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## ***Trump to Palestinian Leader Abbas: 'You Lied to Me'***

By World Israel News & IsraelNationalNews.com

President Donald Trump lambasted Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, after the president claimed the PA leader deceived him regarding his party's involvement in anti-Israel incitement.

Trump met with Abbas in the PA-controlled city of Bethlehem last week during his two-day visit to Israel. The two held a joint press conference, at which time the president praised Abbas' commitment to restarting negotiations with Israel for a final status agreement. But according to a report by Channel 2 Sunday evening, the closed-door meeting between the president and the PA chairman was anything but cordial. Palestinian sources told Channel 2 that the meeting was calm.

A US official present during the meeting claims the president expressed outrage with Abbas, yelling at him regarding Abbas' claims that his Fatah faction was not involved in anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement. "You tricked me in Washington," the president is said to have yelled at Abbas, referencing the PA leader's March trip to the US capital.

The next day, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stated: "I heard President Abbas yesterday say that the Palestinians teach their children peace. Unfortunately, that's not true. They name their schools after mass murderers of Israelis and they pay terrorists."

Palestinian streets, squares and cultural institutions are frequently named after terrorists with blood on their hands. In a recent example of Palestinian incitement, a youth camp was named in honor of the leader of a mass-casualty terror attack, The PLO's Supreme Council for Youth and Sports announced the naming a youth camp "Brothers of Dalal" after terrorist Dalal Mughrabi.

Indeed, Norway is now demanding their money be returned upon learning that a Palestinian women's center in the Palestinian village of Burqa was also named after Mughrabi. The center was funded in part by Norway.

According to the American official who spoke with Channel 2, beyond the PM's statement, Israel also provided the White House with proof of the PA's support for and promotion of terrorism. During their joint news conference last Tuesday, Trump alluded to the PA's funding for jailed terrorists, calling it an obstacle to peace. "Peace can never take root in a place where violence is tolerated, funded and even rewarded... We must be resolute in condemning such acts in a single, unified voice. Peace is a choice we must make each day, and the United States is here to help make that dream possible for young Jewish, Christian, and Muslim children across the region."

## ***Palestinian Authority Paid Over \$1 Billion to Terrorists in 4 Years***

By TheTower.org

The Palestinian Authority issued payments to terrorists and their families totaling more than \$1 billion over a four-year period, according to a recent study by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. The sum accounts for 7% of the PA's budget and is equivalent to 20% of the foreign aid the PA receives annually.

The payments are written into PA law, which declares that the prisoners, who are convicted of security offenses and acts of terrorism, are "a fighting sector and an integral part of the weave of Arab Palestinian society," and guarantees "the financial rights of the prisoner and his family." Prisoners consequently receive a significant payment while incarcerated, as well as jobs or salaries upon their release. The time they served behind bars also counts toward their seniority in PA institutions.

A prisoner who completed a five-year sentence or longer is entitled to a civil service job in the PA. As longer sentences result in greater authority and better pay, it means that Palestinians incarcerated for more serious crimes, including terror, are rewarded more generously.

The PA's 2016 budget allocated 488.4 million shekels (about \$128 million) for salaries to imprisoned terrorists and released prisoners, according to the report. In addition, payments to families of "martyrs" — which include Palestinians killed while carrying out terror attacks — totaled 663.6 million shekels (about \$175 million). Overall, the PA paid 1.152 billion shekels (about \$303 million) in terror related payments in 2016.

"This equals about 7% of the overall budget and almost 30% of the projected foreign aid, most of which goes to the general budget," the report stated. "2.925 billion shekels out of the 3.881 billion in foreign aid go to the general budget and salaries to terrorists and families amount to almost 40% of the aid directed to the general budget." The PA's budgets for 2013 to 2016 each allocated over \$270 million in payments for terrorists and their families, according to the research presented in the paper.

To escape growing criticism of the practice, the PA ended direct payments to terrorists and their families in 2010 and instead began sending the funds to the PLO, which distributes the funds to their intended recipients.

The subject of payments to terrorists came to the fore in Britain in March 2016 after The Mail on Sunday published an exposé showing that the PA paid generous salaries to many convicted Palestinian terrorists. That report, as well as another released by Israel Radio, was based on research done by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), a nonprofit that has documented how the PA incentivizes terror since 2011.

A 2014 report in The Telegraph showed that the PA used over \$90 million in British foreign aid to pay convicted terrorists in 2013. This equaled around 16 percent of all foreign aid payments to the PA.

