

**SCORES HURT, SOME REPORTED DEAD
IN THIRD IRAQI ATTACK ON TEL AVIV**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- Life in Israel was just beginning to return to normal when a SCUD missile with a conventional, high-explosive warhead caused extensive casualties and severe damage in the Tel Aviv area Tuesday evening.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman said at least 70 people were injured, and Israel Radio reported three people had died of heart attacks.

The IDF spokesman warned that fatalities could increase as rescue workers dig through debris in search of people buried underneath.

About 20 houses were reported destroyed or damaged, including a three-story residential building demolished by a direct hit. Windows were broken over a wide area. There was extensive damage to electrical and telephone lines, water pipelines and cooking-gas cylinders.

IDF spokesman Nachman Shai described the attack as the most serious of the three SCUD salvos fired at Israel since the war against Iraq began last week.

In Washington, the White House issued a statement condemning the missile assault as a "brutal act of terror against innocent victims."

"The latest Iraqi missile attack on Israel is a continued example of Iraq's unprovoked aggression against its neighbors," said the statement from White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Israel's ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval, called the missile raid "a terrorist bomb attack on a peaceful civilian population of a country which is not at war with Iraq. This, by the way, constitutes a war crime under international law," he said.

Not 'An Eye For An Eye'

But Shoval stressed that if Israel decides to retaliate, it will not because it wants retribution.

"This is not a matter of an eye for an eye," the envoy said. "It is a matter of how to act in the best way in order to defend our population and in order to prevent further attacks."

The IDF refused to identify the area of impact of Tuesday's SCUD attack, because the information could help Iraqi military commanders.

Also in the dark was the functioning of the U.S. Patriot anti-missile batteries deployed in and around Tel Aviv as protection against incoming SCUDs. Two Patriot missiles were heard being launched seconds after air raid sirens sounded.

The attack was the first Iraqi missile barrage against Israel since the Patriot batteries, operated by U.S. Army crews, were declared operational late Saturday.

Israel has so far refrained from retaliation, apparently at the urging of the United States, which airlifted the Patriots here from its stockpile in Germany.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called a meeting of the Cabinet for early Wednesday morning, and the ministers were expected to discuss an Israeli response to Tuesday's attack.

Israeli Health Minister Ehud Olmert was quoted as saying, "It is not a question of whether Israel will retaliate, but when and how."

Tuesday's attack came just as Israelis were

beginning to feel safe again. After four days of virtual curfew, Israelis were told they could return to work Tuesday, but schools stayed closed.

The first signs of the SCUD attack came at about 8:45 p.m. local time Tuesday, when air raid sirens sounded all over Israel.

An IDF spokesman said on Israel Radio 10 minutes later that the population north of Netanya and south of Rishon le-Zion, including Jerusalem, could remove their gas masks and leave the gas-proofed rooms in their homes.

Residents of the Tel Aviv area were told to remain in their shelters and wear their gas masks. But those instructions were soon canceled and an all-clear sounded shortly afterward.

Rally Of Support At The U.N.

In New York, about 60 supporters of Israel gathered Tuesday evening in 18-degree weather outside the Israeli Mission to the United Nations in a hastily arranged show of concern and solidarity.

"It's a sad night in Israel," remarked Uriel Savor, Israel's consul general in New York, as Michael Miller, executive director of the local Jewish Community Relations Council, led the crowd in a recitation of psalms.

"Why are we here? We are here for the people, the victims and the friends" of Israel, said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He announced that the heads of most of the conference's 46 constituent groups would fly to Israel this weekend on a mission to "stand in solidarity with the government and people of Israel."

Among those in the shivering crowd was Sam Finkel, a 36-year-old teacher who was carrying a yahrzeit candle. "I have a sister in Israel, and I feel a bit guilty that people are there," he said. "I have to do my bit on this side of the ocean."

