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10. [\*13 are killed in Israel in a day of carnage\*](#)

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13. [As Palestinians bury their children, there is only one thought: revenge: Relatives of dead sound warning to Israel after attack on Gaza homes](#)

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17. [\*Palestinian gunman responds to Israeli raid; 16 wounded at bus stop: Israeli troops kill 4 Islamic militants in the West Bank\*](#)

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18. [\*Suicide with mother's blessing: 'God willing, you will become a martyr,' she says on farewell tape with son\*](#)

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19. [\*The new face of terror\*](#)

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20. [\*Gunman murders rush-hour shoppers in Jerusalem\*](#)

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21. [Travel banned](#)

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23. [MAELSTROM BOILS UP AHEAD OF STRAW'S ISRAEL TRIP](#)

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24. [Israeli couple die as killing spree goes on](#)

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25. [Militants kill teen 2nd W. Bank family member slain on spy claim](#)

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26. [ISRAELI MARKSMEN COMB HOLY CITY FOR FEMALE BOMBERS](#)

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27. [Bloomberg Names Fire Chief of Department](#)

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28. [SEVEN DEAD IN LATEST ATTACK ON JERUSALEM](#)

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29. [LESSONS FROM THE GAZA DISASTER](#)

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30. [Peres calls Gaza strike a 'mistake'](#)

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31. [Sharon goes too far, again](#)

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32. [WAR IN THE GULF: REACTION: Arab protesters back Iraq](#)

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33. [BURST OF ATTACKS FROM PALESTINIANS CAUSES 14 DEATHS](#)

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34. [24 Hours](#)

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35. [Vengeance gunman wounds 20 at bus-stop; Palestinian 's revenge after killing of militia leader](#)

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36. [RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATH OF INNOCENTS LIES ON PALESTINIAN SHOULDERS](#)

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37. [Mastermind caught by Israeli troops; Arafat meets with Egyptian intelligence leader Omar](#)

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38. [MIDDLE EAST: Grass-roots fighters increasingly taking lead against Israel ; New guard may be key to peace deal](#)

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39. [MURDER ON THE CAMPUS; BOMBING OF UNIVERSITY DINING HALL LEAVES 7 DEAD AND 70 INJURED](#)

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40. [Israeli troops kill 13 in Gaza raid](#)

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41. [Israel claims CIDA worker had terrorist boyfriend](#)

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42. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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43. [Israeli attacks bring end to battles for Nablus and Jenin](#)

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44. [Palestinian attacks rain down on Israel ; Jerusalem mulls response to bus blast](#)

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45. [HOW TREATING THE PALESTINIAN WOUNDED TURNED PARAMEDIC INTO HUMAN BOMB](#)

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46. [Suicide bombers were known to MI5](#)

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47. [Inside the mind of a suicide bomber: 'By pressing the detonator, you can immediately open the door to paradise -- it is the shortest path to heaven'](#)

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48. [A woman's rage fuels a new kind of Mideast violence](#)

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49. [SUICIDE BOMBER IN TEL AVIV INJURES 14](#)

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50. [Oh, Arafat in Bethlehem](#)

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51. [Israeli raid on town kills 13 Palestinians claim most were civilians](#)

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52. [ISRAEL ARRESTS PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK](#)

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53. [Israelis attack bombers' city; Buildings blown up](#)

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54. [American tax dollars advance Israeli brutality](#)

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55. [Can't pin all Arab woes on Israel](#)

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56. [In Middle East, grievances have tortuous life](#)

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57. [Gunmen leave Nativity Church](#)

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58. [ONSLAUGHT CONTINUES AS SUICIDE BOMB KILLS EIGHT; MIDDLE EAST: ISRAELI TROOPS MOVE DEEPER INTO PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS](#)

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59. [SUICIDE BOMB KILLS 15; ATTACK COINCIDES WITH BUSH-SHARON MEETING](#)

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60. [U.S. label shrugged off; Palestinian group says being called terrorists by the U.S. is 'a great honour'](#)

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61. [Just another suicide bombing; Thursday's bombing of a bus in Jerusalem, which killed 11, was just the latest incident in a crisis that has become numbingly predictable](#)

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62. [CIDA worker linked to Palestinian terrorist: British woman let go after bomb traces found in embassy car she used in Israel](#)

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63. [No Bomber, but Israelis Gave Her a Scary Time](#)

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64. [Bomb set off by remote control](#)

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65. [A Palestinian Attack Kills 5 on a Northern Kibbutz](#)

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66. [BOMBER'S THIRD TRY AT MURDER](#)

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67. [Cyber-sheikh converts Jewish family to Islam](#)

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68. [Sharon pledges to hit hard](#)

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69. [Israel won't 'surrender to blackmail': Sharon cuts U.S. visit short after suicide bomber kills 15](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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70. ['They attacked innocent Israelis'](#)

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71. [Middle East crisis: 'I felt shockwaves and blacked out': Suicide bomb Victims were families at a Passover feast](#)

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72. [Israel closes two Palestinian colleges](#)

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73. ['I WOULD LIKE TO JUST FEEL SAFE AND NOT BE AFRAID FROM THE SHOOTING'](#)

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74. [Israel stakes its claim](#)

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75. [Profile of Palestinian suicide bombers shifts as Middle East conflict drags on: Larger pool of killers includes non-religious, middle-class kids, sometimes female](#)

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76. [Blasts rock Mideast; Four perish in two separate explosions](#)

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77. [Palestinian gunman shoots 16 at bus stop; 2 women die Israeli commandos kill four militants in raid on West Bank bomb lab](#)

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78. [Judge Praises Suicide Bombers](#)

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79. [Israeli bus driver describes trying to keep bomber down; Struggle: A man kills himself and a 71-year-old woman after being briefly restrained](#)

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80. [Canadian agency worker linked to terrorists: Israel](#)

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81. [Israel imposes total travel ban](#)

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83. [INFILTRATOR KILLS 3 ISRAELI TEEN-AGERS](#)

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85. [IRAQ : THE AFTERMATH: PALESTINIAN FAMILIES MOURN PASSING OF SADDAM'S DONATIONS FOR SUICIDE BOMBERS AND MARTYRS'](#)

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86. [Five Palestinian suicide bombers foiled by Israel ; Failed attacks suggest Palestinians are employing new tactics aimed at dividing nation, say Israeli security forces](#)

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88. [\*The woman 'martyr'; First female suicide bomber targets Jerusalem shoppers\*](#)

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91. [\*The critics of Israel just don't get it: Palestinian goal isn't ending 'occupation,' it's eliminating the Jewish state\*](#)

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92. [\*Helicopters blast refugee camp\*](#)

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93. [AT LEAST 7 KILLED AS MILITANTS BOMB JERUSALEM CAMPUS](#)

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94. [Not all Palestinian attackers fit profile](#)

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95. [LETTERS TO THE EDITOR](#)

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96. [Portrait of an Angry Young Arab Woman](#)

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97. [THREE FACE COURT AS SEARCH GOES ON FOR BAR BLAST ACCOMPLICE; SUICIDE BOMB: BRITS CHARGED](#)

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98. [WORLD DIGEST](#)

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99. [ISRAEL MOUNTS BIGGEST INCURSION INTO GAZA SINCE INTIFADA](#)

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100. [REVIEW NORMAN PARKER FINDS LIFE GOES ON DESPITE THE BOMBS IN A JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP; LIFE HERE IS IDYLIC . . . APART FROM THE TERRORISM](#)

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## *Two deaths further bury peace hopes*

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, Australia)

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JERUSALEM: Two Israeli women wounded in a Palestinian gunman's rampage died yesterday and US-led hopes of ending Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed were buried deeper under a mountain of violence and vengeance.

Israel vowed to respond and put its forces on alert for more attacks after the shooting on Jerusalem's main shopping street, in which 14 other people were hurt. Police shot dead the gunman, from the militant Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.

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A member of the brigade, a group linked to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, said the group would halt attacks if Israel ended its siege on Palestinian areas and halted assassinations of activists.

Meanwhile, thousands of people marched in the West Bank city of Nablus in a funeral procession for three of the four militants killed in an Israeli raid yesterday on what the army said was an explosives factory run by the militant Hamas group.

"Revenge, revenge, al-Qassam brigades!" they shouted, chanting support for the military wing of Hamas and shaking their clenched fists in the air.

As tensions soared, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told a parliamentary assembly of the 43-nation Council of Europe in Strasbourg that Arafat must "become a leader" and called on the United States and Europe to play a larger role.

"Arafat must establish his credibility. That's the greatest problem," Peres said. "If he doesn't stop the terror, the terror will stop him."

US ambassador to Israel Daniel Kurtzer appealed to ordinary Israelis and Palestinians to mobilise for peace and not rely on the United States or other mediators to end their conflict for them.

"If the people, the Israelis and Palestinians, do not put pressure on their governments to solve it, it doesn't matter who you get as a third party," Mr Kurtzer said.

At least 816 Palestinians and 248 Israelis have been killed since a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation began in September 2000.

The two women who died in the Jerusalem attack were aged 56 and 78, a hospital spokeswoman said.

## Two deaths further bury peace hopes

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## *Sharon Opposes Lawmaker's Plan to Meet Palestinian Council*

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**Byline:** By JOEL GREENBERG

**Dateline:** JERUSALEM, Jan. 23

### **Body**

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The speaker of the Israeli Parliament said today that in an effort to break a cycle of violence and revenge, he would accept an invitation to address the Palestinian legislative council despite the objections of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The speaker, Avraham Burg, a dovish member of the Labor Party, was in Paris on a joint visit with the speaker of the Palestinian legislature, Ahmed Qurei, known as Abu Ala. Mr. Burg said the invitation from Mr. Qurei was a chance for dialogue that should be seized.

"I will go any place where it is possible to talk peace, to present the Israeli position to the Palestinians," Mr. Burg said. "Nothing should deter a lover of peace and seeker of peace from doing something that might remove one more death and grief from our agenda. No one should refuse such an invitation."

Last month Mr. Sharon vetoed plans for President Moshe Katsav to address the Palestinian legislature in Ramallah and call for a truce, and today he said that a visit there by Mr. Burg would "certainly" cause political damage to Israel.

Mr. Sharon has argued against any conciliatory gestures toward the Palestinian Authority, accusing it of failing to crack down on militant groups that have attacked Israelis.

Two Israeli women died overnight of wounds sustained on Tuesday in a shooting spree by a Palestinian gunman in Jerusalem. In the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of angry Palestinian mourners chanting for revenge marched in a funeral for three of four members of the militant group Hamas who were killed in an Israeli raid Tuesday morning.

Israel has said it would retaliate "appropriately" for the shooting in Jerusalem, and Hamas has said the killings of its men had opened the door to a "fierce war."

Hamas had suspended suicide bombings in Israel after Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, called on Dec. 16 for an end to attacks. The relative calm that followed has unraveled in a new surge of violence.

Mr. Burg said that to help break that cycle, he would respond to an invitation from the Palestinian council to address it in Ramallah, where Mr. Arafat has been confined by Israeli tanks and roadblocks.

## Sharon Opposes Lawmaker's Plan to Meet Palestinian Council

"There are almost no voices being heard from the Israeli center that are saying let's try to talk peace anyway," Mr. Burg said. "The only cycle we know is the cycle of revenge and reaction and retaliation and punishment."

"This terrible circle," he added, "where one day they attack us and the next day we strike them, more and more funerals -- in the end both we and they will understand that force won't solve this problem."

Mr. Burg asserted that as the leader of the legislative branch he could act independently of Mr. Sharon, the leader of the executive branch. "The decision is mine," he said.

But rightist members of Parliament, where Mr. Sharon's governing coalition enjoys a majority, accused Mr. Burg of misrepresenting the legislature, and they demanded that he receive the body's approval before addressing the Palestinians.

"It's impossible for one country to have two foreign policies -- one run by the government, and a contradictory one followed by Parliament," said Michael Eitan, a lawmaker from Mr. Sharon's Likud Party.

Danny Naveh, a cabinet minister from Likud, accused Mr. Burg of undermining government policy. He said that at a time when "we are struggling to pressure and isolate Arafat," it was unfortunate that Mr. Burg was "helping Mr. Arafat get free of this pressure."

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## **12 Palestinians killed in raid; Israel will continue its anti-terrorism campaign**

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**Dateline:** GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

### **Body**

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Israeli troops stormed a **Hamas** stronghold on Thursday, setting off the most intense gunbattle in the Gaza Strip in 21/2 years of fighting, just a day after mediators presented a Mideast peace plan. Twelve Palestinians were killed, including two children and a top bombmaker.

Palestinian officials and Israeli opposition leaders accused Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of using the raid to undercut the new Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, before he has a chance to fulfill a promise to disarm militias.

However, a Sharon adviser said Israel would not halt its anti-terror campaign and would not give Abbas, sworn in Wednesday, a grace period.

The Israeli incursion pitched more than 200 Palestinian gunmen with anti-tank missiles, grenades and homemade explosives against Israeli soldiers who fired machine guns and tank shells. Sixty-five Palestinians were wounded, including 15 critically.

The violence came just a day after international mediators presented a new peace plan, the so-called "road map" to Palestinian statehood within three years. The Palestinians have accepted the plan, while Israel has expressed major reservations.

The road map starts with a Palestinian crackdown on terror groups and an Israeli freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, combined with a gradual Israeli pullout from the autonomous Palestinian zones its troops have reoccupied during 31 months of fighting.

In Madrid, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged both sides to take steps toward implementing the plan. "We need to see the end to terror - and actions on the Israeli side as well," Powell said at the start of a trip through Europe and the Middle East. Powell was expected to meet with Sharon and Abbas next week.

The Gaza City incursion came a day after **Hamas** carried out a suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv pub that killed a waitress and two musicians. However, Israeli military officials did not link the raid to the bombing, saying they were after three top **Hamas** fugitives in Gaza - brothers Yousef, Mahmoud and Ayman Abu Hein.

At about 2 a.m. Thursday, tanks and jeeps drove into Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood. Troops surrounded a four-story apartment building that was home to 60 members of the Abu Hein family.

## 12 Palestinians killed in raid; Israel will continue its anti-terrorism campaign

Dr. Fadel Abu Hein, a prominent child psychologist and a brother of the wanted men, said the apartment building came under intense fire.

"We are sitting in full darkness. Children are screaming. We are trying to calm them down, but bullets are coming from all directions," he said.

The Israeli commander of the operation, Brig. Gen. Gadi Shami, said the three wanted men tried to keep their relatives in the building as a buffer, and that soldiers broke in to rescue the civilians.

However, members of the Abu Hein clan said soldiers used several civilians, including women, as human shields in their search of the building.

Once only the three fugitives were left in the building, troops blew it up. Doctors said the three brothers were already dead by the time of the explosion, noting their bodies were riddled with bullets. Yousef Abu Hein was a top Hamas bombmaker who was imprisoned both by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The blast was so powerful that more than a dozen adjacent homes were damaged, some severely.

In addition to the Abu Hein brothers, five other gunmen were killed. The other dead were two adult civilians, including a mentally handicapped man, and two boys, ages 2 and 13.

The 2-year-old, Amer Ayad, was hit by a bullet to the head while he was near a window in his home, said his father, Ahmed Ayad. "Is this the new peace President Bush promised?" Ayad said. "They wrote the answer using the blood of my son."

An Associated Press reporter saw two boys, ages 12 and 14, hit by Israeli fire as they tried to run away from a burst of shooting. The 14-year-old was struck by a bullet in the neck, and doctors later said he was paralyzed from the neck down.

Eight Israeli soldiers were wounded, including one who was in serious condition, the military said.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Ziad Abu Amr said the Gaza raid helped fan Palestinian resentment and contributed to a hostile climate that will make it difficult for Abbas to keep a promise to disarm militias and halt attacks on Israelis.

"They (the Israelis) should have left the Palestinians alone for a while, to let the prime minister handle things," said Abu Amr. "This man should be given a chance and he hasn't really been given a chance."

Danny Yatom, a leading legislator of Israel's opposition Labor Party and a former chief of the Mossad spy agency, also suggested the Gaza incursion was counterproductive. "It (the raid) definitely wasn't smart," he told Israel TV's Channel 10. "If we don't help the Palestinians, the road map will not get launched."

However, Zalman Shoval, a Sharon adviser, said Israel will not give Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, a grace period. "We can't wait until Abu Mazen gets his act together," Shoval said. "The faster he moves to halt terror, the quicker Israel will be able to halt these operations."

Despite the new wave of violence, there was some hope the road map will succeed in ending the fighting where others have failed. The road map is supported by a rare global consensus that neither of the warring sides wants to rebuff. It comes at a time when U.S. clout in the Middle East is at a high point in the wake of Saddam Hussein's ouster in Iraq.

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**Compound confinement complicates Arafat's role; Ramallah: Palestinian leader gets many prominent visitors**

Telegraph Herald (Dubuque, IA)

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## **Body**

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From his office window, Yasser Arafat can spot the Israeli soldiers down the street, and if the wind is right, he'll catch a whiff of the tear gas they fire at the Palestinian children throwing stones.

An incessant globe-trotter in normal times, the Palestinian leader is now under a house arrest of sorts, working and sleeping at his government compound in Ramallah for nearly two months straight as Israel tries to pressure him into rounding up more militants.

Arafat's confinement has further complicated his efforts to run the chaotic, impoverished Palestinian territories in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the confrontation with his longtime rival, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, shows no signs of easing.

Six Israeli tanks and armored vehicles were parked within a few hundred yards of the large compound Wednesday, part of a force that rumbled into Ramallah last Friday, contributing to an atmosphere that feels menacing one moment, circus-like the next.

During the day, the tanks hang back away from the gates, allowing cars to come in and out without search - suggesting Arafat could leave the compound if he chose. But the Palestinian leader has not tried to do so since the tanks arrived Friday.

Israel has not said directly it is confining Arafat to the headquarters. But Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his aides have repeatedly said they won't let Arafat leave Ramallah until he meets their demands in a crackdown against militants.

Inside the compound's gates on Wednesday, Arafat welcomed a who's who of prominent Palestinians at his third-floor office, many arriving in luxury cars.

Just outside, Israeli troops shot off round after round of tear-gas canisters, driving away some 25 children who turned up after school to hurl stones.

Farther up the street, Arafat supporters gathered at tents set up outside the front gate, blasting patriotic Palestinian music. On the far side of the compound, noisy marchers waved Palestinian flags and chanted in Arabic, "Sharon, you are a jerk."

Compound confinement complicates Arafat's role; Ramallah : Palestinian leader gets many prominent visitors

When things slow a little at night, the tanks pull up close to the front gate and rev their engines, offering a military lullaby for Arafat, who has sleeping quarters at the compound.

"We're under complete siege," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman, the Palestinian Cabinet secretary and a longtime Arafat confidant. "Are the Israelis waiting for us to take out a white flag and surrender? Well, it won't happen."

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Meanwhile , Islamic militants and supporters of Arafat marched side-by-side Wednesday in Nablus, West Bank, during the funeral procession for **Hamas** members killed in an Israeli commando raid, including one of the group's top terror masterminds.

**Hamas** said it would unleash "all-out war" in retaliation for the killing of four members of its military wing, Izzedine al Qassam. Israel, in turn, said it would respond to a shooting spree by a Palestinian gunman who killed two **women** and wounded 14 bystanders in downtown Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Israel's new military intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Aharon Zeevi-Farkash, told legislators that Israel must brace for a wave of Palestinian attacks, "worse than what we have experienced so far in Israeli cities," the Yediot Ahronot daily said.

In a phone call Wednesday, Arafat asked Secretary of State Colin Powell to send U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni back to the region. However, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said there are no such plans. Palestinian officials said it was the first such phone call in 15 days.

## Graphic

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A Palestinian youth throws stones at an Israeli tank Wednesday in Ramallah, West Bank. No major clashes took place, but Islamic militants and supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat marched in a funeral procession for **Hamas** members killed Tuesday in an Israeli raid.

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## **9 PALESTINIANS, 2 ISRAELIS DIE IN MIDEAST VIOLENCE**

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Nine Palestinians and two Israelis were killed yesterday in fighting across Israel and the occupied territories, as diplomatic efforts to stop the violence stalled.

The bloodshed unfolded against the backdrop of an Israeli election campaign, pitting Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a hard-line former general, against his challenger in the Labor Party, Amram Mitzna.

The violence began shortly after midnight Saturday and continued throughout yesterday. In one of the bloodiest incidents, two Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed in a gunfight that broke out when the Israelis spotted a group of militants who they said were crossing into Israel from Egypt near the border town of Nitzana.

The incident was a rare departure from the quiet that prevails on the border between the two countries.

In another incident, a pair of Palestinian gunmen slipped into the Israeli farming town of Mojav Gadish, near the boundary with the West Bank, and killed one Israeli resident there, Israeli officials said. After a gunbattle the two militants were killed by Israeli troops.

Palestinian sources said two teenagers were killed during an Israeli missile strike against a car thought to contain a group of fighters for Hamas, the militant group. According to Palestinian sources, the missiles missed the Hamas fighters but killed two civilians, standing nearby.

Israeli officials acknowledged that the missile missed its target, but said they could not confirm any casualties.

At least two Palestinians were killed during Israeli operations in Gaza early yesterday morning. In the first, Israeli tanks and helicopters entered the town of Khan Younis, where they dynamited and bulldozed several buildings where Israeli officials said Palestinian militants had been making bombs.

In the Khan Younis operation, Palestinian sources said a gunbattle broke out when the Israeli troops entered the area and killed a member of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a group that has carried out several major attacks against Israelis. At least 23 others were wounded, the Palestinian sources said, among them women and children.

In the Gaza city of Beit Hanun, Israeli forces said they destroyed the home of Mohammed Al Masri, a fighter for Islamic Jihad who was killed while attacking an Israeli naval vessel in November.

## 9 PALESTINIANS, 2 ISRAELIS DIE IN MIDEAST VIOLENCE

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## **Three Killed in Suicide Attack**

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### **Body**

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Two Israeli army officers and a senior warrant officer were killed and 20 people wounded in a suicide bomb attack at the gas station at the entrance to Ariel on yesterday morning.

The dead were identified as Lieutenant Matan Zagron, 22, of Itamar and Major (Reserve) Tamir Masad, 41, of Ben-Shemen. The name of the third victim, a 31-year-old resident of a community in Samaria, wasn't released by late last night.

As of last night, 15 soldiers and civilians remained hospitalized, three in serious but stable condition. An army spokesman said two soldiers were seriously wounded and eight suffered moderate to light wounds.

Fatah's Al-Aksa Martyrs Brigades and later **Hamas** claimed joint responsibility for the attack. Fatah identified the terrorist as Muhammad Kshir, 19, of Nablus, who according to Palestinian reports had been missing from his home for a month.

**Hamas** identified the terrorist as Muhammad Fustani, 22, of Nablus, a student at An-Najah University.

The fact that both terrorist organizations claimed responsibility triggered a high alert in the Sharon administration and along the Green Line, with officials fearing that both organizations had dispatched terrorists and one was still on the loose.

The Palestinian Authority leadership did not condemn the attack, thus legitimizing attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Once again the vicious agenda of the Palestinian terrorists has taken its toll," David Baker, an official at the Prime Minister's office, said. "Like spectators, the P.A. stands by and does nothing."

Close to 11:30 a.m., a **female** worker at the restaurant at the gas station spotted the terrorist, who entered Ariel through a gate that had until recently remained closed.

Local resident David Gilboa and a security guard approached the terrorist, grabbed his arms, and pinned him on the ground, and alerted soldiers standing nearby. Several soldiers raced toward the terrorist, aimed their weapons, and fired.

### Three Killed in Suicide Attack

The army and police have yet to determine whether the explosion was triggered by the shots fired at the terrorist or whether the terrorist succeeded in activating his bomb despite his wounds.

According to security officials, the bomb was comprised of between five and 10 kilograms of explosives and numerous ball bearings.

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## **Body**

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Anti-war protesters march to embassy

Thousands of protesters opposing a possible U.S. attack on Iraq marched to the U.S. Embassy on Thursday, chanting anti-American slogans and burning flags.

Police used tear gas to disperse a small group of stone-throwing demonstrators among the more than 8,000 marchers. The youths later set fire to a parked car and damaged three other vehicles, police said.

Meanwhile, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat warned Thursday against any U.S. strike on Iraq, saying it would have catastrophic consequences in the Middle East and urged resolving the conflict through the United Nations.

Islamists, secularists split seats in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain - Secular candidates won a slight majority over Islamists in voting for 21 seats in Bahrain's parliament, while two women who hoped to make history by getting elected both lost, according to preliminary results announced Thursday.

Preliminary results showed that 12 secularists and nine Islamic candidates won seats, making the 40-seat legislature representative of the tiny kingdom's political spectrum.

The first round of parliamentary elections, the first in Bahrain in nearly 30 years, was held last week.

Explosion at home of Hamas activist kills 3

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - An explosion at the home of a leading Hamas activist killed three Palestinians on Thursday and injured five others, doctors and witnesses said.

The cause of the blast was not immediately clear. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Also Thursday, Israeli troops demolished four houses belonging to suspected Palestinian militants Thursday, bringing the total number of homes destroyed in the Jenin refugee camp this week to nine.

Two of the houses destroyed belonged to suicide bombers and two belonged to suspected militants wanted by Israel for attacks, the military said. The demolitions left at least 50 people homeless, Palestinian militants said.

## Foreign briefs

## Stalinist-era agent receives suspended sentence

TALLINN, Estonia - Judges convicted an 81-year-old former Soviet secret police agent Thursday of helping to deport 41 people, including children, from Estonia to Siberia in the late 1940s.

Juri Karpov was given a suspended sentence and a small fine. He had faced a maximum penalty of life in prison for crimes against humanity.

Prosecutors said Karpov delivered whole families deemed enemies of the communist regime to cattle cars. They were carted 1,200 miles to Siberia; at least three of the 41 died there.

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## *Palestinians slam suicide bombings;*

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### **Body**

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PALESTINIAN Interior Minister Abdel Razzak alYahya said yesterday that militants must halt suicide bombings against Israelis or face "isolation" by Palestinian society.

"Stop the suicide bombings, stop the murders for no reason, " Mr Yahya said in remarks to an Israeli newspaper published a day after Israeli troops killed four members of a Palestinian family in Gaza, drawing vows of retaliation from **Hamas** .

The Israeli attack, which prompted Defence Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer to express regret and order an army investigation, put new strains on a nearly two-weekold security deal meant to lay the groundwork for a ceasefire.

It also dealt a fresh blow to efforts by Mr Yahya, who was named interior minister in June as part of a series of reforms demanded by the United States, to convince militant groups that suicide attacks hurt the Palestinian national cause.

Raising the spectre of conflict on a second front, Israel demanded that Syria and Lebanon restrain Hizbollah guerrillas or face retaliation after an attack on the northern border on Thursday that wounded three soldiers and drew Israeli air strikes.

In an interview with the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, which was given before the Gaza killings, Mr Yahya said: "Suicide attacks are contrary to the Palestinian tradition, are against international law and harm the Palestinian people.

"It is not necessary to respond or take revenge for every act. Both sides must act with restraint."

He acknowledged his failure to secure agreement for an end to attacks in meetings this month in Gaza, but he added: "If the suicide attacks continue, these factions will find themselves isolated in Palestinian society."

Senior **Hamas** official AbdelAziz Rantissi dismissed Mr Yahya's appeal, saying: "He should have called on the Zionists to end their occupation and massacres.

That is enough reason for pursuing the resistance and the martyrdom operations."

Palestinian militants shot a teenaged girl in the head, killing her for "collaborating" with Israel, Palestinian sources said on Friday.

## Palestinians slam suicide bombings;

Members of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades shot dead 18-year old Rajah Ibrahim yesterday, the second Palestinian woman in a week to be killed, for providing information to Israeli security services which allowed troops to kill the group's Tulkarem area commander Raed Karmi in January.

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ANOTHER VICTIM: **Female** family members mourning Palestinian boy Abdel Hadi Hamaida yesterday.

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**Israel admits Gaza attack 'a mistake': Documents suggest Palestinians had been working on ceasefire hours before strike that killed 16**

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JERUSALEM -- While Israel yesterday launched inquiries into the deaths of 16 Palestinians killed in an F16 air strike on Gaza, Palestinians claimed militant groups were about to sign a ceasefire declaration just hours before the incident.

While Israel admitted the attack had been a "mistake," it dismissed reports of a ceasefire. It offered Palestinians a series of goodwill gestures and blamed faulty military intelligence for the civilian deaths, including 10 children, in the attack on a **Hamas** military chief, Salah Shehadeh.

According to a copy of the declaration, obtained by The Times, the Palestinians made an unprecedented call for an "immediate" end to all attacks on Israeli civilians. The 249-word document had been approved by senior members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement and the Tanzim -- officials closest to its armed wing -- the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.

The Times, London; Citizen News Services

The text stated: "We will end attacks on innocent, non-combatant men, **women** and children in Israel and in the West Bank and Gaza."

But it stops short of a full ceasefire, saying they would continue to regard Israel's military in the West Bank and Gaza as an occupation.

According to Israeli newspaper reports yesterday, Mohammed Dahlan, Mr. Arafat's former security chief, was in Gaza holding discussions with **Hamas** leaders two hours before the Gaza strike, and had secured their acceptance of the principles of the announcement.

West Bank sources said the declaration was motivated by the growing concern among many influential Palestinians at the disastrous effect suicide bombings were having on their society. "They are really worried that their children are growing up with posters of guys wearing suicide belts. It's not just a tactical point, many have begun to accept it was a moral mistake," said one of the key figures involved.

Meanwhile, Dore Gold, a senior adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, dismissed reports of a breakthrough as baseless. "In the past 10 days, we have picked up dozens of infiltration attempts by suicide bombers who have been trying to get through to Israeli towns and cities," he said.

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Also dismissing the report, Daniel Taub, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "it's a tragedy because innocent people got killed. It's not a tragedy because a ceasefire was imminent. Unfortunately that wasn't the case."

As Israelis braced for promised retaliation, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said a troop pullback would go ahead from some occupied areas of the West Bank if they remain calm. He also said the government had released millions of dollars in blocked Palestinian taxes and issued 4,000 permits to Palestinians who work in Israel.

Each measure was already under negotiation during talks between Mr. Peres and the Palestinians before the bombing, which killed Mr. Shehadeh, whom Israel says was responsible for dozens of attacks in the past 22 months and at the top of their most-wanted list of terrorists. Mr. Peres called Mr. Shehadeh a "sort of a local bin Laden."

Mr. Peres said he hoped to press forward with negotiations on security and economic issues -- including a Palestinian offer to resume security cooperation. Palestinians said there was no decision about continuing the talks.

Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a **Hamas** spokesman, said any ceasefire was off. "After yesterday's heinous massacre in Gaza, there will be no more respect for a Zionist child or the so-called Zionist civilians," he said.

As politicians blamed an intelligence failure, the army said it would investigate the air raid on a crowded residential area of Gaza City where entire families were home asleep. The blast destroyed the building that housed Mr. Shehadeh and also killed his wife and one of their children. Three other buildings were damaged.

President Moshe Katsav said the Israeli military had made a "mistake." Mr. Katsav told Israel Army Radio, "the intelligence was apparently not complete," adding political leaders bore the responsibility.

With the Israeli leadership admitting problems surrounding the attack, the media began questioning the use of what was reportedly a one-tonne bomb in such a densely populated area.

"It's possible that the designation of the bomb was not right," said army spokeswoman Capt. Sharon Feingold.

The head of military planning, Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland, said the army had used the weapon because of its accuracy, but acknowledged "wrong calculations" were made.

Mr. Sharon was quoted in the Israeli press as saying that if Israel had known there would be so many civilians killed another way would have been found to kill Mr. Shehadeh.

"Anyone who thinks or imagines that the prime minister, the defence minister, or the army chief of staff would have decided on and approved carrying out this attack in this place knowing that this would harm innocent people, simply has no idea what he is talking about," Deputy Prime Minister Silvan Shalom said.

Mr. Peres added Israel would "investigate very clearly what went wrong and draw all the conclusions. What happened is really regrettable. It wasn't done intentionally. I think all of us feel sorry for the loss of life of innocent people, particularly children."

Haim Ramon, a member of Mr. Peres's Labour Party and chairman of the foreign affairs and defence committee at the Knesset, was more clearly critical of the strike.

"The central error was that we used weaponry that anyone involved in the decision making process should have known could harm innocent people living in the area," he told Israeli radio. Mr. Ramon, a potential challenger for the leadership of the Labour Party, said discussion by the wider cabinet could have foreseen the results of the air strike.

He added: "I am surprised by the senior political echelon. I have no doubt that it knew of the risks of carrying out the operation using a one-tonne bomb at the time that it made the decision, and despite this it took the risk."

So far the criticism from most politicians and the Israeli press has focused on the tactics used in the operation not on the policy of assassinating political and military targets. Although, some have said that by pursuing such a controversial strategy Israel risked forfeiting any moral high ground.

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"A nation cannot behave like a terrorist organization. It cannot employ the techniques of a terrorist organization. There must be certain standards informing our actions," said the head of the liberal Meretz faction, Zehava Gal-On, who condemned the attack as a "miserable operation, regrettable and negligent."

Palestinian officials were circumspect that any investigation would hold any Israeli official, political or military, accountable for the "war crime."

Some said that the killing of the **Hamas** leader would backfire amid calls by **Hamas** for bloody revenge. One Palestinian official Sufyan Abu Zeidaeh said: "You may have 'solved' your Shehadeh problem. But how are you going to solve the problem of the 20,000 Shehadehs that you just created?"

## Graphic

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Photo: Ahmed Jadallah, Reuters; Eman al Hewete, 10, left, and her brother, Tareg, 13, recover at the Shefah hospital in the Gaza Strip yesterday after they were injured during an Israeli missile strike a day earlier. The children's mother and two brothers were killed.

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## **13 are killed in Israel in a day of carnage**

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JERUSALEM -- A Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a bus in northern Israel during the morning rush hour Sunday, killing himself and nine passengers on a day punctuated by violence from the rolling hills of the Galilee to Jerusalem's Old City to the Mediterranean beach front.

**Hamas** claimed responsibility for the bus bombing, which left charred remains -- including a child's drawing of two hearts in crayon -- across a highway. The attack, at the Meron Junction near the town of Tsfat, was the militant group's second deadly bombing in five days.

Speaking from Kennebunkport, Maine, where he is vacationing, President Bush demanded after the bombing that all nations join him in trying to stop terrorist killings.

Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., charged that U.S. ally Saudi Arabia has aided militants behind the latest deadly attack.

"There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process that we have started," the president said in response to the suicide bombing. "We must not let them."

Speaking from the first tee of a golf course, Bush said he was distressed by the news out of northern Israel that greeted his pre-dawn rising for an early game of golf with his father.

Altogether, two bombings and three shootings Sunday left 13 people dead and dozens wounded. Among the dead were three Palestinian militants who died carrying out -- or preparing to carry out -- the violence, Israeli officials said.

Israel's military clampdown on the West Bank has kept many Palestinians confined to their homes for most of the past six weeks, but militants continue to elude the troops to carry out attacks.

"People lucky enough not to face the ugly face of terror can have a much more relaxed opinion about it," said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. "If you live through a day like today, in this country, you can understand our determination."

Bush said he was "distressed" to learn of the bus bombing. "There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process," Bush said as he began a daybreak golf game with his father in Kennebunkport, Maine.



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The Israeli government said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who turned 73 on Sunday, bore ultimate responsibility for not reigning in militants during the 22 months of Mideast fighting.

"This Palestinian terror must be uprooted and Israel will not relent," said David Baker, an official Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office.

The Palestinian leadership condemned the bombing, but also accused Sharon of "war crimes" for the Israeli army's mass detentions, home demolitions and curfews imposed on Palestinians.

Israeli officials had said talks between Sharon and Palestinian Cabinet ministers could be expected this week, but it was unclear whether the meetings would go ahead as planned after Sunday's attacks.

**Hamas** said the bus bombing was the second retaliatory strike for Israel's July 22 airstrike that killed a senior **Hamas** leader, Salah Shehadeh, and 14 others in Gaza City. **Hamas** also carried out a Wednesday bombing at Jerusalem's Hebrew University that killed seven, including five Americans.