## ***Israel Condemns Muslim Terror At- tack on Christians in Egypt***

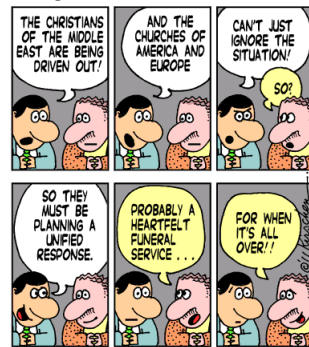
By United with Israel & VOA News

Israel strongly condemned Friday's horrific terrorist attack in Egypt, in which Muslim terrorists shot and killed 29 Christians and wounded scores. "Israel strongly condemns the severe terrorist attack in Egypt and sends the condolences of the Israeli people to President [Abdel Fattah] al-Sissi and the Egyptian people," the Israeli statement said. "There is no difference between the terror of the attack in Egypt and that of attacks in other countries," the statement stressed, adding that "terror will be defeated more quickly if all countries work together against it."

Masked Muslim terrorists riding in three SUVs opened fire Friday on a bus packed with Coptic Christians, including children, south of the Egyptian capital, killing at least 29 people and wounding 22, while they were on their way to the monastery of Saint Samuel the Confessor in Maghagha. The Islamic State (ISIS) terror group claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack came on the eve of the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

According to accounts given by survivors, the terrorists forced the Christians to recite the Shehada (Muslim declaration of faith) before shooting them dead. Christians in Egypt have endured several years of terrorist attacks by Islamist groups, and have recently experienced a surge in attacks by ISIS.

## Dry Bones THE CHRISTIANS



Courtesy of Yaakov Kirschen DryBonesBlog.com

In April, two suicide bombings at Palm Sunday services at churches in Alexandria and Tanta butchered 46 people. In December, a suicide bombing at a church in Cairo killed 29 people, while a Christian community was forced to flee the town of el-Arish in the northern Sinai Peninsula after a series of gun attacks in February.

Video interviews with survivors of the deadly attack painted a picture of untold horror, with children hiding under their seats to escape gunfire. The videos surfaced on social media networks on Sunday.

One survivor, a boy who seemed to be about six, said his mother pushed him under her seat and covered him with a bag. A young woman speaking from her hospital bed said the assailants ordered the women to surrender their jewelry and money before they opened fire, killing the men first and then some of the women. The woman said the gunmen were masked and wore military uniforms.

Bishop Makarios, the top Coptic Orthodox cleric in Minya, the province where the attack took place, said the assailants told Christian men they ordered off the bus they would spare their lives if they converted to Islam.

"They chose death," said Makarios, who has been an outspoken critic of the government's handling of anti-Christian violence in Minya, where Christians account for more than 35% of the population, the highest anywhere in Egypt. "We take pride to die while holding on to our faith," he said in a television interview aired late Saturday.

Egypt responded to the attack with a wave of airstrikes against suspected terrorist bases where the military said the perpetrators trained. A manhunt for the assailants in the vast deserts to the west of the site of the attack has so far yielded no arrests.

In the Vatican, Pope Francis, for the second day in a row, expressed his solidarity with Egypt's Coptic Christians following Friday's attack. He led thousands of people in prayer Sunday for the victims, who Francis said were killed in "another act of ferocious violence" after having refused to renounce their Christian faith.

Speaking from his studio window over St. Peter's Square, he said: "May the Lord welcome these courageous witnesses, these martyrs, in his peace and convert the hearts of the violent ones."

## Divorced Fathers Protest 'ISIS-Style' in Tel Aviv

By IsraelNationalNews.com

A group of divorced fathers calling itself "Fathers in Orange" found an original and dramatic way to demonstrate against the abuse they suffer at the hands of the various governmental systems. They marched through the Saron complex in Tel Aviv with their feet cuffed, dressed in orange outfits and wearing masks on their faces.

See <http://media-ios.a7.org/a7radio/misc/video/17/WhatsApp%20Video%202017-05-25%20at%2022.57.11.mp4>

Each one had a sign pasted on his chest which read "Father." On their back was written: "Prisoner of the family court," "Prisoner of the Execution Office," "Prisoner of the Welfare and communication centers."

The effect created was powerful; at least one onlooker had to cover her face with a restaurant menu so as not to see the frightening image. Otherwise, she said, she wouldn't be able to sleep. Members of the group said that they intend to hold similar such protests at various locations around Israel soon.

