

ISRAELI NAVY SINKS RUBBER DINGHY OFF LEBANON COAST, KILLING TWO

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- An Israeli navy gunboat sank a motorized rubber dinghy off the southern Lebanon coast Wednesday morning, killing its two occupants, who are believed to have been terrorists planning to attack targets in Israel.

A military spokesman said there were no Israeli casualties in the brief encounter, which occurred about 10 miles north of Rosh Hanikra.

A Dabour-class gunboat intercepted the tiny craft, which was on course to Israel, and opened fire after determining it was on a terrorist mission, according to a spokesman for the Israel Defense Force. The dinghy sank without returning the fire.

The spokesman could not say at this time which terrorist organization sent the dinghy.

It was at least the fourth attempt this year by Lebanon-based terrorists to launch seaborne attacks on Israel. All have been repulsed by the navy.

The last previous incident occurred the night of June 23, when a Devora-class navy gunboat sank an armed terrorist craft after a high-speed chase off the Lebanese coast. At least two terrorists were killed.

The most spectacular occurrence was on May 30, when two speedboats outraced navy craft to land armed terrorists on beaches near Tel Aviv packed with a Shavuot holiday crowd.

Four of the terrorists were killed and 12 were captured by Israeli security forces.

Responsibility for that attack was claimed by the Palestine Liberation Front, a terrorist group headed by Mohammed (Abul) Abbas, who is a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Council.

Israel cited that incident as proof that the PLO chief Yasir Arafat's still engages in terrorist activities despite the public renunciation of terrorism by Arafat in December 1988.

As a result, the U.S. administration suspended its 18-month-old dialogue with the PLO on June 20.

SHEVARDNAZDE TO MEET WITH DAVID LEVY FOR COMPREHENSIVE DIALOGUE THIS FALL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze sent a personal message Monday to Foreign Minister David Levy, saying he looked forward to meeting Levy at the annual U.N. General Assembly session in New York in September, and calling for a comprehensive diplomatic dialogue.

Israeli sources said the message indicates that Shevardnadze intends to hold substantive discussions with Levy and not merely a courtesy encounter during the General Assembly.

Alexei Chestakov, head of the Soviet consular mission in Tel Aviv, who recently returned from Moscow, personally delivered the message, urging Levy to "prepare thoroughly" for the encounter.

After talking to Levy, the Soviet diplomat

flew to Cairo to brief Gennady Terrasov, the Kremlin's senior Middle East trouble-shooter, who is visiting the Egyptian capital.

Levy and his aides said they were gratified to receive the message, and Levy urged the Soviet Union to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

A message similar to Chestakov's was conveyed here Tuesday by Israeli government secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, who was recently in Moscow where he met with Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Belonogov.

LEVY TO ASK FOR WRITTEN GUARANTEE THAT ISRAEL WON'T HAVE TO TALK TO PLO

By Gil Sedan and David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister David Levy is planning to ask U.S. Secretary of State James Baker for a written guarantee that the United States will not insist that Israel negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization or support creation of a Palestinian state.

Levy told the Knesset on Wednesday that Israel would take risks in the peace process, but only if Baker consents to sign a document on "points on which both countries can agree."

Levy, who will meet Baker on Aug. 9 or 10, promised, "We will speak openly as friends."

Levy's position was fully supported by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who told reporters later that any U.S. assurances could "make easier any decisions by the Israeli government."

Levy addressed the Knesset in response to no-confidence motions on foreign policy issues, all of which were easily defeated.

He said he would tell Baker, "If you agree that there should be no Palestinian state and that Israel would not be forced to negotiate with the PLO, then let's have it in writing."

As for the risks Israel would be willing to take for peace, Levy cited Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the centerpiece of an initiative proposed by Shamir in May 1989.

Levy said that with U.S. assurances in writing, it would make no difference to Israel if any Palestinians elected would say they "sympathize with the PLO, as long as they accept the Israeli peace initiative."

The proposed elections are intended to let the Palestinians choose representatives with whom Israel would negotiate, first on limited autonomy in the territories and eventually on their final status.

