

Israel News Desk

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The Temple Mount in Jerusalem is never far from the news. UNESCO seek to erase Jewish ties to both the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. The Palestinian Authority are fighting a diplomatic war against the State of Israel on all fronts. They have the support of the UN as always, with its built in majority of anti-Semitic delegates, many from Islamic countries, who can always be the majority, hence the appalling number of anti-Israel resolutions passed over the years.

Now UNESCO the UN Cultural Organisation have declared that Hebron is not Jewish! Israel has had a continuous presence there since the time of King David!

Both the Temple area and Hebron are precariously locked over the pre 1967 borders, which means that the Palestinians claim them with the backing of much of the international community as part of their future state. Hebron is the site of the Cave of Machpelah. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Leah, Israel's Patriarchs and Matriarchs are buried there! To say it is not a Jewish site is outrageous.

A secret ballot in Krakow voted to place Hebron's old city along with the tomb of the Patriarchs on UNESCO's "World Heritage and in danger list". Mr Netanyahu described the decision as "another delusion". Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely described the vote as "a badge of shame". Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman called UNESCO a "Politically based, embarrassing and anti-Semitic organisation", Yair Lapid of Israel's Yesh atid party said UNESCO's decision was "a despicable falsification of history". America's UN Ambassador stated "the decision is tragic and an affront to history". The attempts to delegitimize these 2 sites are a part of the devils onslaught on the Jewish people which continues in many ways worldwide. Even though America, Canada and Australia are not members of the committee that took the decision on Hebron they all spoke out against it. The World Jewish Congress said "it is yet another cynical distortion of reality and a subversive attempt to rewrite history".

Jordan's Parliament praised the terrorists who killed two Israeli police officers recently at the Temple Mount. King Abdullah condemned the attack but Parliaments speaker prayed "may the mercy of Allah be on our martyrs". Israel promptly closed the Temple area and after three attackers fled there and were shot dead.

Israel then placed metal detectors at 5 gates to the Temple area, an action which led to rioting and a statement from a resident at the Old City's Muslim Quarter that there would be an explosion in the Old City if the detectors were not removed. Gaza's rulers urged more attacks. Israel took the detectors down and indicated there would be more sophisticated put in place to prevent arms being taken into the Temple area. There is much more happening and as I write this situation is not resolved - nor is it likely to be!

It is tragic that after the experience of Gaza Israel has not learned that to appease Muslims leads to even greater demands. As a result of the removal of the detectors the Palestinians want all security removed from the surrounding area including the Old City!

Relations between Jordan and Israel have now sunk to their lowest since the Jordan/Israel peace accord with the shooting of two Jordanians by a security officer at Israel's Embassy in Amman. This was in answer to a workman at the site stabbing a security officer with a screwdriver. The security guard who shot the two Jordanians is back in Israel but as he was received and welcomed by Mr Netanyahu, King Abdullah is reported to be furious with Mr Netanyahu and has visited Mr Abbass in Ramallah to express support of the Palestinians and has agreed a joint position with him in relation to forthcoming peace talks sponsored by Donald Trump. Watch this space!

India is cosying up to Israel. It may be that they crave Israeli technology but equally Israel is keen for access to their markets. Mr Modi and Mr Netanyahu seemed to get on very well and were photographed paddling in the sea!

Hamas - Israel and Hamas are close to a prisoner exchange. According to reports the bodies of two Israeli soldiers killed in 2014 will be returned to Israel. In exchange they want all the prisoners released during the Shalit deal and later rearrested for violating their release terms. Also they want female prisoners and members of the Palestinian Legislative Council, currently imprisoned, released.

Scotland - The Scottish Parliaments conservative party deputy leader has said that pro-Palestinian politicians should take stock of themselves. He said "the more active people are in fighting against Israel, the more likely it is that anti-Semitism is present".

I have personally said myself that I see little difference between being anti-Israel and anti-Semitic.

Princess Diana - Speaking on the 20th Anniversary of Princess Diana's death, one of her closest confidants has revealed that she planned a holiday with her two sons in Israel which was vetoed by the Foreign Office. She arranged a visit to Eilat with William and Harry and also a visit to Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital and Princess Alice at Battenberg's grave on the Mount of Olives.

Princess Alice is the paternal grandmother of Prince Charles who saved a Jewish Family in the holocaust. The heartless British Foreign Office refused her permission to go for fear of upsetting the Saudi's. Whilst her safety was also in mind it was a good excuse for their well known and blatant anti-Semitism still rampant there today. The message to her from the Foreign Office was described as being in "no uncertain terms".

Balfour Declaration - Prince Charles will not attend the celebrations in Jerusalem. The Royal Family have also been banned from Israel although Prince Charles has been. How disgraceful when visits to Saudi Arabia to kow tow to this ghastly country are encouraged. Political expedience always takes precedence over national morality.

Truly the world in general and our own country tragically are very anti-Semitic. In 2017 there were 767 anti-Semitic incidents in the UK. To our shame.

Pray for Israel as Christ's return grows ever more imminent. All I have written indicates it is time for all, Jew and Gentile to seek the Lord. Tomorrow could be too late!
God bless Israel - He will.

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