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FRANCE GRANTS ASYLUM FOR PALESTINIAN DEPORTED WITH 4 OTHERS FROM WEST BANK By Hugh Orgel

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TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Israel deported five Palestinians from the West Bank on Sunday and, in an extraordinary move, France granted asylum for one of them.

Dr. Taysir Aruri, who taught physics at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank until it was shut down by the Israeli authorities, was expected in Paris late Sunday night.

He is one of five Palestinians whose final appeals against expulsion were rejected by Israel's High Court of Justice last Thursday. All were expelled Sunday.

Israel claims that the men, who have records of security offenses and have long been in custody, are leaders of the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Setting something of a precedent, Israeli authorities permitted the five to select where he wanted to be deported.

Aruri, who is a member of the Palestinian Communist Party, chose France. He said he feared for his life if sent to Lebanon, the place where Israel usually expels those it deems security risks.

The other four deportees were flown by helicopter to the southern Lebanon security zone, where they were given medical checkups and some money before friends drove them further north.

France has consistently condemned the deportation of Palestinian civilians from the West Bank. But Aruri's request for asylum put the French in an awkward position.

To accept him could be interpreted as implicit approval of his deportation. But by turning down the request, Paris would belie its tradition of welcoming political refugees.

#### Deportations To Continue

The French finally decided in favor of Aruri, Stopped By Two Masked Men whose request for asylum was conveyed by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

In Paris, a ranking French official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the government's move "can by no means constitute a precedent." But experts could not recall another instance of a European country granting asylum to Palestinians expelled by Israel.

Aruri, who lived in El-Birch, had been held under administrative detention, without trial or charges, for four years, from 1974 to 1978.

The others deported Sunday were:

\* Mohammed Matur, 40, a lecturer at a nursing school, whom the Israelis say was active in the intifada in the Jerusalem-Ramallah area;

\* Odeh Ma'ali, a member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who served a year in prison for subversion in 1984 and resumed his activities upon his release;

\* Magid Labadi of Abu Dis, near Jerusalem, also of the Democratic Front, who was sentenced to 15 months in jail in 1981 and was subsequently held in administrative detention; and

\* Bilal Shakhshir of Nablus, another Democratic Front member.

Gen. Dan Shomron, the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, said Sunday that the deportations would continue, though not on a regular basis.

MISSING JEWELLER IS RESCUED BY 'PROPHET' WEARING A UNIFORM By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Shaul Mishanya, a 48-year-old jeweller from Bat-Yam, said he prayed for help to the prophet Elijah from the bottom of a dry well, and Elijah appeared -- in the form of Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commander of Israeli forces in the West Bank.

Mishanya is the first Jew kidnapped by Palestinians in the administered territories who lived to tell about it.

He was rescued unharmed Friday, less than 36 hours after being reported missing, in an operation for which the Israel Defense Force and the internal security service, Shin Bet, have been praised.

But the incident has caused serious concern in high security circles that the 20-month-old intifada, as the Palestinian uprising is called, is being increasingly "Lebanonized."

In recent months, Israeli soldiers have been abducted and murdered, clear cases of terror.

Mishanya is the first Israeli civilian to be snatched as a hostage. The fact that he was treated well by his captors suggests they intended to use him to bargain for the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

That is precisely what has been happening in Lebanon, where the kidnapped hostages are Western nationals.

The authorities are clearly worried that from now on there will be more abductions of Israeli civilians, and not all of them with happy endings.

Mishanya, looking shabby and unkempt, sat wide-eyed next to Gen. Mordechai at a news conference Friday at the Tulkarm military post. He discussed his ordeal in broken sentences, as if uncertain that it was over.

"You may laugh," he told the assembled reporters, "but I have many stories about prophet Elijah. I stood in the well and prayed to Elijah," Mishanya said, raising his arms in a gesture of praying.

"Please Elijah,' I prayed, 'save me.' And then came Elijah." He pointed to the general.