Shamir and his Likud bloc have balked at allowing Palestinians from East Jerusalem to participate in the process. They also insist on excluding Palestinians deported from the territories.

Likud flatly rejected a proposal by Baker for Israelis and Palestinians to iron out those issues, in a dialogue to be held in Cairo.

That led to the collapse of the Likud-Labor unity government last March.

Some observers had said they could discern in Levy's remarks some flexibility concerning deportees. But Levy implied no concessions when he told the Knesset on Wednesday that he had a message for President Bush.

He said he would tell the president that the

United States cannot make demands of Israel which it does not make of the PLO.

The Bush administration broke off its 18-month dialogue with the PLO on June 20, on grounds that Yasir Arafat did not sufficiently condemn a failed attack by PLO-affiliated terrorists on beaches near Tel Aviv on May 30.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD JEWISH BOY INJURED IN STONE-THROWING ATTACK IN HEBRON By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- A stone-throwing attack that severely injured a 7-year-old Jewish boy in Hebron on Monday sent Defense Minister Moshe Arens rushing to the scene with a warning that stone-throwers risk their own lives.

"Those who endanger Jewish life by stone attacks should know that they are endangering their own lives," the Likud minister told reporters Wednesday.

Asked if he meant stone-throwers would be fired on, Arens ignored the question but repeated his warning. He issued orders immediately to increase the number of troops deployed on the main road into Hebron.

The army clamped a curfew on the Arab-populated downtown section and herded scores of Arabs into a schoolyard for questioning. At the same time, security forces warned local Jews to refrain from revenge attacks on Arabs.

The victim, Evyatar Tzvi Cohen, a resident of Efrat in the Etzion bloc, is recovering from surgery at a local hospital. He suffered a fractured skull and damage to his brain membrane when he was struck by a brick hurled at the family car.

After the operation at Hadassah University Hospital, in which doctors fixed the skull fracture and removed a blood clot, he was able to recognize his family and talk to them.

The youngster, his father and relatives from the United States were returning to Efrat from Tisha B'Av prayers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Monday night. Their car was attacked by stone-throwing youths as it passed through the northern outskirts of the city.

The windshield of their car had been specially reinforced to withstand the impact of rocks, but not the rear window, where Evyatar was sitting.

ARENS CITES IRAQI MILITARY BUILD-UP TO PROTEST PROPOSED \$40M DEFENSE CUT By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The threat posed by Iraq's massive military build-up is the chief argument raised by Defense Minister Moshe Arens and the Israel Defense Force's top brass against a proposed \$40 million cut in the defense budget this year.

While IDF sources admit the amount is relatively small, they say it must be considered in the context of Israel's steady decrease in military spending over the last seven to eight years.

Arens opposed the cut in an appearance Wednesday before a joint subcommittee of the Knesset's Finance Committee and its Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

His views are supported by Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the foreign affairs panel, and by rising members of the younger generation of Likud Knesset members, including Benjamin Begin and Uzi Landau.

Ben-Elissar called the proposed cut by Treasury "hasty."

Res. Gen. David Ivri, director general of the Defense Ministry, told a television interviewer Tuesday that while war with Iraq was not considered imminent, the scope and scale of the Iraqi military build-up exceeded the estimates of Israeli intelligence analysts following the end of the Iran-Iraq war.

Ivri said that far from trimming the defense budget, the government should consider increasing it, so that the IDF can develop the best possible responses to Iraq's large army and its growing missile capability.

Ma'ariv published a report Wednesday saying Israel now devotes 8 percent of its gross national product to defense, compared to 15 percent in 1982.

That trend, for the most part, reflected the changed strategic situation after Israel's peace treaty with Egypt and also Iraq's 10 years of war with Iran, which ended last year.

In addition, the IDF's resources have been drained for over two years by the intifada. The army claims, moreover, that its operations in the administered territories have not been adequately funded.

Treasury officials have suggested that the \$40 million reduction could come out of professional benefits enjoyed by military personnel.

