

# Israel News Desk

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## **Please note: Due to postal delays this update is very late going out**

It is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 72 hour ceasefire in Gaza & a delegation from Israel is holding indirect talks with the Palestinians in Cairo. The Egyptians are acting as intermediaries, shuttling between the 2 sets of negotiators. If previous attempts at a peace treaty are anything to go by there will be little, if any, progress. In any event as bible believing Christians we know that no real peace will come before the Messiah comes, although there will be a false peace. We know also that the false peace will come through the emergence of the antichrist after the Church has been raptured & will commence with a covenant to guarantee Israel's safety (Daniel 9v27), which will ultimately be broken. Perhaps the signing of such a treaty is near. It has previously been promoted by Tony Blair who has promoted a "*Temple for all faiths*" alongside the 2 mosques. This, a plan supported by several Rabbis and Imams & most notably Prince Hassan of Jordan. This also fits with prophecy concerning the end times. It may be later than we think!

It is also of interest that Tony Blair has toured world wide promoting his "Faith Foundation" which is totally commercial.

It is impossible to be too dogmatic at this stage as currently the news changes by the hour, let alone daily. So that by the time you read this who knows what might have happened. Maybe the rapture! Maranatha! Can things go on much longer?

**Peace Treaty** There is disappointment in Israel that the efforts of Mr Kerry to force a settlement on Israel that favours Hamas. Some of the things asked of Israel, such as opening Gaza's borders, would be like committing national suicide. Thank God that Egypt is categorically opposed to Mr Kerry's proposal to open its own crossing into Gaza. Egypt has stood very firm in its opposition to Hamas who very nearly brought the country to its knees.

**Anti-Semitism** has risen dramatically, largely due to the lying British media. A Lib-Dem MP has been reported to the police after suggesting that if he lived in Gaza he would probably fire rockets at Israel. The Lib-Dem hierarchy has accepted his apology but Nick Clegg after initially condemning David Ward has since refused to comment. Israel's ambassador said, "Mr Ward has in the past made hurtful and shocking statements but his latest one has been abhorrent". Amnesty International has been accused of sending out, "an email filled with hate, lies, distorted facts and misrepresentation of reality".

The Community Security Trust has stated that since July 8<sup>th</sup> there have been 70 anti-Semitic incidents in the UK. In Belfast a brick was thrown at a synagogue window and in Liverpool people shouted 'baby murders' at a local synagogue.

A Jewish boy cycling in North London was hit by a brick thrown by a woman wearing a niqab.

All over Europe it is the same, notably France. Natan Sharansky said, "*The feeling is that insecurity is pushing French Jews out of the country*". He went on to say that when he was in government the French President was so shocked at the anti-Semitism on French satellites he went to the high court and had the broadcasts banned. It's much worse today. Mr Sharansky summed up, "*I believe we are seeing the end of Jewish history in Europe*". Mr Sharansky is a Godly man who I had the privilege of meeting in London 3 years ago. He asked me to ask my Christian friends to pray because prayer works & changes things!

The Jewish Chronicle summed up Europe today as demonising Israel, de-legitimising her & is awash with double standards.

**War Crimes** A team of Palestinians is in The Hague seeking to persuade the International Criminal Court to take up the case of Israel's '*war crimes*'. Since Israel telephones, leaflets and emails the people living where it is going to attack and seeks every way to get them to leave and since Hamas forces the people to be human shields and have fired thousands of rockets with no warning – who are the war criminals? It would be nice to think that the Palestinian complaint would boomerang!

**Rockets** Speaking on Al Jazeera news of all places a Jewish Rabbi was asked by an extremely aggressive Hamas official why he should complain about rockets since most of them missed their target. His reply: "*They don't miss because of the Iron Dome system it is because the God of Israel diverts them*".

1,000's of rockets have been fired Israel but the BBC & to a lesser extent Sky see only what is happening in Gaza.

As for Channel 4 John Snow's interview with the Israeli Ambassador was so aggressive it can only be described as horrendous.

As the Israeli troops operating in Gaza discovered Hamas documents and computers with details of an attack on Southern Israel it becomes evident that the tunnels from Gaza into Israel were much more planned & elaborately constructed. The plan was to send thousands of Hamas operatives through the tunnels dressed in IDF uniforms to kill & kidnap all over Israel on Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of Trumpets. The death of the three Jewish boys sparked a war which brought the complexity of the tunnels & their purpose to light & saved Israel from disaster. It was God's hand.

The 13 terrorists who emerged from a tunnel onto a Kibbutz brought the problem to the fore but thank God that Israel was able to eliminate this threat.

Perhaps the most harrowing story that emerged was that a young IDF soldier who went to destroy the tunnels with his platoon discovered an underground city with wide tunnels, air conditioning, concrete walls, stocked to the ceiling with weapons & Vespa type scooters. Hamas fighters sent 13 & 14 year old children running to the soldiers wearing suicide bomb belts. It was shoot or be killed he said. *"The pictures of those children will never leave me!"* The terrorists then exploded the bomb belts with a mobile phone.

The thousands of tons of cement used to create these tunnels were intended to rebuild Gaza! Hamas is not interested in its people, only in the destruction of Israel & every Jew.

**Colonel Offir Winter** Commander of the Givat Infantry Brigade wrote to his soldiers:- *History chose us to be the spearhead in the fight against the 'Gazan' terrorist enemy that defies, blasphemes & curses the God of the armies of Israel"*, a clear echo of David's words to Goliath. He added a brief prayer. *"I lift up my eyes to heaven and call with you, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one"*. He ended up his message with a wish, *"The Lord our God, who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies & gives you victory"*.

**ISIS** The attempts by ISIS to expand from Iraq where it has caused mayhem are tragically bearing fruit. Lebanon has appealed to France for military support to help them combat the threat, Syria is now having problems with ISIS & the Palestinians have been told, *"We can't come yet but we are coming. You are not forgotten"*.

**British Government** Despite his faults David Cameron has stuck by Israel, Ed Milliband, an apostate Jew, has turned against them as has the secular Nick Clegg. No comment!

**Psalms 2v1** Speaks of the nations in uproar. Is this not exactly true of today?

We who understand the sign of the times, not least that Christ is coming back should be living for Him, sharing the Gospel & standing for truth while we are still able. Jesus is coming for His Church to take us *'to Himself'* soon. As the days darken, *'look up, your redemption draws nigh'*.