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## PERES AND MUBARAK HOLD SUMMIT MEETING

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- The long awaited summit meeting between Premier Shimon Peres and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt began in Alexandria Thursday. The Israeli leader was received at the airport by Egyptian Premier Ali Lofti and then flew by helicopter to the Ras el-Tine Palace for his first working session with Mubarak, which began at 4 p.m. local time.

The reception for the Israeli leader was low key and security was especially tight. The meeting is the first Israeli-Egyptian summit in five years and until late Wednesday it was uncertain it would take place.

The chief obstacle, an accord between the two countries on how to arbitrate their border dispute over Taba, was signed after midnight, ending 18 months of off-again, on-again negotiations.

This drew high praise from the U.S., which had been applying pressure to both sides for an agreement. "We extend our congratulations to the two governments and their negotiating delegations, which have engaged in long, hard discussions over the past year and a half," the State Department said in a statement released in Washington Wednesday night.

"We are confident that completion of the agreement on Taba arbitration will significantly further Egyptian-Israeli relations and enhance the atmosphere for the broader peace process. This agreement reached between close friends of the United States, proves that negotiations work," the statement said.

### Peres: Summit Is Not Merely A Media Event

Peres told reporters aboard his plane during the short flight to Alexandria that he rejected the notion that the summit was nothing more than a media event. He said he anticipated serious discussions of both bilateral issues and the broader peace process.

He received a courteous send-off by his Likud colleagues of the unity government. The Inner Cabinet (five Labor and five Likud Ministers) approved his trip at a special meeting Thursday morning.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said after the Premier's plane took off that Peres enjoyed the consensual support of the Cabinet "provided he adheres to the terms of those documents that are agreed upon by the whole government."

### Pledges To Adhere To Government Guidelines

Peres pledged to keep to the government's guidelines in his talks with Mubarak. In a prepared statement released just before his departure from Alexandria, the Premier said: "I speak on behalf of all members of the Cabinet when I say that the peace process is a central theme of our national agenda. We will not allow the peace process to die or to fade."

"I hope we will be putting an end today to four years of the cooling of the peace, with the return of the Egyptian Ambassador to Israel and the renewal of the issue of bilateral ties between

our two countries .... The government of Israel is determined to develop the relations between the two countries, to make sincere efforts to widen the peace process. An active peace between Israel and Egypt would constitute a major contribution to the broadening of the circle of peace in the region."

The Israeli leader spoke in a similar vein to reporters in Alexandria. "We expect to reach a meeting of minds on how to advance the process of peace in the Middle East," he said.

Peres was received in Alexandria with the full dress ceremony that protocol accords a visiting head of government. But observers noted that it was far from the warm welcome given Premier Menachem Begin on his first trip to Egypt following the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in 1979.

Peres has long entertained hopes that once the Taba dispute is on the way to settlement, normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt would proceed rapidly under the peace treaty terms. He hopes for an end to the "cold peace" which has prevailed since Egypt withdrew its Ambassador from Tel Aviv after Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982.

But Peres, who will hand over his office to Likud leader Shamir next month under the Labor-Likud rotation of power agreement, will be constrained by the coalition guidelines in his talks with Mubarak. He has already rejected self-determination for the Palestinians and is expected to state unequivocally Israel's position on terrorism.

### Palestinian Issue Is Raised

The Palestinian issue was raised by Premier Lofti, who lunched with Peres prior to the first summit session. He stressed that recognition of the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians and granting them self-determination" would overcome a serious obstacle in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Lofti also spoke in favor of an international conference for peace in the Middle East.

Peres, in his reply, observed that the Palestinians are a people "just like any other people" and expressed hope that their problems would be resolved. He stressed that Israel has no desire to rule another people.

Uri Savir, Peres' communications advisor, described the atmosphere as "warm and cordial." The Premier's first working session with Mubarak was followed by a festive dinner. A second meeting was to be held either late Thursday night or early Friday morning. The summit meeting will end Friday, possibly with Peres and Mubarak holding a joint press conference.

### RABIN: TERRORISM IS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO PEACE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday that terrorism is preventing any movement in the peace process. "Terrorism is the main obstacle to peace," he told reporters after a one-hour meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz at the State Department. Rabin indicated that the major topic of discussion was Egyptian-Israeli relations.

The meeting took place shortly after it was announced that Israeli Premier Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had scheduled their long-awaited summit for Thursday and Friday.

Since King Hussein of Jordan abandoned his initiative earlier this year, the Reagan Administration has been placing its hopes on improved Egyptian-Israeli relations to put new life into the Mideast peace process.

But Rabin cautioned Wednesday against expecting any movement in the near term. He said there is a need to encourage Palestinian moderates on the West Bank and Gaza, but anyone who shows any signs of being willing to negotiate with Israel is threatened by terrorists.

