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## ISRAEL NAVY SINKS BOAT CARRYING TERRORISTS ON WAY TO COASTAL TOWN By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA) -- An Israeli Navy patrol boat intercepted and sank a motorboat manned by terrorists with Katyusha rockets in an encounter off the Lebanese coast just north of Ras Hanigra shortly after midnight last night, it was announced today. Several bodies seen floating on the sea near the Israeli shoreline this morning are believed to be the remains of the terrorists.

A military spokesman said the terrorists apparently planned a hit-and-run rocket attack on an Israeli coastal town or city in the Nahariya area depending upon the speed of their craft to make a swift approach and get away. The limited cruising range of the boat indicated that they departed on their mission from a point close to the Israeli border with Lebanon. Terrorists attempted a similar attack on Eilat last year, using a small cargo vessel laden with high explosives and armed with Katyusha rockets. That too was foiled by the Israeli Navy.

Naval experts said today that last night's action probably averted a major catastrophe. But they warned that this does not guarantee that the Navy will always succeed in spotting and destroying terrorist boats. In another naval related matter, the three landing craft that made the historic first passage through the Suez Canal by units of the Israel Navy last week, sailed from their base this morning, headed again for the Egyptian waterway. They are bound for Sharm el-Sheikh at the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula where they will begin the evacuation of military vehicles and other equipment.

## DORA BLOCH'S REMAINS TO BE BURIED By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- The remains of Dora Bloch will be laid to rest here tomorrow nearly three years after she was murdered at Kampala, Uganda on the orders of former President Idi Amin. Mrs. Bloch, who held Israeli and British citizenship, was a passenger on the Air France jet hijacked by Palestinian terrorists to Entebbe in June, 1976. When most of the hostages were rescued by an Israeli raiding party on July 3, she was in a Kampala hospital from where she disappeared a day later.

Her remains were discovered buried at a village near Kampala. With the cooperation of the new Uganda authorities, they were exhumed and flown to Israel where positive identification was made by Dr. Maurice Rogov, a pathologist who obtained the deceased's X-rays and medical records.

Mrs. Bloch's sons, Bertram and Daniel, were relentless in their efforts over the years to verify their mother's death and place of burial. They were convinced she had been murdered by Amin's secret police in an act of revenge against the successful Israeli rescue operation. Amin persisted in denying any knowledge of her fate.

Bertram Bloch accompanied his mother's coffin on an El Al flight from Nairobi, Kenya, to Israel yesterday. She will be given a state funeral tomorrow.

## U.S. 'REGRETS' SETTLEMENT DECISION; DEPLORES ASSASSINATION IN GAZA By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA) -- The United States said today that it "deeply regrets" Israel's decision to build another settlement near the Arab town of Nablus on the West Bank and that it considered "absolutely reprehensible" the Palestine Liberation Organization's acknowledged assassination of a Moslem religious leader in Gaza for supporting the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. But in neither case, however, did the Carter Administration indicate any moves to alter its relationship with Israel or its policy toward the PLO.

State Department spokesman Hoddging Carter discussed both matters at his press briefing today. He said "the point most disturbing" about the Israeli Cabinet's decision yesterday is that the "establishment of new settlements is harmful to the peace process" and "it is particularly regrettable at this time with negotiations just beginning" among the U.S., Egypt and Israel "to establish a new relationship" for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We feel it is detrimental and pre-judging the outcome of the negotiations," Carter said. "The point we are trying to stress is that we are getting down to negotiating this real estate" and the settlement "is bound to have a negative effect on the participants." Later he withdrew the term "real estate" and acknowledged that "obviously we consider this an extraordinarily sensitive issue."

Carter said, however, that the U.S. would not take any steps to prevent further settlements in the future, observing rhetorically, "other than diplomatic steps between friends -- no." He said he was not aware of any pledge by Israel not to establish further settlements. He replied "yes" when asked if this is a continuing problem.

Asked if privately owned land was being expropriated for the settlement near Nablus, Carter said "We don't know what the land is. If any private land is involved we would deeply regret that aspect of it. Taking private property is distressing."

Concerning the murder Friday night of Sheikh Hashem Al-Huzander, the Imam (religious leader) of Gaza, Carter said he was "incapable of making an accurate assessment of the effects of the assassination." "But it can't be anything but harmful," he noted. "We obviously condemn it in the strongest possible terms. Since the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) seem eager to take credit, we include them in the condemnation," Carter said.