Mishanya's adventure began Wednesday afternoon, when he arrived in Tulkarm to meet an Arab jeweller with whom he had long done business.

He arrived in a local taxi driven by an Arab, having left his Peugeot pickup in the nearby Israeli Arab village of Kalansuwa, just across the "Green Line" separating the West Bank from pre-1967 Israel.

The truck carried Israeli licenses plates, reason enough to leave it behind.

But so did the Arab-driven taxi that brought Mishanya to Tulkarm. In fact, it created an ugly mood in the center of the Arab town, and the Israeli promptly took refuge in the shop of his Arab business partner.

Hours later, he hailed a taxi with West Bank license plates and asked to be driven to Kalan-

"But suddenly the car was stopped by two masked men, who ordered the passengers and the AUGUST 28, 1989

cab driver to get out. One man threatened me with a screw driver. A cloth was put over my eyes," Mishanya recounted.

Blindfolded, he was driven by car for a while. Later, he was forced to walk for three hours and then mount a donkey. In the evening, he was lowered to the bottom of a well. He had no idea where it was.

"They didn't say a word to me why they kidnapped me. But they treated me well, they did not hurt me," Mishanya said.

Eventually he was left with one guard sitting at the top of the well. He went off to get food, warning the prisoner not to shout.

#### Several Suspects Arrested

The search for Mishanya began only late Wednesday night, when the cab driver finally reported to the Tulkarm police station that his fare had been kidnapped.

Masses of soldiers, border policemen, Shin Bet agents and air force helicopters were rushed to the area.

Later, Mishanya's pickup truck was seen in the nearby Arab village of Abush, where the kidnappers had driven it from Kalansuwa on the Israeli side of the line.

The IDF imposed a seige on Abush. Every house in the village was searched, and all males were rounded up and questioned.

Finally, the man who had been taking food to Mishanya was discovered and he led troops to the well.

Security forces arrested a number of suspects believed involved with the kidnapping. Some of them were reportedly of "a religious background."

It is not known, however, if the suspects belong to a known organization or formed an adhoc group for the kidnapping.

#### ISRAELI CLAIMS HE TRAINED RANCHERS IN COLOMBIA, NOT DRUG 'HIT SQUADS' By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- An officer in the Israel Defense Force reserves is denying that he trained "hit squads" for the drug cartels operating in Colombia.

Reserve Lt. Col. Yair Klein said the company he heads, Hod Hahanit, worked in Colombia about 18 months ago training security guards for farmers and cattle ranchers.

He insists it was all legal and above-board.

But the case, first reported on American television last week, has triggered an investigation by the Defense Ministry and discussion in the Knesset.

It has focused attention on the activities of many retired IDF officers as free-lancers training paramilitary groups in parts of the world remote from Israel.

Klein contended that the people who employed him and several of his former IDF colleagues needed military training to combat guerrillas and cattle rustlers their government was unable to control.

He insisted they had nothing to do with amount of money he said his clients were able to pay for his services.

Klein has been appearing in radio and television interviews since he returned to Israel from abroad Thursday.

Israel Television identified him last Wednes-

day as the man alleged by NBC News to be a mercenary employed by the drug cartel.

A videotape purported to be made by the Colombian drug syndicate was aired by NBC News on August 22. It showed uniformed men undergoing training from instructors the newscast identified as Israeli and South African.

One of them spoke Hebrew on the videotape. which was translated to Spanish. The film was shown the next night by Israel Television, which identified the speaker as Klein.

Klein said the film clip was taken from a videotape his firm made 18 months ago to advertise its services.

#### Israeli Gun-Runner Identified

Klein said he had declined to renew his contract in Colombia, but revisited that country briefly four months ago to collect money still owed him by the ranchers.

He said the Defense Ministry questioned him at that time about rumors of drug involvement, which he denied. Klein admitted, however, that drug interests could have participated in the training program after he left Colombia.

