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IDF OFFICER DEAD IN CLASH; 4 ARABS CAPTURED AT BORDER By Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- An Israel Defense Force officer and an Arab infiltrator from Jordan were killed Thursday when five Arabs armed with pistols and knives crossed the Jordanian border in order to launch a revenge attack for last month's Temple Mount killings.

The slain Israeli officer was reserve Capt. Yehuda Lipschitz of Ra'anana. He was killed by a bullet to his head fired from some distance, and died shortly afterward. He was buried Thursday at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery near Tel Aviv.

The incident took place as Palestinians observed a general strike throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip one month after the riot on the Temple Mount. Shops were closed and public transportation halted in observance of the killing of at least 17 Arabs on Oct. 8.

There was also heightened vigilance against anti-Arab attacks expected in the wake of the burial Wednesday of Rabbi Meir Kahane, slain leader of the anti-Arab Kach movement.

The group involved in the Jordan Valley gunfight included a Palestinian and four Jordanian policemen in civilian clothes, according to an IDF source. The Palestinian was serving as their guide, the source said.

IDF soldiers, responding to a report of a break in the border fence, rushed to the area, where they stopped the five men at dawn at al-Ouja village, north of Jericho and some 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem.

One man was killed while the other four, including a wounded man, were captured.

The infiltrators were armed with guns and knives and carried a Koran. They also carried slips of paper with "God is Great" written on them.

One of the infiltrators belonged to the Palestine Liberation Organization, according to Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, IDF commander of the West Bank.

The captured men told Israeli interrogators they had intended to pray on the Temple Mount and then attack Jewish civilians and police at the Western Wall, according to the IDF spokesman's office.

ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MEIR KAHANE APPARENTLY ACTED ALONE, POLICE SAY By Shoshana Levine

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (ITA) -- Still baffled over the motives involved in the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, police investigators are maintaining that Egyptian-born suspect El-Sayyid Nosair appears to have acted alone.

The 34-year-old Nosair, who after awakening from sedation was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder, attempted murder, assault, unlawful imprisonment and possession of weapons, has not yet entered a plea in response to the charges. He is to appear in Criminal Court next week for further proceedings.

The unusual arraignment took place before Criminal Court Judge Harvey Glasser in the intensive care unit of Bellevue Hospital, where the suspect, under tight surveillance by highly armed guards, is still recuperating from surgery.

During the arraignment Nosair, unable to speak because of a breathing tube inserted in his throat, wrote down what sources said they believed was a pre-arranged story asserting his innocence.

Hospital officials said Thursday evening that Nosair's condition had been upgraded from critical to fair and he was no longer connected to a breathing tube.

A New York employee, Nosair was involuntariant transferred on the day of the assassination and became agitated as a result, according to New York Newsday. "The same day he was transferred he got violent in the locker room," said one source.

A ranking police official suggested the attack on Kahane may have been spontaneous. "We interviewed co-workers, his wife, people at the mosque," Chief of Detectives Joseph Borelli said at a news conference Wednesday. "No one has indicated in any fashion that he had any dislike for or hated the rabbi."

Conducting a thorough search of Nosair's two-story house in Cliffside Park, N.J., the police found boxes of files and papers, along with a slab of sheetrock filled with bullet holes.

Though the files contained articles about firearms and explosives, the police did not feel there was evidence of any conspiracy to kill Kahane. The sheetrock was used for target practice, Borelli explained, adding that Nosair went to a rifle range regularly to practice shooting as a

A joint anti-terrorist task force of the New York Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been established to uncover any possible links to the slaying, but so far, according to officials, nothing has been discovered.

Abdel Nosair, the father of the alleged assassin, claimed his son had no political interests. The suspect's American-born wife, Caren, told the police that her husband had been depressed lately. Nosair does not have a prior police record.

Chief Borelli said he did not think the apparent difficulty of the police in establishing a motive would prove to be a major problem for prosecuting the case.

"We've got witnesses and we've got evidence," he said. "At this point it looks like he was a lone gunman who committed a murder. Why he did it we may never know."

JERUSALEM QUIET AFTER RIOTS, AS POLICE COME OUT IN FORCE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Quiet returned to the capital Thursday following the riots that accompanied the funeral of Rabbi Meir Kahane, but police continued to keep a high profile.

Large forces of policemen were deployed at sensitive points throughout the city, including the Old City, the Temple Mount and neighborhoods between East and West Jerusalem, in order to prevent intercommunal riots.

Police commanders were determined to prevent a repetition of Wednesday's riots, which ended with two policemen and four Arabs wounded. Two of the Arabs were stabbed, and one remained in a hospital suffering moderate wounds. The other were sent home.

Police decided to leave the reinforcements in the capital at least until the end of the week, and possibly extend their stay if necessary.

