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**ISRAELIS ENJOY A DAY OF CALM
AFTER 2 DAYS OF MISSILE ATTACKS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- After undergoing two harrowing days of missile attacks and air raid alerts, Israelis breathed a bit easier Sunday, and life in some parts of the country returned to a semblance of normality.

Except for a five-minute alert in the morning, which proved to be a false alarm, Sunday turned out to be a relatively uneventful day, the first since the first Iraqi SCUD missile slammed into a poor neighborhood of southern Tel Aviv at about 2:30 a.m. local time Friday.

Israelis have been assessing physical injuries and damage from that and the subsequent attacks. But the traumatic effects may not be known for some time.

Israel Defense Force and civil defense officials stressed that the respite from SCUD attacks did not necessarily mean Saddam Hussein had run out of missiles.

Although many of his fixed and mobile batteries are believed to have been destroyed by U.S. pounding from the air, an undetermined number are "alive" and remain to be found and destroyed, the officials said.

They warned that further attacks were possible and that chemical warfare could not yet be ruled out.

Over the weekend, two salvos totaling about a dozen SCUDs landed in Tel Aviv and Haifa, according to the official account.

Eight of the first salvo exploded early Friday morning, two in the Tel Aviv area, two in Haifa, three in unpopulated rural areas and one in an undetermined location.

Tel Aviv was hit by another three or four SCUDs around 7 a.m. Saturday.

The military censor forbade the broadcast or publication of details that could pinpoint where a missile landed. The censor explained such information could be of help to the Iraqis.

About 30 People Injured

All told, about 30 people were injured in the two attacks, most of them by glass splinters or blast concussions.

Larger numbers were treated for attack-related problems, including shock and hysteria. Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv reported treating 62 patients for missile-related ailments, including hysteria, and heart and respiratory problems.

Among those treated were some new immigrants from the Soviet Union who panicked and prematurely injected themselves with atrophine, an antidote to nerve gas. The drug is for use only after exposure to nerve gas. Otherwise it can produce nasty side-effects. By Sunday, all of those hospitalized had been released.

Israelis were relieved that no one was killed in the missile attacks. But there were related fatalities.

Three elderly women were found dead Friday morning wearing gas masks inside rooms sealed against chemical weapons attack. They are believed to have died of heart attacks.

In the Israeli Arab village of Taiba, a 3-year-old girl was asphyxiated, apparently because

she struggled while her parents tried to put on her gas mask.

In addition to the injuries, there was extensive property damage. About 20 buildings were damaged, some of them demolished, and numerous vehicles were damaged or destroyed.

A giant crater, some 26 feet across and 10 feet deep, in the corner of an empty lot in an economically depressed area of southern Tel Aviv was what was left after the first SCUD attack early Friday morning.

Three two-story houses nearby were badly damaged when the missile, with a conventional high-explosive warhead, came down.

Dozens of other houses and scores of cars around the lot, and in streets further away from the impact point, were damaged by the blast. Windows were smashed, doors hung from their hinges and broken glass littered the roadways for up to 320 feet away from the crater.

'A Miracle' Nobody Was Killed

Civil defense personnel and municipal employees worked Friday to fill the crater hole and cart away rubble from the damaged houses.

Neighbors had plenty of tales to tell to inquisitive journalists who crowded the scene. All agreed that it was "a miracle" nobody had been killed in the blast and that only 12 people sustained slight to medium injuries, mainly from flying glass or the effects of the explosion.

Mazal Levy, standing outside her slightly damaged house, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when the air raid siren awoke her that she just had time to take her three children into the safety of the gas-sealed room in the middle of the building before the missile landed seconds later.

Her sister-in-law, who lives across a courtyard, also was saved from injury by quickly getting her family into their sealed room. The facade of her house was badly damaged, apparently more from blast suction in the narrow space than the explosion itself.

Both women appeared resigned to their loss. They praised the Almighty for keeping the casualties low.

The surrounding streets were crowded Friday morning with neighbors, sightseers and youngsters collecting missile fragments for mementos.

A municipal truck drove around slowly, ordering people off the streets and into their houses immediately, with the grim addition that "you should have your gas masks ready."

The citizens obeyed, and the journalists stayed on to interview each other.

The Bezek telephone company asked subscribers to keep their local and overseas calls as short as possible. The sudden surge of phone calls to relatives and friends at home and abroad was taxing the lines, spokespersons said.

Pedestrian and vehicular traffic in Tel Aviv was at a minimum Friday morning as citizens were asked to remain at home unless they had to go outside -- with their gas masks -- to carry out vital duties or make essential purchases.

By Sunday morning, the situation was much calmer, especially in southern Israel, nearly all rural, which returned almost to normal. Schools remained closed, but citizens did not have to

wear their gas masks, though they were instructed to carry them.