But to pare those benefits would prejudice the IDF's ability to attract top professional talent to its ranks, Gen. Dan Shomron, army chief of staff, told military correspondents.

SADDAM HUSSEIN SHOULD BE LOCKED UP, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI GRAPHOLOGIST By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- A handwriting expert who has analyzed the penmanship of President Saddam Hussein has determined that the Iraqi leader is a dangerous lunatic who ought to be committed for the sake of peace.

The Israeli graphologist, who reportedly did not know to whom the writing sample belonged, examined the Iraqi leader's script on behalf of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency.

A report in Wednesday's Yediot Achronot said Mossad sent the graphologist's report to policymakers in Jerusalem, so that they might take into account this piece of analysis when they assess the seriousness of Hussein's threats.

According to Yediot Achronot, the expert said, "This man must be committed immediately.

"He makes decisions quickly, tends toward extreme moods, is willing to take extreme decisions and implement them, (has) a tendency toward violence and is dangerous to society."

The identity of the expert was not divulged.

Saddam Hussein has of late become ever more belligerent in his declarations against Israel, the United States and even the Arab nation of Kuwait, a fellow oil-producing nation.

On April 2, he warned he would destroy "half of Israel" with chemical weapons if Israel attacked Iraqi nuclear installations, as it did in June 1981.

Israeli leaders have recently warned of the danger of war in the region precipitated by Iraq, especially in light of its escalating dispute over oil with neighboring Kuwait.

Both houses of the U.S. Congress voted July 27 to impose sanctions against Iraq as a menace to peace.

UJA FILM FINDS JEWS ARE FLEEING, NOT JUST EMIGRATING, FROM USSR

By Elena Neuman

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Jews are not just emigrating from the Soviet Union to Israel, they are fleeing from a new brand of Soviet anti-Semitism, according to a film released Wednesday by the United Jewish Appeal.

A new variety of anti-Semitism is on the rise in the Soviet Union -- it is grass-roots instead of state-sanctioned, violent instead of verbal, and Jews are fearful for their lives.

Post-glasnost anti-Semitism is documented in "Anti-Semitism: the Dark Side of Glasnost," a 10-minute video filmed in the Soviet Union over the last two months featuring eyewitness accounts of recent violence against Soviet Jews.

In the film, Mikhail Rosenthal, a Soviet Jewish lawyer, tells the story of how his daughter was burned to death and his flat destroyed in a suspicious fire. He later discovered tacked to the wall a note: "Let Jews Die."

Nikita, a Jewish student in Riga, says that he had many friends when he was thought of as a Russian, but as soon as his Jewishness was discovered, he was beaten.

A woman interviewed in Georgia is afraid of imminent pogroms.

"The Jews in Russia are in great menace," said Vassily Paukov, a recent immigrant to Israel, at the film's opening. "The new anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union is a loaded gun ready to go off at any moment and directed at the chests of Soviet Jews."

Growing Anti-Jewish Attitudes

Paukov, his wife, Anna, and another recent immigrant, Ella Tzveyer, are accompanying the video on its 11-city screening, to verify the contents of the film and to tell their own personal accounts of the growing anti-Jewish attitudes in the Soviet Union.

"Everyday life for Jews in Russia is full of fear. Jews are in a permanent state of nervous tension and fear, and there are grounds for it," said Anna Paukov. The violence, she says, is no longer just verbal, although one is bound to receive abuse "if you happen to look Jewish."

Tzveyer agreed. "I was faced with this animal (called) anti-Semitism all my life," she said. A former art historian and museum tour guide in Leningrad, Tzveyer became active in the Jewish underground after her son was stabbed in an anti-Semitic incident.

When Tzveyer made aliyah in 1989, she left behind a Jewish friend who had survived the Holocaust and was a patriotic Soviet. The friend said that she would never leave her Soviet homeland. In response to recent anti-Semitic activity, however, she has changed her mind. "I smell Auschwitz in the center of Leningrad," she recently told Tzveyer.