About 1,500 people celebrated the bus bombing in Gaza City late Sunday, passing out sweets and praying near Shehadeh's destroyed house, where militants shouting over loudspeakers vowed to "avenge every drop of his blood."

Three hours after Sunday's bus bombing, a Palestinian attacker opened fire just outside the stone walls of Jerusalem's Old City, sparking a gun battle with police that left three dead.

The Palestinian gunman used a pistol to fire at close range on a truck belonging to Israel's main phone company, Bezeq. A security guard was killed and the driver was injured, police said.

Seconds later, Israeli police began firing. The gunman was killed by police, and an Arab bystander was hit and killed by cross fire, Israeli officials said. More than a dozen people were hurt, most of them Palestinians, in the shooting near the Damascus Gate entrance to the Old City.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, whose members are loyal to Arafat, claimed responsibility.

The stepped-up Israeli military effort has included house-to-house searches for the past three days in Nablus, the West Bank city Israel now describes as the main center for Palestinian suicide bombers.

Israel also blew up nine Palestinian homes Sunday in the West Bank, all of them belonging to militants who carried out or orchestrated previous attacks. Israel is hoping the practice will discourage would-be assailants who want to spare their families from harm.

However, the only tangible result to date is that militant groups have stopped announcing the names of attackers and releasing their homemade videos, making it a bit more difficult for Israel to track down the families.

The bombing at Meron Junction in the Galilee region of northern Israel turned the packed green bus into a fireball, charring the insides and ripping the metal panels as if they were ribbons.

"All repressive security measures will not prevent painful strikes against the (Israeli) occupation," **Hamas** said in a statement on its Web site.

The bus was filled with both civilians and soldiers heading back to their bases Sunday, the beginning of the Israeli work week. The dead included three Israeli soldiers, two **women** from the Philippines and one Arab Israeli woman, authorities said. Thirty-seven people were injured, two critically, rescue workers said.

The bomber apparently warned two Arab students of the impending attack, and they got off the bus shortly before it blew up, a police source said. The two students have been detained, the source added.

Chaim Itzkovitch, 50, was just leaving his house for work early Sunday morning when "I heard a big bomb and I could see flames in the air."

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"There was a lot of screaming, horrible screaming inside the bus," said Avraham Freed, who owns a restaurant near the blast site. "I saw one person on the ground next to the bus -- bodies, parts of bodies, people jumping through the windows."

Hours later, police and ultra-Orthodox Jewish volunteers were still picking through the debris to collect remains for burial and evidence for the investigation.

The bus driver, Shmuel Ronen, escaped with light wounds -- just as he did six years ago when the bus he was driving in Jerusalem was bombed.

In other violence Sunday:

Israeli soldiers in the northern Gaza Strip shot and killed an armed Palestinian dressed in a wet suit as he came ashore along the Mediterranean coast. The would-be assailant, armed with an automatic rifle and grenades, apparently swam along the coastline before emerging near the Jewish settlements of Dugit and Alei Sinai, the army said.

Four Israeli soldiers were wounded, three of them seriously, when a roadside bomb damaged their jeep near an Israeli military base outside the West Bank city of Ramallah.

In the northern West Bank, three Israelis were wounded in a shooting ambush, according to Yehoshua Mor-Yosef, a spokesman for the Jewish settlers.

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## **MILITANT GETS MOM'S BLESSING**

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Smiling and gripping an assault rifle, Naima al-Abed gave her Palestinian militant son a goodbye kiss in a chilling video before his suicide attack on Israeli soldiers.

The mom and her doomed son Mahmoud held hands, kissed and chatted about his impending death.

"I am not losing you because you are going to paradise," Naima al-Abed told her 23-year-old son in the tape made by the militant **Hamas** group.

"Our message to the Israeli occupiers and killers is that this is our land," said Naima, who has nine other children. "Our sons that we love are no more dear to us than our land. Their blood will redeem it."

Mahmoud al-Abed died Saturday in a firefight that killed two Israeli soldiers near the Dugit Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip.

Mahmoud looked calm and wore olive camouflage fatigues in the video. He read a statement describing his mission, then sat beside his mother.

"God will support me, as well as my mother and father, because we are defending our rights," he said.

He rose and kissed his mother on her head, which was draped in a white scarf.

He placed his green militant's headband on her forehead and handed her a rifle. The two stood, holding hands and clutching rifles, for a final shot together.

Palestinian militants regularly tape suicide videos to celebrate impending attacks. But relatives rarely appear in the footage.

Naima al-Abed was still smiling yesterday as she greeted mourners at home in Gaza City's ramshackle Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, a reputed terror stronghold.

Thousands of mourners and **Hamas** militants in black masks thronged the streets for Mahmoud's funeral, where loudspeakers blared celebratory music more typical of a wedding than a burial.

"I saw my son the day before yesterday and sat with him for hours," Naima said, surrounded by 50 **women**, some of whom also had sons killed in the uprising.

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"I told him - don't tremble in front of our enemy, don't waste your bullets," she said. "My message to Israeli mothers is don't send your sons to their deaths for a losing battle."

### Graphic

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AP BYE A smiling Naima al-Abed joins son Mahmoud before his suicide attack.

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*Lives in ruins, along with any hope for a new peace;  
The majority of the victims of last week's F-16 strike by Israel against  
terrorists in Gaza - first described as a success, then a 'mistake' - were less  
than 10 years old*

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## Body

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IN THE pale evening light in a narrow alley, 15-yearold Robeen Zeinou rests his back against the edge of a large, corrugated metal door. Behind him is a two-storey, gray, concrete house with rough unplastered walls. Robeen gestures to unlock the door.

"Would you like to see?" he asks those who show interest in his figure, "Do you want to go in?" The house belongs to his uncle Marwan Zeinou. Inside, scenes of wreckage, like images from a shattered mirror, hit the eye. Chunks of concrete, loosened from the ceiling and the walls, are piled haphazardly. Clusters of electric wiring tied in knots hang from cracks in the walls. Jagged shards of glass carpet the tiled floor, and smashed drain pipes drip sewage drop by rapid drop. A junk yard has more organisation.

Like a tour guide at a ruin, Zeinou points to the yawning, oval gap in the wall six inches thick.

Half of the gap is covered with corrugated iron sheets. He then steps toward the master bedroom;

the bed hadn't yet been slept in. A few feet above, the window is empty. The iron grating, blown from its concrete grips, now folded like a wave, weighs heavily on the mattress, while chips of brown paint, glass and sand form a coat on the coarse cotton sheets. In one room a ceiling fan still hangs, the ends of its curved blades folded up. The once brightly-lit home of the Zeinou family - a husband, a wife and their six children - is now brown and black and smells of dug-up earth and dry cement.

A one-ton missile bombed the building that stood a few metres away from Marwan Zeinou's house. The impact from the explosion killed 15, wounded 145 and displaced 60 people, according to Palestinian sources. Marwan and his family survived, but the impact, however, smashed half of his house. The missile, fired from an Israeli air force F-16 fighter-bomber, was intended to kill Zeinou's neighbour, Sheik Salah Shehada, chief of the paramilitary wing of **Hamas**, a neighbour whom Zeinou says he didn't know existed.

In hospital, a part of Zeinou's face, with metal and blood clogged together, looks like a Cubist portrait in dark burgundy. "I was sitting with my friend, Yousif, on the open terrace doing accounts, " he says, reclining in bed on the fourth floor of the 694-bed Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City. "We saw we were losing money suddenly the lights went out.

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I looked at my watch. Two days later I woke up here, without money, without the watch, " he says.

He and his friend, Yousif Ashwa, 40, were splitting the day's earnings. Both work together as temporary construction workers earning 200 to 300 shekels a month, says Zeinou. They used to work in Israel, but after the intifada they were barred by the Israelis from exiting Gaza.

His friend Yousif Ashwa is dead. A few hours before the bombing, Shadi Ashwa, 14, recalls telling his father that Zeinou wanted to see him in his home across the street. Shadi was asleep when he woke up to the loud noise. "It was like a 'zil-zal' earthquake, the ground shook, " he says. "I went to the home. I went up the stairs. I saw the door frame and cement beam on my father's head and chest.

I stood still. I called at my father. Then called out other rescuers. I was paralysed. I was silent." When his mother Mashan heard the blast, she huddled her six daughters and four sons into a room and made them chant the Koran - 'There is no god but Allah, there is no god but Allah, the all merciful'. "Why this happened, I don't know, " says Mahsan Ashwa as she cradles a two-month-old baby on her lap.

Two-month-old victim HANA MATAR'S two-month-old child was the youngest to die in the incident. The Matar family residence was also adjacent to the one bombed.

Hana Matar was tenderly bobbing her child on her knee while her husband knelt beside them in midnight prayers. In an instant, the missile dropped from the sky and exploded metres away from them.

The cot shook under the violent impact and threw the mother across the room and tossed her husband from the second floor bedroom into the street below, while a falling cupboard entombed her baby.

Hana was trapped under slabs of concrete, unable to move, with injuries to her head, back and hand. Her husband's sister, Eman Hassan Matar, was in the next room with her three children, Ayman, two, Mohammed, four, Alaa, 11, and husband Raed. Raed is alive; the rest perished.

"I was awake with my daughter Dina, " Hana says. "I was on the edge of the bed, playing with her.

My husband Rami was praying. When the bomb happened, I saw this fire. Dina was on the bed. The door of the cupboard came out and the cupboard fell on Dina. I was under the wall for 10 minutes.

Slowly, slowly, I was dying. I heard people say 'Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar!' I was slowly, slowly pulled out. I was crying 'Rami, Rami, Rami', my husband." Her husband has had an operation on a head injury, has damage to his eyes and a severe stomach wound. "Dina was my first baby. I married last summer. "What had Dina done to Sharon? God take her to live in peace. Dina was an innocent baby, beautiful baby. How can you help us?" The night of the bombing, Dr Mouaweya Hassanein, night director at Al Shifa hospital, was in his small office room in the emergency ward when a ministry of health official phoned to alert him to the incident. Hassanein, in turn, alerted his trauma team of 15 doctors and 20 nurses. Gurneys were readied and reserves in the blood bank verified - 350 litres. Sufficient. In the first one-and-a-half hours, the team treated 50 cases and performed 35 minor operations. "High-velocity shrapnel wounds, massive bone crushing due to collapse of houses, demolition of doors, windows and heavy objects, " says Hassanein.

The target of the assassination, Sheik Salah Shehada, was a popular man. Teams of Hamas sympathisers shuttle around Gaza waving the Hamas flag. The Friday sermon in Gaza's Al Emari mosque touches upon the anger behind the tragedy.

"Israel attacked women, children and destroyed houses. Why is the flag of Israel flying in Egypt-Jordan when Israel kills Muslims in Gaza?" the loudspeakers thunder. "You see that it's a terror action and they killed civilians. Most of them under 10, the smallest two months old. They targeted residential buildings using F-16s. We cannot stop silent in front of that terror. We have to defend the people, to retaliate for every body of blood of our people, " says, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, Hamas chieftain and spokesman in Gaza.

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"Sheik Ahmed **Hamas**' spiritual leader made the declaration that if they withdraw from camps, stop assassinations and targeting civilians then we are ready to stop what they call targeting civilians.

Twelve hours later, Sharon made this terror attack.

We had a really good chance of peace. Now it's up to our military wing to plan what comes next."

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A Palestinian boy stands in the ruins of his home, destroyed by an Israeli F-16 attack ADEL HANA

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**As Palestinians bury their children, there is only one thought: revenge:  
Relatives of dead sound warning to Israel after attack on Gaza homes**

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The injured children of the Huweiti clan were stacked two to a bed, bandaged head to shattered limb, when the funeral procession for the 15 Palestinians killed by Israeli F-16 warplanes set off from Shifa hospital yesterday.

Iman, aged nine, and dazed from a head wound, tottered to the window, brown curls barely visible beneath an enormous bandage, to watch the crowds bring out the bodies of her mother and two baby brothers from the hospital morgue.

The Huweitis were one of four Palestinian families whose lives and homes were destroyed when the F-16s fired a single powerful missile into a painfully overcrowded neighbourhood in one of the most densely populated territories in the world.

The missile found its target. Sheikh Salah Shehada, a founder of the military wing of the Islamist group **Hamas**, was reduced to clots of blackened flesh. His bodyguard was also killed in the attack, as were Shehada's wife and teenage daughter, whose remains were identified by their jewellery.

But the others killed or wounded never even knew Shehada was their neighbour so great was the secrecy **Hamas** imposed on his whereabouts. Nine of those killed when cinder block homes collapsed and shrapnel scythed through the air were children. Three were **women**.

The heavy civilian casualties - 15 dead and 160 wounded - did not diminish Israel's pride in the assassination. "This action, to my knowledge, is one of our biggest successes," Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, told the cabinet yesterday.

But it also invites an awful retribution. When the thousands of mourners poured down Gaza's main street, a man perched on the shoulders of his comrades held aloft a tiny corpse in a black and white keffiyeh, like an offering. It was Dina Matar, aged two months, the youngest victim of Israel's air raid.

Around him, armed men of every Palestinian faction roared their approval. They turned out in full regalia: M-16s and balaclavas, camouflage gear with mock rockets stashed in their jackets. They fired in the air and yelled: "Israel, our revenge will find you. Your day is coming."



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When the missile struck after midnight, the Huweiti children were fast asleep, lined up on a mattress on the floor in order of age. Tariq, at 13, had the wall, then came Jihad, 12, Iman, nine, Khamis, eight, Mohammed, four, and Subhi, three.

Tariq awoke to find himself buried beneath a sheet of corrugated tin roof, pinned to the ground by chunks of masonry. He smelt smoke, and heard the frantic cries of his father and uncle trying to dig the children out of the darkness and debris.

"They kept stepping on me. Nobody knew I was underneath and when I started calling out, there were so many people shouting that nobody could hear me."

## TRAPPED

He was too small to lift the metal sheet, but eventually wriggled a hand out to the air. By dawn, he was in a hospital room, with a broken right leg, and five stitches in his head. Jihad had a shattered knee. Khamis lay dazed with a head wound, and an ugly purple bruise over his face. Iman, though unsteady on her feet, was mobile. Four cousins, who shared the Huweiti home, were stretched out on the beds. But Mohammed and Subhi were dead.

"I don't know when they will let us out of hospital," Tariq said. "but I do know we don't have a home any more. It was flattened."

The Daraj neighbourhood is one of the oldest in Gaza City, a collection of buildings wedged together barely a metre apart. Yesterday, the smell of blood hung over the ruins where the one-storey house Shehada had occupied once stood. In the indistinct heaps of concrete and metal, there were few signs of the people who once lived here: a tube of Fair and Lovely face cream, a child's pink plastic sandal, and clothing coated with thick white dust.

It is a sign of the secrecy in which Shehada spent his final days that nobody in Daraj really noticed when he moved into the vacant home. Though he is legendary in the military cadre of **Hamas** for establishing the Izzedine al-Qassem Brigades 15 years ago, he was not a public figure.

Most people in Gaza knew only the bare outlines of his life: he was thought to be around 50 and the son of refugees from the port city of Jaffa, adjacent to Tel Aviv. He trained as a social worker in Alexandria, Egypt, before becoming active in the Muslim Brotherhood. He worked as an administrator in Gaza, and joined Gaza's Islamic University. He spent 14 years in Israeli jails. When he was freed in 2000, he disappeared underground, and evaded three Israeli assassination attempts.

By daybreak, Shehada's status, and the heavy civilian toll, had turned Daraj into a macabre attraction.

Children perched on top of a flight of concrete stairs hurled across the road from the force of the explosion, or clambered over the ruins. Newly painted graffiti read: "This is the American weapon."

## GRIEF

On the upper unfinished floor of a nearby house, a circle of **women** mourners gathered in plastic chairs, shushing Halima Matar as she screamed her grief.

Six members of the family were killed in the attack: a woman and five children including the infant, Dina. When the walking wounded returned from hospital yesterday morning, the neighbours did not know what to tell them. Maha Matar, 22 and a psychology student, was among the first to return, cradling a right arm purple and swollen from shoulder to elbow beneath her black hijab.

"We asked the people who was killed. They said three children and their mother. We said, it's God's will," she said.

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"After a while they told us the dead woman was my sister-in-law, Iman, and her three children. After an hour, they told us that the baby Dina (Maha's other niece) was killed, and after another hour they told us about Alaa, my sister. She was just 10 years old."

A few hours before the air attack, the spiritual leader of **Hamas**, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, had told al-Jazeera television the organisation was considering a halt to suicide bombings. But it was an ambivalent gesture at best, tied to an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza and a ban on assassinations, conditions it is unlikely Israel would ever meet.

By the time of yesterday's funerals even that offer was decisively rescinded. "The massacre Israel committed last night cannot be expressed in words. So we are left with deeds," the cleric said before joining the procession. "Only deeds will convey the response of **Hamas**."

For Maha Matar, who says she is holding in her grief to be strong for her mother, that promise of death and vengeance is the only consolation. "At least it will cool the fire that is burning in my heart, but that I can't show," she said.

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Gaza City, Gaza Strip --- Israeli officials acknowledged Wednesday that flawed intelligence probably led to the air strike that targeted a leading Hamas militant but also killed 14 other Palestinians, including nine children.

The army said it would investigate the circumstances of the attack.

In addition to the dead, an estimated 150 Palestinians were wounded when an F-16 fighter dropped a 1-ton bomb on an apartment building in Gaza.

Palestinian militant groups vowed reprisals, while victims called for justice.  
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"They killed our children while they were sleeping. Can't the world see that this is injustice? What will [the international community] do to revenge our children?" asked Khalid Salidi, a 37-year-old Palestinian who suffered cuts on both legs and arms from the air strike. Five other members of his family remained hospitalized with more serious wounds.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, a leading advocate for peace with the Palestinians, led growing criticism in Israel about the wisdom of the operation aimed at Salah Shehadeh.

Israel said Shehadeh was the mastermind behind suicide attacks that killed dozens of Israelis. The three-story building in which he, his wife and 14-year-old daughter were sleeping Monday night was in the heart of a residential neighborhood.

Peres said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was "apparently not aware" that the bomb would explode in a densely populated area.

## Israelis admit strike flawed; Intelligence failure likely

"We shall investigate very clearly what went wrong and draw all the conclusions," Peres told the British Broadcasting Corp. "What happened is really regrettable. It wasn't done intentionally. I think all of us feel sorry for the loss of life of innocent people, particularly children."

Peres said the army is considering withdrawing from areas of Hebron and Bethlehem in the West Bank, occupied last month, if the region remained calm. He also said Israel had issued 4,000 permits for Palestinians to work in Israel and that tax revenues that had been blocked would be released to the Palestinian Authority.

Military intelligence officials said that Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Sharon approved the Gaza strike after reading reports saying that Shehadeh was alone in the apartment building and that civilian casualties would be kept to a minimum.

Israeli Army Radio said Wednesday that the investigations would focus on the intelligence review. Israeli TV reported that from the air it was possible to discern that other people were in the building that Shehadeh was in.

"The intelligence was apparently not complete," Israeli President Moshe Katsav told Army Radio. He said political leaders bore the responsibility.

Some military officials, however, said the central defect in the operation was the decision to use a 1-ton "smart bomb."

The munition is identical to bombs used by the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan to destroy al-Qaida tunnel complexes.

Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland, the chief of military planning, said the army had used the weapon because of its accuracy but acknowledged "wrong calculations" were made.

At the request of Saudi Arabia, the U.N. Security Council scheduled a meeting Wednesday on the Middle East amid widespread international condemnation of the Israeli attack.

Shehadeh's associates from **Hamas**, one of the militant organizations that have planned and executed suicide attacks against Israelis, vowed an escalation in their violent campaign.

Before the attack, Palestinian militant groups said they had been close to agreeing to a cease-fire to coincide with the new Arab peace initiative being discussed in Washington.

But the heavy death toll inflicted by the air strike has changed militants' minds about any conciliatory act, said Abdul Aziz al-Rantissi, a **Hamas** spokesman.

"This was our Sept. 11. Instead of two buildings coming down, we had four. We had **women** and children dead. We will not give the Israelis a moment of peace after this," al-Rantissi said.

## Graphic

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Photo: Two Palestinians hang out near their damaged apartment Wednesday at the site of an Israeli attack in Gaza City. Flawed intelligence gathering is blamed for the civilian toll. / VADIM GHIRDA / Associated Press

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## *Fabrications from leaders obstruct chances for peace*

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I begin this column with the words of another writer, the editor in chief of Ha'aretz, an Israeli newspaper, in a recent speech to European newspaper editors.

"First, the good news: Abu Ali's nine children (of Jenin) are alive and well ... Please deliver this news to all of your friends who may have read, a few weeks ago, Abu Ali's mournful declaration: 'All my nine children are buried beneath the ruins.' Abu Ali's photograph was spread across a double page in a very distinguished and influential European magazine, under the title: 'The survivors tell their story.' 'It smells of death here,' he is quoted as saying. 'I am sure all my children are buried beneath the rubble. Come back in a week and you will see their corpses.' "

The European reporter did not wait a week, or return in seven days. And, of course, the magazine in question never published a follow-up to this story. Palestinian leaders, and their official spokesmen, are often all too willing to lie for the cause. They assert hundreds of Jenin residents were massacred, or Israeli doctors have injected the HIV virus in Palestinian children, or that Israel was poisoning Palestinian women and children (this whopper by Suha Arafat), or that Israel itself was responsible for a suicide bombing (this one by Yasser Arafat himself to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin at a meeting in Gaza). The spokesmen know the accusations are reported by a media striving for "both sides of the story."

What's so dangerous about politicians spouting fabrications? They also deceive their own people, which defeats the prospects for peace and prolongs their people's suffering. Palestinians haven't been properly presented with the sacrifices Israelis were prepared to make at Camp David for peace. And instead of preparing their people for reconciliation, Palestinian leaders continue to distort the offers made by Israel at Camp David and to paint Israel as evil incarnate.

Thankfully, last week's United Nations report on Jenin dismisses the bogus claims and confirms Israel's assertion that fierce battles with Palestinian gunmen in heavily booby-trapped civilian areas resulted in 52 Palestinians killed, the majority gunmen, and 23 Israeli soldiers killed.

Unfortunately, the story of the Jenin "massacre" was almost gleefully spread by many Western media outlets. A columnist for Britain's Evening Standard wrote, "We are talking here of a massacre, and a cover-up of genocide." The Guardian, another English paper, wrote the Jenin "massacre" was "every bit as repellent" as the Sept. 11

## Fabrications from leaders obstruct chances for peace

terrorist attacks. What is repellent is the ease with which many in Europe and some in the United States judge Israel by standards they would not apply elsewhere - and which are routinely violated in the Arab world.

I wrote recently about the tragic mistake leading to civilian deaths when Israel targeted the **Hamas** military commander in Gaza. Two official investigations were launched the next day, and Israeli newspapers, TV and radio talk shows were full of soul-searching from citizens and politicians.

Which is why the images from Gaza after the Hebrew University bombing were so frightening. After proudly claiming responsibility for the blast, **Hamas** threw a party. Ten thousand people marched in the streets, sang praises of the attack and called for more bloodshed. **Hamas** even distributed candy.

There is an axiom that says that making peace with your enemy works only when your enemy is ready for peace. It doesn't work when your enemy seeks to annihilate you. In the Mideast, it doesn't work when declarations from Palestinians contain calls for Jews to be driven out of the Holy Land, justifications for mass murder of civilians and baseless accusations of genocide.

For years, we have dismissed such rhetoric in a patronizing manner, insisting that "they don't really mean it." If Sept. 11 taught us anything, it is that they do mean it. We just weren't listening.

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**The bomb that shattered secret peace talks ;  
Israel and the Palestinians**

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Something not funny at all happened on the way to an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire forum this week. The effort, culminating in a draft agreement by Tanzim, Yasser Arafat's military outfit, was literally bombed out late Monday night by an Israeli jet over Gaza.

For two weeks, intensive talks had been held among senior American, EU, Arab, Israeli and Palestinian interlocutors. Reports, still not officially confirmed by all parties to the negotiations, indicate that Tanzim, as well as the fundamentalist **Hamas**, were just about to issue a statement committing themselves to cessation of hostilities within Israel, when a one-ton smart bomb hit a Gaza compound. Among the 17 killed were **Hamas** executive leader Salah Shehadeh -- an old terrorist hand -- his wife, and 11 children, including his own.

International Herald Tribune

One more of the many same "pinpointed prevention" acts against terror perpetrators? Not quite. The timing, for one, had seemed troubling at the outset, even before additional information poured in. In the past few months, this bombing operation had been called off eight times as the Israel Defense Force, usually sensitive to civilian casualties, was not well satisfied that such would not be caused. Why now, then? The decision was urgently taken by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, after Defense Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer approved. The inner cabinet was not consulted. Then these eye-opening, yet confusing, facts became public knowledge.

There was indeed a late-stage mistake in the intelligence assessment of civilians' exposure. Military information gathering has notoriously excelled throughout most of this intifada's period. What failed? Wouldn't a mere scout group monitoring the building report more accurately children and **women** roaming around? Previously unpublished reports started floating about the hectic cease-fire negotiations, including a statement by the **Hamas** spiritual leader, Ahmed Yassin, a day before the blast about readiness to stop suicide attacks if Israel agreed to discontinue the killing of his operatives and to withdraw troops from West Bank cities. Moreover, Peres was having a lengthy talk Saturday in Tel Aviv with Ahmed Razak Yehiyeh, the new Palestinian interior minister, and the chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat. Both had been coordinating talks with Palestinian groups concerning a cease-fire. The Washington Post quoted an American official involved in the negotiations as saying that a deal was almost ready the night of the attack. Post-operation pronouncements by Israeli spokesmen did their utmost to downgrade the back-channel talks. The government, which had chosen not to make them public, now retroactively characterized reports about them as "exaggerated." Like everyone in his right mind, Sharon no doubt cherishes peace. But his problem is that he doesn't want to negotiate it seriously. Because engaging an interim cease-fire would most

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probably entail further negotiating steps towards a wider settlement, demanding far-reaching concessions. Israel has been suffering tremendously from Palestinian terror attacks. This may be taken as a sufficient reason for endless, evidently futile, counter measures. The other road, not taken by this Israeli administration, is to accompany rational defense means with political ones. A common argument often repeated is that the previous government, headed by Ehud Barak, offered the Palestinians almost everything and they refused his offer. Yet there is no reason why a conflict as complicated as ours would not merit another substantial try at a compromise settlement, especially now that Israel has repeatedly shown its robust hand. For the umpteenth time it deserves to be reiterated that leading Israel to the negotiating table is primarily an American role. The Bush administration, amidst its own terror frenzy, hasn't done a convincing job about that so far. It should do better. \* The writer, a columnist and editorial board member of the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune. [Not to be reproduced without the permission of the author.]

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***Palestinian gunman responds to Israeli raid; 16 wounded at bus stop: Israeli troops kill 4 Islamic militants in the West Bank***

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A Palestinian gunman opened fire on Israelis waiting at a bus stop in the heart of Jerusalem on Tuesday, fatally wounding two and injuring 14 others, hours after Israeli commandos stormed an explosives lab and killed four Islamic militants in the West Bank. The violence provoked outrage and warnings of retaliation on both sides.

Mideast tensions again are surging after several weeks of relative calm, with the Israelis effectively keeping Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat under house arrest at his West Bank government compound, and militant Palestinians abandoning an informal truce.

The Israelis said they launched Tuesday's raid in the West Bank city of Nablus and other pre-emptive operations because Arafat repeatedly refused to act against militants. They also held Arafat responsible for the attack on one of west Jerusalem's busiest streets.

"You can certainly expect an Israeli reaction," said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner. "Israel has done very little until now. Apparently this was not strong enough medicine and maybe a strong reaction is needed."

In the Jerusalem shooting, a Palestinian gunman opened fire with an assault rifle on Israelis waiting in the rain for a bus and walking along one of the city's main arteries, Jaffa Street.

"I saw him shoot two women, and they fell," said Akiva Harari, 21, who added that police chased and killed the attacker.

Sixteen people were shot. Two women later died, while four others remained in serious condition. More than 20 people were treated for shock, police and rescue workers said.

The gunman, Saeed Ramadan, was a member of the Al Aqsa Brigades, which is linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, said the man's uncle, Adnan Ramadan. The shooting was retaliation for last week's killing of an Al Aqsa Brigades' leader, sources in the group said.

Israeli soldiers found large amounts of explosives in the apartment, and nine suspects were arrested, the army said.

Palestinian gunman responds to Israeli raid; 16 wounded at bus stop: Israeli troops kill 4 Islamic militants in the West Bank

Shortly afterward, more than 2,000 **Hamas** supporters rioted outside police headquarters in Nablus, demanding freedom for **Hamas** detainees. Protesters burned three police cars and threw stones at officers who responded with live fire, tear gas and stun grenades.

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***Suicide with mother's blessing: 'God willing, you will become a martyr,' she says on farewell tape with son***

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In a farewell videotape before Mahmoud el Abed embarked on a suicidal attack, he sat holding hands with his mother, who prayed for him to become a "martyr" as she conferred her blessing.

"May every bullet hit its target," she said.

When news arrived a day later that her son had died in an attack that killed two Israeli soldiers, Naima el Abed celebrated by ululating and clapping her hands, her friends said.

Her son, age 19, was one of several armed Palestinians who launched a shooting attack against the Jewish settlement of Dugit in the Gaza Strip late Saturday night - one of several attempted attacks on Israeli targets in Gaza over the weekend. The assailants did not succeed in infiltrating Dugit, home to several dozen Jewish families, but the gun battle also wounded four Israeli soldiers.

AP

The radical Islamic group **Hamas** claimed responsibility yesterday for the assault.

"Our children are in heaven, their children are in hell," Naima el Abed said yesterday at her son's funeral.

In a farewell video that Palestinian suicide bombers and gunmen often make before attacks, Mahmoud el Abed, a slight man with a wispy moustache, urges his friends to pray for him to obtain a place in paradise.

Many Muslims believe that dying in an attack against Israel makes them a "martyr" and will earn them a place in paradise and the ability to nominate friends and family to join them.

The attackers regularly make videos of themselves before an attack, but the inclusion of Mahmoud el Abed's mother was unusual.

The two sit side by side in white plastic chairs. As Mahmoud el Abed leans toward his mother and tells her he is about to embark on a "martyrdom" operation, she reaches up and puts her arm around him.

"This is the best day of my life. God willing, you will become a martyr and you will be successful. May every bullet hit its target," Naima el Abed tells her son in the video.

Suicide with mother's blessing: 'God willing, you will become a martyr,' she says on farewell tape with son

They laughed and joked in the recording, as the son handed his mother an automatic rifle and placed a green **Hamas** band on her head. They posed for the camera together holding rifles, and Naima el Abed beseeched other Palestinian mothers to encourage their children to follow suit.

She next saw her son at his funeral on yesterday.

He was "very dear to me, he is my heart," she said.

Masked gunmen fired in the air of their Gaza neighbourhood and promised that attacks on Israelis would continue. Palestinians carried el Abed's body into his modest home and laid him on the floor. His mother knelt beside his body and kissed him. She never cried.

All around her were **women**, clapping and celebrating his death, while his father Hassan quietly received congratulations. Several of their nine other children handed out candy to visitors.

"I wish all my children would be like him and carry out operations like that," she said at the funeral. "My message to the Israeli people is that they should leave this land for the sake of their children."

Naima el Abed said she wished she could carry out an operation like her son, but **Hamas** would not allow it.

While the appearance of a mother in her son's farewell video was rare, it was not unprecedented.

Mariam Farhat gave her son Mohammed her blessing to carry out an attack on a Jewish settlement and told a camera she wished she had a hundred sons like him.

Farhat, 19, broke into a study hall at a nearby Jewish settlement in Gaza in March and armed with grenades and automatic rifles killed five Israeli students and wounded 23 people before being shot dead himself.

"When I see all the Jews in Palestine killed, that will be enough for me," his mother said on camera. "I wish he will kill as many as he can, so they will be scared."

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Photo: AP; Mahmoud el Abed, 19, kisses his mother Naima in an image from a video made Friday in the Gaza Strip the day before he embarked on a suicide attack against the Jewish settlement of Dugit.

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## *The new face of terror*

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AFTER a lull, a resurgence of Palestinian bombing and shooting attacks has rocked Israel in the past two weeks with some new twists.

For the first time in 16 months of fighting, a Palestinian woman carried out a bombing on Sunday, killing herself and an 81-year-old Israeli man, though police yesterday said they still were not sure whether it was a suicide attack or the bomb exploded prematurely.

And in two deadly shootings recently, gunmen from the Al Aqsa Brigades, linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, have employed new tactics, opening fire on a crowd of Israelis in what amounted to suicide missions.

Many Israelis regard the suicide attacks as the most fearsome threat they face in the current Palestinian uprising, and the latest developments suggest the threat is expanding.

More than 30 suicide bombings have been carried out in 16 months of fighting, but, until recently, all were claimed by two militant Islamic groups, **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad.

In all, just more than 100 such attempts have been carried out since the tactic was first adopted by Palestinian militants eight years ago -- although about a quarter of them were intercepted by Israelis before the attacker set off the bomb.

Mr Arafat declared a December 16 ceasefire, bringing an immediate and sharp drop in violence -- at least against Israelis.

From December 13 to January 9, no Israelis were killed in Palestinian attacks. During the same period, 33 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces -- 22 in Israeli raids and 11 while attacking Israeli soldiers or civilians.

When a Palestinian militant was killed on January 14 in an attack that had the hallmarks of an Israeli targeted killing, Palestinian militants vowed revenge, and the suicide attacks resumed.

Three days later, a member of the Al Aqsa Brigades burst into an Israeli banquet hall and killed six people before he was shot dead.

Last week, an Al Aqsa gunman opened fire on Jaffa Street, the main commercial strip in west Jerusalem, killing two elderly **women** before police gunned him down.

## The new face of terror

An Islamic Jihad suicide bomber struck in Tel Aviv last Friday, killing only himself and wounding more than 20 Israelis. And then came Sunday's bombing, also on Jaffa Street.

No Palestinian militant group has yet declared its involvement in that attack. Hamas and Islamic Jihad usually claim responsibility shortly after they strike, and often hand out videos made by the bombers in advance.

But Hamas says there is a fatwa, or religious ruling, forbidding women from involvement in suicide attacks.

Sunday's bombing and the recent shootings have raised questions about the way Israel's security establishment searches for potential suicide attackers. The Israelis traditionally have focused on single, young Palestinian men linked to Islamic fundamentalist groups.

The female bomber has prompted talk in the Israeli media that women soldiers be deployed at checkpoints and roadblocks to screen Palestinian women.

So far, the woman who carried out yesterday's bombing has not been identified.

"We still don't know for sure that she was a suicide bomber," said Jerusalem police spokesman Gil Kleiman.

"We know that from the damage she was either holding or had (an explosive) on her."

If it was a suicide attack, it would be the first carried out by a Palestinian woman.

However, Palestinian women have been involved in other types of attacks against Israel. Last August, a Palestinian woman tried to carry a bomb into the central bus station in Tel Aviv but was apprehended by police before the device detonated.

Also, a Palestinian woman has been accused of helping escort a suicide bomber to a Jerusalem pizzeria last August in an attack that killed 15 people plus the bomber.

Another Palestinian woman is accused of luring an Israeli to his death at the hands of militiamen last year.

There has been at least one previous Palestinian woman suicide bomber. In 1985, when Israel had troops occupying parts of south Lebanon, a 16-year-old Palestinian schoolgirl drove a car packed with dynamite into an Israeli checkpoint.

She killed herself and two soldiers.

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## *Gunman murders rush-hour shoppers in Jerusalem*

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JERUSALEM - Two women died from wounds last night, hours after a Palestinian gunman went on a shooting spree in Jerusalem's main shopping street, wounding 14 other people.

The attack came after Israeli troops killed four Islamic militants in another round of retribution that drew United States concern but no immediate action.

The two women who died, who were not named, were aged 56 and 78. Two other victims were said to be in serious condition.