North of a line from Ashdod on the coast to Kiryat Gat, regulations were tighter. The public was advised to stay at home, except for brief shopping trips to stock up on necessities.

Immigrants Continued To Arrive

The stay-at-home orders did not apply to people employed in essential services and manufacturing.

Supermarkets, food shops and designated banks were open and staffed. Those instructed to report to work included laborers at factories producing essential products, bus drivers, hospital personnel, and employees of electricity and water plants, telephone and postal services.

Judges hearing urgent cases held court Sunday.

El Al, Israel's international airline, and Arkia, its domestic carrier, continued to operate almost on normal schedules. El Al planes arrived full, bringing home thousands of overseas Israelis, non-Israeli volunteers and new immigrants from the Soviet Union.

The immigrants fresh off the planes seemed bewildered to be handed gas masks and instructed to "stay in a gas-sealed room and listen to the radio," neither of which they yet possessed.

ARRIVAL OF PATRIOT MISSILES IS WELCOME NEWS TO ISRAELIS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- The arrival here Saturday of Patriot anti-missile batteries, along with a team of Americans who can expertly operate them, was welcome news to Israelis, who have been living under the daily threat of missile bombardments from Iraq.

The United States rushed the anti-missile defense weapons and their crews to Israel following two attacks on Israeli cities by Iraqi SCUD missiles.

It is the first time since Israel was founded that foreign military personnel have landed on its soil to participate in its defense.

In addition to the Patriots, the U.S. aircraft carrier Forrester was reportedly sent to the eastern Mediterranean to help protect Israel from the Iraqi missile threat.

The advent of the unspecified number of missiles came as two senior Bush administration officials arrived to discuss Israeli involvement in the conflict with Iraq, which Saddam Hussein is trying to promote and the United States is still hoping to avoid.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger -- on his second visit to Israel this month -- and Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz wound up a day of talks with Israeli leaders here Sunday night, talks described by the Prime Minister's Office as "friendly" and by the Defense Ministry as "constructive."

The arrival here of Eagleburger and Wolfowitz coincided with the announcement that the anti-missile defense weapons had been deployed and were operational.

The Patriots and their operating crews arrived aboard U.S. Air Force Galaxy transports from a stockpile in Germany.

The precedent of American participation in Israel's defense may have prompted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to emphasize on television Sunday night that Israel had not abandoned the principle

of conducting its own self-defense, which has guided it "ever since the state was established and even before."

He called for the defensive action to be "strong, smart and well considered."

Israeli Retaliation Not Ruled Out

But Shamir apparently has not ruled out Israeli retaliation for the Iraqi missile attacks. He vowed that Israel would "act in the most damaging way" against Iraq.

The high-level U.S. visits proceeded from three "very friendly, heart-to-heart talks with President Bush" Shamir had over the weekend.

The premier said Bush "explained to me very cogently everything that he is doing, and what he expects from us, and what we can expect from him."

Shamir said the president had designated Eagleburger, second in command at the State Department after Secretary of State James Baker, to be his personal envoy and channel to the Israeli prime minister.

He said his conversations with Eagleburger and his aides related to "cooperation in the present situation and with a view to the future."

Observers here deduced that the talks had to do with military, political and economic aid projects.

The precise locations of the Patriots were not disclosed, but at least one battery is close to a populated area, to the evident gratification of nearby residents.

Israeli officials said the system -- originally designed to be used against aircraft but now enhanced to intercept missiles -- could not offer Israel total protection, but was certainly an important addition to the country's defenses.

Israel purchased two Patriot batteries from the United States. They were delivered two months ago, but the Israeli crews have not completed their training in the United States, which reportedly takes up to a year.

That may be speeded up now that the U.S. crews are here to instruct the Israelis. Israeli defense sources said the U.S. military teams were training personnel to take their place as soon as possible.

Eagleburger and Wolfowitz were taken straight from Ben-Gurion Airport to inspect a crater left by a SCUD in Tel Aviv. Their first business meeting was with Defense Minister Moshe Arens in Tel Aviv.

They drove to Jerusalem afterward to see Shamir and then Foreign Minister David Levy. Israeli officials said the Americans would also meet Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

BUSH DEPLORES IRAQI 'ACT OF TERROR'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- President Bush said Friday that he was "outraged" by the Iraqi attack on Israel, saying there was no question it was "purely an act of terror," since it had no military significance.

When a reporter asked why Bush was surprised by an Iraqi response, since the United States initiated the war, he responded angrily.

"Against a country that is innocent and not involved?" the president retorted incredulously. "Israel is not a participant, Israel is not a combatant and this man (Saddam Hussein) has elected to launch a terrorist attack against population centers in Israel with no military design whatsoever."

