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## BEGIN; TERROR ATTACK ON KIBBUTZ PROVES ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin said today that the terrorist attack yesterday on Kibbutz Misgav Am in which three Israelis were killed, one of them a 2 1/2-year-old child, was proof of Israel's need for security. "Evil men who are bent on the destruction of Israel carried out this barbaric crime," Begin said as he received the Stephen Wise Award from an American Jewish Congress leadership mission visiting Jerusalem. "It is only a warning to us as far as our future security is concerned. We knew it all the time. Now some others will understand it better."

The terrorists invaded the kibbutz on the Lebanese border early yesterday and took a group of children in the kibbutz nursery into custody. Shmuel (Sami) Shani, 34, the secretary of the kibbutz, who was in the nursery to make repairs was killed in an apparent struggle with the terrorists. An Israeli soldier, Elyahu Tzafir, of Holon, was killed during a first unsuccessful rescue attempt by the army. During the second, successful rescue attempt, Eyal Gluska, the 2 1/2-year-old child, was killed and four other children were wounded. The troops killed the five terrorists.

One other kibbutz member, Meir Peretz, and 11 soldiers were also wounded. Peretz, who was wounded in the leg, was still hospitalized today.

### Message Of Condolence From Carter

Begin received a message of condolence from President Carter today. "I am shocked and deeply saddened by the tragedy at Misgav Am," Carter wrote. "Please accept my heartfelt condolences and those of all my fellow Americans. Our thoughts are with you and the friends and families of the victims of the brutal act."

The message was delivered by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, who had himself condemned the attack yesterday. He said there was no justification for an attack on a peaceful community and especially on the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Egyptian Ambassador Saad Mortada, who was guest of Moroccan Jews at their traditional Mimouna Festival which is held every year on the eighth day of Passover, said Egypt is against bloodshed whether it is of Jews or Arabs. "Though we have an understanding of the plight of the Palestinians, we reject bloodshed as a way of reaching political aims. It is better to sit at the negotiating table."

(In Paris today, the French government condemned the terrorist attack as "odious" and expressed sympathy for the victims and their relatives. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing issued a personal statement condemning the raid and expressing his and France's outrage. Jewish organizations in France cabled messages of sympathy to the Israel government and said that yesterday's outrage indicates the type of "terrorists with which Israel is called upon to negotiate.")

Meanwhile, an investigation was being conducted as to why the electronic warning devices on the fence that surrounds Kibbutz Misgav Am did not go off. Electronics experts and

the manufacturers were inspecting the fence today.

From his hospital bed today, Peretz said he was the only adult sleeping in the nursery when he was awakened by the five terrorists pointing their guns at him. He said he was tied up and two of the infants were taken from their cribs and placed on his bed. He said the children continuously cried for their parents.

Peretz said one of the terrorists apparently lost control of himself and fired into his leg. When the Israeli troops stormed the dormitory, he grabbed the two infants and fell to the floor, managing to crawl into a corner where they remained until they were rescued.

This afternoon thousands of kibbutzniks and other residents from Israeli settlements far and wide attended the double funeral of Gluska and Shani at Kibbutz Misgav Am. Among those at the funeral were Begin and top government officials. As the tiny coffin containing the child's body was lowered into the grave, Begin quoted the words of Chaim Nachman Bialik: "Even Satan has not yet invented revenge for a little child's blood." Many attending the funeral were crying and sobbing. The funeral service for Tzafir will be held tomorrow in Tel Aviv.

## CARTER, SADAT BEGIN TALKS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 8 (JTA) — President Carter and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt opened their two days of intensive discussions at the White House today which appeared to include consideration of means to induce Israel to retreat from agreed Camp David formulas and persuade Palestinian Arabs to join the autonomy talks.

Neither the White House nor Egyptian sources were prepared to disclose how the Carter-Sadat talks proceeded. The Israel Embassy was closed for the last day of Passover and no one there was available for comment. Carter and Sadat will meet again for dinner tonight when they are expected to speak publicly for the first time on their discussions.

Sadat, on his arrival here late yesterday from Cairo, asserted that he would put the Palestinian problem "on the road to a just settlement." He did not outline how he would recommend going about this. There was speculation in some quarters that Sadat will ask Carter to present Premier Menachem Begin of Israel, who arrives here next week, with a proposal that "a security committee" be established to determine Israel's security requirements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in return for autonomy for the inhabitants of those areas in line with Sadat's views.

The purpose would be, according to these quarters, to induce Israel to relent on its position in opposition to Sadat's recommendations which it sees as leading to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Movement in the Israeli-Egyptian-American autonomy talks is considered essential by the Carter Administration to enable a postponement of the May 26 target date for a decision on autonomy and thereby preserve the Camp David process and Carter's foremost achievement in foreign policy.

## PREPARATIONS FOR BEGIN, CARTER MEETING

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA) — Preparations are in full swing for Premier Menachem Begin's trip to

Washington next week for discussions with President Carter on the autonomy negotiations. Senior officials have been meeting at the Prime Minister's Office to draft the position papers on which Begin will rely in his talks with Carter. The Cabinet is scheduled to hold a foreign policy debate tomorrow and the hard-liners are expected to prevail in light of yesterday's terrorist assault on Kibbutz Misgav Am.

