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HEAR YE , HEAR YE: SANHEDRIN SEEKS DAVID'S SCION AS KING



January 12, 2005 The Jerusalem Post reported: "Will Jews begin proclaiming "Long live the king" in the near future? According to a group of 71 Jewish scholars who met this week in the Old City of Jerusalem in the form of a modern-day Sanhedrin – a duplicate of the religious tribunal which convened during the time of the Second Temple – a coronation day is growing closer. As one member of the group put it, "We would have liked it to happen yesterday. But we are willing to wait until tomorrow."

There hasn't been a genuine Sanhedrin in Israel for nearly 1,600 years; the last one to be proclaimed was in France, by Napoleon, for political gain. Shortly after the establishment of the State of Israel, religious affairs minister Judah Leib Maimon raised the notion of reinstating the ancient body, to no avail.

The group composed largely of Kahane sympathizers that gave itself the name Sanhedrin in October, however, met Sunday to discuss the creation of a Jewish monarchy in the State of Israel. For the past several years a group called the Monarchists has conducted extensive research into the lineage of several families in an effort to discover who has the closest bloodline to the biblical King David – a requirement for any future Jewish king.

Rabbi Yosef Dayan from Psagot, known for his recent threats to place a death curse on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, is said to be a leading candidate to become the "king of Israel." "Dayan has the best lineage to King David," several members of the Sanhedrin told The Jerusalem Post. They say he has two documented ancient sources which draw a direct line between him and the males in his family to King David some 3,000 years ago.

"Many people can show they are descendants of King David, but they cannot show that the line is only male," one Sanhedrin member explained. "That makes Dayan the leading candidate to become king."

The Monarchists have consulted with non-Jewish experts on lineage. They concurred that, without a doubt, Dayan is a direct descendent of the House of David. The only question now is how to establish the Jewish monarchy in spite of the presiding democratic government. "There are two possibilities," Dayan explained. "The first is that the nation or a majority from within will want the monarchy and will uproot the presiding democratic government."

The second, more realistic option, he said, is "the one cited by Maimonides – and that is that no one will know how it will be until it happens."

Some of the other ideas discussed at the Sanhedrin meeting included the construction of an altar on the Temple Mount to be used for the Passover Offering during the upcoming holiday. One of the ideas, members said, is to climb the Mount and build the altar within minutes and sacrifice the lamb before security forces can stop them. Another, said leading Sanhedrin member Baruch Ben-Yosef, is to pray for a tsunami-like disaster on the Mount..."

REPORT: ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAN WOULD BE HARMFUL

January 12, 2005 Middle East Newslines reported: "An Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities would pose greater risks than benefits, a report said. The Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies said an Israeli attack on Iran would fail to either destroy all of its nuclear facilities or halt the program. The report said Teheran could retaliate by launching massive rocket and missile strikes on the Jewish state -- from either Iran or Lebanon.

"An overall assessment suggests that risks involved in an Israeli attack on the Iranian nuclear facilities outweigh the opportunities," the report, authored by Ephraim Kam, said. "An attack would have to take into consideration operational and other problems that are liable to impede success, while at the same time may spark an Iranian and international response, if only a limited one."

"Consequently, the conclusion is that Israel must permit the international community to make every possible effort to halt Iran's nuclear program by diplomatic means and to consign military steps to a last resort," the report added..."

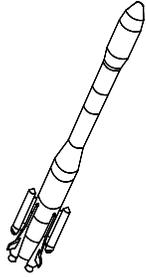
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STRONGLY ENDORSES CONSTITUTION

January 12, 2005 The EUobserver reported: "The European Parliament has voted overwhelmingly in favour of the EU Constitution in a non-binding but politically symbolic vote. On Wednesday morning (12 January), 500 MEPs voted in favour, 137 voted against and 40 abstained.

"The result of the vote makes it very clear. I think that the extent of the support is very important", said Parliament president Josep Borrell. He said that it means that 74% voted in favour and it "far exceeded" expectations. The report endorsed by the parliament says that the Constitution is a "vast improvement" on the current treaties.

Luxembourg prime minister Jean-Claude Juncker, who currently heads the EU, also welcomed the result. "I wanted to say how happy I am with this broad majority. Obviously, this is an important moment in the history of parliament", he said. He also said that it was important for the EU's long road to ratification - all 25 member states must ratify it before it can come into force..."

ISRAEL-RUSSIA TIFF OVER SYRIAN MISSILE SALE



January 12, 2005 ICEJ (International Christian Embassy Jerusalem) News Service reported: "A mysterious crisis in Israeli-Russia relations, first linked to charges of Israeli interference in the controversial Ukrainian elections, is due instead to the Kremlin's plans to sell Syria missiles capable of striking nearly any target within Israel.

After Ha'aretz first reported a sudden rift between Jerusalem and Moscow last week, Israel TV Channel 2 claimed Tuesday evening that Russian President Vladimir Putin was miffed with Israeli authorities for allowing certain local Jewish figures to finance the successful campaign of pro-Western candidate Viktor Yushchenko for president of the Ukraine.

But the Moscow daily Kommersant reported Wednesday that the fallout centers on a Russian sale of advanced missile to Syria that could evade Israeli missile defenses (including the Arrow) and threaten nearly the entire country. Israeli officials confirmed the report later today.

Senior Israeli leaders have briefed Washington on the crisis without asking for intervention and hope to come up with a strategy to block the sale before Syrian dictator Bashar Assad visits Moscow on January 24.

Latest reports indicate that Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Saltanov arrived in Israel yesterday for urgent discussions with government officials to resolve the behind-the-scenes crisis."

ZARQAWI'S COMMAND STRUCTURE DETERIORATING

January 9, 2005 The Middle East Newslines reported: "The U.S.-led coalition believes it has been whittling the command structure of the most lethal Islamic insurgency group in Iraq.

U.S. officials said the military has captured several key leaders of the Tawhid and Jihad group led by Abu Mussib Al Zarqawi. They said the detainees were identified as leading aides of Al Zarqawi, whom the United States regards as the most lethal insurgent in Iraq.

Over the last two weeks, at least three senior aides of Al Zarqawi have been captured in northern Iraq. Officials said the military believes that the Tawhid command structure fled from Faluja to northern and western Iraq after the U.S. military invasion of the city in November 2004. On Saturday, the U.S. military announced the capture of a key aide to Al Zarqawi. The military identified the aide as Abdul Aziz Saadoun Ahmed Hamdouni, also known as Abu Ahmed, said to have been arrested in Mosul..."

EGYPT CONDUCTS SECRET NUKE EXPERIMENTS

January 7, 2005 Middle East Newslines reported: "Egypt was determined to have conducted nuclear experiments over the last 20 years in activities concealed from the International Atomic Energy Agency.

U.S. officials said the IAEA has found evidence of secret Egyptian nuclear experiments believed to have begun in the 1980s and continued through 2004. Agency sources said the evidence was found in inspections conducted by the IAEA in both Egypt and Libya over the last year. "The Egyptian nuclear activity is not something we welcome," a U.S. official said. "But it did not cross any line in terms of Egypt's commitment to the NPT [Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty]."..."

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