According to Klein, his training duties were taken over by mercenaries from the Britain, South Africa and the United States.

The Defense Ministry is reported to be continuing its investigations. The matter is also on the agenda of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, some members of which have demanded that the police investigate Klein and his activities.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said Friday that it was satisfied with "several recent public commitments by Israeli officials to investigate fully the reports and to seek to prosecute any Israelis accused of wrongdoing."

Meanwhile, Hadashot reported Sunday that an Israeli arrested in Miami in June on suspicion of gun-running to Colombian drug dealers has been identified as David Candiotti.

He and a Colombian, Carlos Enrique Gil, were arrested at a highway toll both in South Florida.

According to Hadashot, at least 30 Israelis, some of them retired IDF officers, serve as consultants and advisers to unofficial paramilitary and political groups in South American countries, such as Chile and Peru, and in the Central American nations of El Salvador and Guatemala.

(JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)

#### ISRAEL RAIDS HEZBOLLAH POSITIONS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Israeli air force jets attacked installations of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah, or Party of God, in southern Lebanon Sunday evening and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesperson said.

It was the first raid on the pro-Iranian Shiite extremists since Israeli commandos captured one of their top leaders, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, from his home in Lebanon on July 28.

According to the spokesperson, the targets drug traffickers, citing the relatively small served as Hezbollah headquarters. They were located in the Ein Abusawar region, near Nabatiya, about 12 miles south of the port of Sidon.

Sunday's air strike may have been in retaliation for an Aug. 9 truck-bomb attack in southern Lebanon that wounded five Israeli soldiers and a South Lebanon Army militiaman.

FROM JEWS ON CONVENT AT AUSCHWITZ

# POLISH PRIMATE ASSAILS PRESSURE

By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Echoes of classic Polish anti-Semitism were heard by Jewish leaders in remarks made Saturday by Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the highest-ranking official in the Polish Catholic Church.

Glemp had strong words regarding the controversy over the presence of the Catholic convent at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp, an issue that has all but destroyed relations between Jews and the Catholic Church in Poland.

In his sermon, the Polish Catholic primate asked the Jewish people not to "talk to us from the position of a nation raised above all others, and do not dictate terms that are impossible to fulfill."

"Don't you see, esteemed Jewish people, that pronouncements against the Carmelite nuns sour the feelings of all Poles and violate our sovereignty that has been achieved at such pains?" he said.

Glemp also implied that Jewish influence was poisoning the international news media against Poland.

"Your power is the mass media at your disposal in many countries. Let them not serve to spread anti-Polonism," Glemp said.

Glemp called on the Jews in the media not to glorify the "seven Jews from New York" who "launched an attack against the convent in suffering. Auschwitz."

He was referring to a July 14 demonstration led by Rabbi Avraham Weiss of New York. When the protestors entered the convent grounds to protest its continued presence, they were beaten by convent workers and dragged off the grounds.

#### Survivors Deplore Vatican Silence

Jewish leaders in New York were troubled by Glemp's remarks, which were made during celebrations in the Polish city of Czestochowa and reported by the official news agency PAP. Government officials, including the new Polish prime humanly possible to imagine," the letter said. minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, attended.

"Unfortunately, the remarks exemplify the fact that anti-Semitism is still alive and well in Poland," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"It is really deeply upsetting to hear the Polish Catholic primate engage in an ancient practice of collective Jewish guilt," said Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, international relations consultant for the American Jewish Committee, who has long been involved in Catholic-Jewish dialogue.

He said references to Jewish control of the media reminded him of remarks made by Hitler.

Meanwhile, a group of more than 1,000 Holocaust survivors has called on the pope to expedite the removal of the convent at Auschwitz.

The American Gathering/Federation of Holocaust Survivors, meeting at Brown's Hotel in New York's Catskill Mountains, issued a statement Sunday deploring the Vatican's silence on the issue, calling it reminiscent of the Vatican's inaction during the Holocaust.