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency what position the U.S. would take against the PLO if it seeks political control by assassination, Carter replied that assassination "is not acceptable." But he would not indicate any action that would alter the U.S. position toward the PLO of which the PFLP is an integral part.

## BEGIN DEFENDS SETTLEMENT POLICY, DECLARES TOTAL WAR ON PLO By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin delivered one of his toughest speeches at the opening of the Herut party's 14th national convention here last night, fervently defending Jewish settlement on the occupied West Bank as a "right" and

"duty," declaring total war against the Palestine Liberation Organization and warning President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to refrain from criticizing Jewish settlements or talking about the division of Jerusalem.

Begin's hard-line went well with his audience of 3000 Herut loyalists who cheered and stamped in the Jerusalem Convention Hall. "Settlement is a right and a duty. We have and will continue to fulfill that right and that duty," the Premier declared. He fiercely riled out any notion of a Palestinian state or divided sovereignty over Jerusalem.

Referring to warnings that Israel's aggressive settlement policies undermine Sadat at a time when he is being attacked by the Arab rejectionist states, Begin asserted, "We do not need anyone to preach to us about the delicate position of President Sadat vis-a-vis the Arab world. We certainly appreciate his courage and are ready to help him as much as we can, as I am sure he is ready to help us. But no one has yet helped his friends by committing suicide and this we will not do," Begin said.

Addressing himself to the P.L.O., the Premier vowed that "there will no longer be a policy of retaliation against the heinous terrorists who find refuge in Lebanon. We will pursue and hit him at any opportunity. We will not wait for blood-baths such as those which occurred in Nahariya and Tiberias. We are no longer defenseless and on foreign land. He who raises a hand against a Jewish child will not be safe in Beirut or anywhere else."

Begin expressed hope for a de jure peace with Jordan. But he called President Hafez Assad of Syria the victim of "a mad and devouring enemy." He said that normalization between Egypt and Israel "was developing satisfactorily." He said that if the United Nations removes the presence of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai to police the implementation of the Israeli-Egyptian treaty, another multinational force would be formed for the task. He said Israel, Egypt and the U.S. have agreed on that matter.

#### Catastrophes For Ehrlich

The balance of Begin's speech dealt with Israel's deteriorating economic situation. He warned Herut "If we do not put things right the voters will blame us." Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, head of Likud's Liberal Party wing, who was a guest on the podium was greeted with catcalls from the audience which tended to blame his stewardship over the Treasury for the country's economic woes. Visibly dismayed by the hostile reception, Ehrlich stumbled through his speech. He avoided any mention of economic matters but warned his Likud partners that "we need unity because the (Labor) Alignment is waiting in ambush for us."

Resounding cheers greeted the speech of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren who declared that the West Bank and Gaza Strip belonged to Israel because of their Biblical associations. The platform was also shared by President Yitzhak Navon and Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, who is a leader of the Liberal Party.

Despite the millantry of Begin and other Herut stalwarts, the convention opening lacked much of the luster that has characterized previous Herut gatherings. For one thing, die-hard MK Zeula Cohen and other dissenters who oppose the

peace treaty with Egypt absented themselves. In addition, there was an evidently self-imposed decorum in keeping with Herut's new position as the senior partner of the governing coalition.

The convention moved to Tel Aviv today where it will continue in session until Thursday, dealing mainly with party matters. The first order of business is the election of a chairman of the party's steering committee. A power struggle has already emerged between Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Absorption Minister David Levy on one hand and party members Eitan Livni and Michael Dekel on the other to install the nominees of their choice.

#### JEWISH WOMAN RETURNS TO EGYPT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL-AVIV, June 4 (JTA) — Leah Mandelbaum, who was born in Alexandria 70 years ago, returned to Egypt today after spending a weekend with relatives in Israel she had not seen for more than 40 years. The elderly woman crossed the border at El Arish last Friday without a passport, aided by sympathetic Egyptian and Israeli officers who heeded her plea to be allowed to enter Israel.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who had located Mrs. Mandelbaum in Alexandria several months ago at the request of her relatives in Israel, said he would personally make arrangements for her legal return to Israel as an immigrant. Weizman goes to Alexandria next week for the second meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian committee on Palestinian autonomy. He discussed the matter over the weekend with one of the woman's relatives, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, a former senior government official, now a Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. They agreed that it would be best not to violate the agreements with Egypt on the functioning of the border checkpoint at El Arish and therefore Mrs. Mandelbaum should return to Egypt and later re-enter Israel legitimately.