Begin will be accompanied in Washington by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Israeli negotiating team in the autonomy talks. Begin met today with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis to review the status of the negotiations. The American envoy will leave for Washington shortly to help in the preparations there for Begin's visit.

Shamir appeared before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today to brief its members on the autonomy talks to date. He said the last meeting of the principals in Alexandria showed that differences exist on "almost every issue except for the election modalities for the administrative council, the proposed self-governing body for the Palestinians. He refused to discuss details of the upcoming talks in Washington before the Cabinet takes up the matter tomorrow.

Committee chairman Moshe Arens expressed concern that if external and internal pressures on Egypt persist, President Anwar Sadat might recall his Ambassador to Tel Aviv before 1982 when Israel's withdrawal from Sinai is to be completed.

#### No Knowledge Of A Sadat Visit To Jerusalem

Meanwhile, government officials said they had "no knowledge" of an impending visit to Jerusalem by Sadat to address the Knesset on the Palestinian issue. Various media reports this week claimed that the Egyptian leader, now meeting with President Carter in Washington, hoped to make such a visit if an invitation was extended by Israel. According to one news source, Egyptian officials traveling with Sadat confirmed this.

But a source close to Begin said Israel has been given no hint that Sadat has such intentions in his most recent contacts with Cairo. The source observed that it has been 2 1/2 years since Sadat addressed the Knesset and in that time no invitation has been forthcoming for Begin to address the Egyptian parliament.

Begin told an American Jewish Congress leadership mission, "We are negotiating the second phase of the Camp David agreement. We want them (the talks) to prosper and they can if everybody is as faithful to the second phase as we have been to the first which concerned the treaty of peace between us and Egypt."

#### ISRAEL BOYCOTTS UN COUNCIL MEETING IN PROTEST AGAINST TERROR ATTACK

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 8 (JTA) -- Israel today boycotted the Security Council's meeting to discuss the issue of Palestinian rights in protest against yesterday's terrorist raid against Kibbutz Misgav Am in northern Israel. The Israel Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, and his aides did not attend the deliberations.

Blum held a press conference this morning at which he condemned the Security Council for occupying itself with "distortion of reality" and declared that the latest terrorist attack should come as a "revelation" to those who have recently claimed that the Palestine Liberation Organization has become moderate. He said that yesterday's

PLO outrage destroys "the wishful thinking" and "illusions" of certain European countries which have talked recently about the PLO's peaceful intentions.

Blum also sharply criticized UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for his statement yesterday on the terrorist attack. The Israeli envoy claimed that Waldheim's comments would only "encourage" the "criminal activities" of the PLO.

Waldheim's statement said he was "deeply concerned at the report of an incursion" into Kibbutz Misgav Am "which resulted in an exchange of fire in which three Israelis and five infiltrators were reportedly killed and 16 Israelis were wounded." The statement added that "The Secretary General deeply deplores this violent incident, not only because of the casualties entailed, especially innocent civilians, but also because such incidents increase tension in the area."

Blum said that Waldheim's failure to identify the terrorists and condemn the acts they committed can only encourage similar acts in the future. He said that the five terrorists raided the kibbutz through the area under control of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and charged that since Israel withdrew its forces from south Lebanon and UNIFIL took control, more than 2000 PLO terrorists "took residence" in the area south of the Litani River and the area under UNIFIL control.

Blum said that Israel has drawn the attention of the UN authorities to the PLO's use and abuse of the area under UN control for attacks on Israel. In a letter to Waldheim yesterday, Blum declared that Israel would take all measures seen appropriate to protect the lives of its citizens.

The Israeli envoy denounced the Security Council's debate on Palestinian rights and charged that its purpose is to disrupt the peace process in general. He said it was called at this time to coincide with the visits of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel to Washington for meetings with President Carter.

Blum accused the Soviet Union of being a force behind the scenes to continue the debate in order to keep the issue alive as long as peace efforts are in motion. It had been reported last week that the debate was to be adjourned until July.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A terrorist cell in its formative stage was uncovered by Israeli security services in the Israeli Arab village of Tamra in the western Galilee. Three local youths, all of whom are working in Israel, were detained. It was reported that they were recruited into an El Fatah cell under the command of a Fatah leader in the West Bank. Their task was to prepare bombs and to place them at various sites in Israel. More arrests are expected.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Business firms nationwide, except in Jerusalem, will close down for 24 hours Wednesday in protest against "unbearable taxation." Merchants are particularly incensed over what they call the "inflation tax" in which they are supposed to pay taxes on the increased value of their stock caused by inflation.

#### JTA DURING TRANSIT STRIKE

For the duration of the mass transit strike, the Daily News Bulletin will continue to appear in a two-page form. Despite the drastically reduced staff and related problems due to the strike, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency will provide its subscribers with major news developments.