"It's important not to be silent and to show all the support we can," said Judith Lahn, 25, an artist. "It's a terrible atrocity that innocent people are being killed and victimized in a situation they should not be involved in anyway."

(Contributing to this report were JTA correspondents David Friedman in Washington and Aliza Marcus at the United Nations.)

**ISRAEL ASKS U.S. FOR \$10 BILLION
IN ADDITIONAL AID OVER FIVE YEARS**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- Israel has asked the United States for an additional \$10 billion in aid over the next five years.

The request was made by Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i at a meeting Tuesday with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, according to an Israel Radio-Israel Defense Force Radio joint services report.

In making the request, Moda'i cited Israel's immigrant absorption burden and costs incurred as a result of the Persian Gulf conflict, which has made Israel a target of Iraqi missile attacks.

Moda'i told reporters that Israel could raise additional funds it needed from other sources.

Eagleburger and his team of State Depart-

ment and Pentagon aides had their second meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Tuesday. The Americans arrived in Israel on Saturday and there was no word when they planned to leave.

Treasury officials said Israel had lost \$1 billion from the slump in tourism caused by the Persian Gulf crisis and another billion in lost production as workers stayed home during the last week of missile attacks.

A Treasury breakdown released Tuesday quantified missile damage in Tel Aviv and its environs at \$30 million. On Monday, Income Tax Commissioner Moshe Gavish told the Knesset Finance Committee that the damage totaled \$10 million.

But neither his nor the Treasury's figures included the severe damage reported from Tuesday evening's SCUD missile attack.

Israeli sources expressed confidence that all U.S. defense supplies currently "in the pipeline" or under consideration will be expedited in the wake of Eagleburger's talks here.

The talks with Shamir were believed to have focused on military coordination in the event Israel does intervene in the fighting against Iraq, the joint radio report said. Few details were made available by either side.

NEWS ANALYSIS:
MIDEAST COULD BE FRIENDLIER PLACE
FOR ISRAEL AFTER IRAQ IS DEFEATED
 By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- The Middle East may offer a friendlier environment for Israel once Saddam Hussein's Iraq is defeated, a number of thinkers and analysts here believe.

By the same token, Israel inevitably will be forced to confront and resolve its Palestinian problem, they say.

With Hussein gone, Egypt, the only Arab state formally at peace with Israel, will emerge stronger.

Syria, until a year ago regarded as Israel's most implacable foe, will be in the American camp. It refused to be drawn into "a foolish war by Saddam," in the words of its defense minister, Mustafa Tlas.

Instead of turning on Israel, Syria has joined the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq.

The Damascus daily Tishrin chided Iraq for serving Israel's interests by attacking it with SCUD missiles. Israel could some day use its newly acquired Patriot anti-missile missiles against Arab targets, the newspaper said.

After the war, Saudi Arabia will be at least psychologically closer to Israel, having shared with it the experience of being the target of Iraqi missile attacks.

Time To Make Palestinians An Offer

Under such circumstances, Israel will find it increasingly difficult to argue credibly that Arab hostility to it is the "core" of the Middle East conflict, rather than the Palestinian problem.

Israel's struggle with the Palestinians will not evaporate with the disappearance of Hussein. It may take a lower profile, but will rise to the surface as it always has.

The prominent Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua wrote in the mass-circulation daily Yediot Achronot this week that it is not too soon to give serious thought to this matter.

"The strange and new military alliance between us and the coalition countries will be

able to survive only if it is not poisoned by the Palestinian problem.

"This is exactly the hour to make the Palestinian people a clear and generous offer which can only be judged by one criterion: Had we been in their place, could we accept it?" the writer said.

But at the moment, the Palestinians are not making their situation any easier. They are probably stronger supporters of Saddam Hussein than many of his own people.

To the despair of their most thoughtful leaders, they have once again backed the wrong horse.