US State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Washington planned to send Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni back to the region - but gave no date.

"We absolutely condemn this terrorist attack," Boucher said about the rush-hour shooting on Jerusalem's Jaffa Rd.

"There's no justification for these kinds of attacks."

The gunman, a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, sprayed bullets at a bus stop and into shops before police chased him into a parking lot and shot him dead.

The militant group, linked to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said it carried out the attack to avenge the death in a bomb blast last week of one of its leaders, Raed al-Karmi, and what it called other assassinations.

"This is our message to the filthy Israeli people. This is what [Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon has brought you," a brigade statement said.

Israel said it would retaliate "appropriately".

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, calling for international diplomatic intervention, told CNN: "We don't condone the killing of civilians - Palestinians and Israelis."

Boucher said the US was pushing Arafat to dismantle militant groups. "It's not a matter of whether they decide they will or they won't carry out attacks. It's making sure that they can't."

Earlier, Israeli soldiers killed four members of the militant Islamic group Hamas in a predawn raid on an apartment building in the Palestinian city of Nablus.

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The Army said the building housed what could be the largest explosives laboratory discovered in the West Bank. Palestinian officials said the **Hamas** men were killed in cold blood. The Army said they were shot dead during a gunfight.

In a statement that made clear its freeze on suicide attacks was over, **Hamas** said the raid opened the door to a "fierce war" with Israel.

Former Israeli leader Ehud Barak, who came close to a final peace pact with Arafat, said yesterday that he now wondered whether his old peace partner and Nobel laureate was a "terrorist".

Reflecting on events in the Middle East and the role of Arafat, Barak said, "He looks like one, he walks like one, he quacks like one. Maybe he's really a terrorist.

"And it's about time that we tell the truth ... about his behaviour to be able to draw the conclusions, whatever they might be."

Barak's comments reflected the depth of suspicion plaguing Israelis and Palestinians.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak warned Israel against trying to leave Arafat out of a Middle East peace equation.

"The surrounding of [Arafat] ... is humiliating and if the Israelis envisage that the Palestinian problem can be resolved without Mr Arafat, I tell them no," he said.

"This will not happen."

Arafat has been under virtual house arrest at his office in Ramallah since a series of deadly attacks by militant groups early last month.

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## *Travel banned*

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JERUSALEM -- Israel yesterday announced a "total ban" on Palestinian travel in much of the West Bank after Palestinian attacks killed 13 in 24 hours.

Defence Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer said restrictions on Palestinian movement would be tightened further.

Under the ban, Palestinians will not be able to drive in the northern half of the West Bank, between the towns of Nablus, Jenin, Qalqiliya, Tulkarem and Ramallah.

REUTERS

Some movement will be allowed in the southern West Bank.

Israel has also shelved talks with Palestinians to find a response to the weekend's bloodshed.

And Palestinians said Israeli forces raided the West Bank village of Burqa yesterday to hunt for suspected militants.

Two Palestinian men were shot dead, one of them a wanted militant.

Also yesterday, an Israeli couple were shot dead and their children wounded in an ambush on their car near the West Bank settlement of Shilo.

The bloodshed spilled over after a Palestinian bomber blew himself up and killed nine people in an attack on a bus in Israel on Sunday, and police exchanged fire with a Palestinian teenager in East Jerusalem who shot dead an Israeli.

The gunman and a Palestinian passer-by were killed, police said.

The army is imposing a curfew in seven Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, President Yasser Arafat's West Bank base.

Palestinian officials say their security forces have been crippled by the presence of Israeli tanks and troops on their streets.

The Palestinian Authority condemned the bus attack, but said in a statement Israel's policy of "mass detentions, repressive measures and home demolitions" was responsible for the violence.

## Travel banned

The militant group **Hamas** said it had carried out the bus bombing in further revenge for an Israeli air raid on July 22 that killed its military commander, Salah Shehadeh, his deputy and 13 other Palestinians, including nine children.

Thousands of Palestinians marched in Gaza to show support for **Hamas**.

Three Israeli soldiers and two Filipino **women** were among those killed in the bus bombing, the Israeli Army and TV said.

More than 50 were wounded, hospitals said.

US President George W. Bush said: "There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process that we have started. We must not let them."

At UN headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan called yesterday on the two sides to stop the cycle of attacks and retaliation.

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**BUSH BACKS ISRAEL'S ACTIONS TO CONFINE ARAFAT TO COMPOUND ;  
HE WANTS PALESTINIAN TO TAKE CHARGE IN ENDING THREAT OF  
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President George W. Bush understands Israel's confinement of Yasser Arafat to a West Bank compound and wants the Palestinian leader to do more to eliminate terrorism as a threat to Israel and to him, Ari Fleischer, the White House press secretary, said Thursday.

Bush discussed the Middle East with his senior security advisers at the White House. Reports promptly surfaced that closing the Palestinian office in Washington was an option, but no decision was taken.

A decision depends largely on what Arafat does about combating terrorism, a senior U.S. official said. No option, including closing the Washington office, is being ruled out, the official said.

Virtual house arrest

Asked about Arafat's confinement, Fleischer said, "The president understands the reason that Israel has taken the action that it takes, and it is up to Chairman Arafat to demonstrate the leadership to combat terrorism."

Terrorism, the spokesman said, "is a threat not only to Israel, but also to Arafat."

Arafat has been under virtual house arrest on the West Bank for almost two months. This prevents him from barnstorming the Middle East and Europe in search of support for the Palestinians and their territorial and statehood aspirations.

From his office window in Ramallah, Arafat can peer out at Israeli soldiers who are posted about 70 yards down the street in tanks.

In the town, a member of the Palestinian intelligence service, Riyad Sadi, 26, was killed Thursday in a clash with Israeli forces. In response to a Palestinian shooting attack, Israeli tanks tightened their cordon around Arafat's headquarters.

Richard Boucher, a State Department spokesman, said: "We've always been against incursions. We feel they aren't helpful."

## BUSH BACKS ISRAEL 'S ACTIONS TO CONFINE ARAFAT TO COMPOUND ; HE WANTS PALESTINIAN TO TAKE CHARGE IN ENDING THREAT OF TERRORISM

But he stressed: "We understand Israel's need to take steps to ensure its security. We understand the need for Israel to take steps in self-defense."

Boucher also said there were no plans to send U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni back to the region, despite a request from Arafat. In two visits over the last two months, Zinni failed to negotiate a truce.

Fleischer said Bush still believed that "it is incumbent on Chairman Arafat to do more, take more steps, and show with action that he is committed to eliminating terrorism and combating it wherever it exists," Fleischer said.

Bush plans to meet Feb. 7 with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who will be making his fourth visit to the White House to see Bush. Arafat, by contrast, has never been invited.

The White House statement expressing understanding of Israel's treatment of Arafat emerged a day after the United States eased its criticism of Israel for targeting terror suspects for execution.

### **Hamas** militant is killed

In the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at a Palestinian car Thursday, killing a **Hamas** militant and seriously wounding two others, Palestinian and Israeli sources said.

The airstrike followed a shooting spree Tuesday by a Palestinian gunman who killed two Israeli **women** in Jerusalem's main shopping district.

Mahmoud al-Zahar, senior official of the **Hamas** Islamic movement in Gaza, called the strike in the Palestinian-ruled town of Khan Younis "a drop in the sea of Israeli crimes" and vowed to respond with "painful" retaliation.

Palestinian hospital sources identified the dead man as Bakar Hamdan, and Israeli security sources said he was targeted for his involvement in the killings of Israelis.

## Graphic

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PHOTO; Photo from THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Chaya Berci (left), daughter of Sarah Hamburger, cries next to unidentified mourners as she listens to her mother's eulogy at the Givat Shaul cemetery in Jerusalem on Thursday. Hamburger, who survived the Hebron Arab riots in 1929, in which Jews were shot and struck with axes, was shot by a Palestinian seven decades later while she waited for a bus in Jerusalem.

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## **MAELSTROM BOILS UP AHEAD OF STRAW'S ISRAEL TRIP**

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### **Body**

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ISRAELI jets struck a security compound in the Gaza Strip yesterday, wounding nearly 40 people, in retaliation for what the army said was the Palestinians' first use of a new rocket.

Amid its escalating use of firepower, Israel appears intent on using this week's visit to the country by Britain's Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, to increase the pressure on the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat.

Two Qassam-2 rockets, made by the Islamic militant group ***Hamas***, struck southern Israel on Sunday. While the weapons caused no casualties, exploding in farmland, they provoked the second retaliatory strike on Gaza City in two days. At least 37 people were hurt and a security compound housing jailed militants was hit.

Mr Straw arrives in the Middle East tomorrow amid mounting concern in Israel over a French initiative to end the violence. It is premised on concessions to Mr Arafat's Palestinian authority.

Israel would clearly acknowledge the need for a Palestinian state, the plan suggests, with elections held in Palestinian territories that would give the winner a mandate for talks.

However, Israel is counting on the fact that Mr Straw has already told EU counterparts at a foreign ministers' meeting in Spain that there was no need for new initiatives.

Mr Straw is flying into a Middle East maelstrom. The air strikes on Gaza seemed guaranteed to maximise casualties, coming at the change between morning and afternoon school shifts, when streets were filled with youngsters.

The attack on the security compound set off clashes between police and hundreds of protesters demanding that the detainees inside be freed. Police fired into the air to disperse about 200 people who thronged the gates of the compound and threw stones as police led only some prisoners out of jail. In the West Bank city of Hebron, 500 Palestinians stormed a jail and released 17 Islamic militants in the third such incident in a week.

The air strikes in Gaza sent people running through the streets for the second time in 24 hours. A separate security compound had been attacked by Israeli jets on Sunday night after a Palestinian attack on a cafe near an army base that killed two ***women*** soldiers.

Israel said it regarded the firing of the Qassam-2, an upgraded rocket one -and-a-half metres long, as an attempt by Palestinian militants to open a new, more dangerous phase in the conflict. Israel's defence minister, Binyamin Ben -Eliezer, defended a series of security measures that were "sometimes hurtful to innocent people".

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Palestinian officials dismissed Israel's complaints as a ploy to attack the Palestinian Authority - although **Hamas** has made no secret of its efforts to upgrade its arsenal. "All (Jewish) settlements and many cities will come under Qassam fire. Settlers should leave before they face the first strikes of Qassam," **Hamas** said on its web site.

While the two rockets that Israel said were used on Sunday landed harmlessly, Israelis insist it is only a matter of time before one is fired into a population centre. The Qassam-2 carries 5kg of explosives and has a range of five miles or more.

Mr Straw is the most senior British official to visit the Middle East since Tony Blair's troubled mission last November. Mr Blair was given a dressing -down by Arab leaders, most notably in Syria, but is said to have forged a much closer relationship with the Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon.

After meeting Israeli leaders, Mr Straw plans to meet Mr Arafat on Wednesday night at his headquarters in Ramallah.

That goes against Mr Sharon's efforts to isolate and even replace Mr Arafat, but British officials do not fear a clash with Israel because Mr Straw will "bring a tough message that he (Mr Arafat) must crack down on terrorism." Mr Straw, who was nearly denied a meeting with Mr Sharon during his last visit, for making statements seen as biased in favour of the Palestinians, now sounds strikingly similar to Israeli spokesmen.

"We have to be very careful about 'new initiatives'," he said at the weekend. "This is a deep-seated, almost intractable problem."

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## *Israeli couple die as killing spree goes on*

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### **Body**

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AN ISRAELI couple were shot dead and their two children injured early today in a fifth attack in a killing spree spanning less than 24 hours.

Gunmen opened fire on the family's car near the West Bank settlement of Eli, bringing to 13 the number killed in the latest wave of bloodletting in Israel, which both sides appear unable or unwilling to control.

Security officials said the gunmen, who ambushed the vehicle, escaped. The children, who suffered minor injuries, were evacuated by an airforce helicopter to hospital. Yesterday 11 people were killed and more than 80 wounded in separate attacks over seven hours.

In the first and most devastating attack, nine people, including several soldiers, were killed and 52 wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus near the northern town of Safed.

Security officials said the bomber was from the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

Security forces were searching for two young women seen getting off the bus a short time before the blast.

After at least 25 Israelis were killed in a string of attacks six weeks ago, an Israeli offensive had some success cutting down on violence. But the relative calm has vanished, despite tight controls and curfews in seven West Bank Palestinian cities.

In a new tactic aimed at deterring suicide bombers, the Israeli army yesterday blew up nine houses of the families of past bombers around Nablus, Jenin and Hebron. Two other houses were destroyed at the weekend. The search for militants and bomb factories that began after the Hebrew University bombing in Jerusalem last Wednesday continued yesterday, with soldiers of the paratroopers and Golani Brigade combing the twisted, covered alleys of Nablus's kasbah.

At least 50 Palestinians have been taken into custody in the Nablus action and the army is keeping tight control, including curfews, over six other Palestinian towns and their surrounding villages.

The Palestinian attacks have intensified since the airstrike by Israel in Gaza on 23 July that killed Sheikh Salah Shehadeh, the leader of the military wing of Hamas.

In the strike, a one-ton bomb hit a densely populated residential neighbourhood, killing 14 Palestinians, including nine children, as well as Sheikh Shehadeh.



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The university bomb killed seven people, five of them Americans, and wounded scores. **Hamas** claimed responsibility for that attack and also for yesterday's bus bombing, calling it a " further riposte" to the killing of Sheikh Shehada.

Israeli officials, however, continued to blame Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

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## **Militants kill teen 2nd W. Bank family member slain on spy claim**

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A Palestinian family still reeling from the execution of a mother of three was plunged into mourning again yesterday when militants murdered her 18-year-old niece.

Rajah Ibrahim and her aunt Ikhlas Yassin, who also has been identified as Ikhlas Khouli, were accused by the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades of collaborating with the Israelis.

Israeli lawyer Nitsana Darshan-Leitner urged the army to rescue the rest of the Ibrahim family before more members are murdered. She warned that the niece's brother, Alla, is being held by the militants - and could be their next victim.

"There is an open threat to their lives," said the lawyer. "There are no police there. The people who kidnapped [the women] are members of a terrorist organization."

Rajah Ibrahim was abducted three days ago from her home in Tulkarem, one of six West Bank cities the Israelis occupied in June to stamp out suicide bombers. The militants, who have close ties to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, accused the teenager of ratting out Al Aqsa leader Raed Karmi, who was killed by the Israelis in January.

Forced confession

Ibrahim was killed days after Yassin, 35, was forced to confess on videotape that she was a collaborator and killed.

During the 23-month-long Palestinian uprising, dozens of men accused of collaborating have been killed. Yassin was the first woman.

Yesterday, Palestinian security chief Abdel Razak Yehiyeh urged the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad to "stop the suicide bombings, stop the murders for no reason."

"Suicide attacks are contrary to the Palestinian tradition, against international law and harm the Palestinian people," he told the Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot. "Children were exploited for these attacks."

Yehiyeh has been pushing a plan worked out with the Israelis under which the army would turn over occupied areas if the Palestinians prevented terror attacks.

## Militants kill teen 2nd W. Bank family member slain on spy claim

Palestinian anger at Israel was stoked again Thursday by the accidental killings of a Palestinian mother, two of her sons and a relative in the Gaza Strip. "We will retaliate against the criminals, civilian and noncivilian," said **Hamas** spokesman Mahmoud Zahar.

Three Israeli soldiers were wounded in a shootout with Palestinian gunmen in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank.

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REUTERS MOURNING Classmates of Abdel-Hadi al-Hamaydah cluster by his corpse before his funeral in Rafah refugee camp yesterday. Boy was killed in Rafah by Israeli gunfire Thursday.

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## ISRAELI MARKSMEN COMB HOLY CITY FOR FEMALE BOMBERS

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### **Body**

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ISRAELI POLICE rooftop marksmen, black-clad swat teams on motorcycles and soldiers with M-16s swamped west Jerusalem yesterday in a hunt for a potential new threat on the streets of the holy city: **female** Palestinian bombers.

Soldiers and police were stationed in Jaffa Street, the busy road where Israeli officials believe a young Palestinian woman detonated a bomb a day earlier, killing herself and an 81-year-old Israeli man.

As Israel's government sought to reassure its jittery population after four attacks in 11 days, police investigators were trying to discover the identity of the woman, whose severely mutilated body was discovered at the epicentre of Sunday's explosion. Headlines presented the attack as the first case of an Arab woman blowing herself up in an attempt to kill civilians inside Israel since 1993, when the Palestinian Islamic militants in the occupied territories first began suicide bombings.

But, 24 hours on, Israel's police were still unsure of the exact circumstances.

**Hamas** and Islamic Jihad - by far the most prolific suicide bombers - are usually quick to claim a so-called "martyr". They often issue video- cassettes to the media in the aftermath of attacks in which the bomber, surrounded by weapons and nationalist flags, makes a farewell speech. The killer's family formally celebrate his death, handing out sweets and sugared coffee; the walls and buildings of his home town are decorated with his portrait and triumphalist anti-Israeli graffiti. But yesterday, there was a mysterious silence across the occupied territories. By evening, no Palestinian armed group had claimed responsibility. Sunday's TV reports saying the woman was a student in her early twenties from Al Najah University in Nablus were greeted with puzzlement in the West Bank.

Gil Kleiman, a spokesman for the Israeli police, described her only as a "possible Palestinian woman" who "triggered the bomb, either accidentally or purposely". He said the severe blast damage to her body indicated she was either wearing or carrying the explosives. But he could not confirm if she was a suicide bomber, or was planting the explosives.

The case attracted deep interest in Israel, not least because none of the more than 30 Palestinian suicide bombers who have struck against Israel since the start of this intifada has so far been **female**.

The military wing of the highly conservative Islamic-nationalist **Hamas** movement, which is responsible for dispatching the majority of them, opposes the use of **women** as kamikaze bombers, preferring devout single men between the ages of 18 and 35. Yesterday, speculation was directed at Islamic Jihad, which has dispatched a

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**female** suicide bomber once before, although she was caught before detonating herself. It has ties to Hizbollah, in south Lebanon, which has used **women** on suicide missions.

Palestinian **women** have, however, played a central part during the 16- month intifada. And there are signs that they have been radicalised by Israel's military tactics, including a blockade, assassinations, house demolitions, and aerial bombings.

The **Hamas** suicide bomber, who massacred 15 Israelis in the Jerusalem pizzeria bombing in August, only a few yards from Sunday's bombing, was allegedly escorted there by a woman. A Palestinian woman was accused last year of luring an Israeli teenage boy into the West Bank, where he was murdered, after striking up a relationship with him on the internet. And an Arab woman tried to carry a bomb into the central bus station in Tel Aviv six months ago, but was caught by police.

The possibility that Arab **women** may be taking part in attacks has done nothing to ease the anxiety over security that grips Israelis. This increased yesterday when police shot dead a Palestinian man in a car on the outskirts of Tel Aviv after he had run into and hurt a soldier and a policeman.

Yesterday one of Mr Sharon's senior Likud ministers, Uzi Landau, was advancing another solution - physical separation from the Palestinians by fences.

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## **Bloomberg Names Fire Chief of Department**

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Mayor Bloomberg named Frank Cruthers as the Fire Department's chief of department yesterday, the second time he will be the organization's highest ranking uniformed officer.

Chief Cruthers, a 34-year veteran, will take the helm of the 11,500-member fire department September 9 - two days before the first anniversary of the World Trade Center attack that killed 343 firefighters.

Former Chief of Department Peter Ganci was among those killed in the attack. He was replaced by Daniel Nigro, who announced his retirement last week.

"Frank Cruthers' devotion to the Fire Department, experience rising through the ranks, and leadership over the last three decades make him the perfect choice to serve once again as chief of department," Mr. Bloomberg said.

Chief Cruthers, who also held the top post in 1996, is the son of Francis Cruthers, who was the chief of department from 1978 to 1980.

#### **FBI CANVASSES N.J. WITH ANTHRAX SUSPECT'S PHOTO**

PRINCETON, N.J. - A day after the announcement that a New Jersey mailbox tested positive for anthrax exposure, federal agents canvassed the streets with a photograph of the researcher under scrutiny in last fall's anthrax attacks.

A senior U.S. law enforcement official yesterday confirmed that FBI officers are showing Steven J. Hatfill's photograph to business owners in the area.

The agents are trying to determine whether anyone saw the 48-year-old former Army biological weapons researcher near the mailbox last September or October when the anthrax-laced letters were mailed, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

An FBI official would not say what, if anything, authorities had learned from people who saw the photo.

#### **ABDUCTED INFANT FOUND**

ABILENE, TEXAS - The month-old infant who was snatched from her family's minivan in a Wal-Mart parking lot was found safe yesterday more than 100 miles away. Authorities said they had arrested a **female** suspect.

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"It's an answer to a lot of prayers that she was found and she's safe," police Sergeant Kim Vickers said of little Nancy Crystal Chavez.

The girl and the suspect were in a car pulled over near Quanah, about 125 miles north of Abilene. Nancy was abducted Tuesday afternoon while her mother returned a cart in the store parking lot. A surveillance tape shows the mother holding onto the side of the abductor's car and being dragged for several feet. Ms. Vickers said authorities believe the woman who took Nancy was alone in the car and had been watching the child's mother.

"She apparently circled the parking lot several times in an attempt to try to see if she could locate a victim," Ms. Vickers said. "I think this situation afforded her an opportunity, and she grabbed that opportunity."

The child's mother, Margarita Chavez, was taken to an Abilene hospital and treated for some scratches, said her husband, Salvador Chavez. **BILL Y GRAHAM'S SON FAULTS MUSLIMS ON NYC REBUILDING**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - The son of evangelist Billy Graham, adding to his harsh criticism of Islam, said Muslim leaders haven't done enough to show their sorrow over September 11, and he challenged them to help rebuild New York or compensate the victims families.

"I'm certainly not preaching against Muslim people," Franklin Graham said yesterday on WBT-AM radio. "I am concerned about our nation, and on September 11 last year, we were attacked by followers of Islam, claiming to do this in the name of Islam."

"The silence of the clerics around the world is frightening to me," he said. "How come they haven't come to this country, how come they haven't apologized to the American people, how come they haven't reassured the American people that this is not true Islam and that these people are not acting in the name of Allah, they're not acting in the name of Islam?"

Franklin Graham, his 83-year-old father's chosen successor to lead the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, also spoke at a book signing in Charlotte on Tuesday and suggested the compensation for victims' families.

Masood Khan, chairman of the Charlotte Islamic School board, said local Muslims were outraged by Mr. Graham's statements. "What surprised us is that he's a leader of such stature. But instead of respecting other faiths, he's spreading hate," Mr. Khan said.

**LAW TESTIFIES FOR FOURTH DAY**

**BOSTON** - Cardinal Law spent a fourth day answering questions yesterday about how the Boston Archdiocese responded to sexual abuse allegations against a retired priest.

Cardinal Law was questioned by civil attorneys for four men who claim they were sexually abused by Paul Shanley between 1984 and 1990. His testimony is expected to resume after Labor Day, said Roderick MacLeish, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Neither Mr. MacLeish nor attorneys for the Boston Archdiocese would discuss the depositions. But MacLeish denied a claim by Mr. Law's attorney that settlement talks were ongoing.

**HAMAS TERRORIST KILLED PLANNING ' MEGA-ATTACK '**

**JERUSALEM** - A leading Hamas terrorist who had allegedly been planning "a mega attack" in Israel was killed in an Israel Defense Force raid on his hiding place in Tubas village in the West Bank today.

The terrorist, Nasser Jarrar, 44, had been on the wanted list for a long time but had managed to evade capture despite being crippled by an explosive device he had once been preparing. He had allegedly been planning a series of simultaneous attacks, as well as a mega-attack that would have led to the destruction of a multi-story building inside Israel.

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According to reports, this information was gleaned from the interrogation of other **Hamas** terrorists captured by the security forces.

Jarrar was considered a leader of **Hamas**'s military wing in the Jenin area and was responsible for the planning and execution of several deadly terror attacks inside Israel.

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## SEVEN DEAD IN LATEST ATTACK ON JERUSALEM

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A PALESTINIAN disguised as an orthodox Jew blew himself up on a bus in Jerusalem yesterday, killing seven Israelis and dealing a severe blow to a new peace plan aimed at ending two and a half years of fighting.

More than 20 people were wounded, four of them seriously, when the bus exploded at a stop on its route in the city centre.

Police said the bus bomber wore a skullcap and a white prayer shawl, to give the impression he was coming from morning prayers.

Ariel Sharon, the Israeli prime minister, cancelled plans to visit Washington, where the hard-liner was to outline for George Bush, the US president, his opposition towards the new peace blueprint known as the roadmap.

And last night, Israel decided to impose a "general closure" on the West Bank, tightening restrictions on Palestinians entering the Jewish state.

The bomber, who was later identified as a 19-year old member of Hamas, Bassem Jamil Tarkrouri, boarded at 5:45am on the double length bus and blew up his explosive belt in the front section, police said.

Ilya Bartanovsky, 29, an army dentist who was travelling in the front section and was lightly wounded, recalled from his hospital bed that a policeman on board looked preoccupied just before the bomb went off.

"I think he was suspicious of something, although I myself did not notice that anything was wrong," he said. "He was badly harmed by the explosion. The women ahead of me had their faces torn apart."

Roni Levy, a lifeguard, sprinted to catch the bus on the line that he takes every day to work. But it exploded as he neared it. "There was a smell, and an awful quiet. It was the smell of death. Not a smell of burning, but the smell of people.

"I saw people still in their seats, but I did not hear shouting. They were in their seats with their heads back, blood stains and black stains on their faces. These were people I see on the bus everyday. They were not alive. I ran like I've never run before. I needed to get somewhere, so I continued on my way to work. I took a shower, thinking I could get rid of the smell, but it did not help. The smell won't leave me."

Soon afterwards, a second Palestinian suicide bomber detonated himself on the northern outskirts of the city after being thwarted from entering it by a police checkpoint. Nobody else was hurt.

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Out of the seven bus fatalities, four were immigrants from the former Soviet Union, including a 68-year-old man. Six soldiers on board were lightly wounded.

On Saturday night, Mr Sharon met Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas in the highest level contact since fighting began. But both sides described the talks as unsuccessful.

The Palestinian Authority condemned yesterday's bombings and called on Israel to exercise restraint. Mr Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, told reporters in advance of a night-time cabinet meeting that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should be expelled. But some ministers argued such a step would backfire.

In the southern Gaza Strip, a Palestinian man was shot dead by Israeli troops, bringing to 27 the number of Palestinian fighters and civilians killed in Gaza since the roadmap was announced on 30 April. There have been no Israeli fatalities in Gaza during that period.

In Hebron tensions were high. On Saturday night, a young Jewish man and his pregnant wife were killed by a suicide bomber, who reportedly ran up to them and exploded himself after security forces called out to him to identify himself. They had been married for six months. An attack on the Shaarei Tikva settlement in the West Bank on Saturday night was foiled by Israeli security forces.

**Hamas** did not officially take responsibility for the Jerusalem bombings. Abdul Aziz Rantissi, a **Hamas** leader in Gaza, said they constituted "a message that the resistance continues to respond to the tragedies inflicted on the Palestinian people".

Israeli minister Ehud Olmert voiced "severe doubts" that Mr Abbas's new government will be able to "combat terrorism." Palestinian Labour Minister Ghassan Khatib countered that the way out of the violence is for the Palestinians and Israel "to accept that the only game in town is the roadmap and to try to implement it".

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## LESSONS FROM THE GAZA DISASTER

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WHAT Israel did in Gaza City last week was terrible.

There can be no excuse, no justification, for the killing of 15 people, including children, and the injuring of more than 100 others. The assassination of Salah Shehadeh by a missile fired by a F16 fighter was not "a great success" as Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon initially claimed. It might not be a "war crime" as some Palestinians claim, and we would like to believe, but it was not far removed. It was a disaster.

Yes, it's true, the Israelis did not intend and did not want to kill civilians. Their target was the Hamas terrorist leader who was responsible for the deaths of more than 400 Israeli citizens, including many children. He was a legitimate target.

But Israel is a civilised country, a democracy. It lives by Western values. We expect it to behave in a rational, reasonable, measured manner and to value human life. We do not expect it to act negligently, irresponsibly, cavalierly, and to recklessly endanger innocent young lives.

That is totally unacceptable.

To the credit of the Israeli politicians, however, they all accept this. Not one of them has sought to justify the deaths or to shrug them off. Quite the opposite. One after another they have publicly expressed their shame, their sorrow and their regret about the deaths.

This, let it be said, is in stark contrast to the Palestinians. While the Israelis apologised for the "accident" and set up an inquiry to determine how the "mistake" occurred, the Palestinians glorify their suicide bombers and their gunmen who deliberately and cold-bloodedly seek out women and children to murder.

The Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, is right. In a war, "accidents" happen - especially, he could have added, if terrorists, like Hamas, chose to hide behind the skirts of women and the school uniforms of children.

Maybe the Palestinian terrorists will realise that to continue as they are leads nowhere but to more "accidents" and the deaths of children, and that Israel will be chastised by the atrocity and become less aggressive and gung-ho and more responsive to overtures for peace. Let's hope so.

In the meantime it does not help anyone for the Israelis to be condemned in extremely lurid terms by hypocritical Western political leaders gnashing their teeth and wringing their bloodstained hands over the killings.

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Those who deliberately targeted civilians when they bombed Abyssinia, Guernica, Dresden and Hiroshima have no right to the moral high ground.

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## *Peres calls Gaza strike a 'mistake'*

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JERUSALEM - Facing a storm of criticism for its raid on Gaza, Israel offered Palestinians a series of goodwill gestures Wednesday and blamed faulty military intelligence for the deaths of nine children and four other civilians in the fatal attack on a **Hamas** military chief.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called the bombing a mistake. "I cannot explain mistakes," he said.

Palestinians claimed militant groups were about to sign a cease-fire declaration before the missile attack. Israeli officials dismissed those reports and defended the bombing, even as they admitted intelligence surrounding the attack was flawed.

"It's a tragedy because innocent people got killed. It's not a tragedy because a cease-fire was imminent" which wasn't the case, said Daniel Taub, a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

At the United Nations, Deputy Israeli Ambassador Aaron Jacob said: "Had we known the result beforehand, we would never have carried out the operation. Our regret is sincere and profound."

In violence early today, one Israeli was killed and another seriously injured in a shooting attack in the West Bank, according to rescue services and the Israeli military. Gunmen, apparently Palestinians, opened fire on their car near the Jewish settlement of Elei Zahav, south of the Palestinian town of Qalqiliya.

Peres said a troop pullback would go ahead from some occupied areas of the West Bank if they remain calm. He also said the government had released millions of dollars in blocked Palestinian taxes and issued 4,000 permits to Palestinians who work in Israel.

Each measure already was under negotiation during talks between Peres and the Palestinians before the Tuesday bombing, which killed Salah Shehadeh, who Israel says was responsible for dozens of attacks in the past 22 months of fighting and at the top of their most-wanted list of terrorists.

Peres said he hoped to press forward with negotiations on security and economic issues - including a Palestinian offer to resume security cooperation. Palestinians said there was no decision about continuing the talks.

Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a **Hamas** spokesman, said any cease-fire was off.

"After yesterday's heinous massacre in Gaza, there will be no more respect for a Zionist child or the so-called Zionist civilians," he said.

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As politicians blamed an intelligence failure, the army said it would investigate the air raid on a crowded residential area of Gaza City when entire families were home asleep. The blast destroyed the building that housed Shehadeh and also killed his wife and one of their children. Three other buildings were damaged.

"The intelligence was apparently not complete," Israeli President Moshe Katsav told Israel Army Radio, saying political leaders bore the responsibility.

With the Israeli leadership admitting problems surrounding the Gaza attack, the media began questioning the use of what was reportedly a one-ton bomb in such a densely populated area.

"It's possible that the designation of the bomb was not right," said army spokeswoman Capt. Sharon Feingold.

The head of military planning, Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland, said the army had used the weapon because of its accuracy but acknowledged "wrong calculations" were made.

The United States, United Nations and many European and Arab governments condemned the strike, and the Palestinians threatened to take the case to the newly formed International Criminal Court.

The U.N. Security Council debated the Middle East crisis on Wednesday night as criticism over the missile strike broadened.

Israeli media concluded the strike was a public relations debacle for Israel. "The assassination and the embarrassment," read the headline in Maariv. Haaretz said the army would investigate what it called the "Gaza bombing disaster."

Amid the angry criticism, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Peres and Finance Minister Silvan Shalom met to discuss resuming talks with the Palestinians and easing the hardships in the Palestinian territories, Army Radio said.

Peres told reporters after the meeting that the army still intended to withdraw from areas of Hebron and Bethlehem if they remained calm and if the Palestinians assumed control.

He said the army also would consider leaving Ramallah, where Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has been holed up for much of the last few months, if there was a plan guaranteeing law and order there.

Peres also said he had called the Palestinian finance minister Wednesday morning to tell him that about \$ 45 million was being transferred - about 10 percent of the total amount Israel has withheld in tax revenues, and that Israel had forgiven about \$ 31 million in Palestinian debt to Israeli utilities.

In addition, 4,000 work permits had been issued of a promised 7,000, and the total number would reach 30,000, he said.

Before fighting broke out in September 2000, an estimated 125,000 Palestinians crossed daily into Israel for jobs, but Israel has since blocked most of them, fearing attacks.

Ismail Abu Shanab, a leading Hamas official in Gaza, said the Islamic resistance group had held meetings with Palestinian officials in recent weeks in which Hamas agreed "we will stop these operations" if Israel withdrew from occupied Palestinian towns.

The Yediot Ahronot newspaper published what it said was a document that the Arafat-linked Al Aqsa Brigades had approved hours before the strike, in which they promised to "end all attacks against innocent men, women and children who are not fighters" and urged other Palestinian groups to follow suit.

It was not clear what that group's reaction to the Gaza attack would be.

Also on Wednesday, Palestinian rescue workers pulled the remains of three children from the rubble of the collapsed Gaza City apartment buildings. They had already been included in the number of dead.

## Peres calls Gaza strike a 'mistake'

A Chinese worker injured in a suicide bombing last week in Tel Aviv died, bringing the toll in that attack to four.

Meanwhile, an accomplice in the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was released from jail 31/2 months early as part of efforts to relieve overcrowding in jails, officials said. Dror Adani, now 33, was sentenced to seven years in prison in 1996 for conspiring with assassin Yigal Amir and supplying him with a submachine gun to kill Rabin.

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## *Sharon goes too far, again*

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Even some Israelis share the outrage around the world over their military's missile attack on a crowded housing complex. It killed nine sleeping children and five other civilians along with the intended target, a Palestinian terrorist leader. Yet Prime Minister Ariel Sharon boasted that Tuesday's strike was "one of our biggest successes."

The incident is another tragic example of Sharon's long history of violently overstepping reason in Israel's struggle with the Palestinians. And his assessment of the attack shows why progress toward a peace settlement has unraveled under his rule.

Each time Sharon overreaches, his country pays a heavy price. This time, the terrorist group **Hamas**, which lost military commander Salah Shehadeh in the attack, has vowed to kill Israeli children and target bus stops, restaurants and other public places. Before the strike, **Hamas** had hinted that it might end its attacks on Israeli citizens.

Sharon's record of overkill covers nearly half a century:

\* In 1953, he avenged the murder of an Israeli woman and her two children by leading a raid on a Palestinian village that killed 69 people. Many were **women** and children hiding in buildings his forces blew up.

\* In 1982, as Israel's defense minister, he earned the nickname "the butcher of Sabra and Shatila" for letting Lebanese allies massacre at least 800 Palestinian civilians in two refugee camps in Lebanon.

\* Two years ago, he made a provocative visit to a holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims, a gesture that Palestinians say triggered the current uprising that has killed nearly 1,800 Palestinians and 600 Israelis.

Sharon's defense of the latest missile attack, which even some of his senior advisers call a "mistake," raises some of the leadership concerns that President Bush has voiced about Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat. Bush has called on Palestinians to choose new leaders willing to achieve an independent state through peaceful dialogue, not violence.