Rabin said this means terrorism must be coped with "in the territories, in Lebanon and in the region." While such efforts are being made, Rabin said nothing was being done about the countries that are the "sources of terrorism" because they "encourage and support" terrorists. These countries were identified by Rabin as Syria, Libya and Iran. He did not say what should be done.

Rabin met with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and National Security Advisor John Poindexter Thursday. The meeting between the two defense chiefs reportedly included talks about U.S. military aid to Israel, strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel, and the controversial Israeli Lavi fighter plane project. According to published reports, Israel estimates the cost of the plane at \$15.5 million while the Pentagon claims it would cost \$22.5 million.

Rabin is scheduled to meet with Vice President George Bush on Friday. Peres is scheduled to arrive in Washington Monday for a meeting with President Reagan.

#### JEWISH LEADERS FROM 20 WESTERN NATIONS URGE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 11 (JTA)-- Jewish leaders from 20 countries urged the Western nations Thursday to wage all-out war against international terrorism including strikes at terrorist bases wherever they are.

The call for action was made at an urgent session of the European Jewish Congress (EJC) convened here by Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), to implement measures for security and protection of synagogues and Jewish institutions in Europe as the High Holy Days approach.

The dangers were underlined by the terrorist attack on the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul last Saturday in which 21 Jews attending Sabbath services were killed.

"Terrorism should not be understood, it should be fought and eradicated," Bronfman declared. Lionel Kopelowicz, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and of the EJC, urged Jews not to "give in to terrorism. Show them that they cannot intimidate us."

The meeting called on Jews worldwide to attend the upcoming holiday services in larger numbers than usual to demonstrate their defiance of the terrorist threat.

Israel Singer, secretary general of the WJC, accused Western governments of being "lax." He observed that "Terrorists make good use of the Western World's freedom. Our governments should act and act now. Today they (terrorists) are

killing Jews. Tomorrow they will kill whole non-Jewish communities."

Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), called for military measures against terrorists. "The West should strike at terrorist bases and training camps. They should not be allowed to feel secure anywhere," he said.

Klein, who will assume the presidency of the EJC on October 1, did not specify what sort of targets he had in mind. "This will be the political responsibility of the various governments," he said. "They and their intelligence services probably know enough to pinpoint the sites where the terrorists organize themselves and where they return after carrying out their murderous attacks."

The WJC will hold other meetings throughout the United States on the dangers of terrorism. It will convene its Latin American branch for an extraordinary conference on the subject next month.

#### ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAYS WORLD COOPERATION CAN CURB TERRORISM

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, told a memorial service organized by Ottawa's Jewish community mourning the 21 Jews murdered at the Istanbul synagogue last Saturday that "terrorism cannot flourish unless there are states that provide financing, training, weapons and logistics to those who are about to embark on the most vicious acts of terrorism."

Terrorism, the Ambassador declared, can be curbed only if many countries cooperate to "make sure that terrorist massacres cannot be conducted with impunity."

Canadian Deputy Premier Tom Mazankowski said the Canadian government will continue to vigorously oppose terrorism and press for a just peace in the Middle East.

Yalcin Oral, Charge d'Affaires at the Turkish Embassy here, expressed his government's outrage at the killings and said that Turkey is most anxious to capture the killers.

All three parties represented in the House of Commons sent representatives to the memorial services. (Related story on P.4.)

#### AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND AJCOMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO HELP STEM ANTI-SEMITISM IN AUSTRIA

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)-- The Austrian government and the American Jewish Committee (AJC) have agreed to establish a joint working group to implement a program to stem anti-Semitism in that country, leaders of the AJC, who have just returned from a mission to Austria, announced at a press conference here Wednesday.

"This is the first time in 40 years that the Austrian government has agreed to the establishment of such joint working group with any Jewish organization," said Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, the AJC's director of international relations, who was part of the six-member delegation.

Tanenbaum said the program to reduce anti-Semitism in Austria includes three elements: a major conference involving academic research institutes on anti-Semitism in Austria; a symposium on the contribution of Jews to Austria and to

American culture; and an Austrian symposium on combating anti-Semitic tendencies that would incorporate experiences in Austria, West Germany and the U.S.

Leo Nevas, chairperson of the AJC's Board of Governors, who headed the delegation, noted that the group was the first from an American Jewish organization to visit Austria since the election of Kurt Waldheim as President following a bitter campaign with many anti-Semitic overtones in the wake of revelations concerning Waldheim's Nazi past.

Nevas said the delegation met with Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and Foreign Minister Peter Jankowitsch, leaders of the major political parties and leaders of the Austrian Jewish community.

