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## TERRORISTS KILL 3, WOUND 24 EL AL PASSENGERS AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT

### ISRAEL SEEKING TO EXTRADITE TWO TERRORISTS CAPTURED BY TURKISH POLICE TO STAND TRIAL IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Israel will seek to extradite two terrorists from Turkey who, together with another terrorist killed three persons and injured 24, 14 of them seriously, in a machinegun and hand grenade attack yesterday in Istanbul's Yasilkov Airport on passengers who were about to board a Tel Aviv-bound El Al plane. The other terrorist was killed in a gun battle with Turkish police.

The move for extradition was announced this morning by Transportation Minister Gad Yaacobi who said he had talked to Foreign Ministry officials to see what legal steps can be taken to extradite the two terrorists who were captured by Turkish police so that they can stand trial in Israel.

The terrorist attack came minutes before the last group of passengers were about to board an airport bus to take them from the passengers' departure lounge to the waiting El Al plane some distance away on the runway. Eighty-two passengers were already aboard the plane when the killers opened their machinegun fire and grenade attack on the remaining passengers.

### One Of The Dead Was Javits' Aide

The slain passengers were identified as Harold W. Rosenthal, an assistant to Sen. Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.), who was on his way to Israel to attend an academic seminar at the Van Leer Institute, and Yakao Hiramio, a Japanese tourist guide who was in charge of a group of tourists from Japan on their way to Israel. (See separate story on Rosenthal.) Another of the dead is believed to be an Israeli who was not immediately identified. The fourth person dead, a terrorist, could not be identified because the body was too badly mutilated.

The seriously injured passengers were taken to hospitals in Istanbul. Six of the less seriously injured passengers were flown back to Tel Aviv. Also injured were two Turkish policemen and an Israeli security officer. Many of those injured were hit by splinters from the grenades and shattered window panes.

The captured killers identified themselves to the Turkish police as Mohamed Mehdi and Mohamed Husein al-Rashid. They admitted being members of the extremist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by George Habash and that they were in the pay of Libya. The four were traveling with false Kuwaiti passports.

### Accounts Of What Happened

The story of the attack was pieced together by passengers who returned to Ben Gurion Airport; the captain of the El Al plane, Yaakov Roman; the Israeli Vice-Consul in Istanbul, Ephraim Shatz, who was at the airport when the attack occurred; the Governor of Istanbul and a representative of the Turkish Ministry of Justice who were at the airport and conducted an investigation of the tragedy.

From some of the accounts it appeared that the terrorists were not trying to hijack the plane but to kill or capture as hostages as many of the passengers as possible in retaliation for the Israeli rescue of more than 100 hostages held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, or to gain the release of terrorists in Israeli jails.

One passenger told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport the attack occurred as the passengers were emerging from the terminal building towards the bus that was to drive them to the plane. The terrorists opened fire, aiming directly at the passengers, she said. The killers appeared to be coming from the terminal building. The passengers scattered, screaming.

Another passenger said he heard a loud explosion followed by machinegun fire and people falling all around him, crying in agony and bleeding. The explosion was apparently that of a hand grenade. Two other passengers, Abraham Papou and his wife, Rachel, said the gunmen tossed grenades and opened fire when the Turkish police thwarted their attempt to seize hostages.

Paul Barker of England, another passenger, reported that the entire incident took about 20 minutes. He said he was with a group of passengers in the bus on the way to the plane when he heard two loud blasts. "We were ordered out of the bus and told to lie flat on the ground. We heard a lot of automatic fire. But the El Al security agents and the Turkish police seemed to have gained quick control of things."

### Quick Thinking Saved Others

Another aspect of the attack was pieced together from various accounts, namely, how the 82 passengers aboard the plane were saved. Credit was given to the quick thinking of the captain who decided to take off as soon as possible after the attack began. He ordered the doors of the plane closed as soon as the last group of passengers who had been bused to the plane were aboard, fearing an attack on the airliner itself. Those left behind were the seriously injured, the dead and several others who were waiting to board the bus taking them to the plane. (See separate story for El Al captain's account.)

At a midnight press conference today, about an hour after the El Al plane landed at Ben Gurion Airport, Gad Yaacobi and Mordechai Ben Ari, general director of El Al, said they supported the captain's decision.

Yaacobi said the attack was the continuation by terrorists of their war against Israel. He added that the attack was further proof that Israel's national airline must be constantly on the alert for terrorists. He said that since the hijacking of the Air France plane, Israel has taken extra special security measures to thwart terrorist attacks.

The Transport Minister added that in spite of the Air France hijacking the world has still not grasped the awesome meaning of air piracy and terrorism. Premier Itzhak Rabin, who received the news of the latest tragedy as he was addressing a delegation of Israel Bond leaders from the U.S. and Canada, said he doubted that

the world was fully aware of the consequences of continuing air terrorism.