JEWS SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL AT RALLIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

By Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- Orthodox and secular Jews, "peaceniks" and members of the anti-Arab Kach movement came together Sunday in rallies, meetings, prayer vigils and demonstrations across North America to show solidarity with Israel, President Bush's Persian Gulf policy and the troops serving in that region.

At the same time, two national emergency campaigns to raise cash for the embattled State of Israel were initiated.

The State of Israel Bonds Organization announced an effort to secure \$100 million in capital within two weeks.

Bonds national headquarters in New York will be open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for bonds purchases, until further notice.

And all 40 Israel Bonds offices in the United States and Canada were open Sunday to kick off the campaign. Within the first four hours of the drive, \$12 million of bonds had been sold.

In Canada, United Israel Appeal President Julia Koschitzky asked people to "contribute as much cash as they can" to an emergency cash drive coordinated by the United Jewish Appeal, Combined Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Walter Hess, UIA Canada executive vice president, received a call from Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel in Jerusalem.

Kaplan said that Keren Hayesod has called on its campaigns around the world to provide \$100 million in cash within the next three months.

Thousands Rally In New York

The UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York initiated a two-day emergency telephone appeal and raised some \$628,000 in the first two hours of the effort.

In New York, about 40,000 people attended the largest of the solidarity rallies in the United States, according to organizers, though police estimated the crowd at 10,000.

Participants stood under sunny winter skies across the street from the United Nations, as area politicians, community leaders and Israeli government officials were applauded for their exhortations in support of the Jewish state.

Yoram Aridor, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, told the crowd, "If we've not retaliated yet, it is not because we are weak. This is a sign of strength."

The Israeli consul general in New York, Uriel Savir, praised U.S. efforts in the Persian Gulf. "When this operation is over, there will be no more Iraqi tanks, missiles, chemical weapons or a president called Saddam Hussein," he said.

The hastily organized rally, which was put together within a few hours Friday by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, boasted a dais full of New York's political luminaries.

They included Gov. Mario Cuomo, Mayor David Dinkins, former Mayor Edward Koch, U.S. Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato, and Reps. Stephen Solarz, Charles Schumer and Eliot Engel.

Six-year-old Jonathan Hyman of Roslyn, N.Y., attending the rally with his father, was dressed in a miniature version of Israeli army fatigues, replete with Golani brigade and paratrooper insignias. He approved of the politicians'

words, opining that "it's very nice that they're saying the right thing."

Another New Yorker who pushed to the front of the block-deep crowd was 82-year old Rubin Huffman, a World War I veteran who, proudly sporting his Jewish War Veterans cap, said he had heard about the rally during synagogue services Friday night.

He thought that it was "remarkable that so many people are here, considering that they put it together on such short notice."

Thousands In Montreal And Toronto

These were scenes repeated Sunday across North America on a smaller, but no less remarkable, scale.

In the largest show of solidarity with Israel in Montreal since the Six-Day War, 4,200 people attended a rally at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, sponsored by the Quebec region of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Canadian Secretary of State Gerald Weiner brought "best wishes and heartfelt words of sympathy" from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Outside the overflowing Conservative synagogue, 750 placard-carrying students chanted "Am Yisrael Chai."

In Toronto, more than 5,000 people lined up around the block to get into Beth Tzedec synagogue for a rally sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Toronto Jewish Congress, United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal.

Among the speakers were Consul General Benjamin Abi Leah, Canadian Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, who also brought greetings from Prime Minister Mulroney, and Les Scheininger, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In Indianapolis, more than 800 people "from every element of the Jewish community" turned out for a rally at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, according to Dr. Marcia Goldstone, its executive director.

A special prayer, written by the congregation's rabbi, was read by a woman whose husband is fighting in Saudi Arabia and an Indianapolis man whose children live in Jerusalem.

'Amazing Show Of Unity'

In Newton, Mass., some 2,000 people gathered in the Jewish Community Center for a rally organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

The mood, said JCRC Executive Director Nancy Kaufman, "was really one of 'We are one.' It was an amazing show of unity on the part of the Jewish community."

In Los Angeles, rallies were held at various locations throughout the afternoon and evening. Some 2,000 supporters of Israel, including members of youth groups, gathered outside the Israeli Consulate and listened to remarks by Consul General Ran Ronen.

Another rally was held in the afternoon in front of the Jewish Community Building. The Jewish Federation Council sponsored two "solidarity prayer gatherings" at congregations in West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. A third synagogue planned an evening rally.

(Contributing to this report were JTA correspondents Bram D. Eisenthal in Montreal, Cassandra Freeman in Toronto and Tom Tugend in Los Angeles.)

WAR MAKES FOR NOVEL SHABBAT AS ORTHODOX GLUED TO RADIOS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- The first Shabbat of the Middle East war proved a novel one for Israel's strictly Orthodox community.