Yet Sharon believes that the only language Palestinians understand is force. Like Arafat, the Israeli prime minister has shown little interest in taking genuine steps to revive peace talks. Instead, he continues to support the expansion of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territory in the West Bank, and his military forces continue to occupy most West Bank towns.

So long as he rules using an iron fist, Sharon demonstrates that he, like his mortal enemy Arafat, is an impediment to peace.



Sharon goes too far, again

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## **WAR IN THE GULF: REACTION: Arab protesters back Iraq**

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Gaza City, Gaza Strip --- When customers come into Tariq Abu-Dayyah's souvenir shop in Gaza City, they usually want the same thing: Saddam Hussein paraphernalia.

Abu-Dayyah has run his shop in Gaza City since 1992, selling flags, tourist trinkets and more recently Saddam posters, which protesters wave at pro-Iraqi protests like the many held Friday in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

"There is a demand from the people," said Abu-Dayyah, who said he sold about 500 Saddam posters and 600 Iraqi flags since late last year, when the Bush administration began the buildup of troops in the region.

Abu-Dayyah has also sold more than 200 posters of French President Jacques Chirac, who visited Gaza in 1996 and has been a vocal opponent of the war in Iraq.

For the Journal-Constitution

Those flags and posters of Saddam and the Iraqi flags were on display when a group of at least 1,000 people, mostly supporters of the militant group **Hamas**, marched through the streets, denouncing the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

"It is important for Muslims all over the world to support the Muslim people," said Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the **Hamas** spiritual leader. "Each Arabic person should support the Iraqi people."

After leaving the city's main mosque, the demonstrators walked through town as a man shouted through a loudspeaker for God to take revenge on the United States and Israel.

Saddam developed a cult status among many Palestinians during the 1991 Gulf War as an Arab ruler willing to stand up to the West. He is said to have provided money to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers who attacked Israelis.

In other parts of the Middle East, protests were more subdued than previous Fridays since the war began. But in the central Pakistani city of Multan, more than 50,000 people marched through the streets, denouncing the U.S.-led

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war in Iraq and urging Muslims to prepare for holy war against "American infidels." In the Muslim world, Friday is the main prayer day, and protests often follow services at mosques.

In Amman, middle-class Jordanians angry over the presence of U.S. troops in their country joined religious firebrands in a march organized by Jordanian opposition parties. About 1,500 protesters, including parents and children, marched through the upscale neighborhood of Sweifiyah carrying Jordanian, Iraqi and Palestinian flags while they sang songs of Arab unity.

"This war is a criminal act. We don't want to be part of it. We don't want to be shamed by having American troops here," said Khawala Omar, 36, who brought her 2-year-old son to the first political protest either had ever attended.

In Cairo, the largest city in the Mideast, a heavy police presence prevented a planned march on the U.S. Embassy after the main prayers.

The Egyptian lawyers union said 60 people were detained, but police later released 17 women.

Police ringed the city's Saidah Aishah mosque, where the demonstration was to begin, and forced worshippers to board taxis or buses to leave the area. However, about 1,000 worshippers circumvented security forces and staged a rally inside Cairo's al-Azhar mosque, one of the oldest in the world, demanding that the government allow volunteers to travel to Iraq to fight.

In Gaza, many Palestinians said they have a special kinship with Iraqis because both know what it's like to live under an occupying army, the Iraqis under American forces and the Palestinians under Israeli forces. They also criticized the United States for not doing enough to end what they describe as Israeli aggression in the occupied territories.

Later in the day, The Associated Press reported that Israeli forces battled with Palestinians in a Gaza refugee camp, killing four Palestinians and injuring one soldier.

The protesters burned two coffins, one in blue symbolizing the United Nations and the other in green symbolizing the Arab League.

Many pro-American Arab leaders have been criticized in their countries for failing to condemn the U.S. war in Iraq.

## Graphic

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Photo: On Fridays, the main prayer day for Muslims, there are anti-war rallies across the Mideast to show solidarity with Iraq. Here, Palestinian Hamas activists march in Nablus in the West Bank. / NASSER ISHTAYEH / Associated Press

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## **BURST OF ATTACKS FROM PALESTINIANS CAUSES 14 DEATHS**

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### **Body**

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A powerful bomb ripped apart an Israeli commuter bus in northern Galilee early Sunday morning, igniting a fireball that left 9 people dead and wounded 45, beginning a burst of widespread Palestinian violence that defied Israel's tough crackdown.

"There were mangled bodies everywhere," said Nissem Hozeh, a firefighter.

The bombing, at the beginning of the workweek here, was the first in a series of five attacks that included a shootout near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City that left three people dead, two ambushes that wounded seven Israelis and an ambush before dawn this morning on a car south of Nablus in the West Bank. The Israeli Army said a married couple were killed and two passengers were wounded in that raid.

In the gun battle, a man described by the police as a 19-year-old Palestinian fired on an Israeli telephone company repair truck, killing a security guard. The attacker and an Arab bystander were shot and killed by Israeli border police. Page A7.

The bus attack was quickly condemned by President Bush, and the Israeli government said it would pursue the bombers "without mercy."

After at least 25 Israelis were killed in a string of attacks six weeks ago, an Israeli offensive had some success cutting down on violence. But the relative calm has vanished despite tight controls and curfews in seven West Bank Palestinian cities.

In a new tactic aimed at deterring suicide bombers, the Israeli Army on Sunday blew up nine houses of the families of past bombers around Nablus, Jenin and Hebron. Two other houses had been destroyed earlier in the weekend.

The search for militants and bomb factories that began after the Hebrew University bombing on Wednesday continued, with elite soldiers of the paratroopers and Golani Brigade combing the twisted, covered alleys of Nablus's casbah. At least 50 Palestinians have been taken into custody in the Nablus action, and the army is keeping tight control, including curfews, over six other Palestinian cities and their surrounding villages.

Palestinians told Reuters that Israeli forces raided the West Bank village of Burka early on Monday. Two Palestinian men were shot dead in the clash.

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The Palestinian attacks have intensified since the airstrike by Israel in Gaza on July 23 that killed Sheik Salah Shehada, the leader of the military wing of Hamas. In the strike, a one-ton bomb hit a densely populated Gaza residential neighborhood, killing 14 Palestinians besides Sheik Shehada, including 9 children. The bomb in a cafeteria at Hebrew University here killed 7 people, 5 of them American, and wounded scores. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Hamas also claimed responsibility for the bus bombing on Sunday, calling it a "further riposte to the killing of our leader," Sheik Shehada, in a statement to the Beirut television station of the Lebanese Hezbollah.

Israeli officials, however, continued to blame the increasingly marginalized Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat -- isolated by Israeli troops surrounding his ruined compound and criticized for failure and corruption by many Palestinians -- for the actions of Hamas, his rival for power.

"The Palestinian Authority continues to pour terror into Israel," David Baker, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said. "Israel is waging a battle to eradicate terror and make the streets of Israel safe for its citizens. Israel will fight Palestinian terror with a fervor. There is no other choice."

Mr. Sharon called off planned meetings with a few newly appointed Palestinian leaders whom the Americans consider to be reformers. Mr. Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, suggested there was little to talk about with a Palestinian leadership that continued to harbor and support terrorist activity. Another government spokesman, Avi Pazner, said Israel would pursue the bus bombers "without mercy."

For its part, the Palestinian Authority issued a statement condemning the bus bombing, but it added that Israel's "mass detentions, repressive measures and home demolitions" were responsible for the cycle of violence.

President Bush reacted angrily to the bombing on Sunday, telling reporters before a morning round of golf near his family retreat in Maine: "There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process that we have started. We must not let them.

"For the sake of humanity, for the sake of the Palestinians who suffer, for the sake of the Israelis who are under attack, we must stop the terror," Mr. Bush said, wagging the finger of his right hand. "I call upon all nations to do everything they can to stop these terrorist killings."

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said on Saturday that he planned to meet with Palestinian leaders in Washington this week. Three senior Palestinian officials, including Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, are expected to take part in talks Monday and Tuesday in Washington.

The Israeli police said they suspected that a suicide bomber blew up the bus on Sunday, a belief reinforced by a reference in the Hamas statement to the involvement of an unnamed "martyr." But they were also looking into reports of two young women of Arab appearance getting off the bus shortly before it exploded.

The blast tore through the center of the bright green Egged Bus No. 361 at about 8:50 a.m. near the town of Safed, carrying a load of workday commuters and soldiers returning to their bases from weekend leave.

The explosion ripped much of the roof off, broke windows and twisted the seats inside. Some of the victims had to be cut out of the twisted metal, and pieces of burned flesh were hurled into shrubs and trees. The bus was traveling through a bucolic mountain area where many Israelis go to vacation, hike or make pilgrimages to nearby Mt. Meron to the tomb of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yohai, a second century Torah sage who is an important figure in Jewish mysticism.

"There was a lot of screaming, horrible screaming inside the bus," said Avraham Freed, who owns a restaurant nearby and rushed to help. "I saw one person on the ground next to the bus -- bodies, parts of bodies, people jumping through windows."

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Hanan Sofer, one of the first ambulance officials to arrive, said: "The bus was burning, mainly at the back, and the roof had been blown off. Some of the wounded were strewn along the road, and others were trapped inside the burning bus and were screaming for help.

"Along with firefighters who arrived at the scene, we began to extract the wounded from the bus," Mr. Sofer said. "Most of them were suffering from severe burns and there was lots of blood flowing. I have been working in the field for 22 years and have never seen such an atrocious scene."

Witnesses described a huge explosion, followed by burned and bloody soldiers staggering out of the bus.

Other attacks on Sunday, in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, left one Palestinian man dead and seven people wounded.

Three Israeli settlers were injured near Ramallah, one seriously, when a roadside bomb went off beside their vehicle and shots were fired. Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

In another incident in the West Bank, four people were injured, one seriously, when their bus was fired on as it traveled between settlements near Tulkarm. The attack was claimed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian frogman, wearing a wetsuit and carrying hand grenades and a Kalashnikov assault rifle in a waterproof bag, was shot dead by Israeli soldiers as he swam up to the beachfront of a Jewish settlement.

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## Graphic

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Photos: DAY OF VIOLENCE -- A bus was bombed during the Sunday morning rush hour near Safed, in northern Israel. Witnesses described a huge fireball, and bodies and debris were spread for yards. At left, Israeli medics carried an injured Palestinian man after a gunman attacked in East Jerusalem yesterday, killing a security guard before he and an Arab bystander were shot dead by Israeli border police. (Ruth Fremson/The New York Times); (Agence France-Presse)(pg. A1); Aryeh Shankar, an Israeli soldier, was comforted by his aunt yesterday in Safed. Mr. Shankar is one of 45 people wounded in a bus bombing. (Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)(pg. A7) Map of Israel highlights Safed: A bomb destroyed a commuter bus near Safed on Sunday. (pg. A7)

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## 24 Hours

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**HAMAS MOVEMENT:** A hooded girl from Hamas's Al-Qassam brigade in Beirut gives a victory salute during a rally at the Bourj al-Barajneh. Hundreds celebrated the 15th anniversary of the group's founding.

**CRYING GAME:** Peter Moore, London's official Town Crier, launches a search for an apprentice to take over when he hangs up his bell. He is looking for a boy between 7 and 15 to train for the post, which has existed since 1066.

**AFGHAN AID:** A disabled Afghan war widow queues to receive aid distributed by the Care aid organization in Kabul. More than 10,000 women who are unable to work currently survive on aid they receive from foreign organisations.

**GIRL INTERRUPTED:** Rachel Lloyd, the 14-year-old girl who ran away to Turkey to marry a barman, looks contrite as she returns to England. She later brightened up on seeing an army of tabloid journalists.

**ICE DIP:** Hardy members of Berlin's ice swimming club, Berliner Seehunde, take a dip in the frozen waters of the Oranke Lake. The club meets every week, whatever the weather.

**PAPAL BULL:** Cardinal Bernard Law, the Bishop of Boston who resigned his post after revelations about child abuse by priests in his care, looks set to be given another job by the Vatican within the year.

**WARNE OUT:** A glimmer of hope for the England cricket team as Australia's star bowler, Shane Warne, is stretchered off the pitch after dislocating his arm. The Aussies are now reduced to choosing from only three world-class bowlers.

**GENERAL STRIKE?:** General Medina Gomez looks out on thousands of people demanding the resignation of the Venezuelan president, Hugo Chavez. Despite an oil workers' strike entering its third week, Chavez refuses to hold elections.

**SLICK DANGER:** The freighter that capsized in the English Channel with its cargo of almost 3,000 cars ruined lies on its side at low tide. Although investigators claim that oil will not leak from the Tricolor, a barrier was being set up to contain any spills.

**DOG DAYS:** Beagles at the Devon and Somerset Staghounds meeting at Brendon Two Gates on Exmoor ponder their future. The Government's anti-hunting bill is due before the House of Lords on Tuesday.

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**PENGUIN PLAGUE:** Scientists are mystified as thousands of Gentoo and Megellanic penguins are washed up dead on the Falkland Islands. The latest theory is that the birds have been poisoned by the spread of a red sea plant.

**LEWINSKY DROPPED:** Monica Lewinsky is banned from appearing on an Italian chat show after the television company bows to complaints from key Italian figures.

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***Vengeance gunman wounds 20 at bus-stop;  
Palestinian's revenge after killing of militia leader***

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A PALESTINIAN gunman opened fire on a Jerusalem bus queue yesterday, wounding at least 20 people.

Saeed Ramadan of the al Aqsa Brigades, linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, was shot dead by police.

He carried out the shooting spree within hours of his militant group abandoning its truce, according to sources in the group and Palestinian security officials.

His uncle Adnan Ramadan, mayor of the West Bank village of Tel, confirmed this and said he was a member of the Palestinian naval police.

Israeli authorities said they held Arafat and the Palestinian Authority ultimately responsible for a shooting that was likely to bring a strong Israeli response.

"We are witnessing a continuous and endless campaign of terror against Israeli civilians, perpetrated by different Palestinian terrorist organisations under the umbrella of the Palestinian Authority, " said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner.

A source in the al Aqsa Brigades said the attack was revenge for the killing - widely attributed to Israel - of Raed Karmi, the group's leader in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. He was blown up last week.

The shooting also came hours after Israeli commandos killed four members of the militant Islamic group **Hamas** in a raid on their hideout and explosives plant in Nablus in the West Bank.

**Hamas** said in a leaflet it would respond with an "all-out war" against Israeli soldiers and settlers.

The group had reluctantly agreed to honour Yasser Arafat's ceasefire when it was called in December.

In Jerusalem, the gunman began firing on people at a bus-stop near one of the busiest crossroads, sending pedestrians fleeing for cover.

## Vengeance gunman wounds 20 at bus-stop; Palestinian 's revenge after killing of militia leader

Witness Akiva Harari, 21, said the attacker, wearing a heavy coat, emerged from a car park onto Jaffa Street, Jerusalem's main artery. "I saw him shoot two women and they fell, " he said. Police then chased the gunman back into the car park. Sporadic gunfire went on for about 10 minutes.

"The terrorist tried to run away, but after a short chase, police succeeded in hitting him and killed him, " said Jerusalem police chief Mickey Levy.

At least six of the wounded were in serious condition.

The shooting took place near the corner of Jaffa and King George streets, only a few yards from where a suicide bomber blew himself up at a pizzeria in August, killing 15 people.

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## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATH OF INNOCENTS LIES ON PALESTINIAN SHOULDERS**

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PREDICTABLY, a wave of intense international condemnation. "Completely unacceptable," says the Danish foreign minister, Per Stig Moeller, about yesterday's IAF strike on the Hamas military chief, Salah Shehadeh, that left him and 14 others dead, reportedly including several children.

"Unacceptable and counterproductive," adds Jack Straw from the British Foreign Office.

"Heavy-handed," pronounces the White House press secretary, Ari Fleischer.

"The Secretary General calls on the government of Israel to halt such actions and to conduct itself in a manner that is fully consistent with international humanitarian law," intones Kofi Annan spokesman Fred Eckhard at the UN.

All of which is fair enough up to a point. Though few of the above-mentioned have stooped to notice, throughout the conflict that Israel has consistently distinguished itself for the extreme care taken to avoid civilian Palestinian casualties. Even by Palestinian counts, fewer than 5 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the current conflict have been women, which gives a sense of just how "indiscriminate" Israel has been in its reprisals. In yesterday's bombing, both Defence Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon approved the operation only after they had received assurances that the likelihood of collateral damage was low. That the opposite proved the case is both tragic and deplorable, and possibly reflects an intelligence failure that the government would be wise to investigate so as not to repeat.

But that is about all Israel owes its Palestinian foes, and about all the "international community" is entitled to demand of Israel. If responsibility is fairly to be assigned for the death of innocents yesterday, it lies heavily on Palestinian shoulders.

Begin with the responsibility of the Palestinian Authority. Following the attack, the PA released a statement condemning "these criminal military attacks against our unarmed people" by "this Nazi army." But what of the fact that Shehadeh had earlier been released from a Palestinian prison by Yasser Arafat, who also had repeatedly refused requests from both the Israeli and American governments to have him rearrested? Plainly, no Palestinian civilians would have been wounded in an attack - indeed, no attack would have been necessary had Shehadeh been properly imprisoned.

Yet we do not hear international condemnation of the PA for its failure to meet its obligations to arrest, isolate, and punish known terrorists. On the contrary: Israeli attacks against the PA security apparatus are now taken as the cause of Palestinian non-feasance in combatting terror, leading to efforts to rebuild that apparatus.

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Nor do we hear much by way of EU, US, or UN finger-pointing about the man who brought such ruin both on himself and his neighbours. "We recognise and understand Israel's need to take action against suspected suicide bombers and their accomplices," said the British Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, in the preamble to his condemnation of Israel's actions. Plainly, however, he does not understand. Shehadeh operated from a densely populated Gaza City neighbourhood precisely because he knew the children on the street served him as a shield against assassination. For Straw to condemn Israel, and not Hamas, in the wake of the attack serves only to reward Shehadeh's cynical tactics in the first place.

Finally, there is the moral responsibility of the Palestinians themselves. We have great sympathy for the suffering Palestinians have endured at Arafat's hands, as we do for the innocent victims of yesterday's attack. But we have no sympathy for the Palestinians who joined in spontaneous pro-Hamas rallies that erupted in the Gaza Strip following the attack. Before Palestinians can be entrusted with self-rule, they must show themselves equal to the task, first of all by ostracising and expelling the terrorists in their midst. That they have not, only means that they must accept the consequences, including future Israeli attacks.

Meanwhile, we note that the Pentagon now accounts for its killing of dozens of Afghans celebrating a wedding earlier this month as an accident that took place while US forces were in hot pursuit of the Taleban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar. We await Messrs Straw, Annan, Moeller, and Fleischer's pontifications on that score, as well as any insight they might have on how to conduct an accident-free war on terrorism.

This editorial appeared in the Jerusalem Post, Israel's leading English -language paper, on 24 July.

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**Mastermind caught by Israeli troops;  
Arafat meets with Egyptian intelligence leader Omar**

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Israeli troops captured the alleged mastermind of a shooting attack on an Israeli kibbutz in his West Bank hideout Thursday and seized suspected weapons makers in the deepest raid into Gaza City in two years.

The West Bank fugitive, Mohammed Naefe, surrendered after his hideout in the town of Tulkarem was surrounded by troops, the military said. He walked out with his hands raised over his head, the army said, denying Palestinian witness reports that Naefe had jumped off the roof in an apparent attempt to escape.

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An Israeli human rights group helped arrange the surrender of Naefe and two associates.

Israel alleges Naefe planned last weekend's attack on Kibbutz Metzger, a communal farm near the West Bank, in which five people were killed, including a mother and her two young sons huddling in a bedroom.

The gunman, identified as a 19-year-old from the Tulkarem refugee camp, remains at large.

The attack, carried out by the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, has embarrassed Yasser Arafat. The militia is loosely linked to the Palestinian leader's Fatah movement and the shooting came at a time when Fatah was trying to persuade the Islamic militant group **Hamas** to halt suicide bombings in Israel.

Talks concluded

A round of Fatah-**Hamas** talks concluded Wednesday in Cairo, Egypt, without any agreement, though they agreed to hold more talks. Also, Arafat met Thursday with Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman to discuss efforts to halt suicide bombings.

The United States is interested in continuing the dialogue, said a senior Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, said security chiefs have advised him not to expel Arafat, as demanded by several hardline cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sharon's rival for the Likud party leadership.

Asked Wednesday by Israel TV's Channel Two whether he promised Washington not to expel the Palestinian leader, Sharon said only: "I undertook not to harm him physically."

Mastermind caught by Israeli troops; Arafat meets with Egyptian intelligence leader Omar

In Washington, White House and State Department officials declined comment on Israel's latest raids, including a large-scale arrest sweep in the West Bank city of Nablus that began Wednesday.

In southern Gaza, hundreds of Palestinians attended a funeral Thursday for a two-year-old boy killed by Israeli troops, the second toddler to be shot dead in the Rafah refugee camp in as many days.

Hamid Masari was killed Wednesday as the family tried to flee to safety after Israeli troops opened fire on the refugee camp, witnesses said.

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CLOSE WATCH: Palestinian women walk in the main street of the northern West Bank town of Nablus as Israeli army tanks patrol in the background. AP photo

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**MIDDLE EAST: Grass-roots fighters increasingly taking lead against Israel;  
New guard may be key to peace deal**

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Bethlehem, West Bank --- Abdullah Abu Hadid's CIA-trained bodyguards once provided security for the visit of a U.S. president. Now, they are assigned by the Palestinian Authority to protect a man hunted by Israel, but greeted as a hero in the streets.

Abu Hadid, 31, is a local leader of the Bethlehem Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, now firmly established as the most important force fighting Israel.

They have staged brash attacks on soldiers and Jewish settlers in Israeli-occupied areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Lately, their bombings have killed women and children inside Israel.

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A loose alliance of militias, the brigades have emerged during the almost 18 months of conflict with Israel as the fighters for the Palestinian mainstream.

They are largely secular, rather than fundamentalist like the militant Hamas. They comprise university students, laborers, longtime activists and thieves-turned-nationalists who joined the fight as Palestinians in general have become embittered by Israeli attacks.

They are seamlessly wrapped within Fatah, the dominant political faction headed by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

They reportedly are being considered for the U.S. State Department's list of terrorist organizations. But, when Abu Hadid walks through Bethlehem's narrow stone streets, shopkeepers step out to shake his hand and offer coffee.

Last weekend, sipping tea with a few of his men, Abu Hadid said he wanted his Bethlehem fighters to provide a "lull" in the fighting for the visit of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni.

## MIDDLE EAST: Grass-roots fighters increasingly taking lead against Israel ; New guard may be key to peace deal

"During negotiations, we call on our fighters not to shoot. We are giving them a chance. We are happy to do that," said Abu Hadid, relaxing in a sparse sitting room and taking occasional calls on his hand-held radio.

"If Israel attacks us, I'll tell the others to go and fight, and everybody will know where to go and what to do."

More than 1,200 people have died in the latest round of fighting, more than two-thirds of them Palestinians. Palestinians say they are fighting, among other reasons, to drive Israeli troops and settlers from areas Israel captured in 1967.

While violent resistance to Israel has been spearheaded in recent years by Islamist groups such as **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad, the brigades' attacks have surpassed them in frequency, precision and lethality.

The brigades are the largest militia bloc facing Israel, with more than 1,000 fighters by Israeli estimates. An Israeli security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, called the brigades the "key" to the conflict.

Israeli officials say they have connected 57 Israeli deaths so far this year to the brigades, compared with 27 linked to **Hamas**.

Analysts say they represent the grass-roots new guard of Palestinian leadership, waiting to assume power from Arafat and his peers. That older generation spent decades in exile and is often seen as out of touch.

Israelis say Arafat controls the brigades, but they acknowledge that his influence wanes at times depending on popular sentiment. Abu Hadid says Arafat never orders attacks, but that the group would follow his orders for a cease-fire, since it follows the political line of Arafat's Fatah.

Abu Hadid is slightly stocky, with thinning black hair and a limp from wounds suffered in his years of fighting Israel, including seven years in Israeli jails. He has a thick mustache but no beard, more reminiscent of the revolutionary Palestinian fighters of the 1970s than the Islamic fundamentalist militants of the 1990s.

In recent weeks, the brigades have claimed attacks that destroyed two Merkava tanks in the Gaza Strip. In the West Bank, an area captured by Israel in the 1967 war, brigades gunmen killed 16 Israeli troops at two checkpoints.

The group has long targeted settlers in Israeli-occupied areas, and recently targeted civilians within Israel's boundaries. Abu Hadid said the Bethlehem brigade sent a suicide bomber who killed 11 Israelis, including an 18-month-old girl, March 2 in a religiously oriented Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Abu Hadid said the attack was in response to stepped-up attacks by Israeli forces on Palestinian civilian areas.

"What does [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon expect when he sends tanks into the camps? The Palestinians have no other choice than to transfer the battle inside Israel," he said.

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**MURDER ON THE CAMPUS;**  
**BOMBING OF UNIVERSITY DINING HALL LEAVES 7 DEAD AND 70 INJURED**

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**Byline:** Justin Huggler In Jerusalem Police and volunteers examining one of the victims after the explosion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday John McConnico

## **Body**

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THEY WERE searching for body parts when we reached the students' cafeteria at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, painstakingly sifting the broken pieces of tables and ceiling tiles that littered the floor. Plates with half-eaten meals still on them lay amid the broken glass around our feet. There were about 200 students crowded in for lunch when a bomb went off yesterday, witnesses said. They spent the rest of the day sponging the students' blood off the floor.

At least seven people died and more than 70 were injured in what was a devastating attack on the heart of civil society in Israel. These were not Jewish settlers living in the occupied territories, or soldiers on the front line. They were young, unarmed civilians. The bodies of six of them lay in a row, in black plastic bags.

Amid the wreckage was half a Hebrew-English dictionary, torn apart by the blast. Beside it, a photocopied Hebrew text where someone had jotted a few notes in English handwriting. Many of those in the cafe at the Frank Sinatra International Students' Centre were foreigners on summer courses.

One of the dead was an American. Many of the others in the cafe were Palestinians. This is one of the few places left where Israelis and Palestinians mix.

Alastair Goldrein, a 19-year-old visiting student from Liverpool, helped to move the wounded. "I carried people out. They won't walk again," he said, a young shaven-headed man wearing his kippah, a Jewish skullcap, clearly in shock, and speaking very fast. "I carried one girl out. Her arm was already coming off. It was just hanging. I saw bodies without feet. I saw bodies without all sorts of things."

This was not a suicide bombing, the Israeli police thought. They said it was a bomb planted in a bag on a table at the centre of the cafe.

The militant Islamist **Hamas** organisation claimed responsibility, said al-Jazeera television, and the attack was revenge for Israel's air strike on Gaza, which killed its military leader and nine Palestinian children.

Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, **Hamas**' spiritual leader, said: "When Israel bombs a civilian building full of **women** and children, and kills 15 people, this is the response they should expect."

It was a response that quickly eroded international sympathy for the Palestinians prompted by the Gaza air strike.

## MURDER ON THE CAMPUS; BOMBING OF UNIVERSITY DINING HALL LEAVES 7 DEAD AND 70 INJURED

"Why is somebody targeting students sitting down to their lunch?" Mr Goldrein said. "We're talking about 19 to 25-year-olds, Jews, Arabs, Muslims, Christians, left-wingers, right-wingers.

"The restaurant was full of Arabs. I eat with Arabs every day. I carried out one girl who was obviously of Arab extraction. She was badly wounded. God grant that she lives. I really mean that; God grant it."

A small group of right-wing Israelis had turned up at the scene, bearing a huge banner saying, "Throw the Arab enemy out". One of them was shouting angrily at the top of his voice. His companion, 17-year-old Zev Blumberg, said the group wanted to expel all the Palestinians from Israel and the occupied territories.

But the Hebrew University is not like that. Many young Palestinians - those who live in East Jerusalem or have Israeli citizenship - attend the university.

Mr Goldrein said: "I have Arabs living in my accommodation. The university is pretty left-wing. I'm moving towards the right, but a lot of the people here say Israel has to give the territories back to the Palestinians. Nobody in that cafe was an obstacle to a Palestinian state."

Because Israel lays claim to all of Jerusalem as its own, there is no fence or roadblocks, no soldiers separating Arab East Jerusalem from the Jewish West. The Hebrew University lies on Mount Scopus, a Jewish island in the Arab east surrounded by Palestinian districts.

There had clearly been a breach of security. Students told us their bags were searched by two armed guards at the entrance to the university, but that there was no guard at the cafe. Others pointed out that the perimeter fence was easy to cross undetected.

Nobody believes yesterday's bombing is the end of a new wave of violence by Palestinian militant groups in reaction to the Gaza air strike. A Hamas statement reportedly read: "It's a part of a series of responses that will take a long time and teach all Israelis."

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## *Israeli troops kill 13 in Gaza raid*

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### **Body**

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KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip -- Israeli troops raiding this town with tanks and helicopters killed 13 Palestinians early Monday, including 10 who died when a missile slammed into a large crowd. Palestinian officials said all the dead were civilians, while the Israeli army said most were armed men killed in battle.

About 110 Palestinians were wounded in the four-hour raid, including 25 who were in critical condition, doctors said. Most suffered shrapnel wounds in the head, chest and abdomen. The dead ranged in age from 14 to 52.

Israeli troops fired machine guns and assault rifles at a Khan Younis hospital where most of the wounded were taken, killing one man and injuring three people. The military said the shots were fired in response to mortar fire, and witnesses said they heard two explosions before the shooting began.

Palestinians denounced the Israeli strike, the deadliest since July, as a massacre and called for international protection. The militant group **Hamas** threatened revenge. Israeli officials said Palestinians militants were responsible for the casualties because they took cover among civilians.

The military said Khan Younis is a **Hamas** stronghold and that during the raid troops arrested a wanted man carrying a homemade explosive device. However, there was no indication of a particular target, as in previous strikes against wanted militants that also claimed civilian lives.

The Israeli military said the missile was aimed at a group of armed men who were attacking soldiers with guns and grenades. The missile was fired toward the end of the raid.

Palestinian witnesses said that as troops withdrew, residents emerged from their homes to inspect the damage and check on the fate of friends and relatives.

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"We heard the sound of helicopters," said Abdeen, who was hit by shrapnel in his arm. "Two minutes later, I heard the sound of something coming from the air and I saw the flames. Then a big explosion lifted me and blew me 10 yards away."

Another resident, Abedi Ashour, 24, said he was emerging from his apartment when he heard the explosion. "People were bleeding, many of them lying on the ground. **Women** were screaming and blood covered the ground," he said. --

## Israeli troops kill 13 in Gaza raid

Brig. Gen. Israel Ziff, the Israeli army commander in the area, said troops met heavy resistance from Palestinian gunmen. He said that as troops withdrew, many armed men gathered in the streets. "They fired a lot and threw grenades. There was a battle there," Ziff said. "The helicopter aimed at this armed group and hit them."

Ziff said the battle was filmed from a pilotless plane. --

Israel's deputy defense minister, Weizman Shiri, said he was sorry if civilians were hurt. "But what can we do?" Shiri told Israel Army Radio. "It's war."

Later Monday, Israeli troops fired into Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, where hundreds of people had gathered to learn about the fate of loved ones. Among the wounded were a 14-year-old boy hit in the neck and a paramedic struck in the chest. Two bullets narrowly missed this reporter.

The dead, wrapped in Palestinian flags, were taken from the hospital on stretchers, carried by gunmen who fired in the air to shouts of "revenge, revenge."

Both **Hamas** and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement threatened revenge. "We will make the Zionist enemy swallow the bitter drink very soon," a masked Fatah activist, armed with a machine gun and grenades stuffed into a belt, told mourners.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a **Hamas** leader, said: "Everyone should know that as our people were not safe in Khan Younis, so Israelis will not be safe in Tel Aviv. We will strike everywhere."

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Also Monday, the head of the Palestinian riot police in the West Bank and Gaza, Rajeh Abu Lehiya, was killed when masked men opened fire on his car in Gaza City, witnesses said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The new surge of violence came as the foreign policy chief of the European Union, Javier Solana, visited the region. Solana was to meet later Monday with Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Israeli officials reportedly tried to discourage Solana from meeting with Arafat. Solana is the highest-ranking visitor to Arafat's largely demolished headquarters since Israeli tanks withdrew from there last week, ending a 10-day siege. Israel has been trying to sideline the Palestinian leader.

The Israeli raid of Khan Younis began shortly after midnight. About 40 tanks, backed by helicopters, entered the town and shelled houses on the main street. The Israeli military said the soldiers operating in the Amal neighborhood of Khan Younis exchanged fire with armed Palestinians.

Ashour, who lives on the top floor of a four-story building, said dozens of troops took over his apartment as a sniper position. Soldiers ordered about 35 residents into one room on the ground floor.

A reporter visiting the apartment saw spent cartridges on the floor and a smashed TV set. In the neighborhood, water pipes had been ruptured by tanks and streets were drenched in water.

Most of the dead and wounded were taken to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis. The director, Dr. Haidar al Kidreh, said doctors trying to handle the large number of casualties performed several operations in the same room. Kidreh said the wounded ranged in age from eight to 75.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denounced the Israeli raid as a massacre. "Every time we witness efforts to revive the peace process and put it back on track, like those being exerted now by Solana, the Israeli government moves to conduct such war crimes and murder innocent civilians because the end game of the Israeli government is to resume full occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank," Erekat said.

## Israeli troops kill 13 in Gaza raid

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said Palestinian militants were to blame for the high death toll. "We try to keep civilian casualties to a minimum, but we can't say that because there are civilians there, we will not take action against the terrorists," Gissin said.

Also Monday, an Israeli court convicted Mohammed Rimawi as an accomplice in the assassination of an Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi who was gunned down in the Hyatt Hotel in Jerusalem on Oct. 17, 2001. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction, claimed responsibility for the killing. Rimawi was sentenced to life in prison.

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## *Israel claims CIDA worker had terrorist boyfriend*

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OTTAWA -- Canada's international development agency is terminating the contract of a British woman who had been detained by Israel in May after trace elements of explosive materials were found in an embassy car transporting her into Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Kristy Wright, director of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives Office in the West Bank city of Ramallah, will be let go when her contract expires on July 31.

CIDA officials say her contract was due to end on that date and the changed political and humanitarian situation in the West Bank has resulted in a new focus for the Canada Fund, making Wright's position redundant.

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However, Israeli officials say Wright is being let go because her boyfriend is a member of a Palestinian terrorist organization and Canadian authorities were notified of his ties after the May 24 incident in which Wright and an unidentified man were interrogated for several hours after Israeli border guards found trace elements of explosive materials in the car in a routine inspection.

Israeli sources would not specify which organization Wright's boyfriend was a member of, saying only it was either **Hamas** or Islamic Jihad, both of which have claimed responsibility for the majority of the recent suicide attacks in Israel and both of which are on Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

The timing was particularly sensitive because Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham is to arrive in Israel soon to meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Israeli officials say "a gentleman's agreement" was worked out between Canadian and Israeli authorities in which Wright's boyfriend's links would be kept quiet in exchange for a promise from Canada that Wright would be terminated when her contract expired.

"There was a gentlemanly understanding," says a senior Israeli source. "We told (Canada) to look at his background and when they did, they said, 'Oh, sorry.' They were quite nervous because the minister was coming, but we asked them to take the necessary action and they said OK."

### **Correction**

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## Israel claims CIDA worker had terrorist boyfriend

The story included a denial of this explanation by a CIDA official, who said CIDA had eliminated the position because of lack of security in Ramallah. The story did not include Wright's views. According to Wright, she has never had a personal relationship with a male or **female** member of **Hamas**, Islamic Jihad or any other terrorist organization; she has never transported explosives in her embassy car, or allowed others to do so; and she was travelling alone when she was detained by agents of the government of Israel.