### How The Terrorists Gained Access

There were conflicting reports, official and unofficial, as to how the terrorists gained access to the terminal building. The report deemed most authentic was that they arrived in the morning in Rome from Tripoli, Libya, then took an Alitalia plane to Istanbul where they remained in transit, thus having access to the departing passengers' lounge. They were reportedly not searched in Rome where they changed planes because they were in-transit passengers.

Meanwhile, Israeli leaders today called for tighter checks at airports around the world to prevent further terrorist atrocities. A government official told reporters that the Foreign Ministry had already set up a new team to enlist the cooperation of other governments at a political level to fight terrorist attacks.

### JAVITS CONDEMNS ATTACK AS A STUNNING AND USELESS TRAGEDY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,N.Y.) today called the killing by terrorists of an aide, Harold Wallace Rosenthal, and another passenger of an El Al plane in Istanbul as "a stunning, awful and senseless tragedy. Hal was a victim of a spreading vicious insanity that must be stamped out if we are to maintain a civilized world."

The bombing and gunning down by the terrorists of the passengers as they prepared to board the plane last night, he added, "is a bitter irony for me because I have worked for years in the attempt to achieve international agreement that would restrain those nations that harbor terrorists. This is another bitter lesson that such an agreement is of the highest priority. We cannot condone nations that justify terrorism on political grounds."

At the State Department the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed that for the time being "it is police work" to determine the facts of the attack. The U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul is in "constant touch" with the Turkish authorities, a Department spokesman said.

Rosenthal, 29, has been an aide to the Senator for the past six months after having served for almost two years as an economist with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York. Previously Rosenthal had been a legislative assistant to Sen. Walter P. Mondale (D, Minn.), the Democratic Party's Vice-Presidential nominee, and to New York Governor Hugh Carey when he was a Congressman.

Born in Philadelphia Nov. 2, 1946, Rosenthal attended Temple University, the University of Cambridge Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the University of Dijon. Javits said Rosenthal was "a brilliant, totally committed young man with a complete dedication to his work in the foreign relations field."

### Others Condemn Attack

Meanwhile, other Senators joined Javits in expressing condemnation of the attack and anguish over Rosenthal's death. "The Palestinian attack on the El Al airliner at Istanbul Airport puts a new brand of violence and terrorism on the Palestinian movement," said Sen. Charles Mathias (R, Md.). "It raises new obstacles to the achievement of their goals. It is not only barbarous but

self-defeating."

The Mathias statement was especially significant since he had met with PLO chief Yasir Arafat last April and said that Arafat appeared "reasonable" in his view of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D, Mass.) said Rosenthal's "tragic and senseless killing is a great loss for us all."

### EL AL CAPTAIN'S STORY

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Yaacov Roman, the El Al pilot who was captain of the El Al plane whose passengers were attacked yesterday at the Istanbul airport terminal, said today he had decided to taxi the plane to a far side of the airport because its landing site was an excellent target for the attackers.

He said that when the attack began, the plane was parked exactly opposite the terminal, so his first reaction was to move the plane in a hurry. He started two of his four engines and taxied to a far-end of the airfield, well out of the range of small arms fire.

It is El Al practice to move passengers from an airport terminal to its planes by bus. One bus load of passengers had boarded the plane when the attack began. After he moved the plane, Roman said, he decided not to take off until he knew what was happening to the rest of the passengers. Then a second busload of passengers came to the plane, including several of the injured, but because of the confusion that accompanied the attack, it was impossible to locate the final group of passengers due to board the plane, so he decided to take off for Tel Aviv, Roman said.

### Some Of The Injured Identified

Meanwhile, Israeli officials at Istanbul reported by telephone to the army broadcasting station that the Turkish authorities were demonstrating efficiency in handling the aftermath of the attack. The injured are now in several hospitals in Istanbul. Israeli Legation personnel have visited all of them. Some of the injured may be released tomorrow morning to return to Israel, it was reported.

It was also reported that there are 12 Israelis among the 14 seriously injured passengers in Istanbul hospitals. The two others are a Swiss national and a Spanish national. Another less seriously injured victim is a Turkish Jew employed by El Al in Istanbul.

Israeli officials stressed the problems of determining the identities of the dead and injured, reporting that as of today, a complete list of the Israelis hurt in Istanbul was still not available. Almost all of the injured brought last night to Israel on the El Al plane had suffered superficial wounds caused by splinters hitting them in the legs and other lower parts of the body, according to Dr. Itzhak Shani, director of the Sheba Medical Center, who examined them.

The names of six injured Israelis brought here were given as Levi Zahav, Uri Ron, whose condition was found to be much better than had been initially reported, Miriam Yahav, Nina Sheinman, Rivka Basin and Israel Malchi. Two or three members of a family named Manesowitz were injured in the assault and are hospitalized in Istanbul.