She agreed. Although relatives pleaded with her to stay, the woman insisted that she must go back to Egypt, promising that she would soon return to Israel permanently.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS DEMAND

##### PIKING OF BROADCAST OFFICIAL

By Solly Press

JOHANNESBURG, June 4 (JTA) — South African Jewry is urging the dismissal of a national broadcasting official who has written a booklet with anti-Semitic implications, including a reference to Jews as a "problem" that requires a "solution." The author is Bill Chalmers, head of religious programming of the publicly owned South African Broadcasting Corp., that has a monopoly over radio and television in the country.

The South African Zionist Federation has accused Chalmers of "a deliberate attempt to foster anti-Semitism" and Harold Rudolph, a Jewish member of the Johannesburg City Council, publicly challenged Chalmers' views. The booklet, titled "The Conspiracy of Truth," purports to be a "Christian" response to world problems. It contains attacks on "international finance," widely regarded as code words for alleged Jewish domination of financial institutions, for a "conspiracy" with Communism. Chalmers was born of British parents in India when that country was still governed by Britain.

The author was publicly rebuked by a Cabinet Minister and the press several years ago when he made references over the air to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. More recently he was rebuked by the South African Broadcasting Authority itself. But no move has been made to dismiss him.

## DAYAN GETS TUMULTUOUS WELCOME IN VISIT TO CAIRO MARKET

By David Landau

CAIRO, June 4 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan received a tumultuous welcome here today from shoppers and store owners at the famous Khan Khalili market in Cairo's old city. Egyptian security men shouted and shoved to keep a distance between Dayan and his wife Rachel, and the milling mob around them.

The Israeli security men began to look anxious when, as the Minister and his party struggled to wade their cars, the crowd chanted in harmony "B'ruh, B'dam, Nifkid Ya Sadat," the traditional political chant which can eventually whip a throng into an ecstasy of enthusiasm. Dayan himself, on the other hand, seemed delighted. He brushed aside the security men and repeatedly seized outstretched hands in warm grips. Earlier, he and his entourage had hunted for bargains in one of the market's many antique shops.

The Foreign Minister seemed fascinated by an erudite guide's explanations at the pyramids in Giza and the Sphinx nearby. His questions reflected his own keen pursuit of ancient Egyptian archaeological treasures. The entire area of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, which usually hums with tourist traffic was cleared for Dayan's visit in mid-afternoon and a serene stillness pervaded the otherwise raucous site.

All the camel drivers and muleteers who offer their beasts to tourists for photo opportunities were required to remove themselves and their animals in good time. Even the dung which is usually strewn around the spot was swept away.

## DAYAN'S GOAL: OPEN BORDERS

By David Landau

CAIRO, June 4 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said here today that he fully intends to have people moving across the borders between Israel and Egypt in both directions soon. Precisely how soon and how many people are among the myriad details under discussion here between Dayan and his Egyptian counterpart Foreign Minister Butros Ghali.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arranged what Dayan called "a pleasant surprise" by inviting the Foreign Minister to come and see him as soon as he touched down at Cairo Airport this morning. Dayan and his aides were whisked off by helicopter to the President's residence at Smatia. After the meeting, Dayan told Israeli newsmen that Sadat "stands firm" on the pledges of accelerated normalization that he gave to Premier Menachem Begin last week in El Arish. During their conversation, said Dayan, Sadat repeatedly pointed an authoritative finger at Ghali, instructing him to implement the various issues touched upon. Dayan seemed pleased with the meeting, terming Sadat's attitude "entirely positive, not only in respect of the treaty provisions, but also as regards speeding-up the pace of the normalization process."