Besides the public order, police were also concerned for the safety of Arab personalities, leaders of the political left and representatives of the media.

Rahamim Comfort, commander of the Southern Police Command, announced Thursday that the necessary steps were taken to ensure the personal safety of those who had been threatened by Kahane's supporters, but he would not elaborate.

It was learned, however, that police patrols near the homes of Palestinian leaders such as Faisal Husseini in East Jerusalem were also inten-

Shots were fired Wednesday night near the residence of Ibrahim Nimer Hussein, the mayor of the Galilee town of Shfaram, who also serves as the chairman of the Arab municipalities. No one was hurt, and no damage was caused.

POLICE ARREST SEVEN KACH ACTIVISTS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Jerusalem Police on Thursday arrested seven Kach activists suspected of having incited the mourners at Wednesday's funeral of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The suspects were detained at Kahane's yeshiva Harayon Hayehudi, where the funeral procession started. Among the suspects was Yekutiel Ben-Yaacov Zozovsky, who is suspected of having openly called for violence in his speech when he urged listeners to "give the floor to comrade submachine gun and comrade knife."

Police Inspector-General Yaacov Terner said that police would not permit such expressions, and would not ignore the violence which was committed Wednesday by Kach activists and others

Police planned to ban residents of the territories from entering Jerusalem for Friday prayers, "to maintain law and order."

PRISON GUARD STABBED TO DEATH: STAB ATTEMPT IN GAZA STRIP FAILS By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- An Israeli prison warden was stabbed to death outside Jenin prison Thursday, while another stabbing attempt in the Gaza Strip failed when the assailant was injured and apprehended.

The dead officer is 31-year-old Farras Kemal, a Druze from the village of Beit Jann and a professional warden in the prison service. He was attacked at the gate of the Jenin jail, apparently by a visitor who was waiting to enter.

The assailant was not caught, and the army has clamped a curfew on Jenin and the surrounding area to assist in the search.

Near Rafah in the Gaza Strip, a local man being questioned at a checkpoint pulled a knife and lunged at one of the soldiers. The blow was deflected by the soldier's protective jacket. Another soldier shot and injured the attacker, who was arrested.

The prison officer shot to death was also wearing a protective vest, following a tightening of regulations throughout the security services. However, the knife was plunged into his unprotected neck, above the vest.

The IDF clamped a curfew on the northern part of the Gaza Strip, and many roadblocks were set up throughout the territories as Palestinians declared a general strike to commemorate the Temple Mount victims, a month after the incident.

IDF WARNS SYRIA, LEBANESE MILITIAS AGAINST SPONSORED TERRORISM IN SOUTH By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Israeli army commanders, touring the south Lebanon security zone, reiterated their commitment to the zone's security and warned Lebanese militia and Syria not to embark upon new terrorism against Israel as a result of the new order now emerging in Lebanon.

Israel Defense Force sources have warned that as a result of instructions given Wednesday in Beirut to various militias to disarm and ultimately dissolve, formerly sparring factions may now turn their common attention southward.

The seriousness with which Israel views the danger of renewed terrorism was underlined Thursday by Defense Minister Moshe Arens, who toured Israel's northern border and the adjacent Lebanon security zone with IDF Chief of Staff Dan Shomron and the commanding officer of the northern sector.

Israel's commitment to the security of its allies in southern Lebanon remains firm, Israel military correspondents were told Wednesday by IDF commanders during the tour.

The assurance refers to Israel's long-time alliance with the Southern Lebanon Army, a Christian militia.

SLA leader Gen. Antoine Lahad said Syria was 100 percent behind the plan to disarm and remove the militias, and that Syria also wants to extend its influence to southern Lebanon.

"The Syrians will turn all the hostile groups, Amal and Hezbollah, to actions against the south," he said.

Arens repeated the warning to Syria not to allow the southward movement of the Moslem Shi'ite Amal and Hezbollah militias.

According to the Lebanese master plan, the various militias would disarm this Saturday and would pull out of the greater Beirut area to designated regions by no later than Nov. 19. According to the plan, which was announced by President Elias Hrawi, all militias are to be dissolved by March 1991.

The Lebanese president said Palestinian guerrillas would also be disarmed under the sweeping plan.

But IDF sources said armed Palestinians have returned to Tyre and Sidon and now number between 800 to 1,000, the same number as before the Lebanon war.

IDF sources see no party in Lebanon capable of stopping the development of a Palestinian infrastructure in Lebanon.

They said a test case for rising anti-Israel terrorist activities over the coming months will be Jezzine, a Christian town just north of the security zone.

If Jezzine falls, the whole zone will be in danger, IDF sources said.

Arens reassured Lahad that the IDF would provide "maximum support" to the SLA if the Jezzine area is attacked and the SLA is forced to move north of the security zone.