As SCUD missiles whistled over Tel Aviv and Haifa, nobody was happier than the Palestinians. Despite curfews, they took to the streets in the refugee camps and in the big West Bank cities, like Nablus and Tulkarm, chanting slogans in support of Hussein, "the first Arab leader who dared attack Israel's cities."

The Palestinians were well aware they could be casualties of the Iraqi missile attacks. After all, about 15,000 Arabs live in Jaffa, just south of Tel Aviv, and several thousand Israeli Arabs live in the center of Haifa.

But in the administered territories, they did not seem to care, as long as their arch-enemy was under attack.

When the air raid sirens were heard, many Palestinians climbed to the rooftops to try to see the Iraqi missiles in action, chanting "Allah akhbar" (God is great).

Could Not Help Supporting Hussein

In the western outskirts of Ramallah, just north of Jerusalem, it was possible to hear the explosions of SCUD missiles in Tel Aviv, much to the delight of the local population.

The hatred of the Israeli presence is so deep in the territories that it undermines rationality.

Dr. Sari Nusseibeh, a lecturer at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, was one of the first Palestinian leaders to admit there was something wrong with Palestinian support of Iraq.

"We knew that Saddam Hussein was about to lose, but we could not help supporting him, because he is our only ray of light," Nusseibeh said.

Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, an experienced political hand, warned from the outset that the Palestinians erred in supporting Saddam Hussein, because the Persian Gulf crisis relegated the Palestinian issue to the bottom of the Middle East agenda.

Faisal Hussein, a leading Palestinian nationalist leader in East Jerusalem, expressed sorrow Sunday over the Iraqi attack on Israel, though he equated it with American air attacks on Baghdad.

Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat may have dug the biggest hole for himself when he spoke out in support of Hussein at the start of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Arafat is still trying to formulate some kind of peaceful settlement, a hopeless task at this juncture.

But he keeps at it. According to rumors, Israel has been assured that it will be rewarded for refraining from retaliation against Iraqi missile attacks by the removal of an international conference from the Middle East peace agenda.

In other words, there will be no linkage between Kuwait and the Palestinian issue, which was the main reason the Palestinians supported Hussein at the outset.

JACKSON MEETS WITH ISRAELI ENVOY TO EXPRESS SORROW ABOUT IRAQI RAID

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson met with Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval for a half-hour Monday to express his sorrow that Israel had been attacked by Iraqi missiles.

Jackson, an outspoken critic of President Bush's decision to use force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, said he also was pleased that Israel now had U.S. Patriot missiles to help defend it from further attacks.

Shoval expressed his gratitude to Jackson for making a point by coming to the Israeli Embassy on the holiday celebrating the birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., according to an embassy report on the session.

Jackson asked for the meeting after sending Shoval a telegram last Friday expressing his "great sorrow and dismay" that Iraq had hit Israel with SCUD missiles earlier in the day.

"I think I speak for many Americans when I send my deepest sympathies to the innocent people who have suffered so needlessly," the black leader wrote.

During his two unsuccessful attempts to win the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988, Jackson was strongly criticized by many in the Jewish community for his views on Israel and his meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

Jews also were wary of his association with Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, known for making blatantly anti-Semitic remarks.

In August 1988, Jackson met with then Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad, who politely rejected a role for Jackson or any other individual as an intermediary in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Israel Ready To Make Peace

Jackson said Monday that he hoped his meeting with Shoval would start a dialogue between him and Israel. He said the lack of such a dialogue had created misconceptions about his view among the people of Israel.

Jackson said he is praying for an end to the Persian Gulf crisis and that a solution will be found.

Shoval told Jackson that while diplomacy has an important role to play in bringing peace to the Middle East, the first goal for a better future in the region is to provide security and stability.

There is a consensus in Israel to seek peace, Shoval said, adding that when Saddam Hussein is defeated, the Arab world will find Israel ready to move the peace process forward.

Israelis want to find a solution to the Palestinian problem, but Arafat and the PLO cannot be part of the peace process, the ambassador said.

