

# Israel News Desk

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In a brilliant article in the Times, Roger Boyes states, "*President Obama has unbalanced the Middle East & started another Persian-Arab rivalry.*"

Mr Boyes further states "*Sunni Muslim's see Iran making hay in 4 capital's, Damascus – Beirut – Sanaa & Baghdad & recall the Persian Empire building of Cyrus the Great*".

Visiting America Mr Netanyahu urged Congress to rebel against the president's nuclear deal with Iran. King Salman of Saudi Arabia has expressed his concerns & withdrew his agreement to attend the President's summit concerning his ill conceived deal.

If sanctions against Iran are lifted cash will flow into Iran & they will quickly be able to make a nuclear bomb, & the threat to Israel from a nation whose dedicated aim is to wipe Israel off the map will be immense.

There are currently no effective constraints on the Saudis nor on Iran & the current problems of the Middle East are essentially an ongoing confrontation between Shia & Sunni Muslims. Israel is of course in the firing line. With IS now creating trouble on the Golan Heights & confronting Hamas in Gaza prior to them fulfilling their pledge, "*Palestinians we are coming to help you & to throw the Jews out of Israel as soon as we have cleared up other business,*" & with Hamas & Hezbollah pointing tens of thousands of rockets at Israel, the Middle East is a powder keg. Should the American nuclear deal with Iran be concluded Israel's position will look even worse!

Add to all this that the anti Semitism is growing & rampant worldwide & Israel being driven into a corner where they may have to take defensive action in a world where they are almost, but not quite friendless.

Thank God for the leadership of Canada, who, under the Evangelical Christian Prime Minister Stephen Harper supports Israel "*straight down the line*". God will bless them, just as He will curse those who curse Israel. Genesis 12v8. Britain take note!

**AMERICA** As always Mr Obama continues to offer support for Israel but expresses his objections to Jewish settlements in Judea & Samaria & to building in East Jerusalem. Mr Obama will also not unequivocally express his support for Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the State of Israel. He also wants Israel to withdraw to the indefensible pre 1967 borders (the 1947 borders - "*the Auschwitz lines*")! Neither will he release Jonathan Pollard from 30 years of unjust & disproportionate imprisonment. Only this week the US Supreme Court ruled as unconstitutional a congressional law that authorities placing "*Israel*" on passports of Jerusalem born Americans. The White House said the law encroached on the President's power to set foreign policy & would stop America being a neutral peacemaker in the Middle East. They can put Jerusalem as a place of birth but not Israel. The Mayor of Jerusalem said, Washington is capital of America, Paris is capital of France & Jerusalem is capital of Israel.

A bill went through the senate to move the US embassy to Jerusalem but Mr Obama will not sign it, as he says Jerusalem is not Israel's capital, he recognises Tel Aviv. God will curse America, Genesis 12v3.

The boy whose passport is in question had the last word, "*I am an Israeli & want people to know*". God bless him.

**BRITAIN** Is no better than America. A UN resolution from the World Health Authority decreed that Israel is the worst violator of human health. It cited the Palestinians & the Golan Heights. It is disgraceful & utterly disgusting that David Cameron, who purports to be a friend of Israel, instructed the British delegate to vote for this motion!! Only 5 out of 108 delegates voted against, predictably including Australia & Canada. It raises the question why could little Israel muster 260 medical staff to help in the recent earthquake disaster in Nepal, also a huge field hospital, whilst the UK could only find 68! It would seem our record is much worse than Israel. Mr Cameron too is opposed to Israel's presence in Judea & Samaria! He has a strange way of showing his support for Israel.

**BOYCOTTS** The British Union of Students have voted to boycott Israel but decided not to boycott Islamic State! ISIS trample human rights to dust, burn people alive in cages, behead hundreds & yet students prefer to boycott Israel.

Can one take seriously an organisation which has so openly succumbed to the anti Semitic view. The Ahava factory which produces Dead Sea cosmetics had a shop in Covent Garden & had to move to North London because of violent protesters & now because it operates in Judea it is considering moving to the pre 1967 borders because it is under pressure for operating there.

**GERMANY** is now regarded in Israel as it's best friend in Europe, a complete turn up for the books.

**ISRAEL'S REPUTATION** *"Israel", said Mr Netanyahu, faces "an international campaign to blacken her name, to delegitimise her very existence. The international community disproportionately singles out the Jewish State for condemnation while remaining silent on major conflicts & human rights abuses elsewhere". He was speaking after a proposal to suspend Israel from world football was dropped at the last minute. "We are", he said, "in the midst of an international campaign to blacken our name they say we are the focus of all evil in the world. There is not a shred of truth in these accusations. We are not perfect but the standards set for us are higher than for anyone else".*

**CANADA** Canada's Foreign Minister Rob Nicholson told President Reuven Rivlin in Jerusalem this week, *"I am delighted to be in your country. I have always wanted to visit since I was a kid. Canada has supported you in the past, does so in the present & will continue to do so in the future. You are"* he said *"a beacon of light, a source of democracy & an example to the world"*.

**BELGIUM** dismissal proceedings have commenced against the Belgian police officer who said on Facebook he would, *"Kill each & every Jew"*.

**GAZA** Militants attached to IS fired 3 rockets into Israel & promised more to come. Mr Netanyahu criticised the world's silence as *"hypocrisy"*. He said he had not heard of anyone who had uttered a condemnation.

**IRAQ** The Iraq site believed to be the burial place of the prophet Nahum is in danger of being destroyed by IS.

It is currently in an abandoned synagogue tended by an Assyrian Christian.

**DORE GOLD** Newly appointed as Director General of the Foreign Ministry in Israel has spoken of Israel's continuing battle against false information about events in Gaza emanating from Hamas. An example was that 74% of the casualties in the Gaza war were civilians. This is manifestly untrue. The Hamas Prime Minister said *"our narrative has gained the upper hand"*

**TURKEY** Turkey's Jews are looking to go to Spain in anticipation of a bill that would grant nationality to Jews who were expelled in 1492 during the Inquisition. Thousands of Sephardi Jews have already applied for citizenship in Spain.

**DELTA AIRLINES** has removed the word *"occupied Palestinian Territories"* on its list of destinations in the Middle East.

**ORANGE** have gone back on its brief attempt to boycott Israel & claim they were misquoted. This caused a furore & took a high level visit to Israel to apologise.

**DRUZE** The Syrian Druze on the Golan Heights are considering moving to Israel following President Assad's withdrawal of troops. They now fear the IS threat which would in fact mean IS right up to Israel's checkpoints.

**FIJI** A Jewish friend of mine, my Israeli guide & an Israeli judge on a world tour visited the remotest part of Fiji & in a small jungle village entered a little church. They told the Pastor that they were tourists & he suggested they sat at the back as the service was just starting. The pastor then announced that the people should stand as they listened to the normal opening. The worship band struck up the Hatikvah, Israel's National Anthem & they stood to pray for Israel whilst my Israeli friends shed tears. What a story!

They had recorded it on their mobile. After the service they again spoke to the Pastor & told him they were Jewish from Israel & he said it was a privilege to have Jews in his church & embraced them. They could hardly believe it!

Please pray for Mier & his judge friend, who heard the gospel, to be saved.

The news by human standards from Israel sounds bad but look up it all indicates the near return of the Lord. Pray for the salvation of the Jews. One day they will bless the whole world. Read Zechariah 10v23 & chapters 12, 13 & 14.

God bless you & God bless Israel – He will.

David