Anti-Semitism, previously within the domain of the state, has been unleashed with the Gorbachev reforms, particularly glasnost. The new popular anti-Semitism is being fueled by ultraconservative groups, feeding on the country's economic troubles and uncertain future.

Even Pravda, the official organ of the Soviet Communist Party, recently reported on the rise of anti-Semitism in response to the opening-up of Soviet society and the new freedoms there.

In an article July 22, Pravda wrote, "This unprecedented anti-Semitism is of great concern,

because we face an attempt to disrupt the process of social consolidation."

"A law-based state must protect people of every nationality," the article said.

The article singled out Pamyat as the most outspoken and highly organized of several nationalistic groups. In the film, and in a private interview with Leonid Kelbert also released Wednesday by UJA, Pamyat's leaders speak openly, denouncing Jews for everything wrong in the Soviet Union, from the rise of Communism at the turn of the century to its current decline.

"We consider the Jews responsible for the genocide of the Russian people," said Alexander Kulakov in the interview. "All the government consisted of Jews till 1937, and they are responsible as the head of the government for Gulag (labor camps); they are responsible for the hunger in the Ukraine and Byelorussia."

Kulakov called for a trial of all Soviet Jews, based on the same premise of the Nuremberg trials. They would be charged with genocide against the Russian people, he said.

"More than 100 million of Russians, Slavians and other people were exterminated. That's official figures. The evil is Judaism, and its aggressive attitude to other people," Kulakov said.

Konstantin Ashtashvili is another Pamyat leader interviewed in the film. "If I were to go on any train in the suburb of Moscow," he bragged, "or into any market," and "begin speaking and saying that the Jews are to be accused of all the faults in Russia, even if I were to exaggerate, no one will contradict me. But they will support me."

ENTICING MORTGAGE OFFER FROM SETTLERS MAY BE LURING ISRAELIS TO TERRITORIES By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The government may not be sending new immigrants to the administered territories, but financial incentives coupled with the housing crisis may have the same effect, according to Labor Party leader Shimon Peres and Haim Oron of Mapam.

They raised the issue in the Knesset on Wednesday, where four no-confidence motions were easily defeated by the Likud-led coalition.

But the subject is a delicate one, since the government has given assurances to the United States and the Soviet Union that Soviet Jewish immigrants arriving in Israel will not be directed to the territories.

Oron charged that settlement leaders are enticing young Israeli couples, pushed out of the housing market within the so-called Green Line by newly arrived Soviet olim, with far more attractive mortgages than are available inside the Green Line.

People who settle in the territories can receive an interest-free 30-year mortgage on a \$40,000 home. The monthly payments do not exceed \$125, regardless of the mortgagee's financial status, the Mapam Knesset member said.

By contrast, home-buyers who live within the Green Line qualify for 20-year mortgages at best.

Yair Tsaban of Mapam said workers fear they will be laid off and replaced by Soviet immigrants getting subsidized salaries.

Peres suggested that a dialogue with the Palestinians might reduce the level of intifada violence and the costs of policing the territories for the benefit of the economy.

**POLICE, JEWS WARN AGAINST VIGILANTES
AFTER BRITISH GRAVES ARE DESECRATED**
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Police and community leaders have warned against the establishment of Jewish vigilante groups, in the angry aftermath of the desecration last weekend of 72 gravestones at the Blackley Cemetery in Manchester.

Plans by the Stamford Hill Hasidic community of North London to fund a private security force have also been criticized.

The vandalism is the latest in a spate of attacks on Jewish cemeteries in Britain, and the circulation of viciously anti-Semitic literature.

The gravestones in Manchester were daubed with swastikas and the emblem of the British National Party, a neo-Nazi organization that maintains ties with groups of the extreme right in other countries. Some headstones were smashed.

The police said the vandalism appeared to be the work of neo-Nazis, specifically the work of roving gangs belonging to the National Party.

Police are investigating a possible link between the Manchester desecration and recent anti-Semitic vandalism in the city of Leeds and in Edmonton in north London.