BUSH ASSURES 5 U.S. JEWISH LEADERS U.S. HAS NOT MOVED AWAY FROM ISRAEL By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- President Bush sought to reassure a delegation of American Jowish leaders Thursday that the United States has not moved away from Israel in its effort to keep Arab countries in the international alliance against Iraq's takeover of Kuwait.

"We expressed the concern of the Jewish community that the United States attitude toward Israel might have undergone a change," Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told reporters after the White House meeting.

"He responded very forcefully that there has been no change in the relationship" or in the U.S. security alliance with Israel, despite some differences with the Jewish state.

"We felt comfortable with that response," Reich said.

Office, Reich and four other Jewish leaders present urged Bush "to find an opportunity to make that statement public" to alleviate concern in Israel and the United States that the administration has been tilting away from Israel.

Minutes after the meeting, Bush appeared to take this opportunity at a news conference.

"I think the whole world knows that the U.S. has a very special relationship with Israel, a strong relationship," the president said.

Bush played down complaints from some Israeli officials that the United States is not coordinating its strategy in the Persian Gulf with Israeli leaders.

The United States is "in close touch with Israel -- with the key players there -- in terms of our objective," the president said. "We're on a good wavelength there."

He also said the Israelis have "conducted themselves, regarding all of this, very well indeed."

No Push For Shamir Meeting

Bush told the Jewish leaders that he and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir are in complete agreement on the Gulf crisis, Reich said.

Although Shamir is one of the only leaders in the region Bush has not telephoned since the crisis began, the president told the delegation the United States and Israel are in constant communication on all levels, reported Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of Pinai Brith.

Reich said the Jewish leaders did not feel it would be appropriate for them to ask Bush to meet with Shamir when the Israeli leader comes to the United States next month to accept the Jabotinsky Foundation's Defender of Jerusalem Award.

The Jewish leaders also expressed the support of the organized Jewish community for the U.S. efforts in the Persian Gulf, Reich said.

Bush told the delegation that "the lesson of the Gulf is that aggression will not be tolerated, and would-be aggressors should understand that the United States will respond to aggression," Reich reported.

Reich said he believed this was a hint that the United States would respond to any Iraqi attack on Israel, though the president did not say so explicitly.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the

Conference of Presidents, said that while the Jewish leaders were reassured by Bush's words, they must be followed by deeds.

He said the administration must act to assure that Israel's qualitative military edge be maintained and that Israel be assisted in recouping the extra costs it has incurred because of the Gulf crisis, as other countries have been.

"We also expressed our concern that increased armed sales to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries threaten to undermine Israel's security and lead to further instability in the region," Reich said.

With regard to developments at the United Nations, Reich urged the president "to veto onesided anti-Israel resolutions" aimed at undermining "Israel's standing and security."

On a more positive note, the Jewish leaders expressed their appreciation for Bush's efforts in seeking freedom for Jews in the Soviet Union and in Ethiopia. The president was asked to find a

way to help Israel meet the economic burden of absorbing these Jews.

The meeting, which ran a half-hour longer than scheduled, was requested by Bush, who specifically selected the five leaders attending. Reich said Bush wanted people he knew and with whom he felt comfortable.

In addition to Reich, Hoenlein and Foxman, participants at the meeting were Mayer Mitchell, president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and Thomas Dine, AIPAC's executive director.

NRA DISAVOWS ANTI-SEMITIC REMARK MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE IN MIDWEST By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- The National Rifle Association has disavowed a comment made by one of its workers that "most anti-gun and anti-hunting stuff is backed by Jews."

The comment, made by Willis Corbett, the gun lobby's representative in Missouri and Illinois, appeared Oct. 28 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Corbett was discussing the gun control records of local lawmakers in preparation for Election Day, but also spoke of the NRA's other enemies, including police chiefs, the press and the Jewish community.

The NRA's disassociation was made in a letter Oct. 30 to the newspaper, which was supplied by the group. "The comments in this story do not represent the views of the National Rifle Association," wrote Robert Grego, director of its field services division.

"Any inference that the (NRA) is anti-Semitic is completely false," he added. "NRA has, for over 119 years, accepted law-abiding American men and women of all races, religions and nationalities as members."

In addition, Grego said, "NRA was an equal opportunity association long before laws were enacted against prejudice in our nation. In fact, the NRA is the oldest civil rights organization in the United States."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith wrote the gun lobby last week without knowledge of the NRA disavowal, which the ADL considers insufficient.

Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director, said that "the religion of those on either side of the debate is irrelevant." Foxman also claimed that Corbett was "playing with a weapon potentially as dangerous as any gun."

