

Israel News Desk

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The news from Israel and the Arab nations surrounding her grows ever more complex and the threats against Israel become ever more strident.

This last week the head of Hamas's political bureau announced in Gaza that the terrorist movement would continue its armed struggle against Israel, adding that Hamas was coordinating its action with Fatah and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank (Judea and Samaria). Khaled Mashaal arrived in Gaza for the 1st time in his life having gained Egyptian permission under the understanding that Israel would not target him, in accordance with last month's peace treaty.

In a speech commemorating Hamas's 25th anniversary of its founding, he stated, "Our principles and policy are that Palestine is from the River to the Sea, and from north to south Palestine is Islamic, we will not recognise Zionist occupation and not legitimise Israel and the occupation. Palestine is ours and not the Zionists". Behind him on the platform as he spoke was a model of the M75 missile that Hamas launched at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem recently. He went on, "We need more weapons to help us obtain the return of Palestine and Jerusalem to us along with all refugees".

Commenting on the speech Mr Netanyahu criticised Mahmoud Abbas for not speaking out against Mashaal's speech and said, "We have been exposed again to the true face of our enemy who has no intention of compromising with us, but wants to destroy our state. Hamas is now seeking to re establish itself in Judea and Samaria bringing further possible problems for Israel if Hamas, Fatah and the West Bank Palestinians unite.

Mr Abbas's failure to speak only confirms he does not want a two state solution but aims for the destruction of Israel. God will have the last word!

Iran Palestinian Islamic Jihad has admitted for the first time that most of their weapons are from Iran. Hamas has also stated the same. This information is so accurate that Iran has stopped denying its involvement. The Hezbollah Secretary General praised Iran and Syria for arming the various concerns in Gaza with a diverse range of rockets and weaponry.

At a press conference in Cairo Mashaal expressed his gratitude to Iran for 'arms and funding'.

The Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah urged all Arab states to arm Gaza.

According to Iran's Revolutionary Guards its nuclear bomb programme is proceeding at secret sites, unknown to the world. Hamas leader Mahmoud A-Zahar, deputy commander of its armed wing, has signed a protocol covering a binding agreement by the radical rulers of the Gaza Strip to join Iran, Syria and Hezbollah in a war on Israel. The build up which followed prompted a large scale snap military exercise on the Golan Heights as Israel responded to the threat of war and has spread forces along its Syrian and Lebanese borders. Iran is now firmly in control of this grouping and threatens to cut off funding and supplies if the deal is not honoured.

Israel's Chief of Staff Benny Gantz visited the Egyptian border and said, "We shall seal the border but even then the threat will remain".

Gaza Three Iranian missile experts are reported to be in Gaza. They reached there on false passports through Sinai from Lebanon through a recently bombed tunnel, repaired by Hamas. They came to assess the accuracy of rockets used recently. Israel's recent 8 day Gaza operation was a combined intelligence coup to snap the Iranian connection to Hamas and shut off its gateway to Cairo. President Obama is seeking to harness the Arab Spring to America's interest and to transform Hamas into the legitimate voice of the Palestinians. His next step is likely to be intervention of some sort in Syria as things come to a head there.

Syria Following the Syrians rebels (terrorists) acceptance by America as the legitimate voice of Syria – not Assad, the rebels asked Mr Obama to cancel the prescribing of Al Qaeda as they are fighting with the rebels. It may be that the Russian analysis that America is backing terrorists against a legitimate government is correct.

In a blow to Bashar Assad's combat capabilities it is reported that Syrian rebels destroyed a key electronic warning radar station facing Israel, blinding the defence systems trained on Israel.

Egypt is spiralling ever more wildly into anarchy and the protests against President Morsi continue daily. Having taken dictatorial powers he now finds himself fast heading for being as hated as the deposed President Mubarak. The new constitution gives him oversight of the military budget and foreign policy. The generals have no appetite for a war with Israel which they would most certainly lose. They are eager to maintain their lavish lifestyle and do not support the tearing up of the peace treaty with Israel which would bring an end to US aid currently \$1.4 billion. A military coup would provoke a mass uprising.

Over the Middle East as a whole there is rapid Islamisation and the Muslim Brotherhood is on the rampage as it seeks the beginning of a new Caliphate covering the whole of the Middle East and Europe, not least the UK rapidly giving into Islam with Sharia law to a degree in many cities. How long before we have amputations and stonings?!

UK In her brilliant articles in the Daily Mail Melanie Phillips warns of the attacks on Israel, Jews and Christians and asked the question, "Where were the church leaders voices?" as Christians and Jews were increasingly persecuted world wide".

Peter Hitchens also of the Daily Mail warned, on Question Time that Christians are being side lined in the UK and persecution was coming!

Statistics There are only now 263,346 Jewish people in the UK. Top of the list of towns is Barnet with 54,084. Pray for Tony Pearce who brings the Gospel to the North London area which includes Barnet.

Sajid Javid, Economics Secretary to the Treasury speaking at a Conservative Friends of Israel business lunch said, "I am a proud British born Muslim and I love my country but if I had for some reason to leave with my young family and was told I had to live in the Middle East, I would not choose Dubai, nor choose Saudi Arabia the birthplace of Mohammed, the only place I could possibly choose would be Israel, the only country my family would feel the warmth of freedom and liberty"! Amen to that!

Israel Elections have been thrown into disarray by the resignation of Foreign Secretary Avigdor Lieberman to fight corruption charges. Having just linked with Mr Netanyahu's Likud Party there might be a problem. Tzipi Livni has as yet not managed to link the leftist opposition. Former Labour Party leader Amir Peretz has joined her, others have not and the election promises, as always, to produce a coalition of either right or left. Mr Netanyahu looks set for a further term.

Jordan The Muslim Brotherhood is seeking to destabilise the Hashmonite Kingdom and for Israel an upheaval in Jordan would bode a tightening of the Islamic noose around its borders. The Arab press predicts the Brotherhood taking control of Damascus, then focusing on Jordan followed by Saudi Arabia!

America has long supported King Abdullah of Jordan but regards the Brotherhood as the lynch pin of his external policy. What will he do? Russia believes this support of the Brotherhood is part of America's desire to control the Middle East.

Israel's Economy Israel's Minister of Finance Yuval Steinitz known to many who have been on my tours, states, "The Israel economy has displayed maturity and stability throughout security crises". Israel's growth rate continues to be the envy of European nations.

Magen David Adom Israel's ambulance service reports that in the 10 days of attacks last month 1,506 rockets hit Israel. Armoured vehicles had to accompany ambulances in the Negev and key medical staff have to be shuttled around in armoured personnel carriers most times.

Israel Tour A limited number of places are available on my 2013 Israel Tour from October 13th to 23rd God willing. The itinerary is unique and a brochure may be obtained by phoning me on 01423 881803 or my co-leader Bob Waughman on 01243 771802.

Please continue to pray for Israel and the salvation of the Jewish people as God's end time purposes appear to be accelerating.

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