Also present at the meeting were, on the Egyptian side, Vice President Hosni Mubarak, and, flanking Dayan, his Director General Yosef Ciechanover and his legal aide Meir Rosenne. This evening Dayan and his team began the down-to-earth business of negotiating the normalization together with Ghali and Egyptian officials at the ornate Foreign Ministry building here. There will probably be a further session Wednesday morning before Dayan leaves for home. Dayan will spend tomorrow touring Luxor, in upper Egypt. But it is

already clear that more negotiating will be required, on a lower level, before the tangible effects of the "open borders" begin to be applied.

Civil aviation experts from both countries will have to delineate together the precise details of the proposed air corridor between Cairo and Tel Aviv before commercial airliners can fly the route. Israeli sources are hoping, though, that the rough path of this corridor can be agreed upon during the present round of talks. These sources said that both TWA, the U.S. carrier, and the Dutch-airline KLM have shown an interest in flying the Tel Aviv-Cairo route. The air corridor is not likely to connect the two cities in a straight line over the Negev. Planes will be required to fly out to sea before swinging back over the Egyptian coast.

Dayan's small jet flew that route today making the journey in less than an hour. There was no room aboard the 10-seater plane, however, for Israeli newsmen covering this trip. They were flown in a vintage Air Force transport which stuck to the existing air lanes. That flight took three hours, arriving in Cairo just in time to see Dayan conclude his airport press conference.

## Pre-Yom Kippur War Days Discussed

This evening, Dayan and his wife Rachel, were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ghali. Tomorrow night there will be a lavish dinner in their honor and on Wednesday morning the Foreign Minister is due to meet with Egypt's Premier, Mustapha Khalil, before flying home. Recounting his meeting with Sadat with apparent pleasure, Dayan said the two men had reviewed "hypothetical questions concerning the pre-Yom Kippur War period." Sadat has said in the past that if Dayan had pressed more tenaciously his "interim pullback" idea in 1971, the war might have been avoided. Both Sadat and Dayan at the time seemed attracted to the idea of a partial Israeli pullback from the Suez Canal as a step towards peace. But Sadat's terms were an Israeli commitment to a timetable for ultimate total withdrawal and the Golda Meir government rejected this out of hand. Some observers felt, and some still feel, that Israel should have explored that "first Sadat initiative" more probingly.

Dayan himself refused to say what measure of agreement he and Sadat had achieved in their study of what might have been. Dayan said he and Sadat steered clear of such thorny subjects as West Bank settlements, the autonomy talks and Palestinian aspirations. He said Sadat spoke at length of Egypt's difficulties in the Arab world but seemed to draw comfort and encouragement from the fact that his own people were so determinedly supportive of his policy. Sadat noted that the Arab hardliners were riven with feuds.

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- "The world would be a better place if women ran it," former U.S. Representative Bella Abzug said today prior to tonight's opening session of the World Conference of Women Leaders. "Today, politics are run generally by men, and they are lacking in humanism and compassion," Abzug said, "Women could bring that same aspect into world diplomacy and politics, and I'm sure the world would be a better place for it." She claimed she was dismissed recently as chairperson of the President's Council on Women's Affairs because "I fervently opposed the national budget submitted to Congress, which reduced the amount allocated" for projects of concern to women. Other delegates to the four-day congress include Billie Miller, Health Minister of Barbados, financial industrialist Ester Okolow from Guyana and Parliament members, ministers, businesswomen and others from throughout the world.

## AAJE-CREATING EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM FOR TEACHING HOLOCAUST IN H.S.

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education announced today it has received a \$30,000 grant from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture to create an experimental curriculum on the Holocaust for high school classes of Jewish day, communal and congregational schools.

The 10-unit program, now being prepared under the supervision of the AAJE's National Curriculum Research Institute, "will employ a dramatically different approach to teaching the subject than is found in any other major course of Holocaust study prevalent in Jewish secondary education," said Arthur Brody of Watchung, N. J., president of the AAJE.

He said the approach "is based upon the scholarly compilation of primary source material -- encompassing concentration camp memoirs to Third Reich documents to Allied reports on the Nazi extermination program -- which is designed to let the student learn for himself the nature and extent of the Holocaust and thereupon form his own judgement on its significance to Jewish life, thought and history."

Brody said it "differs markedly from conventional Jewish school curricula which, by their common use of narrative exposition, must of necessity reflect and advocate a predetermined point of view. Our program is formulated on the belief that such a point of view, however valid, cannot have as meaningful an impact on a young person as that which he comes to through his own discovery of unbiased factual data."