"We did not ask to meet Waldheim nor were we asked to meet with him," Miles Jaffe, chairperson of the AJC's international commission said.

Nevas and Jaffe said that in their discussions with the Austrian leaders they expressed concern over the use of anti-Semitism as a "political currency" in Austria's recent Presidential campaign. "The use of political anti-Semitism was a terrible shock to Austria's Jewish community," Jaffe asserted. Nevas noted, however, that currently there is no fear or panic of anti-Semitism among the some 9,000 Jews in Austria. "They are concerned that the use of political anti-Semitism will be used in the future, unless it is stopped now," Nevas said.

According to Jaffe, the Austrian officials and leaders did not contradict the assertion that there was a wide use of political anti-Semitism in the Presidential campaign.

Citing research by Austrian social scientists, Nevas said it was found that anti-Semitism affected 10 to 15 percent of the Austrian population and was largely rooted in the older generation, in rural areas, and among the less educated.

Nevas also pointed out that the "AJC group acknowledged in its meetings in Austria that Austria is a Western democracy and the role it played in assisting Soviet Jewish emigrants."

Other members of the delegation were Edward Elson, chairperson of the AJC's board of trustees; David Gordis, AJC's executive vice president; and William Trosten, AJC's associate director. The mission was initiated and organized by the AJC's international relations department.

#### **RABIN SETS CONDITIONS FOR ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN MIDEAST CONFERENCE AT WHICH SOVIETS WOULD BE PRESENT**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared Thursday that Israel would not appear at any international conference to discuss the Middle East at which the Soviet Union would participate unless one of two conditions are first met.

These are, restoring diplomatic relations with Israel and "even more important opening the gates of the Soviet Union to free emigration" for Soviet Jews, Rabin said in a speech to the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think tank. "Without the Soviet Union doing one of these two conditions we cannot see any international forum in which the Soviet Union is included and in which peace is discussed," he said.

When questioned about this position, Rabin asked how Israel could be expected to accept the USSR into the peace process when Moscow refuses to talk to the Jewish State and at the same

time arms Syria and other radical Arab states. He said the Soviets give Syria weapons not even given to East European countries.

Rabin said that the summit conference between Israeli Premier Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is the "fruit of the strategy" which, since 1974 has had the United States working with Israel and Egypt to bring about peace between the two countries.

But he said he doubted that Jordan would join in negotiations soon because of the "threat of terror and threat of radical Arab countries from the outside and cowardice of Arab oil countries that don't dare to support moderate Arabs."

Rabin repeated the statement which has become the theme of his current visit to Washington that terrorism is the major obstacle to peace. He said Hussein and other Arab leaders are afraid to seek peace with Israel because of the threat of assassination. He said the same is true for any Palestinian on the West Bank or Gaza Strip who speaks out against the tactics of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He said terrorism cannot be eliminated but it can be coped with so that it does not interfere with the political process. He expressed the hope that during the next few years Jordan would join with Israel in stamping out terrorist threats to the West Bank.

Rabin stressed that although Israel seeks peace with its Arab neighbors, its existence does not depend on it. "We are going to stay there as a Jewish independent state," he said. He said that Israel proved with Egypt that peace is "attainable" and it is now a question of time and terms for achieving it with other Arab states.

In introducing Rabin, Edward Feulner, Heritage's president, said that conservatives are Israel's best friends in the U.S. When Rabin was asked about this he said he would not make the same mistake as when he was Ambassador to the U.S. and was accused of supporting President Nixon in 1972. But he said under President Reagan support for Israel has reached its "peak."

Earlier in the day, Rabin met for three hours with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. The Israeli defense leader told the Heritage Foundation audience that he and Weinberger did not discuss the controversial Lavi project. (See related story, P.1.)

#### **MITTERRAND PROMISES THAT THE CAUSE OF SOVIET JEWRY WILL NOT BE ABANDONED**

PARIS, Sept. 11 (JTA)-- President Francois Mitterrand promised Wednesday that "the cause of Soviet Jewry could not and would not be abandoned." He made the pledge to four Jewish leaders who met with him on the occasion of the annual meeting of the European Branch of the International Conference for Soviet Jewry which opened here Wednesday.

The delegation included Natan Shcharansky, the aliya activist now a citizen of Israel; Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International; Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives; and Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF). They were accompanied by Ovadia Sofer, Israel's Ambassador to France.

Shcharansky had met privately with Mitterrand on Tuesday to thank the French leader for his personal intervention which helped secure Shcharansky's release last February.

# MEMORIAL MEETINGS HELD FOR VICTIMS OF ISTANBUL TERRORISM

(From Combined JTA Wire Services)

Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Memorial meetings were held in cities across the country Wednesday for the 21 Jews murdered by terrorists while at worship in the Neve Shalom Synagogue in Istanbul last Saturday.