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#### **Hamas** Stalls in Signing Pact on Attack Policy

Pressed by Yasir Arafat, 13 Palestinian factions, including **Hamas**, drafted a unity platform that could be interpreted to signal an end to attacks on civilians within Israel. But **Hamas** has not signed the result, saying it needs more time to consult with its leadership. Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the **Hamas** spiritual leader, warned that no one should expect him to declare a cease fire soon. A9

#### European Flooding Worsens

The prime minister of the Czech Republic, Vladimir Spidla, declared a state of emergency in nearly half the country and 50,000 residents were ordered evacuated when rivers swelled after more than a week of rain. Floods have killed more than 70 people across central Europe and southern Russia in the last week. A1

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A Green Beret assigned to Special Operations has died of wounds suffered two weeks ago in a firefight with suspected Qaeda terrorists in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said. A6

#### Taking Tokyo's Temperature

During the past century, Tokyo's temperatures have increased five times as fast as global warming. There are other such "heat islands," researchers say, which have temperatures far warmer than the surrounding landscape. That can change the weather itself, the scientists found. A3

#### Young Indians Take to Tobacco

Gutka, an indigenous form of smokeless tobacco, is as portable as chewing gum and sometimes as sweet as candy, luring many Indians, including children, into addiction. And young people have become an alarming avant-garde in what doctors say is an oral cancer epidemic. A1

#### Russian Tycoons Move In

A pulp and paper mill 575 miles northeast of Moscow is the latest in a series of small businesses under attack by large business groups that use their financial might and political connections to consolidate wealth in Russia. One result: just eight business groups control 85 percent of revenue from Russia's 64 biggest private companies. A1



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A rapidly expanding cottage industry that helps people file papers in bankruptcy and divorce cases and other legal proceedings has drawn increasing attention from judges and lawyers who objected to the scope of the preparers' work and fees. A1

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With a forklift hoist, palm trees once again stood tall in the Winter Garden of the World Financial Center, which was heavily damaged on Sept. 11. B1

Israeli Deportee Returns Home

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After the shortest review ever for a cancer drug, federal regulators approved Eloxitan, a drug for last-ditch use by patients with colorectal cancer. C1

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Charles Schwab plans to close one of its five customer call centers, eliminate 375 jobs, and look for ways to save another \$200 million a year as it braces for an extended slump in trading. C2

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## *Israeli attacks bring end to battles for Nablus and Jenin*

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### **Body**

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AN ISRAELI attack on a Palestinian refugee camp brought an end to a week of fighting in the West Bank town of Nablus yesterday, as the town of Jenin to the north, which has been holding out for the past eight days, finally fell.

After a five-hour attack involving rockets, helicopter cannons and tank shells, Palestinian men walked out of the al-Ein camp at Nablus two-by-two, obeying orders to surrender or put the lives of their families at risk.

Watched by their children, the men, aged 16 to 45, stood in line along a road out of town within the sights of tank machineguns.

Holding their identity cards, they waited to be questioned before being herded into the courtyard of a water pumping station, where they sat, their hands in plastic manacles.

On the other side of the street, wives and mothers screamed that their homes had been devastated and lives ruined by the bombardment. "They hit my house with a rocket and we had ten children inside. The roof collapsed and the wall fell, we were only lucky it fell outwards," Rehab Hamid, 29, said.

Armoured bulldozers and search teams with dogs moved through the streets of the camp, now deserted except for old men and young children, demolishing buildings and seeking out bomb-making factories and weapons stores.

When the assault began at 1am, rockets and flares could be seen streaking through the darkness into the buildings and open spaces of this dreary, rundown camp.

As dawn came, the barrage stopped and loudspeaker announcements in Arabic told men among the camp's 6,000 inhabitants: "Put your hands up and give up. Save your women and children."

The announcements could be heard as far as the city's old kasbah, a previous target of the Israeli Army, which now lies devastated.

In that area, residents emerged from their homes for the first time in a week under curfew, staring at the damage resulting from clashes between Israeli helicopter gunships and tanks and Palestinian gunmen, who have either surrendered or, more likely, vanished into the labyrinth of streets.

In one passageway, puddles of blood and piles of spent cartridges marked the spot where one of the gunmen had made a last stand.

## Israeli attacks bring end to battles for Nablus and Jenin

A Palestinian doctor, Rasem Abu Brabei, estimated that 45 people had died in the kasbah and another 20 elsewhere in Nablus during six days of fighting. "But we will be finding more bodies now," he said.

In Jenin, where 22 Israeli soldier have been killed in the past week, 13 of them in a suicide bombing on Tuesday, Palestinian casualties are believed to number in the hundreds.

Jamal Abu al-Haija, a senior **Hamas** official, said: "The battle is over. There are a large number of martyrs. Many have been arrested. The Israelis are in total control and there is no more fighting."

Described by Israel as "the City of Bombers", Jenin has a history of resistance to Israeli forces and as a hotbed for radical groups, including **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad.

Palestinian sources said that two senior Islamic militants had been killed in the battle for Jenin. Muhammad Tualbeh, the Islamic Jihad commander, and Ibrahim Jaber, the head of **Hamas**'s armed wing, are reported dead.

Atta Abu Rumeila, the leader of Yassir Arafat's Fatah movement in the camp, and Abdelhalim Ezzedine, another Islamic Jihad leader, have been captured.

Witnesses said that 13,000 Palestinians had been packed into tiny cement homes along the camp's winding streets.

Israeli military sources said that about 200 Palestinians, including **women** and children as well as men, began to surrender yesterday, but others estimated that thousands of residents had fled.

"There are almost no civilians in the camp," Captain Jacob Dallal, an Israeli Army spokesman, said.

"All the civilian residents were encouraged to leave until the operation is over. Obviously it's unsafe to be there."

Captain Dallal said that 250 Palestinians had surrendered in a 24-hour period and that the Army operation was nearly finished in the camp.

He acknowledged that the Army had bulldozed some homes after a building rigged with explosives blew up on Tuesday.

Nevertheless, sources said that pockets of Palestinian resistance remained in the camp.

In surrounding villages, residents have been preparing for the hoards of refugees who began arriving over the weekend.

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**Palestinian attacks rain down on Israel;  
Jerusalem mulls response to bus blast**

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Jerusalem --- Palestinians retaliated for the killing of a **Hamas** leader with more attacks on Israelis on Sunday and early today, killing at least nine people plus the bomber in a Sunday morning bus explosion in northern Israel and shooting to death a security guard in Jerusalem in the afternoon.

Dozens were wounded in the bus bombing.

Separate attacks in the West Bank wounded four Israeli soldiers and four civilians.

And the bloodshed continued after midnight. Palestinians opened fire on a car in the West Bank, killing an Israeli couple and wounding two of their children, the military said. The ambush took place on the main road through the West Bank, between Ramallah and Nablus.

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Also today, Israeli troops fatally shot two Palestinians, including a fugitive local leader of Arafat's Fatah movement, in the village of Borqa north of Nablus, relatives said.

On vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine, President Bush said he was "distressed" by the violence.

"There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process that we have started. We must not let them," Bush said as he began a golf game with his father. "For the sake of humanity, for the sake of the Palestinians who suffer, for the sake of the Israelis who are under attack, we must stop the terror."

Israeli officials met Sunday to consider a possible military response to the attacks. It was unclear whether they would go ahead with proposed meetings with Palestinian security officials later in the week.

The Palestinian leadership condemned Sunday's violence. But the Israeli government said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who turned 73 on Sunday, has ultimate responsibility for halting the attacks.

## Palestinian attacks rain down on Israel ; Jerusalem mulls response to bus blast

The bus bombing occurred about 8:40 a.m. near the town of Tsfat as Israelis were beginning their workweek. The target was a bus traveling from the port city of Haifa, and many passengers were soldiers reporting for duty after the weekend.

The explosion was said to have been detonated by a suicide bomber, whose death was added to that of nine Israelis. The bomb shredded much of the bus from the inside, buckled the roof, and killed or wounded nearly everyone on board. Nearly 40 people were wounded.

"I was about to get off, and suddenly a ball of fire hit my face. I fell and other people were blown in my direction," Boaz Altschuler told Israeli television, his face marked by cuts and burns. "A horror! There is no other way to describe it."

Altschuler said that when he got off the bus to seek medical help, he saw wounded passengers leaning out of what remained of the bent and shattered windows.

The Associated Press reported that two women from the Philippines may have been among the dead and that the bomber had given a warning to Arab women, who left the bus before the blast.

Hours later, police and ultra-Orthodox Jewish volunteers were still picking through the debris to collect remains for burial and evidence for the investigation.

The bus driver, Shmuel Ronen, escaped with light wounds --- just as he did six years ago when the bus he was driving in Jerusalem was bombed.

The radical group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bus bombing, saying it was in revenge for an Israeli air strike two weeks ago that killed a top Hamas planner and nine children.

Hamas carried out a bombing last week at Hebrew University that killed five Americans and two Israelis, and it has committed scores of other attacks in the past two years.

The attacks have come as Israeli troops control the streets in most Palestinian cities in the West Bank and can enter to arrest or attack militants with little resistance.

The army has recently destroyed nine buildings in West Bank cities that were suspected of being used by militants and has carried out house-to-house searches in Nablus, the largest West Bank city. Israeli police say they recently have stopped 10 other potential attacks. In Jerusalem, sirens sound throughout the day as police seek suspects or disarm suspicious packages, but it appears impossible to stop the seemingly endless flow of volunteer bombers.

Three hours after Sunday's bombing, a Palestinian man with a pistol approached a telephone company truck in eastern Jerusalem and opened fire on the driver and a security guard. The shooting occurred near the Damascus Gate, one of the entrances through the massive walls of the ancient Old City district.

The attacker, identified as a 19-year-old from Hebron, killed the guard. Within seconds, the large contingent of security personnel patrolling the area --- undercover police, soldiers and paramilitary police --- opened fire and killed the Palestinian.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which is the armed wing of Arafat's Fatah Party, claimed responsibility.

Killed in the hail of bullets was a Palestinian bystander at a sandwich shop standing near where the gunman had run. More than a dozen other people were wounded --- none seriously --- from stray bullets and shrapnel.

"All of these guys with polo shirts and jeans came running up with guns, and we were like, 'Where did these guys come from?' " said Carl Williams, 33, a tourist from Boston who ducked into a store during the minute-long gunfight.

## Palestinian attacks rain down on Israel ; Jerusalem mulls response to bus blast

There were other attacks Sunday in the West Bank, an area captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war. Four Israeli soldiers were wounded --- three seriously --- when a bomb was set off near their jeep, and four Israelis were wounded when their car came under fire near a Jewish settlement.

In addition, the Israeli army said its soldiers in the northern Gaza Strip shot and killed an armed Palestinian dressed in a wet suit as he came ashore along the Mediterranean coast. The army said the man was armed with grenades and an automatic rifle.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

## Graphic

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Photo: An Israeli police officer walks past the remains of the bus destroyed Sunday in Meron Junction, Israel. The rush hour blast killed at least 10 people and wounded dozens. / EITAN HESS-ASHKENAZI / Associated Press; Photo: Ultra-Orthodox Jews gather Sunday in Jerusalem around the body of Mordechai Freidman, 71, who was killed in the morning bus blast in Meron Junction, Israel. At least nine others, including the bomber, died. / VADIM GHIRDA / Associated Press

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## **HOW TREATING THE PALESTINIAN WOUNDED TURNED PARAMEDIC INTO HUMAN BOMB**

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### **Body**

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SHE was an attractive, well-educated woman, and last Sunday she made history. She strapped a 22lb bomb to her body and, on a crowded Jerusalem street, set it off, becoming the first-ever **female** Palestinian suicide bomber.

Relatives and friends, trying to explain her decision to give up her life, say something happened to 27-year-old Wafa Idris's mind. They are convinced that her work as an ambulance paramedic, during which she frequently saw civilians who were killed or wounded by Israeli forces, pushed her to seek revenge.

"I think she always saw in her ambulance what the Jews do to us, she always saw the wounded, until her head exploded," said Zarifa Sharif, a neighbour.

Those gathered in the **women's** mourners circle seemed more shocked than proud of what happened, but some, trying to absorb it, likened Ms Idris to Khawla Bint al-Azwar, a woman who battled in the Prophet Mohammed's army.

Baruch Goldstein, a Jewish settler physician who massacred 29 Palestinians during mosque prayers in Hebron in 1994, was also said by his friends at the time to have been impelled to kill by his pain at seeing settlers wounded in Palestinian attacks.

Ms Idris had divorced three years ago and lived with her parents in this destitute camp, where economic conditions have become even more desperate since the beginning of the Palestinian uprising in September 2000 and curbs on travel that have greatly increased unemployment.

But the grievances of Ms Idris, and the other residents of Amari, date back to 1948, when their forebears were expelled or fled during Israel's creation.

Ms Idris's family comes from the town of Ramle, near Tel Aviv, most of whose residents were evicted by forces under the command of Yitzhak Rabin in what he later admitted was a "harsh" action. "Wafa treated people who were shot without any reason," said a relative. "We all talk about this but she lived it intensely because of her work."

Even before she began volunteering from 8am to 6pm every day as a paramedic, Ms Idris was ardently committed to the cause of Palestinian nationalism, those who knew her said.

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During the first Palestinian uprising, which raged from 1987-1993, she was active in Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement and became an instructor in a nationalist youth camp. She later served on a Fatah women's committee. Her work as a paramedic was also a part of her nationalist devotion.

Im Mohammed, a friend, said that Ms Idris told her about a month ago that she had been beaten by Israeli security forces when she got out of an ambulance at a checkpoint near Surda village, outside Ramallah. Im Mohammed's last encounter with Ms Idris was Saturday, a day before the bombing.

"I told her that I was going to Saudi Arabia and she should come over and say goodbye to me," Im Mohammed said. "She replied: 'You should be saying goodbye to me.' At the time, I did not understand what she meant."

Ms Idris's bombing was the third recent attack by Fatah loyalists against civilian targets inside Israel. Each of these amounted to a suicide attack, at least in the sense that there was virtually no possibility of coming out of it alive.

Perhaps as significant as the fact that a woman has now taken part in what was previously an all-male domain is that Fatah, which previously shied away from suicide attacks and killing civilians inside Israel, is now taking a leaf out of the book of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement that advocates Israel's destruction.

A local Hamas activist proudly extolled Ms Idris. "She was a human explosive and she avenged the blood of our innocents," he shouted as male mourners sipped black coffee and ate the traditional fruit of mourning, the date. He predicted that other women bombers would follow suit.

"She is the truest speaker," he said of Ms Idris. "She is speaking with her blood much better than the politicians speak with their words." The Hamas activist said Ms Idris was right to bomb the shopping area because, "in Israeli society, there is no civilian sector. They come from all over the world and occupy our land and our fathers' land."

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## *Suicide bombers were known to MI5*

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Britain's security services were yesterday anxiously trying to discover when two Britons - Asif Mohammed Hanif and Omar Khan Sharif - decided to become suicide bombers after it was reported both men were already known to MI5.

Last week Hanif, 21, detonated a device in the doorway of Mike's Place, a bar in Tel Aviv, killing himself and three Israelis. Mr Sharif, 27, is still being hunted by Israeli security services after his bomb failed to explode and he fled.

The two Britons hid their explosives in a copy of the Koran to smuggle them across the Gaza Strip border, Israeli security sources said yesterday.

In London, MI5 and the police continued to question six people, including Tahira Sharif, 26, the wife of the failed suicide bomber, who were arrested in raids last week.

The security services are anxious to find out when the two men left Britain. It is known that Mr Sharif, and possibly Hanif too, travelled to Syria, where they may have been persuaded and trained to carry out the attacks, possibly at Hizbollah or **Hamas** camps.

It seems clear that Mr Sharif, from Derby, and Hanif, from Hounslow, west London, were known to MI5. They were both linked to al-Muhajiroun, an Islamist group with extremist views. The security services believed the group, which is led by the controversial cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed, was not as potentially dangerous as others in Britain more closely linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network. But with al-Qaida disrupted as a result of the work of security and intelligence agencies, young extremists in the UK appear to be looking elsewhere, including **Hamas** and Hizbollah.

"At what point did they (the two men) decide to become suicide bombers? We don't know," a security source said.

"We are not thought police," added a well-placed source, referring to the actions and intentions of the two men.

Anti-terrorist branch officers, working alongside local police, arrested two men and two **women** in Derbyshire and one woman in Nottinghamshire on Friday. A third man was arrested in London on Saturday.

As well as Mr Sharif's wife, they are understood to include his two sisters, one of his brothers, a friend of the family and his wife's brother. Police are believed to have searched three addresses in Derby.

The six were arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000, which relates to the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. They can be held for up to seven days.

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A spokesman for al-Muhajiroun denied Hanif and Mr Sharif were members, but admitted that Mr Sharif had attended lectures by Omar Bakri. He dismissed allegations that the men had been encouraged to become martyrs, or that the group called for a jihad, or holy war, in the UK as "blatant media propaganda".

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**Inside the mind of a suicide bomber: 'By pressing the detonator, you can immediately open the door to paradise -- it is the shortest path to heaven'**

Ottawa Citizen

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The message from militant Palestinian leaders is clear.

"Every Israeli, inside and outside Israel, is a target," announced the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of several radical Islamic and secular groups now co-ordinating efforts to terrorize Israeli society into submission.

Palestinian suicide bombers have killed and injured hundreds of innocent Israelis in the past few weeks, bringing massive retaliation from the government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and a dire warning yesterday from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that unless suicide bombing is thwarted now, it could become the weapon of choice for international terrorists.

"The idea to return human sacrifice to the altar of political ambition is barbaric and dangerous," he said. "We have to do whatever we can, morally, legally, politically and militarily to stop it. This crime will spread to the whole world." The Ottawa Citizen

But the suicide bombers appear unstoppable, partly because there is no shortage of young Palestinian volunteers willing to blow themselves to smithereens in order to kill "the enemy."

The militants' biggest problem, claimed one leader of the radical group **Hamas**, is choosing the best candidates from the hordes clamouring to become instant martyrs.

"It is difficult to select only a few," the unnamed **Hamas** leader told New Yorker magazine writer Nasra Hassan last year. "Those whom we turn away return again and again, pestering us, pleading to be accepted."

Yet another suicide bombing in Jerusalem yesterday suggests that **Hamas** is not exaggerating, but according to Israeli cabinet sources, even Mr. Sharon's most hawkish supporters question whether the current siege of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will do anything to stem the relentless tide of suicide bombers.

Daniel Pipes, director of the U.S.-based Middle East Forum and a leading commentator on the situation, says the Israeli government is correct to blame Mr. Arafat for encouraging suicide bombers.

"Convincing healthy individuals to blow themselves up is obviously not easy," said Mr. Pipes, "but requires ideas and institutions. The process begins with the Palestinian Authority inculcating two things into its population, starting with the children: a hatred of Jews and a love of death. School curricula, camp activities, TV programming and religious indoctrination all portray Israelis in a Nazi-style way, as sub-human beings worthy of killing; and then

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deprecate the instinct for self-preservation, telling impressionable young people that sacrificing their lives is the most noble of all goals."

Suicide bombing began during the Iraq-Iran war when young Iranians were sent into battle zones to explode landmines. The first suicide bombing by an Islamic Palestinian was in April 1993, on the West Bank.

Suicide is a sin in Islam but jihad (sacred war) suicide attacks, such as those being launched against Israel, are considered by some radical Islamists to be the quickest path to paradise. Suicide bombers are taught that the first drop of blood spilled in an attack washes away all sins and that once in heaven, the bomber can intercede on behalf 70 relatives and friends to enter heaven. The bomber will also have 72 beautiful virgins at his disposal. It is unclear whether the same is promised to females who sacrifice themselves.

One Israeli study published last year showed that:

- 47 per cent of the suicide bombers have an academic education and an additional 29 per cent have at least a high school education.
- 83 per cent of the suicide bombers are single.
- 64 per cent are between the ages 18-23; most of the rest are under 30.
- 68 per cent have come from the Gaza Strip.

In a rare insight into the secret world of the suicide bombers, and those who train them, Mr. Hassan, of the New Yorker, dismissed the myth that the young people who sacrifice themselves are poor, uneducated, simple-minded or depressed. The "living martyrs" he met were middle class -- two were the sons of millionaires -- well educated, employed and, within their own communities, model citizens. Because suicide is a crime in the eyes of Islam, potential bombers who show even the slightest sign of being suicidal are rejected.

Islamic Jihad, which trains suicide killers along with with Hamas, told Mr. Hassan: "We do not take depressed people. If there were a one-in-a-thousand chance that a person was suicidal, we would not allow him to martyr himself. In order to be a martyr bomber, you have to want to live."

Deep religious belief is the single most important qualification.

"I was told that in order to be accepted for a suicide mission," wrote Mr. Hassan, "the volunteers had to be convinced of the religious legitimacy of the acts they were contemplating. Many of these young men had memorized large sections of the Koran."

One member of the group al-Qassan told Mr. Hassan: "We do not have tanks and bombs but we have something superior -- our exploding Islamic human bombs."

So thorough is the indoctrination and training, another suicide planner told Mr. Hassan, that the bombers feel no fear, only awe at the task ahead of them.

"It comes from his fervent desire for success," the al-Qassan leader told Mr. Hassan. "It is anxiety over the possibility of something going wrong and denying him his heart's wish."

Shortly before an attack, the bombers prepare by washing, changing into clean clothing -- usually disguised as an Israeli -- and take part in communal prayer. When the mission is complete, a bomber's family gets several thousand dollars in compensation, though reports vary on exactly how much. A video recording the bomber's last words typically launch a post-bombing public relations campaign throughout the Palestinian community.

Mr. Pipes predicts the suicide bombing strategy will fail and doubts terrorists will adopt a similar strategy elsewhere.

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"They have to be shown that suicide bombing is not achieving anything and is counter productive," he said. "There is a war going on and the morale of the people is vital, but the bombings are having a galvanizing effect on Israelis. This is a failed tactic and eventually the Palestinians will realize it has failed and give it up."

Suicide bombing, he added, is unlikely to become widespread, because it requires a whole ideology of suicide and martyrdom which is "not transferable."

## Graphic

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Photo: Reinhard Krause, Reuters; Dressed for a rally of the militant group Islamic Jihad in Gaza City yesterday, a Palestinian man models the kit of a suicide bomber. 'Convincing healthy individuals to blow themselves up is obviously not easy, but requires ideas and institutions,' said Daniel Pipes, director of the U.S.-based Middle East Forum.

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## *A woman's rage fuels a new kind of Mideast violence*

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**Highlight:** A female suicide bomber killed an Israeli man and injured more than 100 people this week.

### **Body**

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A new and deadly militancy is erupting inside Yasser Arafat's political base, the Fatah movement. Fatah this week spawned what is believed to be the first woman suicide bomber, Wafa Idris, who blew herself up in Jerusalem Sunday, killing an elderly Israeli man and wounding more than 100 people. The trend, expressed in attacks against civilians inside Israel, portends an even more intractable Middle East conflict.

Friends of Ms. Idris said Wednesday that she had been active for many years in Fatah and served on a women's committee. Fatah is the largest Palestinian political group and until Sept. 2000 it was Israel's uneasy partner in the now defunct peace process.

"The pressure of our situation, being under siege, facing assassinations, the demolition of houses, all built up and exploded for her," Jihad Tumali, a Fatah leader in the camp, said. "She sacrificed her life for her people," he added. But then he distanced himself from the bombing. "We in Fatah are adhering to a strategic choice for peace, but the state terrorism of Sharon is driving people to revenge."

Idris's friends believe she carried out the bombing because of her experiences as a paramedic, during which she frequently treated people wounded by Israeli troops, including children. They said that on one occasion she was beaten by Israeli soldiers. Palestinian analysts warn that unless the political climate changes drastically, Ms. Idris may be the first of a long line of Fatah suicide bombers. "Fatah is definitely entering a new period," says Bir Zeit University political scientist Ali Jarbawi. "It is a movement with many different groupings, and one of these groupings favors escalation of the resistance."

Suicide bombings were formerly the exclusive domain of the Islamic fundamentalist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which call for the destruction of Israel and its replacement by an Islamic state. Fatah had concentrated its attacks against Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, usually in the form of drive-by shootings. Until this month, it had not mounted a suicide-style attack since the 1970s, according to Jarbawi.



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Dore Gold, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, says Fatah's foray into suicide bombings offers evidence that "basically the goals of Fatah and **Hamas** have become identical, with Fatah also being committed to Israel's destruction, but in stages." He said that previously there had been a "division of labor" between the two movements according to which **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad would operate inside Israel's pre-1967 borders while Fatah would concentrate on the West Bank.

"This division was more useful when Arafat and Fatah attempted to present themselves as a moderate diplomatic force ready to compromise. It had been eroding and now it has broken down entirely, says Gold."

Before Sunday's bombing, there were two attacks inside Israel by Fatah loyalists this month, one a deadly shooting spree at a bat mitzvah in the town of Hadera and another on Jaffa Road. Those followed almost immediately after Israel assassinated a Fatah militia leader, Raed Karmi, ending a period in which Palestinian attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip dropped to a record low after Arafat called a ceasefire on Dec. 16.

Ramadan Safi, a moderate Fatah political activist, says that the more conservative tendency in Fatah "is experiencing a weakness because the Oslo Agreement failed" and because it is associated with corruption. Younger, more militant and populist leaders keep gaining ground, he says. Mr. Safi believes that deaths of friends or relatives at the hands of the Israeli army played a role in both shooting sprees. Arafat, he argues, cannot control every Fatah supporter while Israeli army actions stoke feelings of revenge.

But Jarbawi says that with his movements barred and Israeli tanks positioned outside his office, Arafat has no interest in stopping the attacks inside Israel. "I don't think Arafat is responsible for these attacks, but I don't think he is keen to control them. Why should he do his best to control them? He knows Sharon will give him nothing in return. There is a message here from Arafat: if you continue to maintain enormous pressure and to strangle me, then this is what you'll get."

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## **SUICIDE BOMBER IN TEL AVIV INJURES 14**

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### **Body**

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A PALESTINIAN suicide bomber wounded at least 14 people in an attack on a crowded pedestrian area in Tel Aviv yesterday, only hours after Israeli forces had assassinated another Islamic militant.

The blast, which killed the bomber instantly, was close to Tel Aviv's old bus station, a down-at-heel area in the south of the Israeli city filled with cafes, bars and small shops used by foreign workers. It shattered windows and overturned tables. A witness said: "There was a big boom. I saw three or four people on the ground. There was black smoke and a lot of panic."

Yasser Arafat's embattled Palestinian Authority issued a statement saying that it "condemns any action that harms Israeli civilians", but this was dismissed by Israeli officials who said it was responsible for a policy of terror.

Although by nightfall no one had claimed responsibility, the attack was clearly meant as another attempt by Palestinian militants to show Israel's Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, that he cannot fulfil his promise to provide security to Israelis, despite a military blockade of the occupied territories and repeated assassinations.

It added to a rise in violence, which has driven the Middle East crisis to new, and still more dangerous heights, including the killing last week of six Israelis by a gunman who burst into a bat mitzvah party, and the murder of two elderly women shot at a bus stop in west Jerusalem.

On Thursday, six Palestinians were killed, including Bakr Hamdan, a 26-year-old leader of Hamas who was assassinated in a missile attack on his car by an Israeli helicopter. Earlier in the week Israeli commandos killed four senior members of Hamas's military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, in a raid on their hide-out in Nablus.

Yesterday's bombing had been widely expected in Israel, which was bracing itself last night for further attacks. Asked about Israel's response to the attack, a government spokesman said the armed forces would present further recommendations.

In a march in the West Bank town of Ramallah, where Yasser Arafat's compound is encircled by Israeli troops, thousands of Palestinians chanted in Hebrew "no security, no security". Some handed out sweets in celebration of the Tel Aviv attack, the first suicide bombing in Israel since 2 December.

Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief in the West Bank, said: "The only way out of this cycle of violence is for Israel to declare that it will stop its aggression ... and return to serious negotiations in order to renew hope among the Palestinians."

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## *Oh, Arafat in Bethlehem*

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**Dateline:** RAMALLAH, West Bank

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Palestinians warned yesterday of a "dangerous escalation" of tensions if Israel stops Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from celebrating Christmas in Bethlehem for a second straight year.

The warnings came after an adviser to Prime Minister Sharon, Raanan Gissin, said Mr. Arafat should not try to attend the Midnight Mass.

But Mr. Gissin stopped short of saying Israel would bar him from the city.

In new violence yesterday, Israeli troops shot and killed a 28-year-old mentally disabled Palestinian near a military checkpoint in the West Bank. The army said soldiers opened fire when the man refused to halt and started running.

Late Sunday, a Palestinian women was killed and three of her children - ages 4, 7, and 14 - and another woman were badly wounded by Israeli gunfire in the Gaza Strip late Sunday, witnesses and doctors said.

Meanwhile, Israel's Supreme Court temporarily put on hold plans by the government to demolish 15 Palestinian homes in the West Bank city of Hebron to make way for a wider road connecting a Jewish settlement. The government decided on the demolition after a Palestinian ambush in Hebron that killed 12 Israelis.

The court will hear an appeal of the demolition orders December 18.

And adding to a growing chorus of Palestinian leaders questioning the 2-year-old uprising, Cabinet minister Nabil Shaath said Palestinians should only use violence against Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in self-defense.

"Stopping targeting Israeli civilians is a step that needs to be implemented," Mr. Shaath said.

The statement, in an interview with the Associated Press, represented a shift in Mr. Shaath's beliefs regarding Jewish settlers, but is not official Palestinian policy.

The Palestinian Authority has repeatedly called for an end to attacks on civilians in Israel, but not on Jewish settlers or soldiers, whom they view as legitimate targets as long as they are in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Last year, Mr. Sharon's Security Cabinet decided to ban Mr. Arafat, a Muslim, from going to Bethlehem from his office in Ramallah. The Security Cabinet has not made a decision yet this year.

## Oh, Arafat in Bethlehem

Asked if Israel would stop Mr. Arafat from attending, Mr. Gissin said "I didn't say we would stop him. I just said that he should stay in his place."

With Israel demanding an end to violence before any peace talks can resume, Mr. Arafat's Fatah movement has been seeking to win a commitment from the rival, terrorist **Hamas** group to end suicide bombings against Israeli civilians.

Fatah and **Hamas** held talks in Cairo last month but failed to resolve their differences. Talks are to resume in the next few days.

For the Palestinians to halt attacks, Mr. Shaath said the Israelis must "stop targeting Palestinian civilians and all types of aggression..."

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## *Israeli raid on town kills 13 Palestinians claim most were civilians*

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KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip - Israeli troops raiding this town with tanks and helicopters killed 13 Palestinians early today, including 10 who died when a missile slammed into a large crowd. Palestinian officials said all the dead were civilians, while the Israeli army said most were armed men killed in battle.

About 110 Palestinians were wounded in the four-hour raid, including 25 listed in critical condition, doctors said. Most suffered wounds in the head, chest and abdomen. The dead ranged in age from 14 to 52.

Israeli troops fired machine guns and assault rifles at a Khan Younis hospital where most of the wounded were taken, killing one man and injuring three people. The military said the shots were fired in response to mortar fire, and witnesses said they heard two explosions before the shooting began.

Palestinians denounced the Israeli strike, the deadliest since July, as a massacre and called for international protection. The Islamic militant group **Hamas** threatened revenge. Israeli officials said Palestinians militants were responsible for the casualties because they took cover among civilians.

The military said Khan Younis is a **Hamas** stronghold and that during the raid troops arrested a wanted man carrying a homemade explosive device. However, there was no indication of a particular target, as in previous strikes that also claimed civilian casualties.

The Israeli military said the missile was aimed at a group of armed men who were attacking soldiers with guns and grenades. The missile was fired toward the end of the raid.

Palestinian witnesses said that as troops withdrew, residents emerged from their homes to inspect the damage and check on the fate of friends and relatives.

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"We heard the sound of helicopters," said Abdeen, who was hit by shrapnel in his arm. "Two minutes later, I heard the sound of something coming from the air and I saw the flames. Then a big explosion lifted me and blew me 10 yards away."

## Israeli raid on town kills 13 Palestinians claim most were civilians

Another resident, Abedi Ashour, 24, said he was emerging from his apartment when he heard the explosion. "People were bleeding, many of them lying on the ground. Women were screaming and blood covered the ground," he said.

Brig. Gen. Israel Ziff, the Israeli army commander in the area, said troops met heavy resistance from Palestinian gunmen. He said that as troops withdrew, many armed men gathered in the streets. "They fired a lot and threw grenades. There was a battle there," Ziff said. "The helicopter aimed at this armed group and hit them."

Ziff said the battle was filmed from a pilotless plane.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Weizman Shiri, said he was sorry if civilians were hurt. "But what can we do?" Shiri told Israel Army Radio. "It's war."

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## **ISRAEL ARRESTS PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK**

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NABLUS, West Bank -- The Israeli army blew up two buildings with explosives labs and arrested at least 50 Palestinians in house to house searches Friday as troops took control of Nablus, a city Israel called "the main factory of suicide bombings."

The army clashed with Palestinians in several places in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and overall, five Palestinians were killed, including an elderly woman, and seven houses and buildings were destroyed.

Also, the military said it planned to expel two relatives of suspected Palestinian militants from their homes in the West Bank to the Gaza Strip a transfer Israel hopes will deter potential attackers.

The stepped up Israeli military actions follow a series of Palestinian attacks against Israel, including a bombing Wednesday at Jerusalem's Hebrew University that killed five Americans and two Israelis.

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Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank with about 200,000 people, has been under an Israeli military curfew for most of the past six weeks, along with other Palestinian population centers.

Residents of Nablus defied the curfew from Monday to Wednesday, and life regained a semblance of normalcy as Palestinians returned to the streets and Israeli forces remained in armored vehicles parked on the outskirts of the city.

However, the military reinforced the curfew Thursday, and a convoy of more than 100 tanks and armored personnel carriers rolled into Nablus around 2 a.m. Friday.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called the Israeli operation "a new massacre" and appealed for U.N. intervention. "I need an answer from the whole United Nations: is this acceptable?" he said at his headquarters in Ramallah.

Outside Nablus, in the village of Salem, Israeli soldiers surrounded the house of a **Hamas** activist, 28-year-old Amjad Jubur, and shot him dead, both sides said.

Israel has revived its policy of demolishing houses that belong to the families of Palestinians who attack Israel.



## ISRAEL ARRESTS PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK

The Israeli military said Friday that faulty intelligence was to blame for the deaths of 14 civilians most of them women and children in an air attack on a Gaza City apartment building that successfully targeted and killed a Hamas military leader last month.

In a statement summarizing the military investigation of the incident, the army said it regretted the civilian deaths.

### Graphic

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Enric Marti/The Associated Press \* A handcuffed and blindfolded Palestinian is placed inside a makeshift holding cell after being arrested Friday by the Israeli army in the West Bank town of Nablus.

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**Israelis attack bombers' city;**  
**Buildings blown up**

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The Palestinian suspects were handcuffed and blindfolded before being taken from Nablus on army buses. The Israeli military said it found and blew up two buildings in the Old City that were being used as explosives laboratories.

## Israelis attack bombers' city; Buildings blown up

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In the village of Salem, Israeli soldiers surrounded the house of a **Hamas** activist, 28-year-old Amjad Jubur and shot him dead, both sides said.

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IN CUSTODY: An Israeli army soldier blindfolds a Palestinian suspect before he is taken away on a bus in Nablus Friday. AP photo: Enric Marti

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## *American tax dollars advance Israeli brutality*

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The recent assault in Gaza that killed 16 people, including nine children, is a brutal massacre perpetrated against a brutally-oppressed people.

For starters, there's Israel's assassination policy, or what they call "pre-emptive strikes," which, according to Israeli propaganda, are designed to prevent suicide bombers from either blowing up people or planning such attacks.

This problem, other than being immoral, is two-fold. The first is that if Israel considers the West Bank and Gaza Strip a part of "Eretz Israel," the three million Palestinians should be governed under Israeli law. And since Israel's leaders and cheerleaders tout the Mantra that "Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East," then, it should have proceeded with the simple arrest of Salah Shehadeh and given him due process of law.

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The feasibility of arresting an individual like Shehadeh is neither impossible nor unimaginable. During the course of Israel's strategy of making brief incursions into West Bank and Gaza towns and cities, the army has arrested thousands of people, who were either connected to or suspected of being involved with terror organizations. Shehadeh was a top Hamas leader on Israel's most wanted list, yet, somehow they nabbed Tanzim militia and Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti and are even putting him on a public-show trial.

