

Sharon's Time Bombs In The 'Jewish Underground'

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Israel's Shin Bet domestic security service has arrested nine Jewish settlers in July and August who were planning terror attacks on Palestinians. At arrest, the network members were in the possession of 5 kilos of military explosives, testimony that they had massacre on their minds. The network constitutes part of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "infrastructure of terror" when brutal provocations are needed. The real anti-Palestinian terror comes from the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) which openly admits that it is applying what it learned from the Nazis' destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto, to its task "pacifying" the Palestinians on their own territory. The Jewish terror networks' role is to provide a well-timed provocation when it would be useful for Sharon's regional war plans.

It should be remembered, that the first suicide attack after the Oslo Accords were signed ten years this week, was not committed by Hamas, Islamic Jihad, or any other Palestinian group, but by Jewish settler Dr. Baruch Goldstein. On Feb. 25, 1994, Goldstein machine-gunned to death more than 30 worshippers at Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs mosque. Goldstein's attack began the spiral of violence that has since drowned the Oslo Accords in a sea of blood.

The police who made the August arrests of nine Israeli terrorists discovered that they were planning to make attacks during the implementation of the Road Map to a Middle East peace. For Sharon—if Hamas was not prepared to oblige him by launching a suicide bombing—then a massacre of Palestinians would be sure to re-ignite mass violence and dead-end the Road Map, once and for all.

The suspects are not young people on the fringe who have "gone bad." They are the second and third generation of Jabotinskyite and messianic fascists, who are responsible for the entire settlement enterprise, of which Sharon continues to be chief architect. They are the vanguard of the so-called "hilltop youth," who have been building the illegal outposts that Sharon refuses to dismantle as he agreed to do. This latest cell to emerge is linked to the same circles as Baruch Goldstein. They are accused of being connected to the killings of eight Palestinians in various attacks over the past two years. Significantly, they are linked to the same cell, that in April 2002, placed a powerful bomb in front of a Palestinian hospital and girls school in Arab East Jerusalem (see "Jewish Terror Plot in East Jerusalem," *EIR*, May 31, 2002). If that plot had not been foiled, the intended butchery would have been far worse than the suicide bus bombings by Palestinians.

The Israeli security services claim, that they have difficulty investigating because of the networks' shadowy nature, is a fraud. These networks are all well known, and controlled by the same web of extremist rabbis and terrorist organizations that have been active for decades. The real difficulty in putting an end to their activity, is that they enjoy the protection of the highest levels of the political establishment that backs the settlements.

As Israel's major daily *Ha'aretz* underlined in an editorial on Aug. 25: "The recent arrests demonstrate the nest of terror exposed from time to time in the homes of Yesha settlers is not a marginal phenomenon. Rather, they are the central idea of the settlements taken to an extreme. . . . It would be appropriate for the settlers and their leaders to denounce the distorted version of the settlement philosophy their sons have adopted. But this type of denouncement will not relieve them of responsibility for this phenomenon."

Sharon's Infrastructure of Terror

A look at some of the suspects leads directly to Sharon and the other extremists in his government.

The financier of the ring is Yitzhak Pas, who reportedly was seeking revenge for the killing of his infant daughter in a Palestinian attack, a despicable crime that outraged Israel. But, it also created outrage against Pas and other extremist settlers, who expose their small children to lethal danger in the name of their blindly fanatical ideology. Her death even sparked calls in the Knesset (parliament) for action against parents who expose their young ones to such dangers.

Pas lives in the settlement in the old city of Hebron—the site of Abraham's tomb, and therefore sacred to the Abrahamic religions; the settlement is known within Israel as being under control of lunatic extremists. On Aug. 19, the Israeli-Palestinian human rights group B'Tselem released a report, documenting that the Hebron settlers, with de facto backing of the IDF, have been carrying out "ethnic cleansing" against Palestinians in the old city: As a result of vigilante attacks, relentless harassment, and prolonged curfews, several thousand Palestinians have already left the district.

Pas' controller is his rabbi, Uzi Sharbaf, who runs the Avraham Avinu Yeshiva (religious school) in that settlement. Who is Sharbaf? He brings us directly into the center of the Jewish terror web, part a network of rabbis who train and control the extremists. Sharbaf was a member of the infamous Jewish underground, which in the 1980s targeted Palestinians for assassination, and even tried to blow up Jerusalem's Al Haram Al Sharif/Temple Mount, another multi-confessional holy site. In 1984, Sharbaf was sentenced to life in prison for participating in the murder of Arab students at the Islamic University in Hebron in the 1980s. He and other members of the group were pardoned by the Israeli President in 1985; at the same time Israel released a large group Palestinian prisoners, a prisoner exchange that was part of a deal with Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Libera-

tion of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC).