Protests by divorced fathers have taken place for years but generally do not gain media attention - even when they seem to have the qualities befitting a newsworthy story, and even when hundreds are in participation.

Many of these fathers assert that feminist reporters try to conceal knowledge of their protests from the public, as part of a policy of suppression.

## A Kick During the Wedding Led to Divorce

By IsraelNationalNews.com

A husband claims his wife stepped on his foot to 'rule over' him, and said the rabbi made a mistake in amount stipulated in the marriage contract. "In the middle of the wedding, my wife stepped on my foot," a husband from Samaria told the rabbinical court in the Samaria city of Ariel. "It's a custom of sorts, that instead of the husband ruling the home, the wife steps on his foot so that she will rule him."

Ariel Rabbinic Court Head Rabbi Meir Freeman and members Rabbis Meir Kahan and Yitzhak Rappaport were asked to decide on two issues which came up under the marriage canopy: The bride stepping on her new husband's foot, and the sum of money stipulated in the Jewish marriage contract.

Apparently, the officiating rabbi made a mistake when he entered the amount of money the husband promised to give his wife in case of divorce. According to the husband, since his wife stepped on his foot during the wedding, she has become a completely different person and his life a living purgatory.

"She yells at me, and curses me and my family," he told the judges. "She's not willing to do anything for me, not even basic things such as cooking and laundry. Her screams are impossible to handle - she calls me 'a big pile of nothing' and a 'loser.' She calls my older sister a 'parasite' and a 'user.' She calls my second sister 'ugly and disgusting,' and my third sister, who lives in the US, is 'the rich queen.'"

Regarding the marriage contract, the husband said he told the rabbi to write in the numerical value of God's name (26 multiplied by one thousand. Instead, the rabbi accidentally wrote 260,000 NIS. While reading out the contract under the marriage canopy, the rabbi read "the agreed-upon sum" but did not mention an exact sum. "If he had mentioned the sum while reading it, I would have corrected him and said the sum is 26,000 NIS not 260,000 NIS," the husband insisted.

In their ruling, the rabbinical judges wrote that since the husband did not bring solid enough proof of his claims, the woman is eligible to receive the full 260,000 NIS. In addition, a "bad wife" does not lose the sum promised to her in the marriage contract.

Despite the fact that the wedding video did indeed show the rabbi reading "the agreed-upon sum" instead of mentioning a specific amount, the rabbinic court ruled that the sum of 260,000 is legally binding since it had been signed and witnessed. "The two sides divorced, at the husband's request and with the agreement of the wife," the rabbinic court wrote in their ruling. "The husband agrees to pay the wife 260,000 NIS, as agreed on in their marriage contract."

## Can 'Jewishness' Be Proven with a Simple Saliva Test?

By YnetNews.com

A group of experts on genetics and Halacha (Jewish religious law), who are studying the so-called "Jewish gene," are claiming that one gene can help prove one's "Jewishness" in line with Jewish religious law. "This could be a significant breakthrough," explained Rabbi Yosef Carmel, head of the Gazit rabbinical court and the Eretz Hemdah Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies. According to Carmel, "Using a simple sample of saliva can save a long and difficult conversion process."

Any person who wishes to be recognized as a Jew—for example, to get married in the State of Israel, which can only be done through the Chief Rabbinate—is required to prove their Jewish roots. In Jewish religious law, only those born to Jewish mothers are considered Jewish. Those who wish to be recognized as Jews must provide proof of Judaism several generations back in the form of documents—such as birth and marriage certificates.

This can be a problem for over 400,000 people, particularly immigrants and especially those from the former Soviet Union, who don't have the necessary documents. People who cannot prove their Jewish roots are considered as "undefined," with applicants having to undergo a long and tedious conversion process that quite a few wish to avoid and many do not complete.

"In recent years, (researchers) in Israel and in the world have been studying mitochondrial DNA—structures within the cells—that a person receives only from his or her mother," explained Rabbi Dov Popper, an adviser at the Puh Institute, an Israel-based international organization that helps Jewish couples with fertility problems.

"We can find the gene with a simple blood or saliva test. As soon as you find the mitochondrial gene in a person, this serves as a considerable piece of evidence in proving his Jewish roots," Popper said. "If the gene research is accepted by the Chief Rabbinate, this would be a significant change" for the hundreds of thousands who are considered "undefined," Rabbi Carmel said.