According to a July 17 report from the human rights group LAW, there are over 1,700 administrative detainees in Israeli prisons and detention centers. Administrative detention is the arrest of an individual for up to six months without charge. It's based on secret evidence and the sentence of six months can be renewed indefinitely.

This practice was the norm in Ulster and apartheid South Africa and it's a violation of fundamental human rights.

As LAW wrote, "Israel has used this measure against Palestinian detainees whom they failed to prove guilty or had no intention to try at a court of law."

Another aspect of this massacre is Israel's willingness to use powerful weapons in civilian areas against civilians. Almost 1,500 people have died as a result of automatic gunfire, rubber-coated steel bullets, tank shells, helicopter gun ships and F-16 fighter jets. In addition to the members of groups like Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Fatah and others, the assassinations have also claimed a high number of bystanders.

## American tax dollars advance Israeli brutality

The first extra-judicial killing to be carried out was in November 2000 when Hussein 'Abayat was killed after Israeli Air Force helicopters fired anti-tank missiles at his vehicle. Two women were killed and three others were injured. Since then, according to LAW, 91 have been killed, including 45 bystanders. With the latest atrocity, the numbers now stand at 107, with 60 bystanders. These operations at best could be the result of bungled intelligence and carelessness on the part of Israel's military and security apparatus.

If that were the case, the Jewish state and its army -- labeled by Israel's advocates as the most "humane" army in the world -- is an institution where there's a disregard for life it deems cheap.

The reality behind the recent attack reveals more sinister motives.

Any casual observer would've noticed that Shehadeh was residing in a densely populated neighborhood, and therefore, Ariel Sharon's blame for intelligence failures is nothing more than a bold-faced lie.

The proof can be found in the weapon used to kill one person - a one-ton bomb. Why was it necessary to kill one person with such a weapon if the purpose wasn't to kill and injure many more?

In addition, Sharon lauded the operation as a great success while President Moshe Katsav blamed Shehadeh for the other deaths. According to Indymedia, "Shehada maliciously chose to locate himself in a crowded residential area," Katsav said.

This is an incredible statement considering not only the callousness but the timing of the strike, as well. Many news outlets reported in the aftermath that British intelligence was in the process of producing an agreement from Hamas to stop carrying out suicide attacks inside Israel.

This appears logical only in the context of Sharon and Israel's unwillingness to relinquish control of the Occupied Territories, instead pushing forward to achieve its goal of a Greater Israel.

This was the case when Sharon's Likud party's central committee voted recently in rejection of ever allowing a Palestinian state to exist west of the Jordanian river. Because of Israel's policies of expansion and willful murder in the form of assassinations, it's possible that Israelis will be killed in the next terrorist attack thanks to Sharon's willingness to sacrifice their lives for such a neurotic goal.

By the way, America sold Israel the F-16s used in the attack.

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## *Can't pin all Arab woes on Israel*

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## *In Middle East, grievances have tortuous life*

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## *Gunmen leave Nativity Church*

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PALESTINIAN gunmen, some flashing V-signs, emerged from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem yesterday, ending a 39-day stand-off at one

of Christianity's holiest shrines.

They walked through the Gate of Humility into the sunlight of Manger Square just after daybreak. Two were carried out on stretchers and one briefly dropped to the ground, kneeling in a Muslim prayer pose.

Israel's siege of the church, built over the grotto where Jesus Christ is believed to have been born, became a focal point of its West Bank offensive.

The deal set the stage for a speedy withdrawal by Israeli troops.

The arrangement divided the Palestinians holed up inside the church since April 2 into several groups.

Thirteen gunmen highest on Israel's wanted list were to be deported, first to Cyprus and then to other European countries.

Another 26 militiamen were being transported to the Gaza Strip with US escorts.

Eighty-five Palestinian civilians and policemen were to be released.

But a group of 10 foreign peace activists refused to leave the church.

Army officials said the activists, who slipped into the church during the siege, would be taken into custody and deported.

"The priests are asking them to leave and they won't," said an Israeli army captain.

"We are not clear exactly what they want but at the moment they are refusing to leave."

Robed priests huddled with army negotiators outside the church trying to resolve the issue.

The first to come out at dawn was the intelligence chief of Bethlehem, Abdullah Daoud, the most senior in the group and earmarked for exile.

He took off his jacket before being cleared through metal detectors.

## Gunmen leave Nativity Church

Wearing a black-and-white Arab scarf and accompanied by two priests, he approached two Israeli soldiers, who questioned him before escorting him to a bus.

Another deportee, militiaman Jihad Jaara, was carried out on a stretcher, with a bandage on his right leg. He was taken to an ambulance.

Some of the men waved to Palestinian civilians watching from nearby rooftops. Several women shouted to them.

Foreign observers, including US security officials, watched the walkout.

Among the 13 to be deported are nine members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, and three members of the Islamic militant Hamas group. The thirteenth is Daoud, the intelligence chief.

Mr Arafat came under scathing criticism from Fatah and Hamas for approving the deportations -- a first in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Cyprus said it would take the 13 men until they were flown to their final destinations. A British military aircraft took off from an air base in Cyprus to pick up the men.

They will go to Italy, Spain, Austria, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg and possibly Canada.

There was no indication that the Palestinians would face confinement in the host countries.

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**ONSLAUGHT CONTINUES AS SUICIDE BOMB KILLS EIGHT;  
MIDDLE EAST: ISRAELI TROOPS MOVE DEEPER INTO PALESTINIAN  
REFUGEE CAMPS**

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## **Body**

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A YOUNG Palestinian proved yesterday what most Israelis feared. The West Bank military offensive is no defence against a determined suicide bomber seeking martyrdom.

The 22-year-old bomber from the besieged Jenin refugee camp killed himself and eight Israelis in an attack on a crowded rush hour bus near the northern port of Haifa.

But if his masters, the militant Islamic group **Hamas**, believed that would slow down the Israeli onslaught, they too were wrong.

Israel's security Cabinet met and decided to press ahead with the campaign despite growing international pressure to pull back troops, and soldiers moved deeper into two Palestinian refugee camps.

Hard-line Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the West Bank attacks would continue until Palestinian militias had been crushed.

He visited an Israeli army base near the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin, scene of the heaviest fighting during the 13-day campaign.

Sharon said he had told President George Bush Israel could not pull troops back immediately, as Washington has demanded.

"Once we finish, we are not going to stay here. But first we have to accomplish our mission, " he said.

The new escalation created further difficulties for US Secretary of State Colin Powell who arrives in the region today on a ceasefire mission that will include a meeting with trapped Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The Palestinians said they would demand Powell secure Israel's immediate withdrawal from Palestinian areas.

In biblical Bethlehem, where Israeli forces have ringed the Church of the Nativity for more than a week to flush out more than 200 armed Palestinians, an Armenian monk was shot and seriously wounded under unclear circumstances. Israelis and Palestinians blamed each other Yesterday's suicide bombing was the fourth such attack since Israel launched Operation Defensive Shield on March 29 in an attempt to crush Palestinian militias.

## ONSLAUGHT CONTINUES AS SUICIDE BOMB KILLS EIGHT; MIDDLE EAST: ISRAELI TROOPS MOVE DEEPER INTO PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS

The Islamic militant group **Hamas** claimed responsibility and identified the assailant as Ayman Abu Haija.

In the Jenin refugee camp, dozens of gunmen holed up in a small area fired sporadically yesterday at Israeli troops advancing with bulldozers.

Later, about 300 camp residents, including fighters, **women** and children, surrendered to Israeli troops.

The Israeli military said that since the start of the offensive 28 Israeli soldiers had been killed.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said at least 128 Palestinians had been killed and 337 wounded, but that the toll was expected to rise significantly.

The Israeli army said it had detained more than 2,100 Palestinians, including 117 on Israel's wanted list, and confiscated nearly 2,500 rifles.

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VICTIMS: A rescue worker looks at a dead body wrapped in a bag by the bus exploded by a suicide bomber near the Israeli port city of Haifa

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**SUICIDE BOMB KILLS 15;**  
**ATTACK COINCIDES WITH BUSH-SHARON MEETING**

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A suicide bomber blew up a gambling and billiards club filled with elderly women near Tel Aviv late last night, killing at least 15 people and wounding 58, three of them critically, police said.

The extremist Palestinian group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombing, which came after 11 p.m. here, exactly as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was meeting President George Bush in Washington. Sharon almost immediately decided to cut short his trip to the United States and return home.

Hamas renounces any peace negotiations with Israel, and the Palestinian Authority of Yasser Arafat was quick to condemn the attack and called suicide bombings "terrorist crimes."

It said it would "take firm and strict measures against those who are involved in this operation and will not be light-handed in punishing those who have caused great harm to our cause." The attack was the first such suicide bombing since April 12.

Sharon has in the past held Arafat responsible for all terror attacks, and will almost certainly review new military options. He sent Israeli troops in force into Palestinian-ruled areas of the West Bank on March 29, in the largest operation in 20 years, to prevent just this kind of attack. Israeli security officials had been concerned that the Palestinian militants would try to show that Sharon's effort had been in vain.

Uzi Landau, Israel's minister of internal security, who came to the scene of the bombing, called for a tough military response, saying: "We have to keep fighting. The harder we fight, the fewer attacks there will be."

The attack last night was on a club full of people, many of them elderly women, said one survivor, Shlomo Michael, watching as white plastic body bags were brought down from the third-floor Sheffield Club by men on a fire ladder. He said there had been no security guard at the entrance, as required by law, but police said the club had been operating without permits.

Witnesses said the bombing last night was carried out by a man carrying a suitcase full of nails and explosives who was mistaken for a technician.

## SUICIDE BOMB KILLS 15; ATTACK COINCIDES WITH BUSH-SHARON MEETING

It was not clear what effect the suicide bombing would have on the siege at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where a deal that would have sent some of the Palestinians inside the compound into exile in Italy stalled yesterday when Italy said no one had sought its consent.

The deal came after steep concession to Israeli demands by Arafat. But the suicide bombing last night seemed certain to complicate the negotiations to end the siege, which has been going on since April 2.

Yafa Ben Ari, an Israeli foreign ministry spokesman, said that "Arafat has not answered the call of President Bush to put a stop to terror."

"We need to see some concrete action on the ground to show that Arafat has made the strategic choice President Bush has been calling for," he said.

The gambling club was on the third and top floor of a concrete building in a commercial zone of Rishon Lezion, 10 miles south of Tel Aviv. The front windows and walls were blown out and part of the ceiling collapsed.

Chunks of glass littered a gas station across the street, more than 120 yards away.

A shop called "Baby World" occupied another floor, with a large sign showing a child in a cradle. Michael said that the club was popular and open late, and that nervous clients had asked the owner to ask Israeli Arabs not to come more than eight months ago.

Michael had made 200 shekels last night, some \$45, he said. "Dedi the cashier asked me why I was leaving so early," he recalled. "I said, 'I'd got my money,' and when I was a little way down the street I heard the explosion. Now I want to read the paper and find out which of my friends are alive and which are dead."

Haim Cohen, a police commander in the city of 100,000, said the bomber walked right into the pool hall. "He entered all of a sudden into the hall and then he exploded." Emergency workers poured into the area along with scores of ambulances, as passersby gathered to watch. A few chanted: "Death to the Arabs." Others were crying.

Yehiel Hazan, 53, was one witness who "heard the explosion, and I immediately understood this is a terror attack," he said. "People started to shout and panic, I saw people run out covered in blood, I could see they were burned and injured."

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CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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PHOTO: Eitan Hess-Ashkenazi/Associated Press: Israeli rescue workers can be seen through the smashed-out windows of the Sheffield pool hall in Rishon Letzion, site of the first suicide bombing since April 12. The extremist Palestinian group **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the attack.

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***U.S. label shrugged off; Palestinian group says being called terrorists by the U.S. is 'a great honour'***

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## **Body**

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The fighters of the Al Aqsa Brigades see an American bid to brand their militia a terrorist organization as a badge of honour.

After leading the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation -- bombing Israeli cities and gunning down soldiers and Jewish settlers -- Al Aqsa feels it's finally getting the recognition it deserves.

"We are really grateful and thankful," said Nasser Badawi, one of the founding members of what Palestinians widely regard as the armed wing of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

"It's a great honour to be called a terrorist organization by the greatest sponsor of terrorism in the world," Badawi said in an interview yesterday, referring to U.S. support of Israel, its war on Afghanistan, and economic blockade of Iraq.

Torstar News Service

On Thursday, Al Aqsa rocked a U.S.-brokered attempt at a truce in 18 months of violence by unleashing a suicide bomber in West Jerusalem.

Three Israelis were killed and dozens wounded.

Badawi won't admit to it, but it's highly likely his Al Aqsa cell in the West Bank city of Nablus planned and executed the attack.

Yesterday, the Nablus cell issued a statement claiming Al Aqsa responsibility for another suicide bomb blast at a military checkpoint in the West Bank that injured a soldier.

American envoy Anthony Zinni resumed truce talks with Arafat yesterday, and later met with security officials from both sides. Israel cancelled Thursday's scheduled truce talks because of the Jerusalem bombing.

Badawi made clear that Al Aqsa sees the ceasefire negotiations as a sham. Even Arafat's condemnation of the suicide bomb attack and his vow to arrest those responsible doesn't trouble Badawi.

U.S. label shrugged off; Palestinian group says being called terrorists by the U.S. is 'a great honour'

Al Aqsa won't stop attacks until Israel makes a commitment to a process that ends its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Badawi said.

"You want the position of the Al Aqsa Brigades? We will not stop (violent) operations until the occupation vanishes from our land," said Badawi, 36, who spent nine years in Israeli jails before his release in 1993.

Badawi insists Al Aqsa is simply responding to Israeli "atrocities." When the Israeli army recently invaded refugee camps -- many of which are Al Aqsa strongholds -- it was like stirring a hornet's nest.

The Al Aqsa Brigades are the clearest example of the growing radicalism of Palestinians as the uprising drags on. From exclusively waging attacks against soldiers and settlers inside the occupied territories, they began shooting assaults inside Israel last January after the army assassinated one of their leaders during a ceasefire declared by Arafat.

They then followed in the footsteps of **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad -- militant groups already on the U.S. terrorist list -- by launching suicide bomb attacks inside Israel and using **women** bombers for the first time in the uprising. Their most spectacular strikes occurred recently when they killed 16 Israelis, including 13 soldiers, in commando-style raids of two military checkpoints in the occupied West Bank.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades were formed during a midnight meeting in the Balata refugee camp in Nablus in October 2000, a month after the uprising broke out against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Seven members of Arafat's Fatah, the largest faction in the Palestinian Liberation Organization umbrella group, met to discuss ways of co-ordinating deadlier strikes against Israeli targets in the territories.

Instrumental in forming the group were Badawi's brother, Yasser, Mahmoud Attiti, and Nasser Awais. Yasser died in a car explosion Palestinians blame on Israel and Attiti and Awais are two of the most wanted men on Israel's list.

The group took its name from the Al Aqsa mosque that sits atop the disputed Jerusalem holy site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

The uprising broke out when Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, then Israel's opposition leader, made a heavily guarded visit to the site.

Unlike **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad, which are fighting for an Islamic state and want to wipe out Israel, Al Aqsa members come from the secular Fatah movement and see a two-state solution -- Israel and Palestine -- as the ultimate path to peace.

Their relationship to Arafat is ambiguous. They all claim him as their leader, but insist he doesn't give the orders. "President Arafat has nothing to do with the Al Aqsa Brigades," Badawi said.

Some actions by Al Aqsa, especially attacks inside Israel, have clearly angered Arafat.

But he has balked at pressure from the U.S., Egypt and powerful officials in his Authority to disband Al Aqsa.

Arafat feared such a move would push local Al Aqsa leaders into the arms of **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad.

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Photo: Ahmed Jadallah, Reuters; Members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade carry out training yesterday in the self-ruled Gaza Strip. An Al Aqsa suicide bomber killed three Israelis on Thursday.

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*Just another suicide bombing;  
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THE attack barely registered on Israel's emotional pulse. The agony of distraught relatives of the victims of Thursday's Jerusalem bus suicide bombing caused a temporary elevated blip, but within hours of the attack, it was as if nothing had happened.

The bodies and body parts were cleared away, the bus was removed and a resigned calm returned to the streets. Israelis going about their daily business had little to say on the matter.

"What do you want me to say?

This is how we live. It's become normal," said a local cafe owner.

"It's not the first and it won't be the last. All you can do is hope it won't be you next. I just try not to think about them anymore. You can't live here and think about the attacks. You will go crazy."

The attack, which killed 11 people, the youngest an eight-yearold boy, was the first suicide attack in Jerusalem in three months, but it ended two very bloody weeks for Israel. Two Sundays ago five people, including a mother and her two little boys, were gunned down in a kibbutz.

Last Friday, Islamic Jihad gunmen ambushed soldiers and paramilitary settler security guards in the West Bank town of Hebron, killing 12. On Wednesday, a settler women was killed while travelling on an Israelionly bypass road near Hebron.

One thing is clear: Ariel Sharon's policy of hitting the Palestinians, and hitting them hard, is not working. Since June, Israel has effectively reoccupied the West Bank. Its tanks control the centres of all major towns.

Jericho is the only exception.

When they leave, it's only to the outskirts and usually only for a few days. Trenches, fences and barbed wire circle many towns and villages. Month-long curfews have been imposed on the Palestinians. An estimated 4,000 people have been arrested, the homes of militants destroyed.

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Some 50% of Palestinians are living below the poverty line and children are beginning to show signs of malnutrition.

But the policy is not working.

An Israeli army spokesperson said that over the past six weeks it has received 151 terror warnings. Of these, it claims to have thwarted 85, while 33 have been successful. Clearly there is no shortage of Palestinians willing to carry out attacks on Israelis.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) says as long as Israel continues down this road, the anger, hatred and desire for revenge will continue. It may be able to stop many of the attacks, but as Thursday showed, some bombers will always get through.

What Thursday also showed, however, was that the PA failed in its attempts to get the Islamic militant groups to stop attacks inside Israel on Israeli civilians.

The PA met with Hamas in Cairo last week to try and convince them to stop the attacks.

And just as the bombings now seem predictable - the Hebron attack, which targeted soldiers, not civilians, being the only recent exception - so is Israel's response. By Friday morning, the tanks were back in the centre of Bethlehem, where the army says the bomber came from.

The bomber's father and brother were arrested along with 20 suspected militants. Villages in the Gaza strip were attacked and houses blown up. Even the rhetoric was numbingly predictable. As the tanks rolled into Bethlehem, army spokesperson Doron Spielman said they were going after the "terror infrastructure" and, even though Hamas had claimed responsibility for the attack, blamed the Palestinian Authority saying it had "failed miserably" in its responsibility to prevent attacks.

There is a sense, this weekend, that Israel has run out of options.

There was a glimmer of hope last week when a relative unknown, Haifa mayor Amram Mitzna, won the Labour party primaries.

He will lead the party ahead of the 28 January general election.

Mitzna has said he will immediately start negotiations, unconditionally, with any Palestinian leader - a far cry from Sharon and his Likud party which refuses to sit with Yasser Arafat.

He has also pledged to evacuate immediately the 5,000 settlers from the Gaza strip. If negotiations lead nowhere after a year, he said he will unilaterally separate from the Palestinians, build a wall along the border with the West Bank and evacuate any settlers on the wrong side of it.

But the glimmer was just that.

Opinion polls give Likud a big lead over Labour and with Thursday's bomb, any hope of Israel going to the Labour party is all but gone. All Israelis say they will vote for the party which brings them security, and though most will admit Sharon has brought them nothing of the sort over the past year-and-a-half, they still say they trust him more.

The only real question now is whether Sharon or his foreign minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, will lead the Likud to victory. A Sharon victory would be good for Arafat and okay for Gaza. Sharon has promised George Bush that he will not expel the ailing Palestinian leader or launch a fullscale invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu has pledged to expel Arafat.

Neither has what it takes to bring an end to the conflict and give Palestinians what most say they will be satisfied with: an end to the occupation and a truly independent state on the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and

Just another suicide bombing; Thursday's bombing of a bus in Jerusalem, which killed 11, was just the latest incident in a crisis that has become numbingly pred....

Gaza. The Likud party membership recently voted never to allow such a state. Netanyahu is right behind them. And while Sharon, the instigator of settlements in the occupied territories, will pay lip service to the idea, what he actually means is limited autonomy on, at most, 50% of the West Bank.

That will never be acceptable to moderate Palestinians. "You can't compromise on a compromise, " said civil society leader Mustapha Barghouti. "We have already agreed to recognise Israel on 78% of historic Palestine."

The Likud stance will, however, please Palestinian extremists.

**Hamas** and Islamic Jihad have no intention of recognising Israel.

Their goal is to liberate all of historic Palestine and Sharon's hard-line tactics play right into their hands. At the beginning of the intifada, opinion polls gave the Islamic parties around 10% of the vote. Now an estimated 30% of Palestinians support them.

"We confirm the path of jihad and martyrdom is continuing in every part of our occupied land as long as there is occupation and there are crimes. What is coming is bigger and, God willing, greater, " said **Hamas**'s armed wing in a statement.

Moderate Palestinians say that only someone willing to recognise Palestinians' rights and grant them a state will be able to halt the rise of the extremists. "If Mitzna follows through on his promise to end the occupation and to recognise the parity of rights for the Palestinians, he will have gone a long way towards dealing with the causes of escalation and suffering, " says former Palestinian legislative council member Hanan Ashwari.

But with Mitzna and his Labour party slated to lose the elections, it seems that scenes like last week's, coupled with increasing hardship and desperation for Palestinians are all that the future holds.

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An Israeli army tank burns after Palestinian youths threw firebombs as it patrolled the main street of the northern West Bank town of Nablus

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**CIDA worker linked to Palestinian terrorist: British woman let go after bomb traces found in embassy car she used in Israel**

Ottawa Citizen

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Canada's international development agency is terminating the contract of a British woman who had been detained by Israeli officials in May after trace elements of explosive materials were found in an embassy car transporting her into Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Kristy Wright, director of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives Office in the West Bank city of Ramallah, will not be renewed when her contract expires July 31.

Canadian International Development Agency officials say her contract was due to end on that date and the changed political and humanitarian situation in the West Bank has resulted in a new focus for the Canada Fund, making Ms. Wright's position redundant.

The Ottawa Citizen

However, Israeli officials say Ms. Wright is being let go because her boyfriend is a member of a Palestinian terrorist organization and Canadian authorities were notified of his ties after the May 24 incident in which Ms. Wright and an unidentified man were interrogated for several hours after Israeli guards found trace elements of explosive materials in the car in a routine inspection.

Israeli sources would not specify which organization Ms. Wright's boyfriend was a member of, saying only it was either ***Hamas*** or Islamic Jihad, both of which have claimed responsibility for the majority of the recent suicide attacks in Israel and both of which are on Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

The timing was particularly sensitive because Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham was to arrive in Israel two days later to meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Israeli officials say "a gentleman's agreement" was worked out between Canadian and Israeli authorities in which Ms. Wright's boyfriend's links would be kept quiet in exchange for a promise from Canada that Ms. Wright would be terminated when her contract expired.

"There was a gentlemanly understanding," says a senior Israeli source. "We told (Canada) to look at his background and when they did, they said, 'Oh, sorry.' They were quite nervous because the minister was coming, but we asked them to take the necessary action and they said OK."

Neither Canadian nor Israeli officials would comment on Ms. Wright's relationship, but an Israeli official said the man in question was more than a mere acquaintance.

CIDA worker linked to Palestinian terrorist: British woman let go after bomb traces found in embassy car she used in Israel

CIDA spokesman Steven Morris said the May 24 incident had nothing to do with the decision not to renew Ms. Wright's contract.

## Correction

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The story included a denial of this explanation by a CIDA spokesperson, who said CIDA had eliminated the position because of lack of security in Ramallah.

The story did not include Ms. Wright's views. According to Ms. Wright: she has never had a personal relationship with a male or ***female*** member of ***Hamas***, Islamic Jihad or any other terrorist organization; she has never transported explosives in her embassy car, nor allowed others to do so; and she was travelling alone when she was detained by agents of the government of Israel.

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## *No Bomber, but Israelis Gave Her a Scary Time*

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### **Body**

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The news broadcast over Israeli radio this morning was stunning: The Israeli Army had arrested three women, calling them terrorists primed for suicide bombings. One of them was apparently the first Christian would-be suicide bomber.

But even as the reports were still being broadcast, the Christian suspect, Fida Misleh, 23, was already back home, having been taken to an army base in her pajamas, interrogated and released to catch a bus. Her father, Khalil Misleh, a gardener in a convent here, had been taken in and released with her.

"It was a joke," she said of the Israeli accusation, as she fielded telephone calls from alarmed friends. "But it was a painful joke."

A second woman was also released, Palestinians here said, but the third was apparently still being held tonight.

The army did not immediately explain the turnabout. "There was some intelligence about them being suicide bombers," an army spokeswoman said. "We don't have anything else on them at the moment."

Ms. Misleh's experience illustrates the high price charged to the innocent on both sides in this conflict, now dragging into its third year. Israeli officials say the army has no option but to act instantly on intelligence of possible suicide attacks, to protect Israel's civilians.

Today, south of here in the village of Yatta, soldiers killed a Palestinian accused of shooting dead an Israeli in July 2001. The army said that the man, a member of Hamas, was shot after resisting arrest, but a relative told The Associated Press that he did nothing to provoke the soldiers.

At least two young women have left this area, centered on Bethlehem, to carry out suicide bombings. One killed two Israelis at the entrance to a Jerusalem grocery store; the other changed her mind, turned back and was later arrested.

Ms. Misleh, sitting in her living room here below a row of icons, said she opposed such attacks. "I believe if you want to defend your homeland, this is not the way to do it," she said.

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With the experience just a few hours old, the Mislehs provided an unusually detailed account of the detention and interrogation.

At 2 a.m., soldiers pounded on the door of Ms. Misleh's brother, Issa, who lives with his wife and two children in the family's old home. Mr. Misleh said the soldiers searched the house, then demanded to know if he had brothers or sisters.

Mr. Misleh said he told them he had three sisters, two of whom were married and a third, Fida, who lived with her parents.

Ms. Misleh said soldiers ransacked the house then blindfolded and handcuffed her and loaded her and her father into a jeep. "They were very tough and rude," she said. She said when she asked what was going on, the soldiers told her not to say anything.

When a soldier eventually removed her blindfold, she said, she and her father were in a small room with two other Palestinian women and their fathers. They were ordered not to speak, she said.

She said she was the first to be interrogated. Her questioner spoke excellent Arabic, she said, and typed her answers into a computer, watched by a female security officer: her date of birth, identification number, what she does for living. She is a secretary for a lawyer for Palestinian prisoners.

"They didn't ask me if I had plans to blow myself up, or if I'm involved in political activities," she said.

Ms. Misleh said she was frightened but kept telling herself, "be confident, there is nothing against you." Mr. Misleh, who is 67, said he was terrified.

When he faced an interrogator, Mr. Misleh said, he found himself addressed by his familiar name: "He said, 'Abu Issa, I know you are a good man, you have a good reputation, but your daughter wants to blow herself up. Is this right?' "

Mr. Misleh said he replied that that was impossible. "I said, 'This is my daughter; she grew up under my eyes.' "

He said the interrogator asked him to sign a pledge not to harm the security of Israel, then released them both with a warning: "You have a new house. Beware." The army has been demolishing the family homes of militants.

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## At Least 11 Die in Gaza Raids

GAZA, Feb. 19, (Reuters) -- Israeli troops and tanks backed by attack helicopters launched raids on militant strongholds in and around Gaza City overnight, killing at least seven Palestinians in clashes with gunmen and a missilestrike.

Another three Palestinians were crushed to death as Israeli engineers blew up two workshops in the Tufah neighborhood of northern Gaza, according to witnesses and hospital officials.

The raids came despite tentative cease-fire talks between the two sides. It appeared that the Israeli attacks were retaliation for the killing of four Israeli soldiers by a Hamas land mine.

In Shajaiyeh, a district east of Gaza City, Palestinian fighters fired rifles and homemade rockets at the Israelis. Hamas said one of its men blew himself up alongside an armored column. Witnesses corroborated that account.

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Photo: Khalil Misleh and his daughter, Fida, were arrested and questioned as terror suspects by the Israelis. The pair was later released. (James Bennet/The New York Times)

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## **Bomb set off by remote control**

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JERUSALEM (AP) -- U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, once a student at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, denounced Palestinian terror attacks and laid a wreath at the school Thursday after a bomb detonated by a cellphone killed seven people -- five of them Americans.

"We have grieved with all the people of Israel as they have faced Palestinian terrorism," said Kurtzer, speaking in front of the Frank Sinatra International Students Centre, where the blast tore apart a cafeteria a day earlier. "Now that five American citizens have been killed, our grief is even deeper."

Associated Press

The militant group **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the cafeteria blast at the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University, a popular gathering spot for Jewish, Arab and foreign students. **Hamas** called it revenge for an Israeli attack last week in Gaza that killed the leader of its military wing and 14 others, including **women** and nine children.

The U.S. citizens included an Israeli-American and a French-American, police said Thursday. Israelis, Arabs, as well as four Americans and three South Koreans were among the 80 wounded.

Unlike other recent Palestinian attacks, Wednesday's attack was not a suicide bombing. The bomb, laden with nails and other metal objects, was in a bag left on a table in the centre of the cafeteria and was detonated remotely by cellular phone, said an Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Police detained a number of Arab employees of the university on suspicion of having aided the bomber, said a police official, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Israeli troops who had remained on the edge of town moved into the city centre. Residents who had defied the army-imposed curfew for four days stayed home.

The attack came as Israel's Security Cabinet considered ways to stop or at least hinder suicide bombers, including measures such as expelling relatives of bombers from the West Bank to Gaza or destroying their houses.

In the Palestinian town of Beit Jalla, next to Bethlehem, the Israeli military destroyed the family house of Hazem Atta Sarasara, who carried out a suicide bombing attack on Tuesday in Jerusalem that wounded seven Israelis, the military said in a statement. Military sources said the destruction was a deterrent measure to show that such actions carry a price.

Israeli troops in the West Bank town of Jenin also demolished the home of an Islamic Jihad activist arrested earlier this week, residents said. The army said it was checking the report.

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In new violence Thursday, a 27-year-old Israeli man, his hands and feet bound, was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head in his factory office near the Palestinian town of Tulkarem in the northern West Bank, police and the army said.

Brig.-Gen. Gershon Yitzhak, the divisional commander of the West Bank, told Israel Radio the attackers were believed to be Palestinians who had taken advantage of the lifted curfew in Tulkarem on Thursday.

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Photo: Associated Press; Muhammed Yusuf sits in front of his ruined house in the town of Beit Jalla on Thursday

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## *A Palestinian Attack Kills 5 on a Northern Kibbutz*

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### **Body**

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At least one Palestinian gunman attacked a kibbutz in northern Israel near the border with the West Bank late Sunday, killing five people hours after a suicide bombing was foiled in the same area, police officials said.

Initial reports from Kibbutz Metzger, about six miles east of Hadera, said one or more gunmen infiltrated the farming community before midnight, opened fire on residents near the dining room and attacked again in a house. Two children, two women and a man were killed, according to the reports.

Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades, a militant offshoot of Yasir Arafat's mainstream Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack, which came as representatives of Fatah and Hamas met in Cairo to discuss a proposed halt to attacks in Israel.

Two hours after the shootings, an Israeli helicopter struck in Gaza, firing rockets into a metalworks factory, residents and security officials reported. The army said the factory had produced mortar shells used in attacks on Jewish settlements.

The violence came on the eve of a visit here by an American envoy to promote a peace blueprint proposed by the Bush administration.

The killings at the kibbutz were also a test for the rightist government formed by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon after the departure last week of the Labor Party from the governing coalition. The new defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, is a hawkish former army chief of staff. According to reports from a cabinet meeting today, he told ministers that he intended to step up military pressure on Palestinian militants.

As soldiers and border police officers rushed to Kibbutz Metzger to search for the attackers, residents barricaded themselves in their homes and turned off their lights on instructions broadcast over the community's loudspeaker system. The kibbutz was plunged into darkness, occasionally illuminated by flares and helicopter searchlights.

"We are all closed up in our houses," said Oded Shahar, a kibbutz member interviewed by phone on an Israeli television station. "We heard the shots, and we turned off the lights and shut the doors."

Hours earlier in the same area, two Palestinians apparently on a suicide mission were killed when their vehicle exploded near the kibbutz. Border police officers on alert for a possible infiltration from the West Bank spotted the

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vehicle and ordered the driver to stop before it blew up, a police spokesman said. One passenger wore an explosive belt and the other carried a bag containing a bomb, Israeli radio reported.

Earlier on Sunday, the Palestinian cabinet gave qualified approval to an American blueprint for a Middle East peace settlement, while Mr. Sharon quashed criticism of the document in his cabinet, officials said.

Both Palestinian and Israeli officials seemed eager to avoid any appearance of obstruction of American policy as the Bush administration prepares for a possible war against Iraq.

Israeli officials also said on Sunday that the primary for leadership of the Likud Party, in which Benjamin Netanyahu is challenging Mr. Sharon in advance of national elections expected early next year, would take place on Nov. 28.

Mr. Netanyahu accepted the post of foreign minister after the Labor Party pulled out of Mr. Sharon's coalition, but only on the condition that there would be early elections.

The American envoy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Satterfield, is coming today to discuss the road map for peace drawn up by the Bush administration. The plan, which envisions a Palestinian state by 2005, calls for an end to attacks by Palestinians as well as for reforms within the Palestinian government and security services, for Israeli withdrawals from West Bank cities and for an eventual freeze on construction of Israeli settlements.

After a meeting of the Palestinian cabinet today in Ramallah, officials said the American blueprint was acceptable, although they added that more consultations were needed with Arab states and several conditions had to be met.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, an adviser to Mr. Arafat, predicted that despite Palestinian reservations, "our response is going to be for sure a positive response" in the meetings with Mr. Satterfield.

Mr. Sharon, for his part, cut off discussion of the American proposal among cabinet members, according to accounts from people who were in the meeting. He reportedly intervened when Mr. Mofaz was asked by a minister to comment on the plan.

Mr. Netanyahu has waved off the American plan, saying it is not on the agenda as the United States prepares for action against Iraq.

In the West Bank, Israeli forces pulled back to the outskirts of Jenin after a two-week sweep against militants that culminated with the killing on Saturday of Iyad Sawalha, a leader of the militant Islamic Jihad group who was accused by Israel of masterminding two bus bombings that killed 31 people.

In Cairo, Fatah officials said their talks with Hamas were meant to reach agreement on an end to attacks inside Israel.

But Khaled Mashaal, a Hamas leader, denied in an interview with the Arabic daily Al Hayat that even a limited cease-fire was under discussion. That "perhaps figures in the agenda of the other party," he said. "We will never agree to stop the resistance."

<http://www.nytimes.com>

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Photo: Israeli forensics experts at a border checkpoint search a car said to have been wrecked in a foiled attack. (Agence France-Presse) Map of Israel highlighting Metzer: Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades said it attacked the Kibbutz Metzer.

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## **BOMBER'S THIRD TRY AT MURDER**

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The Palestinian graduate student who blew up a bus full of Israelis failed in two previous attempts to carry out a suicide attack.

Yesterday, Mohammed al-Ghoul made his parents proud.

"This time, I hope I will be able to do it," al-Ghoul said in a farewell note found after he staged the deadliest suicide bomb attack to hit Jerusalem in six years.

As word of what al-Ghoul did spread through the West Bank, his parents smiled tearfully as they accepted condolences at their neat home in the Al Faraa refugee camp near Jenin.

"He's a martyr," said his father, Haza. "We have only to ask our God to be merciful with him. Our sons want to die for our land, to get it back."

Al-Ghoul's mother, Subhiya, sat sobbing with two of her daughters, holding pictures of her son and his college diploma. But his sister Samar was not crying.

"My brother is a hero," she said. "I'm not sad."