He said even Israelis who earlier had been willing to speak to the PLO changed their minds after Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip demonstrated their support for the Iraqi invasion and their joy at Israel being struck by missiles.

Jackson has not announced whether he plans to make another bid for the presidency.

But in November, he was elected as one of the District of Columbia's two shadow senators, part of the effort to gain statehood for the district.

CHRISTIAN GROUPS OPPOSED TO WAR CONDEMN IRAQI ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

By Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- Christian groups which have been vocal in their opposition to U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf have now strongly condemned Iraq's attacks on Israel.

The Most Rev. John Roach, chairman of the international policy committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a letter last Friday to Zalman Shoval, Israel's ambassador to the United States, expressing the group's "deep sorrow and profound moral outrage at the unprovoked missile attack."

American Catholics "join with peoples throughout the world in condemning this indiscriminate attack on the civilian population of a nation not even engaged in the current hostilities in the region," the letter reads.

"There can be no justification for attacks on innocent people which clearly violate the moral norms for combat."

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops represents 350 bishops and approximately 57 million American Catholics.

Quarter-Page Newspaper Ad

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, an umbrella group representing 32 Protestant and Orthodox denominations claiming a combined membership of nearly 42 million people, said that it "deplores" Iraq's missile attacks on Israel.

The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovshy, the National Council's president, and James Hamilton, the group's general secretary, said in a statement that "we are deeply thankful at the news that apparently very few lives have been lost and that no chemical weapons were used."

An organization of prominent Catholics and Protestants, the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, has also condemned the attacks, and affirmed its "solidarity with the State and people of Israel."

The Leadership Conference published its statement Monday in a quarter-page advertisement on the op-ed page of The New York Times.

The statement commended the policy of the American and allied forces coalition, and criticized efforts "by outside powers" to "link the Israeli-Palestinian Arab peace process to the Gulf crisis," asserting that it "will seriously impede the chances for any substantive progress."

Quakers Express Sorrow

Officers of the organization's executive committee signed the advertisement, including Sister Rose Thering, the group's executive director. In the past, she has often been an outspoken supporter of Israel.

The American Friends Service Committee, an independent pacifist Quaker organization, expressed a "profound sense of sorrow and dismay" over the attacks, in a letter to Ambassador Shoval from the organization's executive secretary, Asia Bennett.

But in a separate letter to Iraqi Ambassador to the United States Mohamed al-Mashat, Bennett said:

"We oppose the U.S. attack on Iraq and grieve for the Iraqis who have been killed or injured. We urge an immediate cease-fire."

There are approximately 120,000 Quakers in the United States.

UJA MOUNTS \$400 MILLION CASH DRIVE TO ASSIST ISRAEL IN MEETING COSTS

By Aliza Marcus

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- The American Jewish community is being mobilized to pay up campaign pledges, as Israel's already weak economy reels under the physical and psychological effects of Iraqi missile attacks.

United Jewish Appeal leaders have launched an emergency cash drive to bring in \$400 million by the end of March, in an attempt to help the financially strapped Jewish state meet its new security and social needs in the midst of the Persian Gulf war.

The money, to be collected by local federations around the country, will mainly consist of previously made pledges that originally were to be paid out over a year or series of years.

UJA officials said the exigencies of the times, including the continuing massive immigration of Soviet Jews despite the Gulf war, necessitate the appeal for American Jews to either give more money or pay their outstanding pledges.

The UJA cash drive was mounted because "Israel is now faced with enormous security costs, in addition to the great dangers" of war, which "require the moral and financial support of the U.S. Jewish community," said UJA President Stanley Horowitz.

The majority of the \$400 million is expected to come from payment of pledges to Operation Exodus, the special UJA campaign to assist the large-scale Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

But most of the pledges were to be paid out over a three-year period, and federation leaders are asking contributors to fulfill their commitments early. "The real need is for cash money, as distinct from pledges," stressed Horowitz.

