

# Israel News Desk

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It was always a wonderful experience to once again visit Israel from where I have just returned and see what is happening there at first hand.

Most striking was the seeming absence of fear of what is happening all around the Middle East, much of which is not good news for Israel. The attitude of the world in general and Europe, not least the UK, also America to the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood is at best very naïve. The idea that the "Arab Spring", so called is good for the region and its people is rapidly now being seen as a fatal conception.

**Libya** is again falling apart with tribal infighting leading one politician to say that things are now worse than they were under Gaddafi.

The border between **Egypt** and Israel is now more or less open and Egyptian troops are now proliferating in Sinai. Sinai is described as "*bandit country*" with Bedouin tribesmen causing problems. The border being open is leading to Bedouin tribesmen losing the income they made by smuggling everything from cars to animals through the tunnels and the area is now described as lawless.

It seems only a matter of time before the Assad regime in **Syria** falls with possible problems for Israel if the Alawite regime's followers, who are now persona non grata in most Arab countries, seek to cross into Israel via the Golan – a relatively porous border. The Christian and Jewish communities in Syria, long protected by Assad are also at risk.

Since we arrived home fighting has spilled over into **Lebanon, Jordan's** King Abdullah has appointed a new PM, dissolved Parliament and called an election in an attempt to stave off the Arab Spring reaching Jordan. He has instituted reforms, but the Muslim Brotherhood has said they are not enough!

Behind all this is the baleful influence of **Iran** with its support for Hamas and Hezbollah. Indeed whilst we were in Israel the defence forces shot down an unmanned drone over the Negev, sent by Hezbollah with Iranian technology, but not before it had relayed photos of military installations.

We were privileged to visit an army training base and it was comforting to see the state of preparedness and training of the country's reserves. I was particularly taken by one statement from an officer at the Air Force base we also visited that 'Hashem (God) is in control'. How true. We are sad at the state of the world and the threats against Israel but God is fulfilling His word and will have the last word. He Himself will deal with Islam and Communism Ezekiel 38 & 39 and all Israel's enemies will be destroyed when He returns to the Mount of Olives. As events play out we may expect our Lord – the Jewish Messiah – to come for His Church at any moment.

**Gaza** 56 rockets dropped on Southern Israel from Gaza while we were in Israel and the people of some areas, notably Sderot live in daily fear with many people suffering from depression and children constantly having to go to bomb shelters.

Food and supplies reach Gaza through Israel's borders every day, the supermarkets are full of goods and Gaza Mall is reminiscent of the West.

All a contradiction of the lying BBC and the prejudiced British press – notably the Guardian!

**Tel Aviv** The Ramban hospital has built a war time operating room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level down of an underground car park which in the event of war would become the world's largest emergency hospital. With 645,000 sq ft 3 stories high would house 2,000 medical stations to treat the wounded, those with psychological problems and facilities for dialysis.

The task of keeping tourists safe has also been addressed and plans exist for evacuation and hotels would be gathering spots should evacuation be impossible. Hotels have bomb shelters, enough for all guests and supplies of food and water for an indefinite period. This is of course 'worse case scenario' but preparations are made.

**Aliyah** A record number of Israelis who were living abroad have returned to Israel in the last 30 years.

**Lib Dems** Simon Hughes was given space by the Jewish Chronicle to respond to one of their articles. He reciprocated their generosity by placing the blame for all the problems of the Middle East on the shoulders of Israel. He showed his total disdain by referring to the 'Government of Israel in Tel Aviv'. Unwilling to mention Jews and Jerusalem in the same sentence he chose a deliberate insult! One correspondent in reply said, 'The Right Honourable doesn't know the meaning of the words'.

Another reply said, 'Wouldn't it be better if he considered the future of his party after the next election with the UK government in Manchester'!

Taken along with the ravings of Jenny Tonge and the anti Israeli attitude of Nick Clegg we can be assured that God 'Who blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who curse Israel' will be dealt with by God probably at the next election.

Our coalition government continues its two-faced attitude to Israel. Mr. Cameron tells Israel it must not attack Iran and our Foreign Secretary continues his regular diatribes by insisting Israel must stop all settlement building.

In 1973 I visited Israel when the Judean Desert close to Jerusalem was uninhabited apart from a few Bedouins. Today there is a town of 56,000. Ma'ale Adumin described by Jack Straw and William Hague as a settlement! The Jordanians did nothing with it when they had control, Israel, here as else where is making 'the desert blossom like a rose' Isaiah 35 v 1.

**The Dead Sea** has receded hundreds of feet but last week we saw grape vines planted there and around the whole desert area flowers and trees have been planted, fruit is growing there Isaiah 27v6 and the Bible is being proven accurate in the fulfilment of prophecy.

**UK** Palestinian Media Watch reports that the Palestinian Authority is paying £3,000,000 a month to Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails from a fund partially donated to but the UK! Ron Prosser, Israel's ambassador to the UN said, 'How many tax payers in London, Paris and Lisbon know that their money is going to convicted terrorists with blood on their hands'.

**Israel Elections** Whilst we were in Israel Mr. Netanyahu called an election for the New Year and may well get another term, but much will happen in the mean time. One prominent MK said he could not understand how Britain had given way to weak coalition government, like Israel, where no party can fulfil its pledges because of the same problem.

**Anti Semitism** An explosive device was activated outside a Jewish Community Centre in Sweden. A guard at the Jewish Cemetery in Malmo said, 'You don't wear a Kippa (skull cap) in this city'. In Cannes French police have arrested 4 men who hurled bottles at Jews near a synagogue.

**America** Whilst the choice for voters is either a Mormon or Mr Obama, Mitt Romney has stated he will move America's Embassy to Jerusalem. If elected will he do it? Is he just making a play for the Jewish vote? We all know what politicians are but Israel may just be surprised.

**Good News** The Galilee is at its highest October level for 8 years. With a wet winter things would look good. 30% of Eilat's annual rainfall fell 2 days ago in 30 minutes and as I write it is raining in the north of the country.

Israel is producing many advanced drugs at a much cheaper level than Europe but political prejudice means that despite the savings that would accrue there is anti Semitic resistance to signing a deal.

Israel's economy is booming hotels are fully booked, tourism is at a high (I counted 29 coaches at one site).

High tech companies are proliferating.

**The Philippines** has been named as one of Israel's top supporters in the World! Is this why so many of its people are being blessed and turning to God? I have been and seen it 5 times! Those who bless Israel will be blessed! Britain repent and take note! Genesis 12v3.

The restriction on Israeli pharmaceuticals being sold in the EU has been lifted this week, click [here](#) for story.

The Lord bless my readers.  
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