Al-Ghoul's note - dated Saturday - did not dwell on his previous failures to kill Jewish civilians. But he waxed ecstatic about dying for Palestine.

"How beautiful it is to make my bomb shrapnel kill the enemy," he wrote. "How beautiful it is to kill and to be killed - not to love death, but to struggle for life, to kill and be killed for the lives of the coming generation."

Next to his name, al-Ghoul wrote "Izzedine al Qassam," the military wing of Hamas, the Islamic militant group that claimed responsibility for the attack.

Al-Ghoul, 22, had just started a master's program in Islamic studies at An Najah university in nearby Nablus.

Over the weekend, the bomber visited his 80-year-old aunt and three sisters and brought them candy. One sister, Layla, said her brother gave no hint this would be the last time she would see him. Under the radar When al-Ghoul left, they assumed he was heading back to campus to study.

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Instead, he met with his **Hamas** handlers, who fitted him with a belt packed with nail-studded explosives and prepped him for the 70th suicide bombing in 21 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

They prepped him well. Despite specific warnings that a suicide attack was imminent, al-Ghoul was able to slip past the Israeli security cordon and board a bus full of students and commuters.

While terror groups have branched out and recruited **women**, teenagers and married men for suicide missions in recent months, al-Ghoul had the classic bomber profile.

He was a devout Muslim. He was single. He wore a beard.

And when he boarded the bus, al-Ghoul stood out like a sore thumb in the morning crowd - he was wearing a red shirt.

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AP INJURED Paramedic with man hurt in suicide bombing. REUTERS CARNAGE Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon passes body bags at site of attack. Mohammed al-Ghoul

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## *Cyber-sheikh converts Jewish family to Islam*

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### **Body**

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NEXT year Ezra Cohen should be celebrating his bar mitzvah, the traditional Jewish festival of religious adulthood, in the working-class town of Netivot in southern Israel.

Except that for Ezra, 12, there will be no bar mitzvah and any stepping stone to adulthood may be profound indeed. As a result of the conversion by his Jewish parents to the Islamic faith, Ezra has become known as Abd al-Aziz Khatab and his family, which includes his sister and two younger brothers, now lives in the Arab part of Jerusalem.

Ezra, who once studied Jewish scriptures, spends his summer at a **Hamas** camp at the Al-Aqsa mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount. The school friends with whom he would have celebrated his bar mitzvah could become his enemies if he takes up arms for the Palestinian cause.

Ezra's parents, Yosef and Luna Cohen, arrived from America four years ago. Members of an ultra-orthodox movement known as Shas, they had long dreamt of living in Israel. As new arrivals they received thousands of pounds in benefits from Israel's immigrant absorption ministry and were swiftly drawn into Shas's extensive religious and social activities.

The children excelled at school, where they studied from 8am until nightfall. Happy with the start that he had made in his new country, Yosef Cohen spent much of his time studying the Torah.

Perhaps because of his former life in America, he began looking for distractions on the internet. One summer night two years ago he began chatting online with a man who called himself Zehadeh. They exchanged views on philosophy and religion. Cohen found himself waiting impatiently for news from his mysterious cyber friend.

In time Zehadeh revealed himself as Sheikh Zehadeh, a Muslim leader in one of the Gulf principalities and a member of the Sufi sect, devoted to prayer, charity and religious rituals. Cohen became convinced by his arguments and obtained a copy of the Koran. He hid it from his wife.

Early in 2001 he was persuaded by Zehadeh to go to East Jerusalem to meet some Muslim clerics. It was a dangerous mission for an orthodox Jew wearing traditional garments. Cohen's subterfuge continued; after meeting the clerics, he went to the synagogue to say evening prayers.

Eventually he could not keep up the pretence any longer and broke the news of his imminent conversion to Luna. She, too, began studying the Koran. They appeared before the sharia court in East Jerusalem, where a simple meeting with the judges converted them to Islam.

## Cyber-sheikh converts Jewish family to Islam

Cohen, 36, became Yussuf Khatab. His children were also given Muslim names. The move was an extraordinary one; although Jewish women who marry Muslims sometimes adopt their husband's religion, the conversion of an entire family appears unique in modern Israel.

Religion is not easily separated from politics in the charged atmosphere of Muslim suicide bombings and Israeli military retaliation. The fair-haired blue-eyed family members had to abandon their first home in Arab Jerusalem when some of the neighbours spoke of "Yussuf al-Khatab the Jew". They now live just streets away from where a Hamas suicide bomber recently struck.

Over the past year their finances have become perilous, while Khatab admits to having become more radical in his views. The Hamas summer camp, provided free, appeared a natural option for the children.

On a Friday recently, Khatab was at prayer in the local mosque while Luna, 34, looked after their children in a spartan flat with Koranic verses hanging from the wall. She gave the three younger children - Hasibah, 8, Abd al-Hamid, 6 and Abdullah, 4 - instructions in broken Arabic mixed with English; she knows Hebrew best, but it has been banned in the family since its conversion to Islam.

"The state of Palestine should spread from the Mediterranean to the River Jordan, and the Jews must get out," Khatab, bearded and wearing a traditional galabieh, said later.

He said he regarded Osama Bin Laden as "the number one Muslim in the world and dismissed accusations against him as "a Jewish plot". He also justified the actions of Muslim suicide bombers, some 200 of whom have already been captured or killed on their way to killing his former Jewish brethren. "We have no choice," he declared, unconsciously tightening his hold on Abd al-Aziz, sitting beside him.

Khatab's final place in Muslim society is not yet official, however, because the Israeli immigration system is incapable of adjusting to such a transformation. His identity card still shows him to be a Jew.

Fortunately, he has not lost his sense of humour: "I must be registered as a Muslim," he said. "What happens if I die? They might bury me as a Jew!"

oA parole hearing will be held on October 15 for Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli technician jailed for 18 years in 1986 for revealing secrets of his country's nuclear weapons programme to The Sunday Times.

Avignor Feldman, his lawyer, said Vanunu, held in solitary confinement for much of his sentence, is not a security risk to Israel. Previous appeals for clemency, including one from Jimmy Carter, the former American president, have failed.

The Sunday Times is to approach prominent figures around the world asking them to write to the parole board urging his release.

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## *Sharon pledges to hit hard*

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JERUSALEM: The Palestinians should "suffer many losses" before negotiations can resume, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday, after Israeli forces killed 16 Palestinians in new attacks.

"The Palestinians should be hit very hard, because if they don't feel they have been defeated, it will be impossible to return to the negotiating table," Mr Sharon said after attending parliament.

"They should suffer many losses. Whoever wants to negotiate with them, should hit them hard first, so that they understand that they will not get anything through terrorism."

AFP/Reuters

Taking a tough line after a weekend of Palestinian attacks that killed 22 Israelis, Mr Sharon had earlier told parliament: "We are waging a real war against a cruel and bloodthirsty enemy."

Calling on the nation to keep its spirits high, Mr Sharon told parliament: "We are fighting for our homeland and do not have the right to let ourselves slide into despair, even if we have good reasons for that."

The Israeli military hammered Palestinian targets, killing at least 17 people yesterday.

Among the dead were a woman and her three children mistakenly killed by an Israeli tank shell and a doctor slain when Israeli forces fired on his ambulance in what they said was self-defence.

The Israeli attacks were followed by a Palestinian terror assault in Tel Aviv.

Israel officials, calling it a "suicide attack", said a Palestinian man opened fire at a nightclub and steakhouse, killing at least three people and wounding 16 before being shot to death.

In another incident, a suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus in Afula, northern Israel, yesterday, also killing one Israeli, police said.

Unease is growing alongside anger as more Israelis question their leadership's ability to control the violence.

Clashes and killings were reported throughout the day from Ramallah and Bethlehem in the West Bank, to the Rafah refugee camps in the Gaza Strip.

As children walked home from school, an Israeli tank shell hit two vehicles filled with Arab women and children on a busy Ramallah street. The wife of a local leader of the militant Islamic group Hamas died along with her three

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children. A tank shell hit a pickup truck killing the wife of Hussein Abu Kweik, a local leader of **Hamas**. She had just picked up her three children from their school.

The shell flattened the truck, killing everyone inside.

A car carrying eight people, six of them children, also was hit by shrapnel from the blast.

Right-wing Israeli politicians repeated their criticism of Mr Sharon for not waging more forceful attacks against the Palestinian terrorists, while left-wing politicians again accused him of dragging Israel into a quagmire with no possible end to the violence in sight.

Meanwhile, Palestinians decried the heightened strife as well as the situation in a refugee camp in the West Bank town of Jenin. Israeli soldiers have been locked in a bloody showdown with terrorists for several days.

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**Israel won't 'surrender to blackmail': Sharon cuts U.S. visit short after suicide bomber kills 15**

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## **Body**

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JERUSALEM -- A Palestinian suicide bomber carrying a bomb in a bag killed at least 15 people in a snooker club in central Israel yesterday, enraging Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who cut short a visit to the United States.

The blast, which tore through the third floor of the building in Rishon Letzion south of Tel Aviv, was the first suicide attack in three weeks and raised questions about the effectiveness of an Israeli military campaign in the West Bank.

Mr. Sharon said his forces would press on and uproot "terrorism," declaring: "The battle continues."

"I say today Israel will not surrender to blackmail ... he who rises up to kill us, we will pre-empt it and kill him first," Mr. Sharon told a news conference before breaking off his visit to Washington and flying home.

The Ottawa Citizen; with files from Citizen News Services

Mr. Sharon said the bombing was "proof of the true intentions of those who lead the Palestinian Authority." The Palestinian Authority has condemned the attack, but Mr. Sharon has said its leaders, including Yasser Arafat, cannot be trusted.

"Israel will act the same as any democracy that protects itself. Israel will act like any other democracy which fights the forces of darkness. Israel will continue to uproot the terror infrastructure," he said.

He said the Israeli military offensive against militants in Palestinian towns and villages had made great strides in rooting out the terrorist infrastructure, but that the job clearly was not done.

"He who rises up to kill us, we will pre-empt and kill him first," he said.

Mr. Sharon, speaking first in Hebrew and then in English, said he was departing for Israel "with a heavy heart -- heavy with grief and heavy with rage."

He said it was "the rage of each and every Jew in the world."

The address was carried live on TV in Israel and the U.S.

Mr. Sharon said U.S. President George W. Bush had asked him "to express his dismay of the terrible massacre of innocent people -- children, women and youth on a night out whose only sin was being Jewish Israeli."

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In an apparent reference to the military onslaught against Palestinian towns of the last few weeks, which followed a wave of suicide bombings in Israel, Mr. Sharon said: "The operation has yielded tremendous achievements, but our work is not done. The battle continues and will continue until all those who believe that they can make gains through the use of terror will cease to exist."

Witnesses said the Sheffield snooker club was crowded when the bomber walked in and detonated a bomb packed with nails and metal shrapnel just after 11 p.m., minutes before Mr. Sharon began talks with President George W. Bush in Washington.

"The timing which the murderers chose to carry out this attack was carefully planned," said Israeli cabinet minister Eli Yishai, who was with Mr. Sharon at the White House.

It was the first terrorist attack on the sleepy suburban town, police said.

"They noticed a stranger. He had an odd expression. He walked three to four steps inside and detonated his explosives. There was no time to get away," a police spokesman told reporters at the scene.

"He entered all of a sudden into the hall and then he exploded," said Haim Cohen, a police commander.

Motti Monir, who was slightly wounded in the attack, said he was leaving the club just after 11 p.m. when there was a "huge explosion."

"I don't know how I got out of there," he said.

"The entire floor flew in the air. It looked like a terrible dream," witness Hanir Azulei said.

Witnesses said the explosion occurred on the third floor, causing the ceiling to collapse on dozens of people below. The club, on the top floor of a shopping and commercial centre, was a meeting place mainly for men, with snooker and billiard tables and slot machines.

Ambulance service spokesman Yerucham Mandola said parts of the targeted building had collapsed, trapping people underneath.

"There are bodies and perhaps injured people trapped under the rubble," said Mayor Meir Nitzan. "The emergency services are trying to get them out as quickly and carefully as possible."

Rescue workers sifted through the wreckage, collecting body parts and clearing away rubble. Strapped into stretchers, the bodies were lowered through the gaping hole of the shattered club by a firetruck crane to rescue workers below.

Young women and men cried as they looked up at the bombed-out building. The first floor held a furniture store called Baby World, advertised by a sign with a smiling curly-haired baby, and another child's furniture store called Pinocchio.

Nearby stood factories, car dealerships and a Greek dance club, and not far away, one of Israel's largest malls.

Al-Manar television station run by Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon said the militant Hamas group had claimed responsibility, although Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip did not confirm or deny the report.

Israel blamed the blast on President Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, although the Authority issued a statement condemning the blast and vowing to act against those behind it.

Mr. Sharon is certain to face criticism from right-wing Israeli politicians that he wound down the West Bank offensive too quickly, without finishing the declared task of eliminating militants. He will now face pressure to hit back hard.

"We have withdrawn our forces too soon (from the West Bank) ... You cannot negotiate with terrorism. You have to uproot it. It's like a cancer," Public Security Minister Uzi Landau told reporters.



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Israeli forces have stopped at least one suicide bombing every day for the past week, security officials said, adding that two militants planning suicide attacks were arrested by troops during a raid on the West Bank city of Tulkarm yesterday.

David Baker, an official in Mr. Sharon's office, said that it was "clear that the Palestinian Authority has not given up the terror option and continues on its murderous path."

The Palestinian Authority vowed to punish those responsible, saying such attacks harmed the Palestinian cause and gave Mr. Sharon a pretext to hit back.

"The Palestinian leadership ... considers the parties which carried out the attacks as parties working against the interests of the Palestinian people," it said in a statement.

Mahmoud al-Zahar, a **Hamas** leader in Gaza, said the bombing showed the West Bank offensive had fuelled the Palestinian desire for revenge.

"The will of our people is stronger than the tanks. The Israelis have either to withdraw or continue to lose," Mr. al-Zahar, the **Hamas** leader, said.

## Graphic

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Photo: Barak Pachter, The Associated Press; An injured Israeli is led away by ambulance personnel near the destroyed pool hall in Rishon Letzion, Israel, where a suicide attack killed at least 15 and injured about 60, yesterday. Israel blamed the blast on Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, although the Authority condemned the blast and vowed to act against those behind it.; Photo: Barak Pachter, The Associated Press; An Israeli woman is cared for by a police officer near the destroyed pool hall in Rishon Letzion. Mayor Meir Nitzan said he fears 'there are bodies and perhaps injured people trapped under the rubble.'

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## *'They attacked innocent Israelis'*

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NETANYA, Israel -- The atmosphere, full of chatter and laughter, changed in one split second when the suicide bomber burst into the hotel dining room and blew himself up.

The explosion tore through the ground floor of the Park Hotel, blowing out walls and windows and overturning tables and chairs. Bits of rubble and wires dangled from the ceiling. In the chaos, one table remained standing, covered by a white cloth and with its elaborate place settings still in position.

The Associated Press

The explosion occurred at about 7:20 p.m. as dozens of hotel guests dressed in their holiday best, the women in festive dresses, the men in white shirts and dark pants, settled down to a Seder meal celebrating the Jewish Passover.

The bomber, carrying a large bag of explosives, made his way past an armed guard at the hotel entrance who did not consider him suspicious. From the lobby, he ran toward the dining hall, where he blew himself up.

Some of the wounded staggered out of the lobby, which was plunged into darkness by the explosion. Others were taken to ambulances on stretchers, including a young boy who had an oxygen mask pressed to his face. One man was covered by a blue blanket, blood dripping from his face. An elderly woman, her face covered with blood, sat on the sidewalk, attended to by several people. Witnesses said they saw five bodies lined up on the pavement, some of them dismembered, including that of a woman in festive holiday clothes.

"They attacked innocent Israelis on one of the most sacred nights to Jewish people, Passover," said Israeli government spokesman Gideon Meir.

At least 19 people were killed and more than 120 were wounded.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for what Mr. Meir called a "Passover massacre."

Israeli police had been on high alert for possible attacks during the weeklong Passover holiday, with more than 10,000 officers deployed in potential trouble spots.

The country's police commissioner, Shlomo Aharonishki, said it was impossible to prevent all attacks. "Even with more policemen and a broader deployment, we cannot block the centres of the cities," he said.

## 'They attacked innocent Israelis'

The bombing threatened to derail the latest U.S. truce mission, just hours after President George W. Bush said Anthony Zinni, his envoy to the region, had made some progress.

Mr. Bush urged Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian Authority "to do everything in their power" to try to stop the killing. "This callous, this cold-blooded killing, it must stop," Mr. Bush said. "I condemn it in the most strongest of terms."

Israel, which had reluctantly accepted the latest U.S. ceasefire proposals, said it would have to reassess its policy and held Mr. Arafat responsible for the bombing.

The Palestinian leadership said in a statement it "strongly condemned" the attack. A Palestinian security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Arafat ordered the arrest of four key militants from the Islamic militant groups **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad as well as from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

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**Middle East crisis: 'I felt shockwaves and blacked out': Suicide bomb  
Victims were families at a Passover feast**

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Members of the Donenhirsch family had excitedly taken their seats around a table in a hotel banquet room, dressed in their holiday finery and ready to usher in the Passover holiday. Moments later they were thrown against a wall by an enormous explosion.

"Suddenly, it was hell," said Nechama Donenhirsch, a history teacher, speaking from her hospital bed. "My daughter, 16 years old, held me and said to me to calm me, 'You are alive, I'm alive, don't worry, we are alive.'"

The suicide bombing at the Park Hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Netanya killed 16 Israelis and wounded more than 100 guests.

The bomber, a member of Hamas, knew his target well: he used to work in hotels in Netanya and other Israeli cities, Palestinian police said.

At about 7.15pm yesterday, more than 200 guests began taking their seats in the Park Hotel's banquet hall, ready for the Passover seder - a ritual meal commemorating the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Round tables were covered with white linen and elaborate place settings.

Guests were dressed in their holiday finest, with women in festive dresses and men in white shirts and dark trousers.

At about the same time, the bomber was making his way past an armed guard at the hotel entrance.

The attacker, later identified as Abdel Baset Odeh, 25, from the West Bank town of Tulkarem, was carrying a large bag containing explosives, but apparently did not arouse the suspicions of a hotel security guard.

Witnesses said that a receptionist tried to alert security when the attacker walked past her post to the dining room. But by then, it was too late.

A huge blast tore through the hall, blowing out windows and walls.

"There was the smell of smoke and dust in my mouth and a ringing in my ears," Ms Donenhirsch said.

She said that pieces of ceiling fell on her sister's head, and then her son, Itai, shouted that everyone should take cover under tables.

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The explosion knocked out the electricity, and the hall was plunged into darkness as people screamed for help.

Itai Donenhirsch said the family had been sitting just three or four metres from where the bomber blew himself up. "I felt shockwaves and was pushed under the table and everything blacked out."

It was not the first time that a seaside hotel in Netanya had been the target of a Palestinian suicide attack.

On March 9, two gunmen opened fire on the lobby of another hotel as families were dining there at the end of the Jewish sabbath. Two Israelis, including a baby, were killed in the attack, before the gunmen were shot dead by police.

**Hamas** identified yesterday's bomber as Odeh, who lived about 10 miles east of Netanya. Palestinian security sources said he had been wanted by Israel and the Palestinians.

Special report on Israel and the Middle East [guardian.co.uk/israel](http://guardian.co.uk/israel)

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## *Israel closes two Palestinian colleges*

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JERUSALEM -- Israel closed two Palestinian colleges on Wednesday and pumped cement into three east Jerusalem houses to destroy apartments belonging to Palestinians convicted in a series of deadly bombings.

Also Wednesday, three Palestinians were killed in scattered clashes with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank two teenagers and a man said by relatives to be mentally ill, according to Palestinians and the Israeli army.

The United States criticized Israel's closure of the Islamic University and the Polytechnic Institute, both in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Israel was responding to a Palestinian suicide bombing that killed 23 people in Tel Aviv earlier this month.

But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the action was not in the interest of either side.

Palestinian Education Minister Naim Abu'l Humus accused the Israelis of attempting to "sabotage the education process, which already has been badly affected through sieges, closures and curfews."

Several thousand students attend the colleges. The army said some are using the facilities to plan and launch attacks.

In mostly Arab east Jerusalem, Israeli police, accompanied by cement trucks and Asian workers, filled three houses with barrel after barrel of wet cement. They also punched holes in opposite sides of the houses and placed long steel beams through the houses at chest level to further discourage anyone from returning.

Israel said the homes belong to four ***Hamas*** militants convicted of organizing bombings that killed 35 people last year, including five Americans who died in a July attack at Hebrew University. All are serving life sentences except one, who received a 60-year prison term.

Wednesday was the first time in the current Palestinian uprising that Israel has torn down homes of militants in east Jerusalem. Previous demolitions during the past 28 months of violence took place in the West Bank or the Gaza Strip.

Israel says it destroys the homes to deter Palestinian attacks, but Palestinians condemn the tactic as collective punishment.

## Israel closes two Palestinian colleges

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Palestinian factions were trying to reach a consensus on a possible cease-fire but Israel was making it difficult.

The Israelis "are continuing their military escalation against our people, lands, institutions, women and children everywhere," he said after Wednesday's violence in the West Bank.

Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh said that Egypt is to host a series of meetings next week of Palestinian factions, aimed at forging a common program. Earlier meetings in Cairo between Arafat's Fatah and the violent Islamic Hamas, aimed at an end to suicide bombings in Israel, ended inconclusively.

Israeli soldiers shot a Palestinian who detonated several bombs as they were trying to arrest suspected militants in a refugee camp in Tulkarem, the army said. Mouhi Aldin Hamza, 16, was killed, Palestinian hospital officials said.

A second 16-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli troops in stone-throwing clashes that erupted later in Tulkarem, Palestinian witnesses and officials said.

In Kabatiya, a village in the northern West Bank, Israeli troops fatally shot a Palestinian man who approached them, despite their warnings to stop, during an operation to arrest two suspected militants holed up in a building, the army said.

No weapons were found on the man, said by relatives to be mentally ill.

## Graphic

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Youths walk past Israeli jeeps near Islamic University, seen partially in the background, in Hebron on Wednesday. Israel shut down this and another Palestinian college in response to a suicide attack in Tel Aviv earlier this month.

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## **'I WOULD LIKE TO JUST FEEL SAFE AND NOT BE AFRAID FROM THE SHOOTING'**

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AN IRATE chant, crackling from a loudhailer, drowns out the constant racket of car horns and street traders in the southern Gaza city of Khan Yunis.

A mass of protesters fills the narrow streets, called to extol the virtues of their fallen fighter, killed by Israelis soldiers and now carried shoulder -high towards the mosque where prayers will be said to ease his path to Allah.

Below the hand-painted portraits of earlier martyrs which hang from lamp -posts, children, faces skewed by anger, head the funeral procession. They wave flags and chant anti-Israeli, British and US slogans. Behind them, **Hamas** gunmen, clad in black paramilitary garb, spray the sky with sporadic bursts from their assault rifles.

A few hundred yards away, Christian Aid is working with a group of five Palestinian **women**, determined to stop another generation volunteering to strap explosives around their bodies and kill themselves and civilians on the streets of Israel.

Majeda Alsaqqa plays football with some of the 200 children who attend the sanctuary, a children's centre which offers respite from the horrors of life under Israeli bombardment - and the constant threat of recruitment into the terror cells of **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad.

One of the founding members of the Culture and Free Thought Association, which runs the centre, Ms Alsaqqa is proud of the computer room and swings which give children an element of normality.

"Everything in the children's life is black," she says. "But with the centre we hope to give them light. We want to work with the children to give them a future, because without that hope, they will have nothing."

The children arrive in two shifts, according to when they attend school. Some simply play, others use the library and computer room to gain skills necessary to pull them out of the poverty which has left 80 per cent of Gazans unemployed, and 70 per cent living below the United Nations' official breadline of less than \$ 2 (GBP 1.22) per day.

Some use art to express the horrors. They draw helicopter gunships strafing homes, tanks and bulldozers "clearing" buildings and bodies covered in blood, lying on stretchers. This is their reality. Days before, a Palestinian boy, aged seven, was shot dead, and his brother, six, was injured after coming under fire from Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint near the Rafah refugee camp.



## 'I WOULD LIKE TO JUST FEEL SAFE AND NOT BE AFRAID FROM THE SHOOTING'

Ghada Alsadouny, 11, hopes to become a pharmacist, but she is fearful. "I feel threatened every moment and I feel close to death all the time", she said. "I would like to just feel safe and not be afraid from the shooting and shelling. On television, we see children walking in the streets and going to school. I want life to be like that in a free Palestine."

A few hundred yards away, close to the 26ft wall protecting the Neveh Dagaleim settlement, the Israeli soldiers look on as young children stand next to a pock-marked wall, their hands making a V for victory statement. Graffiti on a wall makes a simple, poignant point: "If you destroy our houses, you will not destroy our souls."

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## *Israel stakes its claim*

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### **Body**

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VICTORIA-- Prior to taking up my post as ambassador to Israel, a foreign service veteran told me -- only half-jokingly as it turned out -- that taking the job meant never having to touch another door knob.

Which -- along with the fine food, wine and housing -- is why the question I've been asked most frequently over the years has been, "How do you get to be one?" (Sorry folks, that's another column.)

Since Sept. 11, however, the questions have increasingly been about the Mideast conflict, and about Islamic extremism.

North Americans and Europeans, in particular, were surprised to see passenger jets ram into skyscrapers, and don't want to be caught off guard ever again.

These horrific events should have clarified the true nature of the Mideast conflict.

They didn't, judging from reaction this week to Israel's killing of a **Hamas** terrorist leader.

Dropping a one-ton bomb from an F-16 over Gaza -- inevitably resulting in the death of a large number of innocent civilians -- has rightly been condemned.

It was disproportionate and, therefore, inconsistent with notions of a "just war" pioneered by Catholic thinkers but now the international standard of morality.

Yet, for Canada and European governments, no Israeli military action against terrorists -- no matter how targeted -- is ever considered legitimate.

The U.S. is more than a mite hypocritical in denying parallels with its actions in Kosovo and in Afghanistan.

And **Hamas** -- which over the years has deliberately killed many more innocent **women** and babies than Israel -- has showed its true colours by promising to retaliate in homes and restaurants.

This may come as a surprise to the nine Canadian parliamentarians who reported a few days ago that "the occupation of one people by another is the root cause of Israeli-Palestinian violence."

## Israel stakes its claim

They should understand that when Hamas spokespeople refer to "occupation," they mean that the entire state of Israel should disappear.

Then again, the MPs, headed by Liberal Carolyn Parrish, were sponsored on their May visit to the region by the Mississauga, Ont.-based Palestine House.

Its leader, Rashad Saleh, agreed on a recent CBC CounterSpin program that a state in the West Bank and Gaza was simply stage one of their overall objective.

As to the delegation's contention that the "solution must also give Palestinians the same right to live in peace and security in a Palestinian state formed from the remaining 22 per cent of British Mandate Palestine," they may want to re-do their arithmetic or break open a history book.

Israel and the Palestinians are fighting over what remained of historic Palestine after the British first hived off nearly 80 per cent to create Jordan.

Government pressure on our media to censor Ossama bin Laden's messages -- though they've been widely available in the Arab world -- has clearly been counterproductive. It has only encouraged misperceptions and misunderstanding of the true nature of the conflict.

Critics of U.S. foreign policy are right in stressing the need to discuss the root causes. The issues are complex.

Most of the societies are not open. Reporters come and go.

They think they can get by in Israel with English; few speak enough Arabic to understand what's being said in Gaza mosques, or enough Urdu to speak with students in a Pakistani madrasah.

The left is also right in arguing that these disputes are not about good versus evil, or even about terrorism.

I've never understood why conservatives shy away from acknowledging that the U.S. and Israel are protecting their national interests.

On one point, however, the right has it right. North Americans may not think we're into a clash of civilizations, but bin Laden certainly does, judging from his taped messages. He's talking about events that occurred from 500-1,000 years ago.

Mostly, he's perturbed that, in the wake of First World War, the British and French carved up the Mideast and created a number of states, particularly Israel.

Yet, it is folly to claim that tiny Israel -- two-thirds the size of Vancouver Island -- is the cause of the Arab world's problems.

In fact, it is the scapegoat for the failure of most of the 21 states of the Arab League.

Most Israelis understand they must end the 1967 occupation.

They also know it is not the root of the Mideast conflict.

Arab terrorists first struck in 1921 to thwart the re-assertion of Jewish sovereignty in their ancestral homeland; they continued intermittently until 1948.

Then, five Arab armies waged war against the UN decision to create two states: Israel and Palestine.

Now, as has always been true, the Mideast dispute is about the legitimacy of a Jewish state on territory Muslims consider a waqf -- or exclusive trust.

The depth of the land Israelis will give up depends on the depth of the peace they can count on in return.

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Norman Spector served as ambassador to Israel and Canada's first representative to the Palestinian Authority in Gaza.

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**Profile of Palestinian suicide bombers shifts as Middle East conflict drags on: Larger pool of killers includes non-religious, middle-class kids, sometimes female**

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## **Body**

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DEHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP) -- After the cafe explosion, the bus bombing or the carnage on a crowded Israeli street, the parents of the Palestinian suicide attacker can usually be counted on to express pride and declare their child a martyr headed directly to paradise.

But these days, some parents are more like Ahmed Draghemeh, a middle-class Palestinian electrician whose eyes showed only pain and bafflement.

Until he heard his son's name on television, he said, he had no idea the teenager was planning to blow himself to pieces in order to kill Israelis.

For years, Palestinian suicide attackers have tended to fit a standard profile: a lone, deeply religious youth, probably from a poor family, usually affiliated with a radical group like Hamas or Islamic Jihad.  
Associated Press

As the Israeli-Palestinian conflict drags on, however -- it will reach, later this month, the melancholy milestone of 11/2 years of unabated fighting -- suicide bombers are beginning to depart from long-established norms.

In recent weeks, some attackers have been secular rather than religious, or women instead of men, or appeared politically indifferent, or grew up in an educated, middle-class family that would never have dreamed of such a bloody destiny for their child.

Such was the case with Draghemeh's son Mohammed, 17, who carried out a March 2 attack in a religious neighbourhood of Jerusalem that killed 10 Israelis, including several infants and children.

Mohammed had attended a Christian-run high school in Bethlehem. He was Muslim, but neither he nor his family were religiously observant. His father had never heard him talk about politics or about Israeli soldiers' incursions in and around Bethlehem.

Before he carried out his attack, he -- like many others -- was photographed with an assault rifle and a backpack to be filled with explosives.

Profile of Palestinian suicide bombers shifts as Middle East conflict drags on: Larger pool of killers includes non-religious, middle-class kids, sometimes fema....

His father had nothing to say about shahids -- martyrs-- or paradise, or the Palestinian cause. He said he felt he didn't even know the boy in the picture -- now made into a poster that dots the doors and walls of his refugee camp.

"I cried when I saw it," Draghemeh said, his hands trembling too badly to pour his coffee. "I couldn't believe this was my son, who grew up before my eyes. I never imagined he had in him this despair."

For Israelis, who have died by the scores in suicide attacks, this enlarging of the bomber pool is a nightmare -- one for which Israel blames Palestinian leaders from Yasser Arafat down.

"They sanctify and glorify the shahids," said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "We hear senior officials glorifying the shahids -- Arafat in his own voice has done that."

Most suicide attackers know their families will get financial support from the groups that recruited them.

But many Palestinians, including those who oppose the use of violence, say it is the extremity of their daily plight -- not money or leaders' rhetoric -- that is driving a broader spectrum of Palestinians to suicide missions.

"Ordinary people are thinking extraordinary thoughts, considering extraordinary actions," said Raji Sourani, a prominent Palestinian human rights lawyer in the Gaza Strip. "No one's life is unaffected by what is happening to us."

Among Palestinians, public support for suicide bombings rose sharply after the current conflict broke out in September 2000. But those actually carrying out such attacks were almost exclusively young men associated with Islamic Jihad or **Hamas**, which rule out any kind of peace with Israel.

Many recent attackers, however, have come from the ranks of the Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia drawn from the ranks of Arafat's Fatah faction, which maintains that a negotiated solution with Israel is possible.

The Al Aqsa Brigades sent 21-year-old Dareen Abu Aisheh on a suicide mission last month after **Hamas** turned her down because she was a woman. The student of English literature blew herself up at a military checkpoint in the West Bank, wounding three Israeli paramilitaries.

The families of some attackers know beforehand of their plans -- or at least are aware of their involvement with a radical faction.

The family of Rafat Abu Diyak, who blew himself up on a bus in northern Israel and killed seven passengers Wednesday, believed when he first went missing that he was out with his companions -- comrades from Islamic Jihad.

The 24-year-old man was a devout Muslim from a hard-pressed Palestinian family in the northern West Bank town of Jenin, which was the scene last month of an Israeli offensive ordered by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to search for Palestinian militants.

Abu Diyak's Islamic Jihad handler, Mahmoud Tawalbi, said that when told he was getting a suicide mission, the young man had burst into tears of joy, saying he wanted to avenge the 21 Palestinians killed in that incursion.

"My son will go to heaven," said his father, Tahseen Abu Diyak, a janitor, receiving congratulatory visits at the family home. "He would not have carried out such attacks if not for Sharon's crimes."

Even as Arafat's government sought last week to reopen truce talks with Israel, militants professing loyalty to the Palestinian leader struck again.

## Graphic

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Photo: Mohammed Draghemeh poses with an assault rifle. ZOOM 77

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**Blasts rock Mideast;**  
**Four perish in two separate explosions**

Windsor Star (Ontario)

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## **Body**

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In a pair of bombings Monday, a Palestinian suicide attacker killed two Israeli civilians and wounded 12 in central Israel, including two infants, while two Palestinians died when a car carrying a wanted militant exploded in the West Bank.

Against the backdrop of violence, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government fended off three no-confidence votes in Israel's parliament. Sharon also rejected calls for early elections, saying it would be irresponsible. He was still searching for partners to stabilize his coalition and recapture a majority in the legislature.

AP

In the 81st Palestinian suicide bombing since 2000, the assailant blew himself up in a shopping mall in Kfar Saba, just a short drive to the north of Tel Aviv.

"I went into the mall and in a passageway there was the guy who blew up, in a pool of his own blood," a witness who gave his name as Ron, told Israel Radio.

David Baker, an official in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office, said the attack was "proof that Palestinian terror knows no limits, specializes in cruelty and specifically targets the innocent."

The militant Palestinian group Islamic Jihad -- that has carried out dozens of attacks in the current round of fighting -- claimed responsibility for the bombing. It opposes any peace with Israel.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, two Palestinians were killed -- one of them a wanted **Hamas** militant -- when their car exploded in the middle of the street.

Palestinians immediately blamed the blast on Israel, which has carried out dozens of killings of suspected militants. It appeared the car was booby-trapped and the bomb was detonated by remote control, said Moeen Sakaran, chief of Palestinian intelligence in Nablus.

Hamad Sadder, a member of the **Hamas** military wing who was sought by Israel, was one of the men killed, Palestinian security sources said.

His nephew, Mohammed Bostami carried out last week's suicide attack in a West Bank settlement that killed three Israeli soldiers, Palestinians said. The second man was not immediately identified.



## Blasts rock Mideast; Four perish in two separate explosions

In the southern Gaza Strip, the Israeli army shot and killed a Palestinian man.

In Israel's parliament, Sharon's weakened government managed to withstand a trio of no-confidence votes brought forward by opposition parties seeking to bring down the coalition and force new elections.

Sharon said he opposed early elections, but he also insisted he would not change government policies to accommodate a far-right party whose support he needs to restore his parliamentary majority.

"Taking the nation to immediate elections would be irresponsible," Sharon told legislators from his right-wing Likud party. "I hope everyone acts responsibly and doesn't try to make it difficult for a stable government to function."

After the moderate Labour party quit the coalition last week, Sharon has the support of only 55 of the 120 legislators. Monday's parliament session was filled with political manoeuvring, but at the end of the day, virtually nothing had changed.

