

Israel News Desk

With David Hoyle
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Following the usual indecisive result of Israel's election Mr Netanyahu is finding it very difficult to form a coalition. The three weeks he was given by president Peres to form a government has now elapsed and he has received two more weeks, failing which someone else will be asked to try, most likely Yair Lapid the head of the party who came 2nd in the election, Yesh Atid. Another alternative would be the calling of another election.

Mr Netanyahu made an oblique criticism of the "Jewish Home" and "Yesh Atid" for refusing to join a coalition including ultra-orthodox. Both these parties want to end army draft exemptions for Yeshiva students. However Mr Netanyahu wants to include the ultra-orthodox because they have been loyal political partners.

Having stated categorically he will not sit in a government with the ultra-orthodox Mr Lapid has created a situation where Naftali Bennett's third placed party will not join as they have committed to only serving with Mr Lapid.

Add to this the infighting as to who will be Foreign Minister, Finance Minister and Defence Minister and the situation is even more complex.

A friend of mine in Israel's Government said to me this week "As usual our politicians can't get their act together and compromise a little." Meanwhile Mr Netanyahu seeks to form the widest coalition.

All this while Europe, the UN and America start to put pressure on Israel to part with land, split Jerusalem and allow millions of refugees to return!

Mr Lapid's party would part with the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), whilst retaining the Jewish towns, notably Ariel, the Etzion Block and Ma'ale Adumin. Let us all pray that God will show mercy to Israel and give a government that will not return to land giveaways!

Cabinet Communiqué Speaking at the March 3rd Sunday Cabinet Mr Netanyahu made the following remarks:- *"I was briefed over the weekend on the major powers talks with Iran and my impression was that all that was achieved was to stall for time, during which time Iran will continue to pursue its bomb. I must say that our enemies are uniting to bring about atomic and other deadly weapons that are in fact piling up around us. We must come together to repel these dangers. I regret this is not happening! I will continue my efforts to unite our forces and bring them together ahead of the major International tasks we face. I hope Israel shall succeed, I will continue to try."*

As the politicians continue to fail to find agreement on a coalition, Israel's enemies circle and we need to pray more than ever. How long before Ezekiel 38/9 are fulfilled?

Turkey Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Erdoğan received a sharp rebuke from Israel's PM following his statement that compared Zionism with Fascism!

Mr Netanyahu said *"This is a dark and mendacious statement, the likes of which we thought had passed from the world."*

Gaza 70 trucks of food are waiting on Israel's side of the Kerem Shalom crossing, held up by the Palestinians. The crossing is currently not operating in an attempt by Hamas to change the contractor and push the Palestinian Authority out. Hamas wants to gain control of the crossing through which 300 trucks of food essentials pass each day.

In a letter in the Jewish Telegraph the writer states some of the facts about the "Luxury side of Gaza", quite different to what we read about a people in despair and humiliation.

The writer says *"Maybe Obama would like to visit Gaza share lunch at the 5th Cactus Roots Club. He could visit the Mall with designer shops where Cherie Blair's sister has shopped (whilst protesting!). He could visit the Faisal Riding Club and swim in the new Olympic standard pool."*

Perhaps their Chief Medical Officer could tell him that life expectancy has grown to 73.68%! And what of all the food Israel ships in! 1446 trucks in one week, often more. Parts of Gaza are run down but that applies elsewhere in the world."

Venezuela Israel will not miss Chavez who has railed at Israel and sought to bully them and embraced Iran. Only recently it was reported that his Intelligence service was spying on Jews!

Croatia is withdrawing 100 of its troops from the Syria Israel border because Syrian rebels have been armed with Croatian weapons. The Croatian PM said, *"We don't want our soldiers shot with Croatian weapons."*

Israel's Embassy in UK A protect officer who abandoned his post to meet his lover is facing gaol! He left his post guarding the Embassy to meet the Public Relations Officer at the Israel Tourist Board.

She was later found dead at her home after taking a large quantity of tablets.

Anti Semitism George Galloway stunned his Oxford audience when he said *"I don't debate with Israelis!"* As the student shouted *"racism"* he stormed out of the meeting. When his opponent in a debate in which Mr Galloway proposed a motion *"Israel should withdraw at once from the West Bank"* started speaking Mr Galloway interrupted him and asked if he was an Israeli? Mr Galloway said *"I don't recognise Israel and I don't debate with an Israeli's, a supporter of the apartheid state of Israel. The reason is simple, no normalisation, just boycott, divestment and sanctions until the apartheid state is defeated!"*

David Ward, another Bradford MP has published very unpleasant comments about Israel. On his website he asked, *"How can the Jews inflict atrocities on the Palestinians so soon after release from the death camps? How many died there? Not so many came out alive!"* Taken after the recurring furore over Jenny Tonge and the failure of the Lib Dems to take conclusive action I shall know what to say if the Lib Dems visit my door at the next election. A blight on their house!

USA Speaking at the A.I.PAC. Conference in America Mr Netanyahu said, *"Churchill stated the rebirth of Israel is one of the greatest events in history, it transcends generations, it transcends centuries. We shall always defend the one and only Jewish state."*

Joe Biden America's Vice President said that when he met Golda Meir she said, *"We have a secret weapon, we have nowhere else under the sun to go. We have our place and we shall defend it."*

Shimon Peres Israel's President is touring Europe. He will conclude his visit by making an historic speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. One might hope he will share a few home truths with them.

Sharon Shows Improvement Now in a coma for 7 years and aged 84 US scientists say he shows significant brain activity. He is nevertheless paralysed and on life support.

God bless Israel – He will!

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David Hoyle's Health Please pray for David, he has been unwell for some weeks and on antibiotics for an infection. He also has a recurring problem with blurring in one eye after having a cataract operation.

Breaking News Labour Muslim peer Lord Ahmed has been suspended by the party as it launched an investigation into claims he blamed a Jewish conspiracy for his jail term. He was jailed for 12 weeks for dangerous driving in 2009 after sending and receiving text messages minutes before he was involved in a fatal crash.