The UJA leader said he expected the response to be overwhelmingly positive, as the missile attacks on Israel and the continuing immigration of Soviet Jews make clear Israel's great need in this time of crisis.

Plans for the mobilization drive, drawn up by the campaign executive committee, chaired by UJA National Chairman Marvin Lender, aim to have at least a third of the money collected by the end of the month.

Meanwhile, an emergency drive launched Sunday by the State of Israel Bonds Organization had brought in \$20 million by Tuesday. Plans are to sell a total of \$100 million in Israeli government securities over the next two weeks.

To assist in the sale, the Israel Bonds national headquarters in New York is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Officials said the phones had been ringing non-stop.

JEWS, NON-JEWS RALLY FOR ISRAEL THROUGHOUT EUROPE AFTER ATTACKS

JTA Staff Report

ROME, Jan. 22 (JTA) -- Rallies of solidarity with Israel, following two attacks by Iraqi missiles last week and preceding Tuesday's third attack, drew thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish supporters in Rome, Paris and Amsterdam on Sunday and Monday.

But strong anti-Israel sentiments were expressed at peace rallies in Italy and Holland, where the issue of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians drew more attention than Saddam Hussein's occupation of Kuwait.

About a thousand pro-Israel demonstrators massed outside the Israeli Embassy in Paris on Monday evening, waving Israeli, American, British and French flags.

They shouted "Am Yisrael Chai" and "Bastard Saddam, the world will get you."

The rally, organized by Herut-France with various Zionist organizations, was attended by many junior politician of right-wing opposition parties, who were received earlier by the Israeli ambassador, Ovadia Soffer.

A similar demonstration was held outside the Israeli Embassy in Rome on Sunday, attended by more than 1,000 people.

Anti-Israel Sentiments In Italy

Many of the men in the crowd wore yarmulkes and waved Israeli flags and posters reading "Israel, we are with you."

The demonstration was organized by the Italy-Israel Society as a gesture of solidarity with the Jewish state and to express hope it will be left in peace.

Many participants expressed concern over the pro-Iraq, anti-American and increasingly anti-Semitic attitudes being expressed by hundreds of thousands of self-proclaimed pacifists all over Italy since the Gulf war broke out.

Writer Fiamma Nirenstein said she was "stupefied after the attacks on Israel at what has been the reaction in my country."

"Here today we have a demonstration of 1,000 people outside the Embassy of Israel, the country which suffered these attacks, while on the streets, tens of thousands of people go out under slogans which are pro-Iraqi," she said.

Strong pro- and anti-Israel rallies took place in Amsterdam.

More than 2,000 people, including prominent Dutch political figures, attended a solidarity rally for Israel on Monday night sponsored by the Israel Coordination Committee, an ad hoc group set up by the major Jewish and Zionist organizations in Holland.

Ien Dales, the secretary of domestic affairs, represented the Dutch government. "Today we show our strong and deep relations with the people and State of Israel," she said. "It is at this very moment that Israel must be sure it can count on its friends."

Complaints About Jews In Amsterdam

But there was another side to the coin.

A public meeting in Amsterdam on Sunday night, organized to "combat the enemy image" of all Moslems and Arabs in Holland, developed into a verbal mass attack on Israel and ended in pandemonium.

Many members of the audience -- Kurds, Turks and Dutch-born Moslems -- attacked Israel and the fact that Palestinians were not issued gas masks when they were given out to Jews.

They also complained that Jews in Holland are treated with much more respect than Moroccans and Turks.

A pro-Moslem rally attended by several hundred people was held outside the American Consulate last Friday night.

A peace demonstration in The Hague on Saturday drew 2,000 to 3,000 people and was marked by attacks on the United States.

(Contributing to this report were JTA correspondents Ruth E. Gruber in Rome and Henrietta Boas in Amsterdam. Also contributing was Ruben E. Vis in Amsterdam.)