MOYNIHAN, PICKERING DENOUNCE U.N. ON ANNIVERSARY OF ZIONISM RESOLUTION By Aliza Marcus

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Sen. Patrick Moynihan, former ambassador to the United Nations, remembers that day 15 years ago when this "obscene resolution," the one equating Zionism with racism, passed the U.N. General Assembly while he watched in dismay and indignation

"It was a slander and a falsehood," he said, echoing the words of current U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, who spoke minutes before, "It is, unless we can stand in its way, the most crippling blow yet dealt in the irreversible decline of the concern with human rights as we know it."

Speaking at a news conference Thursday sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and held at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Moynihan railed against those who would delay trying to have the resolution repealed.

"I don't know why we don't press it," he said. "You don't say ahead of time that we don't want to lose, so we aren't going to even see if we can win."

A few weeks ago, the U.N. Caucus of Jewish Nongovernmental Organizations, led by B'nai B'rith International, petitioned the General Assembly to repeal the resolution, saying "the time has come for the U.N. to cleanse itself of this grotesque libel."

The democratization of Eastern Europe has brought changes conducive to a change in voting among the countries that, for the most part, supported the resolution in 1975.

Reversing Its Position

The Soviet Union has indicated it might vote against the resolution in a second round, while the president of Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel, told officials during a trip to Israel that his government had reversed its position.

But both Israeli and U.S. officials have stressed they are not in favor of bringing the resolution to a second vote this year because its repeal is not yet assured, especially in light of the Gulf crisis and the recent Security Council resolutions condemning Israel.

"We must be careful not to bring a vote prematurely because any lost vote would be a reaffirmation," said Pickering. "There is a consensus that the time now is not right."

Pickering said the United States was actively campaigning on this issue, and was telling Arab countries — all of which voted in favor of the resolution — that to revoke the resolution would aid the Middle East peace process by sending a signal of reconciliation.

"The U.S. has always stated its position clearly and forcefully many, many times," he said. "It was a falsehood, anti-Semitic and a slander of mammoth proportion."

Moynihan and others speaking at the conference said the resolution was the start of a degrading period in the history of the United Nations, one that gave legitimacy to anti-Semitim while stripping the United Nations of much of its

moral authority to act in the Middle East.

The new Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Yoram Aridor, referring to the anti-Semitic policies of Nazi Germany that led to the death of 6 million Jews, said: "Anti-Semitism can't be divided from anti-Zionism, and anti-Zionism slaps a yellow star on the collective

breast of Jewish people."

Aridor, who often intersperses his public remarks with quotations from books, reminded listeners of the words of popular Israeli author Amos Oz, explaining that if anything was learned from the Holocaust, it was that words can be potent weapons.

"Generations before the birth of Hitler, mass murderers already knew that you must first corrupt the words before you can corrupt those who use the words, so that they may be capable of murder in the guise of purification . . . We must treat words like hand grenades," said Aridor, quoting from O2.

Nov. 10 marks the 15th anniversary of the passage of U.N. Resolution 3379, which was adopted by a vote of 72-35 with 32 abstentions. Countries voting in favor included the Soviet Union and its satellite states, along with many of the non-aligned states.

AJCommittee issued a special publication for the event, "Anti-Zionism: The Sophisticated Anti-Semitism," and officials called on people to continue fighting against the resolution.

"There may be tactical questions about the best time to hold a vote to repeal 3379," said Sholom Comay, president of the AJC, in a statement released to the press. "But there is never a wrong time to speak out against anti-Semitism and bigotry."

ON THE EVE OF KRISTALLNACHT, BERLIN'S MAYORS EXPRESS REMORSE By David Kantor

Bonn, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Marking the 52nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the mayor and deputy mayor of Berlin have issued a statement expressing remorse over "the beginning of the darkest chapter in Germany's history."

The statement was released Thursday, the eve of the Nov. 9 observance of the night when Nazis organized the first nationwide pogrom against the Jews. On that night in 1938, scores of Jews were killed and hundreds of synagogues and Jewish businesses were set afire.

Walter Momper, mayor of what was formerly West Berlin and now mayor of the whole city, and Tino Schwierzina, former East Berlin mayor and now deputy mayor of united Berlin, warned against attempts to forget or disregard the anniversary, which coincides with the opening last year of the Berlin Wall.

This year, German media have dedicated hundreds of articles and special television and radio reports to the demise of the wall, but almost none to the pogroms of 52 years ago.

The chairman of the Jewish community of Germany, Heinz Galinski, said Wednesday that the Germans had failed all along to commemorate Nov. 9 as a day of infamy.

During a public meeting at the Jewish community center in Berlin, Galinski complained that the Germans all but refused to properly commemorate the day that marked the symbolic beginning of the Holocaust.

The Germans have been particularly strong in looking the other way, said Gerhard Schonberner, director of the Wannsec Villa memorial, the building on the outskirts of Berlin where the "Final Solution" to liquidate the Jews was decided on Jan. 20, 1942.

Schonberner recalled how inhabitants of his hometown failed to react when Jews were led to concentration camps or and property was destroyed.