One of Sharbat's comrades, who also went to jail in the 1980s, was Ze'ev Hever, whom Sharon affectionately calls "my friend Zambash," Hever's nickname. Hever is more than that: He is Sharon's agent in the entire settlement enterprise. Hever, who lives in the Kiryat Arba settlement on the outskirts of Hebron (as did Baruch Goldstein), is the most powerful settler leader. Nothing happens in the settlements without his approval, including building illegal settlements, outposts, roads, and conducting political activities. He meets several times a week with Sharon, and his word is as good as Sharon's own.

Sharbat is the son-in-law of Rabbi Moshe Levenser, whose son Maneshe, was arrested last year in East Jerusalem hospital/girls school bomb plot. Levenser founded the radical Gush Emunim movement which established the first settlements in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. He also founded the Hebron settlement where Pas lives. Not surprisingly, Levenser was one of the spiritual guides of Yigal Amir, who assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Nov. 4, 1995.

Another suspect is David Libman, also from Hebron. He and suspect Ronen Arousi played a leading role in the movement to established illegal outposts. Libman's father, Rabbi Menahem Libman, once headed Shavei Yeshiva in Hebron, one of the most radical schools. The yeshiva received 20,000 shekels from the Tourism Ministry in 2002, to conduct guided tours of the old city—but there were no tourists "sight-seeing" Hebron that year, in the peak of the Al Aqsa Intifada uprising.

Tourism Minister Rabbi Benny Elon publicly preaches that the Palestinians should be "transferred"—meaning ethnically cleansed—from the West Bank and Gaza, and forced into Jordan. In his latest ministry budget, with the approval of Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Elon transferred 12.5 million shekels for "tourism projects" in the occupied territories, at a time when tourism has virtually ceased to exist. Might "tourism" be "terrorism" misspelled?

Before entering politics, Elon was the rabbi at the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva, on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. This is the training ground for the lunatic "Temple Mount Faithful," whose goal is to destroy the Islamic holy sites on the Al Haram Al Sharif/Temple Mount, in order to "rebuild" the Third Temple of Solomon. In 1998, Elon's niece, Margalit Har Shefi, was convicted for "not preventing a crime" about which she had foreknowledge: the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin by her friend, Yigal Amir. Only a few months ago, Amir declared in open court that he had told Elon what he had planned.

Libman's brother, Yehuda, is a leader of the movement to establish illegal outposts, and a leading member of the radical Yosef Chai Yeshiva in the West Bank city of Nablus at what is called "Joseph's Tomb" (Yosef Chai means "Joseph lives"). In reality, the tomb is the resting place of an Muslim sheikh. Yosef Chai Yeshiva is run by extremist Rabbi Noam

Livnat, whose father was a member terrorist Stern Gang, in pre-state Palestine. Livnat's sister Limor is Sharon's Minister of Education, who dreams of becoming Israel's second woman prime minister. Yigal Amir has named Noam Livnat as one of those who showed him the "lighted path" to the assassination of Rabin.

The Shin Bet has only arrested nine Jewish terrorists in Sharon's infrastructure of terror: There are perhaps thousands out there, who could launch an attack for Sharon's convenience.

New Temple Mount Provocation In The Works

The same week that the arrests were announced, Sharon ordered the re-opening of Al Haram Al Sharif/Temple Mount to non-Muslims. The Muslim Wafq, which is the trust that bears responsibility for Islamic holy sites, protested the move. The site had been closed to non-Muslims since Sept. 28, 2000, when Sharon made his infamous march onto the site, accompanied by thousands of police, thereby igniting the Al Aqsa Intifada and the mass violence that has wracked Israel and Palestine ever since. Within the first days of its opening, Israeli police allowed the Temple Mount Faithful fanatics onto the site. The group recited Psalms and even bowed down in prayer, which is forbidden on the site and hence constitutes an obvious provocation. Despite bitter complaints from the Wafq, the Israeli police did nothing.

Allowed on the Al Haram Al Sharif were Yehud Etzion, head of the Chai Vekayam movement; Rabbis Yosef Elboim and Yehuda Edri, leaders of the Movement for Re-establishing the temple; Yoel Elizur, a researcher of the Temple Mount; Hillel Ben Shlomo and Dr. Yoel Cohen, among others members of the Temple Guard Group; Cohen is also a researcher of rabbinical rulings on the Temple Mount.

Right-wing Knesset members are making their way to the site. MK Eliezer Cohen, of the fascist National Union, and Gilad Erdan of the Likud (Sharon and Netanyahu's party) both visited, in a provocative demonstration of the illegal Israeli claim to sovereignty over of the site.

Likud MK Yehiel Hazan is also planning to visit. Prior to entering the Knesset, Hazan ran Ariel Sharon's office on the West Bank. Another Likud MK planning to visit is Inbal Gavrieli, whose uncle is suspected of being a member of the Israeli mafia and who runs illegal gambling casinos in Israel.

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