Greater Manchester Chief Constable James Anderson interrupted his vacation to issue a statement expressing outrage at the attack, and promised every police effort to find the perpetrators. The Greater Manchester and Yorkshire forces will work together on the investigation.

However, some Manchester community members want to take responsibility for security matters, advocating the creation of vigilante groups to guard Jewish property against anti-Semitic attack.

Vigilante Groups Condemned

The idea for a vigilante group has been condemned by both the president of the Manchester Jewish Representative Council, Joe Nathan, and the chairman of its Council of Synagogues, Sonny Fromson.

A spokesman for the Board of Deputies of British Jews added that while all organizations responsible for cemeteries had been advised to increase security, police assistance was vital through extra patrols.

Though against vigilante groups, a Manchester police official welcomed the idea of "increased public vigilance, in the sense of improved security at Jewish properties."

In the heavily Jewish area of Stamford Hill in northern London, Chief Police Superintendent Peter Twist expressed alarm at moves by the community to pay security firms for private patrols through strictly Orthodox areas.

"Approaches have been made to private security firms to consider mounting patrols," he said. "Such patrols would cause me concern."

Jackie Landau, a member of the Satmar Hasidic community in Stamford Hill, said he had been approached to contribute to the cost of private security and would be pleased to do so. "I know my street will be 100 percent behind such an idea."

In another development last weekend, virulently anti-Semitic leaflets were placed in the windows of local Jewish newspaper offices and shops. It is the latest in a spate of anti-Semitic circulars that have been decried by not only Jews but non-Jews and members of government.

**JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA UPSET
AT COUNTRY'S RESPONSE TO TEEN'S DEATH**
By Avi Jacob Hyman

TORONTO, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations in Canada have expressed shock at what they deem the Canadian government's inadequate response to the terrorist killing of Canadian Marnie Kimmelman in Israel on Saturday.

Leaders of Jewish groups were particularly irked at what they consider an ambivalent response by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

Clark issued a statement following the attack, saying, "Canada is shocked and angered at this vicious act of terrorism perpetrated on innocent victims."

However, Clark added, "This incident perpetuates the distressing cycle of violence which characterizes the long-standing Arab-Israeli dispute."

B'nai Brith Canada held a news conference here Wednesday morning to announce it had collected over 1,200 names on petitions to the Canadian Government, criticizing Clark and the government's position of negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"B'nai Brith condemns this cowardly act aimed at innocent civilian targets and is outraged by the Canadian government's unsatisfactory response to this incident," said Marilyn Wainberg, national president of BBC, one day after Kimmelman's funeral at a synagogue in the Toronto suburb of North York.

Wainberg said Clark's condemnations, though "appreciated, are simply inadequate."

The Canadian Zionist Federation sent Clark a letter urging him to "express the abhorrence of the government of Canada at this terrorist act against innocent civilians."

It urged him "to distance the Canadian government from the PLO, an organization which has not seen fit to denounce terrorism and violence against Israel, both within and without the borders of the State of Israel."

Third Canadian Killed

It was signed by the CZF's president, Kurt Rothschild, and Nachum Wilchesky, the chairman of the board.

Kimmelman, 17, died from injuries received when a terrorist bomb exploded on a Tel Aviv beach on Saturday. She is the third Canadian killed by Arab terrorists since the start of the intifada.

Frank Diamant, executive vice president of BBC, also criticized government officials for failing to attend Kimmelman's funeral, which attracted over 1,500 people.

The BBC organized a nationwide petition circulated on the fast of Tisha B'Av, observed Monday night and Tuesday, calling on Clark to sever all ties with the PLO.

Canada has had longstanding relations with PLO representatives and, as of March 1989, all restrictions on government-PLO contacts have been lifted, up to the ministerial level.

The Canadian Arab Federation, acting as an umbrella organization for many other Arab groups, condemned both B'nai B'rith and Canadian Jewish Congress for their statements.

The Arab Federation said it found the Jewish groups' comments insulting, since no one has yet claimed responsibility for the crime.

It also said the PLO does not use violence against civilians.