### Program To Be Tested

The AAJE program material, which will be tested and evaluated during the 1979-80 school year prior to publication in The Brandeis School in Lawrence, N. Y., Flatbush Yeshiva in Brooklyn and Temple Sinai in Roslyn Heights, N. Y., will consist of historical, political, literary and theological sources, Brody said. "Every facet of Jewish life, including even so seemingly extraneous a subject as theology, was brought into play during the Holocaust period," he said. "To cite a single example of this last element, the source material will include records of halachic arguments among Jews in concentration camps concerning the validity of abortions -- essentially forbidden by Jewish law unless the mother's physical health is threatened -- in order to prevent the Nazis' common practice of putting to death all women they learned were pregnant."

Brody said that eight Jewish scholars are developing the units on the following subjects: Dr. Isaac Lewin, "The World That Was"; Prof. Ismar Schorsch, "The Antecedents of Nazi Germany"; Dr. Lucian Dobroszycki, "Nazi Germany" and "Destruction"; Dr. Isiah Trunk, "Resistance" and "Kiddush Hachayim" (sanctification of life); Prof. Henry Feingold, "The Response of the Free World"; Efraim Zuriff, "The Uniqueness of the Shoah"; Prof. Eliezer Berkovitz, "What It Means to be a Jew After Auschwitz"; and Dr. Franklin Littell, "The Righteous Among the Nations." He added that each unit will be supplemented by a teacher's guide, dealing with presentation methodology that is being prepared by Jay Sechechter, a pedagogic specialist in the area of Holocaust instruction.

## WEST GERMANY DONATES \$10,000 TO HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN NYC

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- The Federal Republic of Germany presented a \$10,000 check yesterday for the construction of a "Garden of Remembrance" for Jews murdered in Nazi concentration camps at the Brotherhood Synagogue in Manhattan.

The West German Ambassador to the United States, Berndt von Shaden, in presenting the check to members of the synagogue, spoke about the excellent relations between the Bonn government and Israel and noted that a government sponsored Jewish theological seminary will open in Heidelberg at the end of this year.

Commenting on the significance of the German gift to the synagogue, the Ambassador said, "We are every bit as indebted to the Jews as to all our intellectual forefathers. We ought to be aware of the expulsion of the Jews and that the murder of innumerable Jewish citizens robbed our nation of creative minds who to this day have not been replaced and who remain irreplaceable."

Von Shaden also paid tribute to the late Roy Blumenthal, the brother of a synagogue member, and long-time public relations consultant to West Germany. Blumenthal was instrumental in arranging the historic meeting between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Premier David Ben Gurion which decided the question of German reparations to Israel after World War II.

The garden, to be located at the synagogue, will have two parts. Inscribed on a marble wall in a garden behind the synagogue, will be the names of the deceased members of the synagogue community. In a corner of the garden, a memorial to the Holocaust victims will be constructed.

William Cohen, a spokesman for the synagogue, felt that the German wish to make amends to the Jewish people was sincere. He also noted that an open international competition for sculptors and artists will be held to decide on the design for the memorial.

## DEVICE PERMITS SHABBAT DRIVING

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- Orthodox engineers at the Institute for Science and Torah in Gush Etzion claim to have invented devices that will allow observant Jews to drive vehicles in emergencies on the Sabbath without violating halachic injunctions. Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, one of the inventors, said in an Army Radio interview that the new devices have rabbinical approval.

Religious law permits riding on the Sabbath in cases of dire emergency by physicians or security men. But it does not permit them to turn their motors and headlights on or off because those actions are not included under the dispensation. This posed a severe problem for the strictly observant who had to leave their motors running and lights on until the Sabbath ended. The new devices, according to the rabbi, allow the religious driver to press a button which is not linked to any electric circuit but causes the automatic switch-off of engine and lights. A similar device allows a pious driver to start his vehicle on the Sabbath without touching the ignition. If turned on before the Sabbath, it feeds a small amount of fuel to the engine. The driver only has to steer and does not have to use the clutch pedal in vehicles with conventional transmissions. Another electronic device operates windshield wipers without the intervention of the driver.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Lev Ulanovsky, a longtime Moscow Jewish activist and underground Hebrew teacher, has been granted an exit visa, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews learned Monday.