Benjamin Meed, the group's president, said Holocaust survivors were "deeply pained and angered" by the actions of the Carmelite nuns, who "seized a building within the bounds of Auschwitz, converted it into a convent and set up symbols of faith holy to them but alien to most of those who perished at Auschwitz."

POPE CONDEMNS HOSTILITY TOWARD JEWS, DENOUNCING BRUTALITY OF THE NAZIS By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II issued a ringing denunciation of anti-Semitism this weekend, in an apostolic letter addressed to all

"I want to restate with force that hostility and hate toward Judaism are in complete contradiction to the Christian vision of the dignity of man," the pontiff declared.

The 20-page letter was released to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of World War II, when Germany invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.

It spoke at length and with poignancy of the horrors of the Holocaust and the particular sufferings of the Jews of Poland, where this pope was born.

The letter could be taken as an attempt to ease the tensions between the Catholic Church and world Jewry over a convent on the grounds of the former Auschwitz death camp, which the church promised more than two years ago to relocate but never has.

Jews also have been dismayed by a recent series of sermons by the pope implying that Jewish "infidelities" caused God to revoke his special covenant with them.

While the letter stressed that all groups persecuted by the Nazis should be remembered, the pope was especially cloquent about Jewish

"Among all anti-human measures, there is one which remains forever a disgrace for humanity: the barbaric plan which was ruthlessly launched against the Jewish people," the letter said.

"Object of a 'final solution' devised by an aberrant ideology, the Jews underwent privations and brutality difficult to describe.

"The Jews of Poland, more than others, lived through that calvary: The images of the siege of the Warsaw Ghetto, like what we know about the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Majdanek or Treblinka, go beyond that which is

#### LE PEN CITES LATE JEWISH LEADER TO 'PROVE' WORLD JEWISH CONSPIRACY

PARIS, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme right-wing National Front, has revived an old anti-Semitic canard -- that there is an international Jewish conspiracy.

Le Pen, who has publicly claimed the Holocaust never took place, denies he is an anti-Semite.

He has now written, in the rightist weekly National Hebdo, that there is a conflict of interest between nations and internationals.

"Among those internationals I quoted the Jewish international," Le Pen wrote. "It seems that the use of the word 'Jew' itself is restricted to certain people, and that its use (by others) is more than trespassing of the law, it is a sin."

Picking up on his theme, the editor of the National Hebdo claimed that the existence of a Jewish international was "proved" in a taped 1981 interview on French television with the late Nahum Goldmann.

Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, who was 84 at the time, said he was the "representative of the mainstream Zionism: a center located in Israel and the great Jewish Diaspora."

### ANNE POLLARD DENIED EARLY PAROLE, UNLIKELY TO BE RELEASED ON FURLOUGH By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- In a double blow to her hopes of leaving prison, Anne Henderson Pollard, wife of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard was denied early release on parole last week, and although she is officially eligible for furloughs, was told she will not be released for the High Holy Days.

According to Pollard's sister-in-law, Carol Pollard, these recent developments have been highly demoralizing for Anne Pollard, who is in

extremely poor health.

Anne Pollard is currently an inmate at the Danbury Federal Prison Camp. She has been serving time since March 4, 1987, for possession of classified documents in connection with her husband's case. Jonathan Pollard is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

Anne Pollard's hopes were raised on Aug. 3, when her status at the minimum-security prison was upgraded to "community custody." This meant she became officially eligible for either day-long furloughs or overnight furloughs that last up to seven days. She also became eligible for placement in a halfway house.

Prison authorities reportedly immediately ruled out the option of a halfway house for Pollard, because of her medical condition. She suffers from biliary dyskinesia, a rare gastrointestinal disease.

