors met in London to provide aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority, US President George W. Bush included \$200 million in funding for the PA as part of a supplemental budget request sent to Congress Friday.

Included in Bush's request for money for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, he asked for \$50 million to "train, equip, and garrison Palestinian Authority Security Forces," as well as another \$150 million for "urgent budget support" for the PA as part of America's general economic assistance.

Such funds would come on top of some \$100 million already

requested for the PA under the 2009 budget submitted in January, which is meant to strengthen government reforms, improve health and education and spur economic growth among other efforts. In that budget, Israel is due to receive \$2.55 billion in military assistance.

The move came as the United States had indicated it is willing to consider providing more money to the Palestinians and as it berates other countries, particularly Arab states, for not giving enough or fulfilling their previous commitments.

The Bush administration, though, has also faced obstacles in providing aid to the Palestinians. In December in Paris at the first donors' conference held after formal Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations were opened at Annapolis in November, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice pledged America would provide \$555 million to the Palestinians. Yet Congress undercut her effort, approving just under half that much in the 2008 budget it was then approving.

Still, the money was a significant increase in American funding to the PA, which has been held back in the past due to fears that the funds could find their way into the hands of terrorists or feed corruption in the Authority. Recently, Congress has been open to supplying more funds out of a desire to bolster the peace talks and because of its confidence in the economic credentials of the new Palestinian Prime Minister, the Western-educated former International Monetary Fund official Salaam Fayad.

Whatever objections Congress might have about the supplemental request for the Palestinians that Bush announced Friday, however, are likely to be overshadowed by the issue of funding Iraq and Afghanistan, which make up the bulk of the \$70 million request. As those controversial wars grind on amidst a growing economic crisis - with reverberations in gas and food prices - at home, the Bush administration will likely face a challenge getting its priorities in the Middle East fully funded.

This week the House Foreign Affairs Committee also approved a bill, the Security Assistance and Arms Control Act of 2008, which codifies the defense aid pledged to Israel. The \$2.55 billion in 2009 is part of a 10-year deal over which the US will give Israel \$30 billion in military funds. The full House will now have to consider the measure.

Authored by committee chairman Rep. Howard Berman (D-California) and ranking member Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Florida), and strongly supported by AIPAC, the bill also creates mechanisms to evaluate arms sales in the Middle East against a guarantee that Israel will maintain a qualitative edge.

****Editor's Note: In response to the above noted article by Hilary Leila Krieger*

Why should the American people feel the need to fund terrorist organizations such as the Palestinian Authority?

Why should America fund anything that "smacks" terrorism of any kind?

Why should our leaders (?) deem it necessary to do such abominable acts? Funding such organizations is as guilty as pulling the trigger!

Where is our president?

Where is our congress?

Where is America?

America is creating its own demise!

The next time the barrel of the gun will be pointing at us.

WHERE IS MORAL AMERICAN LEADERSHIP?

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**MOFAZ: ISRAEL WILL NOT ACCEPT A
NUCLEAR-ARMED IRAN. ALL MEANS
OF PREVENTION LEGITIMATE.**

From: The DEBKA file

The Israeli transport minister Shaul Mofaz, speaking at Yale University Tuesday night, April 30, on the eve of **Holocaust Remembrance Day**, warned Iran may attain command of enrichment technology before the end of this year. He said: **“ISRAEL WILL NOT TOLERATE A NUCLEAR-ARMED IRAN. THIS TIME, THE JEWISH PEOPLE WON’T LET IT HAPPEN. I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THE WORLD WILL NOT LET IT HAPPEN. TO PREVENT THIS, ALL MEANS ARE LEGITIMATE.”**

Israel’s annual Holocaust remembrance ceremonies focused this year on the theme of courage displayed by Warsaw Ghetto Uprising leaders 65 years ago, knowing they were doomed. Israeli’s president and prime minister laid wreaths in their honor at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Institute in Jerusalem.

Israelis stood in silence as sirens wailed for two minutes in remembrance of the victims of Nazi World War II genocide, two-thirds of Europe’s nine million Jews. Cafes and places of entertainment were closed and TV and radio broadcast special programs.

In Sderot, memorial ceremonies took place in a new, fortified social center under relentless Palestinian missile fire from Gaza - nine by midday Thursday.

And in Poland, Israel’s chief of staff Lt. Gen. Gaby Ashkenazi led the March of Life from the gates of the former Auschwitz concentration camp to Birkenau. He was joined by 12,000 people from 52 countries. In a short speech, the general noted that the world had stood aside when the Nazis murdered the Jews of Europe.

Avram Grant, the British Chelsea football team’s Israeli coach, whose mother was a Holocaust survivor, joined the procession.

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