Coming in the immediate aftermath of two SCUD missile attacks on Israel from Iraq, pious Jews were not only permitted but encouraged by their rabbis and other halachic authorities to listen to their radios.

It is the handiest source of news and the most important means by which the authorities can communicate with the public during the national emergency.

Actually, the situation does not pose much of a dilemma to the observant, Orthodox sources in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Sunday.

Whatever involves "pikuach nefesh" -- the mitzvah of saving or protecting life -- automatically takes priority over Sabbath observance and indeed over all other religious restrictions.

The Chief Rabbinate and the various Orthodox rabbis with very few exceptions had no qualms about counseling believers to keep their radios on during Shabbat.

The Israel Broadcasting Authority provided a special "Orthodox band." It offers news every two hours but no entertainment or musical interludes in between.

A random sampling among Orthodox Jews, however, found that many kept their radios tuned to regular service, which intersperses its news flashes and analyses with entertainment.

Although Israel Radio and the army radio combined their staffs to provide the 24-hour coverage of events, many of the Orthodox were tuned to the BBC or Voice of America, which being "goyish" were halachically less problematic than Jewish broadcasting on the Sabbath.

Another halachic ruling delivered by rabbis in light of the special situation allowed people to start their Shabbat or weekday meals in their dining rooms and say Grace later in their "sealed rooms" if an air-raid warning intervened.

But a problem developed with gas masks. Unless they fit tightly, they offer poor protection against chemical agents. Very few strictly Orthodox males have cut off their beards to accommodate them, even though some rabbis have ruled they may in the circumstances.

There is widespread resentment in the religious community because the government canceled plans to provide special protective hoods for the heavily bearded.

The civil defense authorities decided it would simply be too expensive. Although Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir overruled them 10 days ago, he acted too late for the current emergency.

MANY PALESTINIANS ARE CHEERING IRAQI MISSILE ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- While Palestinian nationalist leader Faisal Husseini has offered a qualified condemnation of the Iraqi missile attacks on Israel, Palestinian masses in the West Bank have cheered them.

There were demonstrations in support of Iraq and stoning incidents during curfew breaks in the West Bank. A Palestinian woman was shot to death by Israeli troops Saturday in Nablus.

Husseini expressed grief for the injuries and damage caused by the SCUD missiles that hit Israeli cities Friday and Saturday.

He added, however, that his sympathy for the Israelis was humanitarian, not political, and that he was just as "sad and unhappy" about the American air raids on Baghdad.

Husseini seemed to be trying to make amends for his initial pro-Iraqi stance, which shocked the many left-wing Israelis who have backed his calls for Israeli-Palestinian peace through negotiations.

The East Jerusalem activist has been one of the foremost advocates of non-violent resistance to the Israeli presence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But when the U.S.-led coalition opened hostilities with Iraq last week, he demanded that the fighting stop immediately.

"We are talking at human life, and we care about human life. Therefore we are calling to stop the whole war," Husseini said.

That did not sit well even with the Israeli peace camp, which considered Saddam Hussein a menace to Israel even before he made good on his threat of a missile attack.

Husseini's remarks, moreover, did not reflect the mood of much of the Palestinian community, where support for the Iraqi leader continues to be openly strong.

The blanket curfew clamped last Thursday on the West Bank and Gaza Strip was briefly lifted Sunday to allow residents to shop for basic necessities.

Youngsters began to throw stones at Israeli soldiers. In Hebron, young Arabs stoned the Avraham Avinu Synagogue. In Nablus, they poured into the streets shouting support for Saddam Hussein.

When air raid alarms sounded and Israelis raced to bomb shelters, Palestinians took to the rooftops cheering and shouting, "Allah akhbar" (God is Great).

The Israeli Defense Force kept its promise to shoot anyone in violation of the curfew. Lubana al-Kadah, 24, was shot to death Saturday in a Nablus street. Arab sources said she was killed for being outdoors during a curfew.

Ironically, many demonstrations took place while Palestinians were being issued gas masks by the Israeli civil administration in the territories.

JEWISH SITES IN TORONTO DEFACED

By Cassandra Freeman

TORONTO, Jan. 20 (JTA) -- Three Toronto-area synagogues and two other Jewish institutions were defaced with anti-Israel graffiti Thursday night at about the time that Iraq was firing SCUD missiles at Israel.

The vandalism appears to have been the work of one person or group. The Canadian Jewish Congress has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, said slogans that appeared to be related to the Palestine Liberation Organization were sprayed across the windows, doors and outside walls of Beth David Synagogue, Pride of Israel Synagogue and the Associated Hebrew School.

The North Jewish Community Center, which houses the CJC, was also a target.

The wall of the Jewish center was painted with the words "PLO/Husseini. Israel No."