In Washington, D.C., the Turkish Ambassador to the United States said his government will do everything possible to find those responsible for the terrorist attack. "The Turkish government for its part, has vowed to take all necessary measures to apprehend and punish those who were involved in this wanton attack," Ambassador Sukru Elekdag told some 500 persons attending a memorial service at Adas Israel Synagogue.

"With profound grief and sympathy to the families of those who lost their lives as a result of this heinous act in a place of worship, I, on behalf of my government vehemently condemn this dastardly act," Elekdag said.

"During the darkest periods of Jewish history in both the 15th and 20th centuries, Turks have opened their arms to Jews, irrespective of their place of origin, when doors elsewhere were closed to them."

At noon Wednesday, about 50 persons attended a service led by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks at the Istanbul synagogue and on the Pan American plane in Pakistan.

The interfaith service was organized by the church, the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington and was timed to coincide with the funeral service in Istanbul.

## Rabbi Assails Carter And Moore

Addressing a memorial service in New York, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, took sharp issue with former President Jimmy Carter and the Rev. Paul Moore Jr., the Episcopal Bishop of New York, for attributing the Istanbul synagogue massacre to "lack of progress in the Middle East" and "the frustration of Third World persons."

"Bishop Moore is no anti-Semite, nor is Jimmy Carter, but their attempt to find excuses for those who slaughter innocents gives us pause," Schindler told the assemblage at UAHC headquarters.

Carter, who spoke at Oachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., following the synagogue attack, said failure to achieve Middle East peace was responsible for terrorist acts. "The origin of this terrorism, including the dastardly actions in Pakistan, is the lack of progress in the Middle East" and the situation "will not improve until the question of the rights of the Palestinians is addressed," Carter said.

Bishop Moore said in a statement after the synagogue massacre and the hijacking of a Pan Am plane in Karachi, Pakistan, that he does "not condone terrorism of any kind but some of the reasons behind it have to do with the frustrations of Third World persons. I don't think we are doing enough to try to understand what it is that causes this rage." Responding to those views, Schindler said: "One must wonder at their failure

to understand that Arab terrorists don't want peace in the Middle East. Palestinians who evince even a minimal interest in some form of accommodation with Israel are quickly cut down. Arab terrorism is not the consequence of any failure to attain peace in the Middle East. It is, rather, the principal cause of the failure to move toward negotiations and a resolution of Arab-Israeli differences."

A special service was held in Chicago, where Dr. Steven Nasatir, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, read a cable from the Chicago Jewish community to Chief Rabbi David Asseo of Turkey.

It said: "We join in your grief for the 21 of our people who died at Kidush Hashem last Shabat .... We reflect bitterly that so many of our people must die before the world and the nations rise up and say no to terrorism as an acceptable means of political expression."

The Federation/JUF offices closed in the afternoon to allow Board members and staff to attend the service. A guest speaker was Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, who asserted that the world has not taken adequate steps to stop terrorism. Kollek is in Chicago to receive the Torch of Peace Award of the Albert Einstein Peace Prize Foundation, which was presented to him by Zvi Brosh, Israel's Consul General for the Midwest.

Richard Wexler, Federation president, said that until terrorism is stopped, no one is safe. Rabbi Mordecai Simon, executive vice president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, led the assemblage in reciting the 27th Psalm. The Mourners Kaddish and El Mole Rahamim were chanted by Cantor Joel Resnick.

## Messages From Falwell And Jackson

In other responses to the Istanbul tragedy, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, president of Liberty Federation, said in a statement to the JTA: "The entire world community should condemn harshly the barbarous conduct of the Arab terrorists who bombed the synagogue in Istanbul. From Moscow to Washington, from Cairo to Amman, all decent peace loving persons should call for the capture and speedy prosecution of these murderers. All men and women of faith should likewise join in prayer for all of the affected families."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in a statement issued from his National Rainbow Coalition headquarters in Washington, D.C., said that the "horrendous act of terrorism" that killed the Jewish worshippers in Istanbul "shook the hearts of millions of people throughout the world. This latest example of mindless, heartless massacre reminds us of the fragility of life and of the depths of racist and anti-Semitic feeling that still exist and which must be overcome for our world to live in peace."

## RABBI YITZHAK FRENKEL DEAD AT 73

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Rabbi Yitzhak Yedidiye Frenkel, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, died Monday at age 73. He was buried in the Nachlat Yitzchak Cemetery after a memorial service at the Great Synagogue here. Frenkel served as a rabbi her for 50 years, the last 13 of them as Chief Rabbi and as president of the local rabbinical court.