Carol Pollard said her sister-in-law is caught in a paradoxical situation. "She's fit enough to stay in prison, but she can't get out, because she's too sick," she said.

She and other family members have contended for several years that Anne Pollard has been denied medication for her condition and has not received adequate medical care.

## Asked Whether She Was Really Jewish

Carol Pollard claims that the fact that prison authorities have "screwed up on her treatment," is one reason they do not want her sisterin-law released, even for short periods of time.

"She has a lot to say, and it's better for them if she doesn't say it," Pollard said.

Last week, Anne Pollard faced the regional parole board, which after brief deliberations, recommended against her release.

According to her sister-in-law, she was asked in the course of the Aug. 22 parole hearing whether she was planning on divorcing Jonathan Pollard and was also asked "whether she was indeed Jewish."

The final word on the parole hearing is expected in two weeks, from Daniel Lopez, the regional prison commissioner. Pollard's relatives have begun a letter-writing campaign to try to influence Lopez to grant parole to Anne Pollard.

But according to Cathleen Pinner, a spokeswoman for the commissioner, the chances of Lopez reversing the parole board's decision are slim. The commissioner, Pinner said, "generally agrees with the recommendation of the panel."

Pollard would not be eligible for parole until March 31, three years after her sentence began.

Pollard's family members fear for her health in the meantime.

Carol Pollard said her sister-in-law is in bed 80 percent of the time and weighs 86 pounds. "My arm is bigger than her leg," she said. "She's going to die, I think."

#### CABINET ENDORSES PERES PLAN TO CUT RED TAPE, CREATE JOBS By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- A plan by Finance Minister Shimon Peres to cut through the bureaucratic morass in order to expedite worthy economic projects won Cabinet approval Sunday.

The government will now ask for a special session of the Knesset to push the measure through in the form of legislation.

The Cabinet vote was 14-2 in favor of the plan, with 10 abstentions.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was among the supporters of the Peres plan, though many Likud politicians, including Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, have been deriding it.

But there were only two actual dissenters Sunday: Environmental Protection Minister Ronni Milo of Likud, who called the plan a public relations stunt, and Science and Development Minister Ezer Weizman of Peres' own Labor Party.

Peres' proposal is to set up a ministerial committee consisting of himself, Construction and Housing Minister David Levy of Likud and the minister of interior, Arye Deri of the Shas Party.

They would select 100 pending projects deemed to be of economic benefit to the country and see to it that those projects get swift attention by all government and local authorities.

Peres and his aides believe the plan will make a major dent in unemployment in a relatively short time. When the new projects get off the ground, job opportunities will be created all over the country, they say.

#### HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GERMAN TOWN RESTORE A NEGLECTED JEWISH CEMETERY By David Kantor

BONN, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Dozens of highschool students in the West German town of Moenchengladbach have been working like beavers for weeks, cleaning, repairing and restoring the old Jewish cemetery on Huegel Street.

They were preparing it for former Jewish residents of the town, now scattered all over the world, who returned, at the town's invitation, for

a weeklong visit that began Friday.

The youngsters, none of them Jewish, spent most of their free time at the cemetery. It took nearly six hours to repaint the epitaph of a single grave stone.

At times, extensive consultation of documents and sessions with experts were necessary to decipher what years of erosion, neglect and vandalism nearly destroyed.

But the students consider the effort both educational and edifying.

"This is the least we can do for these people," said Sabine Rack, referring to the Jewish visitors. "We can't undo what has been done. But we certainly want to let them know we care."

Claudia Feder added: "This work taught me a lot about the fate of the Jewish citizens who lived in our town. I hope it will make it easier, both for us and for the survivors who come here this week to face one another and to develop a new relationship."

The town leaders invited 214 Jews, former citizens of Moenchengladbach, which is located in the western state of North Rhineland-Westphalia.

Of the 160 coming, 70 are from the United States, 27 from Israel and others from France, Canada, Holland, Brazil, Peru and Paraguay.