Turkish officials are questioning the captured terrorists and will bring them before a judge later this week, it was reported here.

U.S. CONDEMNNS ISTANBUL ATTACK

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The U.S. government today condemned the "savage attack" on El Al passengers last night and the hijacking of the Air France plane to Uganda and hoped it would "prod leaders of the world into taking positive action on the question of terrorism." In a statement read to the press, the Department declared, further: "This is an issue that must be addressed in the United Nations and is a matter of greatest urgency. It is fortunate indeed that the aircraft was not seized and still greater tragedy did not take place."

The Department statement added that "We profoundly lament the death of Harold Rosenthal, the aide to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY) who was killed in the attack by the terrorists, and extended "deep sympathy" to his family. A Department spokesman said that the United States will be lending full support to the plan to combat terrorism being initiated by West Germany and that it would also back any plan for that purpose.

(At the United Nations, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today condemned the terrorist attack and said he also "deplores the loss of life and injuries which have been caused to innocent persons.")

RABIN SAYS THE ISTANBUL TERRORISTS WERE ASSIGNED TO KILL, NOT HIJACK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin said today that the assignment of the terrorists at Istanbul yesterday was to kill passengers of the El Al plane rather than to board the plane to hijack it. Rabin made that observation during a visit to an anti-terrorist unit of the border patrol.

Rabin drew a parallel between the Athens airport attack last year and the Istanbul raid in that, in both assaults, the terrorists planned their arrival at the airports to coincide with that of the passengers who were their target. He noted that security measures for passengers in transit are less tight than otherwise.

He declared that despite the number of injured, the attack was not a success, considering what the terrorists could have done in the Istanbul airport. He also drew a distinction between two kinds of terrorist action--those meant to achieve a bargaining position and those aimed simply at murder, as at Istanbul.

Rabin said it should be kept in mind that holding hostages for bargaining purposes was simply a means to assure continued acts of murder. Terrorist acts for bargaining purposes, he said, are designed to enable other terrorists to continue with their acts of murder, knowing that if they are caught, their friends will do everything to free them.

Therefore, he said, he was certain that Arab terrorists would continue to try their murderous activities, especially since they have the support of some Arab countries, plus the "laziness and lack of action" against them by other countries. Rabin, who was escorted in the town by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, watched new anti-terrorist techniques. The border patrol was active in coping with riots in the West Bank. Border patrol police also help keep law and order in some of the cities in Israel proper.

Meanwhile, El Al officials here reported that the Istanbul assault not only has not caused any loss in El Al bookings but that on the contrary,

more people are shifting to El Al flights.

MOVE AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The National Association of Securities Dealers has notified its members that firms which comply with Arab League demands to boycott other NASD members are in violation of the Association's rules of fair practice.

In a memorandum to all NASD members dated July 26 and marked "important," Gordon S. Macklin, president, said that the Association's board of governors had accepted the findings of a business conduct committee that "all boycott practices, including those involving substitutions," were "inconsistent with high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade."

The American Jewish Congress hailed the action by the NASD and called on other trade associations to "follow its excellent example." The AJCongress said that the Security and Exchange Commission had informed it that two leading investment banking houses, Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co. and Dillon, Read & Co., had cooperated in the boycott by denying business to stockbrokers on the Arab boycott list.

In a letter to Will Maslow, general counsel of the AJCongress, the SEC said that in five offerings handled overseas between December 1974 and July 1975, a broker or an affiliate acted as co-manager along with an Arab investment banker.

Francis R. Snodgrass, associate director of the SEC's division of market regulation, told the AJCongress in the letter that "In December, 1975, the NASD reported to the commission that it had found evidence indicating in some cases that foreign affiliates of NASD members and in one case an NASD member itself, had agreed, at the behest of an Arab firm, to exclude from the financing syndicate certain foreign investment banking firms, which were, presumably on the boycott list."

Snodgrass noted that in each case it appeared that a United States affiliate of the boycotted firm was substituted in the financing syndicate.

PLO AND LEBANON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's suggestion that "all parties" meet in a round-table conference to try to solve the problems of Lebanon does not include the Palestine Liberation Organization, the State Department said today.

Responding to questions from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for clarification of the Secretary's idea yesterday in a news conference at The Hague, State Department spokesman Frederick Brown said "all parties" referred to the Lebanese and that "the Palestinians" were not included among them.

Brown, however, refused to respond specifically to whether the Department continues to regard the PLO as "a terrorist organization," saying that the U.S. record of its views about the PLO has been presented.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--A Hebrew and Jewish History Chair has been approved by the Minister of Education for the federal university in Ouro Preto in the state of Minas Gerais. There are no Jews in Ouro Preto and no Jewish students are studying at the university.