## Graphic

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Israeli women arrive at the Meir hospital in the town of Kfar Saba, north of Tel Aviv, Monday. A suicide bomber blew himself up at a shopping mall, killing two Israeli civilians and himself and wounding 12. AP photo: Uriel Sinai

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**Palestinian gunman shoots 16 at bus stop; 2 women die Israeli commandos kill four militants in raid on West Bank bomb lab**

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JERUSALEM - A Palestinian gunman fired on Israelis waiting at a Jerusalem bus stop Tuesday, fatally wounding two people and injuring 14 others. Israeli commandos hours earlier stormed an explosives lab and killed four Islamic militants in the West Bank.

The violence provoked outrage and warnings of retaliation on both sides.

Mideast tensions are again surging after several weeks of relative calm, with the Israelis effectively keeping Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat under house arrest at his West Bank government compound, and militant Palestinians abandoning an informal truce.

The Israelis said they launched Tuesday's commando raid in the West Bank city of Nablus and other pre-emptive operations because Arafat repeatedly refused to act against militants. They also held Arafat responsible for the shooting attack on one of west Jerusalem's busiest streets.

"You can certainly expect an Israeli reaction," said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner. "Israel has done very little until now. Apparently, this was not strong enough medicine and maybe a strong reaction is needed."

But Ahmed Abdel Rahman, the Palestinian Cabinet secretary, said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon "has to blame himself for pushing the Palestinians to react against this continuous aggression."

In the Jerusalem shooting, a Palestinian gunman opened fire with an assault rifle on Israelis waiting in the rain for a bus and walking along one of the city's main arteries, Jaffa Street.

Witness Akiva Harari, 21, said the attacker, wearing a heavy coat, emerged from a parking lot. "I saw him shoot two women and they fell," he said. Police then chased the gunman back into the parking lot, followed by several minutes of sporadic gunfire," Harari said.

"The terrorist tried to run away, but after a short chase, police succeeded in hitting him and killed him," said Jerusalem Police Chief Mickey Levy.

Sixteen people were shot. Two women later died of their wounds, while four others remained in serious condition. In addition, more than 20 people were treated for shock, police and rescue workers said.

Palestinian gunman shoots 16 at bus stop; 2 women die Israeli commandos kill four militants in raid on West Bank bomb lab

The gunman, Saeed Ramadan, was a member of the Al Aqsa Brigades, which is linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, said the man's uncle, Adnan Ramadan. The shooting was retaliation for last week's killing of an Al Aqsa Brigades' leader, sources in the group said.

"We are at war," Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert told Israel television after viewing the carnage. "This war is not taking place in some far-off battleground, but is happening here, at home, in shops, restaurants."

Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for Arafat, said Tuesday on MSNBC that the cycle of violence resulted from the "wicked policy of Sharon" and that the only way to stop the retaliatory attacks was for Sharon to talk to Arafat. Sharon has called Arafat irrelevant.

Pressure grew on Arafat. The U.S. State Department said it was mostly up to the Palestinian leader to stop the violence that has sidetracked peacemaking between the Palestinian Authority and Israel.

"There's no justification for these kinds of attacks; they only kill innocent civilians," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni, who failed in two trips to the region to restore a cease-fire, remained in Washington, his future plans indefinite.

Tuesday's shooting took place near the corner of Jaffa and King George streets, only a few yards from where a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up at a pizzeria in August, killing 15 people.

Meanwhile, the recent series of pre-emptive Israeli military strikes has raised speculation that Israel is trying to bring down Arafat, who has been confined to the West Bank city of Ramallah since early December. Israeli tanks have surrounded Arafat's government compound since last Friday.

On Monday, Israeli troops took over the West Bank town of Tulkarem and arrested at least 11 militants. On Tuesday, the Israelis pulled out of the town after the 30-hour operation, which left one Palestinian dead in a gunbattle.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Israeli incursions into Palestinian territory were meant to halt attacks on Israeli civilians and that Israel had no plans to reoccupy Palestinian-controlled areas.

"We don't have any interest in toppling the Palestinian Authority," Ben-Eliezer said. "We don't have any interest in anything other than protecting the lives of Israeli citizens."

In the Israeli raid in the West Bank town of Nablus early Tuesday, Israeli commandos entered a ground-floor apartment in a nine-story residential building where **Hamas** fugitives were hiding, Palestinian witnesses said.

As the soldiers entered the building, Palestinians set off a bomb and fired at the troops, said Israeli Brig. Gen. Yitzhak Eitan. Four soldiers were lightly wounded, he added.

However, the Palestinian intelligence chief in Nablus, Talak Dweikat, said it appeared the four were killed while sleeping.

Palestinian medics found three bodies lying on a floor covered with mattresses and the fourth in the shower, in a sitting position. The man in the shower was stripped to his underwear and the shower tiles were smeared with blood.

Soldiers found large amounts of explosives in the apartment, and nine suspects were arrested, the army said.

Shortly afterward, more than 2,000 **Hamas** supporters rioted outside Palestinian police headquarters in Nablus, demanding freedom for **Hamas** detainees.

Palestinian gunman shoots 16 at bus stop; 2 women die Israeli commandos kill four militants in raid on West Bank bomb lab

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## **Judge Praises Suicide Bombers**

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Sheikh Hamed Bitawi, one of the Palestinian Authority's senior religious judges, has given his authorization for the participation of women and children in suicide attacks.

He also praised all those who have already fulfilled the "commandment of Jihad."

Mr. Bitawi was appointed head of the appellate courts in Nablus at the establishment of the P.A. in 1995 and has been on Israel's wanted list since the beginning of the intifada.

He is considered an authority on religious edicts for Hamas in the Nablus area. During the past two years, he has encouraged Hamas activists to go the way of Jihad and carry out of suicide attacks against Israel.

Mr. Bitawi told the Islam Online Website that "according to a religious edict and [relying on] the words of Allah: Youths and adults, Make haste. Fight the war of Jihad using your money and [sacrificing] your souls for the way of Allah."

In a special forum dedicated to religious sages and edicts, he said religious sages have pointed out that men, women, and children alike should all follow this route [of Jihad]. "In the era of Muhammad the prophet, the participation of children [in Jihad] was a well-known fact; now we live in this reality in Palestine," he explained.

"We hold a great deal of love towards Jihad and for the sacrifice of one's self in honor of Allah. This situation has brought many children to compete amongst themselves regarding the carrying out of the operations of Jihad and acts of suicide.

"However, many of these acts and operations were unsuccessful, and especially due to the anticipation and forecasting abilities of the enemy. Therefore, the Islamic movement was forced to ask these children to wait patiently and not carry out the suicide acts until they've completed their studies, trained, and learned to act diligently and with caution."

Asked about the religious ruling regarding the participation of women in suicide attacks, Mr. Sheikh Bitawi, who is on the Palestinian Authority's payroll, said:

"The sages have said that when the enemy occupies and conquers a land belonging to Muslims, the Jihad becomes a commandment that must be fulfilled by every Muslim man or woman. A woman can carry out Jihad without her husband's permission. The women in the era of Muhammad the prophet used to take part in Jihad. Women throughout Palestine can participate in a form of Jihad, including suicide terror attacks."

## Judge Praises Suicide Bombers

He said several "blessed women" have already fulfilled their tasks. But he added that women should be patient "because there is a very long queue of men willing to carry out suicide attacks."

He noted that the Palestinian women have shown great examples of willingness to participate in Jihad, following the tradition of the Islamic heroine H'ansa, who sent her four sons to the battle of Kadisiya in the era of Muhammad.

"The public has seen on their television screens how a mother sends her son to carry out Jihad, bids him farewell, and encourages him," Mr. Bitawi said.

"Many mothers and women, after hearing their son was killed, cry out exclamations of happiness and joy. We raise our heads up high in honor of these women."

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**Israeli bus driver describes trying to keep bomber down; Struggle: A man kills himself and a 71-year-old woman after being briefly restrained**

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Pinning down a squirming Palestinian suicide bomber, Israeli bus driver Baruch Neuman pleaded with the man Thursday to abandon his deadly mission.

"We told him, 'We caught you, you can't do anything now,' " said Neuman. The bomber did not reply, and with the bus passengers fleeing to safety and the assailant struggling to get free, Neuman decided to make a run for it himself after several heart-pounding minutes.

The bomber ran too, setting off his explosive charge about 30 yards away, killing himself and a 71-year-old Israeli woman, and wounding four people.

The suicide attack, the first in three weeks in Israel, occurred just before 8 a.m. at a bus stop on a major highway east of Tel Aviv. The drama began when the assailant tried to jump onto a bus packed with soldiers, but slipped and fell backward onto the roadside, apparently because of the weight of the explosives belt, said Tel Aviv Police Chief Yossi Sedbon.

Neuman got off the bus and, along with a female paramedic, began treating the man who they thought had been hurt. They had no idea he was wearing a bomb belt.

"We opened his mouth and the paramedic opened his shirt as part of the routine. She opened two, three buttons and it was enough to see the (explosives) belt and the wires coming out," Neuman said in an interview.

At that moment, a doctor who thought there had been a car accident also arrived to help.

"The doctor and I yelled to everyone: 'Terrorist! Run! Terrorist! Run!' " Neuman said. "We looked around as we held him for a few minutes - just us, him and God - as everyone fled."

Although the bus was packed with soldiers, Neuman said most were unarmed and they ran away rather than approaching the bomber.

Neuman said he spoke to the bomber in Arabic, asking him about his motives and assuring him he would not be hurt if he stopped resisting. The bomber did not respond.

Israeli bus driver describes trying to keep bomber down; Struggle: A man kills himself and a 71-year-old woman after being briefly restrained

"All I could think was, 'Why are you doing this?' " Neuman said. "I looked at him and I saw how determined he was to blow up and it was as if he was a robot who was programmed to blow up."

Neuman, who was unarmed, said he and the doctor finally let go of the bomber when they began to fear for their lives.

The bomber then got up and ran toward a group of people at the bus stop, setting off his charge.

A 71-year-old Israeli woman, Saada Aharon, was killed and four people were wounded, police said. About a dozen others were treated for shock.

The bomber was identified as Rafik Hamad, a 30-year-old **Hamas** member and father of four from the West Bank town of Qalqiliya, a relative said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility from **Hamas**, though the Islamic militant group has said it would avenge an Israeli raid in the Gaza Strip this week in which 16 Palestinians were killed.

## Graphic

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## *Canadian agency worker linked to terrorists: Israel*

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Canada's international development agency is terminating the contract of a British woman who had been detained by Israeli officials in May after trace elements of explosive materials were found in an embassy car transporting her into Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Kristy Wright, director of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives Office in the West Bank city of Ramallah, will not be renewed when her contract expires July 31.

CIDA officials say her contract was due to end on that date and the changed political and humanitarian situation in the West Bank has resulted in a new focus for the Canada Fund, making Wright's position redundant.

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Israeli officials say, however, that Wright is being let go because her boyfriend is a member of a Palestinian terrorist organization and Canadian authorities were notified of his ties after the May 24 incident in which Wright and an unidentified man were interrogated for several hours after Israeli border guards found traces of explosive materials in the car in a routine inspection.

Israeli sources would not specify which organization Wright's boyfriend was a member of, saying only it was either **Hamas** or Islamic Jihad, both of which have claimed responsibility for the majority of the recent suicide attacks in Israel and both of which are on Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

The timing was particularly sensitive because Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham was to arrive in Israel two days later to meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Israeli officials say "a gentleman's agreement" was worked out between Canadian and Israeli authorities in which Wright's boyfriend's links would be kept quiet in exchange for a promise from Canada that Wright would be terminated when her contract expired.

Neither Canadian nor Israeli officials would comment on Wright's relationship, but an Israeli official said the man in question was more than a mere acquaintance. "It was serious enough to draw the conclusion that we had good reason to worry."

CIDA spokesman Steven Morris said the May 24 incident had nothing to do with the decision not to renew Wright's contract.

Reynald Doiron, spokesman for Foreign Affairs, said the department had no comment on Israel's version of events.

## Canadian agency worker linked to terrorists: Israel

Foreign Affairs and Israel say there are no further developments in the case of a Lebanese-born Canadian citizen who has been held by Israel since being arrested June 25 in the West Bank city of Hebron on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack in Israel. Canadian diplomats in Israel have not been granted permission to see the man.

## Correction

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The story included a denial of this explanation by a CIDA spokesman, who said CIDA had eliminated the position because of lack of security in Ramallah.

The story did not include Wright's views. According to Wright, she has never had a personal relationship with a male or **female** member of **Hamas**, Islamic Jihad or any other terrorist organization; she has never transported explosives in her embassy car or allowed others to do so; and she was traveling alone when she was detained by agents of the government of Israel.

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## *Israel imposes total travel ban*

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ISRAEL yesterday enforced a "total ban" on Palestinian travel in much of the West Bank and sealed off a chunk of the Gaza Strip with tanks in response to Palestinian attacks on Israelis that killed 13 people over 24 hours. Defence Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said restrictions on Palestinian movement would be tightened further, and that troops would "maintain a much bigger closure than what we are doing now". The new restrictions were imposed after a bloody 24-hour period in which a Palestinian suicide bomber blew up an Israeli bus and gunmen carried out shooting attacks in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Thirteen people were killed in these attacks, including 11 Israelis, both Jews and Arabs, and two women from the Philippines. Three assailants also died.

Yesterday, a car blew up in northern Israel, killing one person and injuring another. Police and rescue officials said it appeared the dead passenger was a Palestinian militant en route to carrying out an attack. Israeli TV said the driver of the car was an Arab Israeli, who picked up a hitchhiker not knowing he was a militant. The driver was injured.

And last night, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a suspected weapons factory in Gaza City, injuring four people and prompting ambulances to race to the scene, witnesses and rescue officials said. At least three Israeli helicopters were flying over the north-eastern part of Gaza City for about 15 minutes. Three missiles were fired at metal works shop in the Zeitouni neighbourhood, which is known as a hub for the militant group Hamas, witnesses said.

Ben-Eliezer said Israeli security forces have thwarted 90 per cent of planned Palestinian attacks, and have intercepted nearly 140 suicide bombers. The minister did not say over which period the would-be attackers were caught.

Under the new travel ban, Palestinians will not be able to drive in the northern half of the West Bank, between the towns of Nablus, Jenin, Qalqiliya, Tulkarem and Ramallah, the army said. Some movement will be permitted in the southern West Bank, including the towns of Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho.

"We are in a situation of total closure in the area of Samaria," Ben-Eliezer said, using the biblical name for the northern West Bank. "Nobody enters and nobody leaves. There is no movement between the towns and villages." Stringent restrictions on Palestinian travel have been in place since the outbreak of fighting in September 2000, with Palestinians confined to their communities for extended periods as Israeli troops try to prevent terror attacks. Palestinians trying to get to jobs and schools often use dirt roads to get around military checkpoints. The military said Monday's announcement of a "total ban" on Palestinian traffic meant that existing blockades would be strictly enforced. Exemptions would be made in humanitarian cases, the military said.

## Israel imposes total travel ban

In Gaza, about 25 tanks took up positions on the main north-south road, cutting off the southern town of Rafah and an adjacent refugee camp from the rest of the strip. The army said it imposed the blockade to prevent attacks on Israelis. Rafah has been a flashpoint of violence.

Palestinian attacks on Israelis have killed 27 people since an Israeli air strike on July 22 killed **Hamas** militant Salah Shehadeh and nine children in Gaza.

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**Bomb kills 11, wounds dozens in Israel: Suicide attacker strikes trendy cafe, until last night 'the only safe place in Jerusalem'**

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JERUSALEM -- Striking Jerusalem's trendiest cafe, a suicide bomber unleashed a powerful explosion that killed 11 people and wounded 52 last night just 100 metres from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's official residence. Mr. Sharon was not home at the time.

Two hours earlier, two Palestinian gunmen had opened fire on cars and pedestrians in the seaside city of Netanya, killing a baby girl and wounding 50 more people before being shot dead themselves.

The 10:30 p.m. Jerusalem blast ripped to shreds a small cafe called Moment, where artists, students and members of the city's media often gather. Unlike downtown attacks, it occurred on a smaller commercial street near an upscale neighbourhood.

"There was a huge explosion, simply atomic," said one of the cafe's patrons, who only gave his first name, Eran. Knight-Ridder; with files from Citizen News Services

"There was smoke everywhere and an acrid smell of gunpowder. People were screaming. I've never seen anything like it in my life."

Israel reacted early this morning by slamming 35 missiles, launched from helicopters and gunboats, into Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's office building in the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Arafat has not been in the office, which was empty last night, in three months. Israeli troops also bulldozed the house of a wanted **Hamas** member, Adnan Al Ghoul, also in Gaza.

Israeli forces began house-to-house searches near Rafa in southern Gaza, according to Palestinian media, and shortly after midnight Israeli radio and TV reported that Israeli helicopters had targeted Palestinian militant Abdel Karim Aweis in Ramallah but killed his brother instead.

The police late yesterday issued a high-level alert for Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, warning that terrorist cells were preparing additional attacks. The double attack yesterday clearly unnerved this ancient city and, sometime after midnight, triggered false alarms of bombings in two other neighbourhoods. Search helicopters clattered overhead into the early hours this morning, as Israeli cabinet ministers gathered for an emergency session amid calls for all-out war against the Palestinians.

## Bomb kills 11, wounds dozens in Israel : Suicide attacker strikes trendy cafe, until last night 'the only safe place in Jerusalem'

After inspecting the scene of carnage at the Jerusalem cafe last night, Interior Minister Eli Yishai said: "We must keep up the attacks by land, sea and air until they ask for a ceasefire."

In Jerusalem, where there have been almost constant warnings of imminent terrorist attacks, many people continue to try to live some semblance of a normal life, including going out to restaurants and cafes. So the Moment cafe, a trendy place of blond wood furniture and tall seats at the bar, was thronged, with a long line of people at the door waiting to get in. That was where the suicide bomber, triggered a thunderous explosion around 10:30 p.m.

"The suicide bomber stood at the entrance behind the door. There was a great explosion. All the people sitting next to the bar were hit," said one of the cafe's waitresses.

"The force pushed us to the floor," said Ran Yaacoby, an Israeli diplomat. "I grabbed a table and put it on top of us. I helped a woman to get out the window. I looked for a woman friend, and I saw her wandering around with blood on her. She stumbled over bodies on the ground."

The attack took place at the end of the Sabbath, a time when the area typically fills with people. Sundown Saturdays has become a deadly time in Israel.

A week ago, a suicide bomber killed seven people after wading into a crowd leaving a bar mitzvah in an ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

Yoni Armon, 21, an Israeli who was at the cafe when the suicide bomber struck, was uninjured by the blast but stunned nonetheless. "There's nowhere to go, they can get you in your home now," he said. "Our friends, all we wanted was to go out for a coffee."

The militant Islamic group **Hamas** took responsibility for the blast, and said the bombing was carried out by Fuad Ismail Hourani, a young student enrolled at a teacher's college in Ramallah. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an armed militia associated with Mr. Arafat's Fatah movement, said it carried out the shooting in Netanya, which was at least the sixth attack there since the current round of violence erupted here in September 2000.

For hour after hour, Israeli television showed the carnage, cutting back and forth from the blood-spattered victims of the shooting attack at two hotels near the beach in Netanya to the gutted remains of the popular cafe.

Rarely in the long history of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has their mutual capacity for inflicting suffering and death been so garishly displayed as in the last 48 hours. Adolescents, children, mothers and grandparents have been among the casualties on both sides, and there was every indication of more bloodshed to come.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, Palestinians celebrated news of the attacks, which many regarded as just revenge for the devastating Israeli attacks against Palestinians in recent days. In Gaza, motorists began honking their horns as the attack was announced on radio. Within minutes, **Hamas** was blaring the news by loudspeaker across the city, and people began surging through the streets in a spontaneous rally.

**Hamas** leaders promised more violence. "It's logical, from a people of dignity who have been bombed and massacred every day," said Mahmoud Zahar, a **Hamas** spokesman. "There will be bigger reactions."

In the Netanya attack, the gunmen, armed with rifles and grenades, began firing around 8:30 p.m. near the city's boardwalk and hotel strip, according to Israeli media reports.

Police shot and killed the gunmen, one of whom had been wearing a police uniform, but also shot an Israeli citizen they mistook for a third gunman, according to the Ha'aretz newspaper's Web site.

The suicide bombing and the shootings cast a dark cloud over U.S. efforts to resuscitate peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Bomb kills 11, wounds dozens in Israel : Suicide attacker strikes trendy cafe, until last night 'the only safe place in Jerusalem'

U.S. envoy Anthony C. Zinni, a retired marine general, is due to begin a peace mission this week. Vice-president Dick Cheney is scheduled to leave today on a Middle East trip that administration officials hope will buttress President George W. Bush's war against terrorism and win support for the administration's efforts to oust Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein.

But U.S. officials late yesterday conceded that the suicide bombing will make all three objectives -- a ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians, support for the war on terrorism and backing for a move against Saddam Hussein -- much harder to achieve.

Even before the Palestinian attacks last night, Israeli forces were reported to be massing near the Palestinian city of Qalqilya, in the northern West Bank. Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships struck Palestinian targets in the Gaza Strip and at least three West Bank cities, Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron.

Earlier yesterday, Israeli forces were in action in the Palestinian-controlled West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In a daylong series of military actions, Israel staged four airstrikes in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, bulldozed homes and shot dead two Palestinians, including a 15-year-old girl, in refugee camps, Palestinians said.

Perhaps the largest Israeli army raid was in Deheishe, a refugee camp of 8,000 Palestinians just south of Bethlehem. After cutting off the camp earlier in the day, Israeli forces swept in at dusk, badly damaging a Palestinian cultural centre, kindergarten and Internet facility at the entrance and moving into the camp's warren of tangled streets and alleyways.

There was little resistance. Most of the young men and armed militants had slipped away earlier, leaving mainly the camp's women, children and elderly residents in their homes when the Israeli troops raided. Just north of the camp, in the biblical town of Bethlehem, knots of Palestinian fighters congregated in the town centre within a mile of Nativity Square.

The army also detained an estimated 250 Palestinian men for interrogation in the Tulkarem refugee camp in West Bank. It was the second straight day of mass detentions in Tulkarem, which provoked widespread anger among Palestinians. The town is just inside the West Bank and only 16 kilometres from the scene of the hotel shooting in Israel.

The army also said that its search of the camp uncovered 10 Qassam rockets capable of hitting nearby Israeli towns.

Also, Israeli warplanes and helicopters fired missiles at two Palestinian security buildings in Gaza City and at two Palestinian government complexes in Nablus in the West Bank. Seven people were injured in one of the Gaza strikes, hospital officials said.

Israeli tanks and bulldozers moved into a neighbourhood near Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, flattening seven homes, witnesses said. The Israeli army said Palestinians have repeatedly used the buildings to fire on Israeli troops.

In the Gaza Strip, a car carrying Israelis came under fire from Palestinian gunmen, and two Israelis jumped out of the car and returned fire, an Israeli military source said.

An Israeli army jeep speeding to the scene thought the two Israelis were Palestinian gunmen and intentionally ran down one of the Israelis, killing him, the military source said.

## Graphic

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Bomb kills 11, wounds dozens in Israel : Suicide attacker strikes trendy cafe, until last night 'the only safe place in Jerusalem'

Photo: Inbal Rose, The Associated Press; Patrons inside the Moment cafe are seen through smoke seconds after an explosion in downtown Jerusalem yesterday. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in the crowded garden cafe near Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's official residence. Jerusalem police reports said at least 11 people were killed and more than 50 wounded, several critically.; Photo: Charles Dharapak, The Associated Press; Hundreds of Palestinians fill the streets of Gaza City to celebrate the latest suicide attacks in Jerusalem early this morning.

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## **INFILTRATOR KILLS 3 ISRAELI TEEN-AGERS**

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JERUSALEM -- A gunman sneaked onto the grounds of an Orthodox Jewish high school in the West Bank late Tuesday and killed three teen-agers, even as Israeli troops continued their daily raids into Palestinian towns.

The man shot and killed three Israeli students outside a high school in the settlement of Itamar, near the Palestinian city of Nablus, settlers and rescue service officials said. The attacker was shot and killed by the settlement's security chief.

Hezi Katoa, a rescue service worker, told Israel Radio he found one student hit by a number of bullets in the chest, and then two more "lying behind the building with bullet wounds all over their bodies." All three were dead at the scene, he said.

A few hours earlier, an Israeli motorist was killed and another wounded in a shooting attack, apparently by a Palestinian gunman, near the Jewish settlement of Ofra, said rescue services spokesman Yeruham Mandola.

The violence accompanied repeated Israeli incursions into Palestinian towns in the West Bank.

Late Tuesday, Israeli soldiers entered Beitunia, a suburb of the West Bank town of Ramallah, Palestinians said, and surrounded the house of a prominent **Hamas** leader. However, the leader, Hassan Yussuf, was not there. The Israeli military had no comment.

In another development, Israel launched the spy satellite Ofek-5, displaying advanced missile capabilities and restoring a military eye in the sky after its last spy satellite burned up in the atmosphere about a year ago.

Defense Ministry spokesman Yarden Vatikay confirmed it was sent into space from a seaside Israeli air force base. It was launched by a Shavit missile, related to the long-range Jericho ground-to-ground missile. Foreign experts have said the Jericho can carry a nuclear warhead; Israeli officials have not commented on that.

Israel's latest sweep in the West Bank came after a Palestinian blew himself up outside an ice cream parlor and cafe crowded with **women** and children in a Tel Aviv suburb Monday, killing Ruth Peled, 56, and her 18-month-old granddaughter, Sinai Kenaan.

The Al Aqsa Brigades, linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility and identified the bomber as Jihad Titi, 18, a cousin of a leading Al Aqsa militant Mahmoud Titi, who was killed in an Israeli tank attack last week.

## INFILTRATOR KILLS 3 ISRAELI TEEN-AGERS

On Tuesday, troops in armored personnel carriers and jeeps drove into Jenin and a nearby refugee camp at about 3 a.m. and left by midday. They arrested eight, including the local leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas, Rami Awad. Soldiers also searched an Islamic school, seizing computer disks, residents said.

There were heavy exchanges of fire with Palestinian gunmen.

In one incident, a 55-year-old Palestinian civilian, who had come out of his home to watch the fighting, was shot in the leg before dawn Tuesday, witnesses said.

Israeli troops opened fire on an ambulance trying to retrieve the wounded man, witnesses said; the army said it was checking that report.

## Graphic

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Karel Prinsloo/The Associated Press \* An Israeli soldier patrols Manger Square with the Church of the Nativity in the background on Tuesday while the Israeli army continued its sweep through the West Bank town of Bethlehem for the second day.

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1. CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY: Deal ends siege The 5 1/2-week standoff at the Church of the Nativity ended with a complex deal to scatter 13 Palestinian militants among up to eight countries. The arrangement reached with European negotiators cleared the way for Israeli forces to withdraw from Bethlehem.

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2. SUICIDE BOMBING: Israel readies attack Israel massed troops and tanks for a possible attack against **Hamas** militants inside the Gaza Strip after a suicide bomber attacked a suburban Tel Aviv billiard parlor. **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the attack that killed 15 Israelis and injured about 60.

3. MAILBOX PIPE BOMBS: Student arrested Luke Helder, 21, was charged in Reno, Nev., with planting 18 pipe bombs loaded with BBs, paper clips and Christmas tree bulbs in mailboxes in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. Six exploded, injuring four letter carriers and two residents.

4. DUTCH CANDIDATE SLAIN: Activist charged Pim Fortuyn (right), 54, an anti-immigrant candidate for Dutch prime minister who was openly gay, was shot dead as he walked to his car from a radio interview. Volkert van der Graaf, 32, an environmental activist and animal rights advocate, was charged with the slaying.

5. DOWNED AIRLINERS: Two crashes kill 159 All 112 people aboard were killed in the crash of a China Northern Airlines into a bay at Dalian at the end of China's weeklong Labor Day holiday. In another crash the same day, 47 of 62 people aboard an EgyptAir flight survived a crash in Tunisia.

6. RUSSIAN PARADE: At least 42 dead A bomb ripped through a military parade in southwest Russia, killing at least 42 people, including 13 children. Another 130 were hospitalized. It was the deadliest terror attack in Russia since a string of apartment bombings in September 1999.

7. **SUSPECTED TERRORISTS:** Hundreds detained Pakistani authorities rounded up nearly 300 suspects while U.S. and French investigators searched for links between al-Qaida terrorists and the bombing of a shuttle bus in Karachi that killed 14 people, including 11 French engineers.

8. **COLOMBIAN BATTLEGROUND:** Troops secure village A week after a devastating battle between leftist rebels and an outlawed paramilitary group, the Colombian military finally secured the village of Bella Vista, where 117 civilians, including some 40 children, were killed during the bombardment of a church.

9. **FRENCH PRIME MINISTER:** Conservative picked Jean-Pierre Raffarin, a conservative senator, was named France's prime minister after President Jacques Chirac won a record 82 percent of the vote against ultra-rightist Jean-Marie Le Pen. Michele Alliot-Marie became France's first **female** defense minister.

10. **SEX ABUSE CHARGES;** Cardinal deposed Boston Cardinal Bernard Law said in a deposition that he didn't recall letters accusing now-defrocked priest John Geoghan of sex abuse. The deposition was ordered in a lawsuit filed by 86 people who say Law failed to protect children from Geoghan.

This week Former President Jimmy Carter meets with President Fidel Castro in Cuba. Tuesday: NATO foreign ministers meet in Iceland. Wednesday: Elections in the Netherlands. Wednesday: 55th annual Cannes International Film Festival begins. Friday: Irish Parliament elections.

By the numbers \$114 million: "Spider-Man" opening-weekend take \$75,170: Stolen from Alpharetta theater last weekend \$1.74 million: Paid at auction for two Jerry Garcia guitars \$52 to \$252: Tickets for Paul McCartney concert

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## **IRAQ: THE AFTERMATH: PALESTINIAN FAMILIES MOURN PASSING OF SADDAM'S DONATIONS FOR SUICIDE BOMBERS AND MARTYRS'**

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**Byline:** JUSTIN HUGGLER IN BEIT HANOUN, GAZA Members of the radical Palestinian group Hamas were passionate supporters of Saddam Hussein AP; A Palestinian, right, greets the Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, as he receives money from an Iraqi representative in Gaza City AP

### **Body**

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WITH THE fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq, the flow of millions of dollars that the Iraqi leader sent to support the Palestinian intifada has abruptly ended.

The man who used to distribute Saddam's money, Ibrahim Za'anin, lives in Beit Hanoun, in the Gaza Strip near the border with Israel. You would not think from his humble bungalow that \$ 12.5m (pounds 7.7m) passed through his hands. But appearances can be deceptive in the Gaza Strip.

In the hot sun, Beit Hanoun is a sleepy place but at night there are regular gun battles between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian militants, and residents have taken to sleeping outside the town at night to avoid the violence.

The \$ 12.5m is just Saddam's donations to the Gaza Strip since the intifada broke out in September 2000. Mr Za'anin said he thought as much again had been sent to Palestinians in the West Bank.

Saddam set aside about 20 per cent of Iraqi revenue under the oil-for- food programme for the Palestinians, according to Mr Za'anin. Contrary to the claims of the US and the Israelis, not all the money was sent to support suicide bombing.

Although a considerable proportion did go to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers, millions were also sent to the families of innocent Palestinian civilians killed in Israeli military operations - something that happens almost daily in the occupied territories.

It is not clear whether Saddam also sent money to the Palestinian militant groups which carry out suicide bombings. If he did, Mr Za'anin did not handle that money.

"The last time we distributed the money was on 21 March," said Mr Za'anin. The Iraqi regime placed the money in a bank account controlled by Mr Za'anin and he personally distributed it. That account is empty now.

He said: "No more money is coming from Iraq. The situation there is very difficult, the money came from Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Baath party. Now the US wants to help Israel to end the intifada."

## IRAQ : THE AFTERMATH: PALESTINIAN FAMILIES MOURN PASSING OF SADDAM'S DONATIONS FOR SUICIDE BOMBERS AND MARTYRS'

The money was distributed by the Arab Liberation Front (ALF), a pro-Iraqi Palestinian Baathist group, which has not been involved in carrying out any suicide bombings or other militant attacks. Mr Za'anin is the representative in Gaza.

He explained a simple tariff used by the Iraqis. The family of a suicide bomber would get \$ 25,000. The family of a "martyr" - that is any Palestinian killed in the fighting, whether they were armed militants or innocent civilians - got \$ 10,000. Saddam also sent money to Palestinians whose houses were demolished by the Israeli army; the amount was calculated based on the value of the house.

Many observers condemned Saddam for sending money to the Palestinians while Iraqis starved. Not Mr Za'anin. "Saddam Hussein felt he had a responsibility to help the Palestinians," he said. "That is exactly why the Americans acted against Iraq and Saddam.

"Saddam's support was also moral support: the message was 'You are not alone in fighting'. Now the Palestinian people will continue fighting without Iraq's money."

Mr Za'anin also explained how Palestinians were selected to receive Saddam's money. He drew up a list of candidates that was then vetted by the ALF and representatives of Fatah, the dominant Palestinian faction, led by Yasser Arafat.

The whole operation, from drawing up the list to distributing the money, was mirrored in West Bank cities by Mr Za'anin's ALF colleagues.

Getting the money to the ALF bank accounts past the tight sanctions against Saddam's Iraq was difficult. Sometimes Jordanian banks broke the sanctions and transferred the money from Iraq. On other occasions, private businessmen based in Western countries visited Iraq and picked up the money, depositing it in a bank outside the country to be then transferred to the Palestinian accounts.

The ALF also relied on those visiting Iraq to communicate with Saddam's regime, Mr Za'anin said. The telephones in Gaza are connected to the Israeli exchange. They could be easily monitored and it was not always possible to get a connection.

Like many Palestinians, Saddam drew no distinction between the innocent Palestinian victims killed in Israeli military operations and the suicide bombers: all were "martyrs" for the Palestinian cause. That left a moral question mark over the recipients of Saddam's money. US soldiers in Baghdad condemned the ALF for distributing money to Palestinian "terrorists".

But few people could be less deserving of the description "terrorists" than the Matar family in Gaza City, who received \$ 70,000 from Saddam's regime. Their house lies in the packed warren of civilian houses where, last July, the Israeli military dropped a one-ton bomb at night. The target of the bomb - a Hamas leader - was killed. So were nine Palestinian children. The Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, described the bombing as a "success".

Five of those children were members of the Matar family. The youngest, Rami, was two months old. Two women from the family died too, one of them aged 70. Their home was completely destroyed. The head of the family, Mohammed Matar, is still grieving, though the bombing was almost a year ago. It was his grandchildren who were killed.

At first, when asked about Saddam's money, all he could say was: "Saddam Hussein is gone." There was a note of despair in his voice and he sat staring at the ground.

To these people, the deposed dictator was a hero. In their hour of greatest need, it was Saddam who helped them. "Of course I'm not happy about what happened to Saddam Hussein in Iraq," he said. "He did something good for us."

## IRAQ : THE AFTERMATH: PALESTINIAN FAMILIES MOURN PASSING OF SADDAM'S DONATIONS FOR SUICIDE BOMBERS AND MARTYRS'

His daughter Maher, 22, added: "He was a friend to the Palestinians and to all the Arabs. If a Palestinian family lose their house now there will be no money. The Palestinian Authority cannot pay."

The Matar family house was rebuilt with international donations, but to furnish it and replace their possessions, they used Saddam's money. They also lived off the money while the house was rebuilt, using it to pay rent in temporary accommodation.

But some of Saddam's money also went to the families of suicide bombers. Some also went to the families of militants like Abdul Karim Shabaat. The group Shabaat belonged to, **Hamas**, has killed scores of innocent Israelis in suicide bombings, although Shabaat himself did not kill any civilians. He died in an attack on members of the Israeli Border Police, a military-style unit, at the Gaza Strip border.

His family received \$ 10,000 from the Iraqi regime. They were among the last recipients: they were paid in the hand-out on 21 March.

Now Shabaat's father, an officer in the Palestinian security forces, dedicates much of his time to maintaining the memory of his son in a house a few blocks from Mr Za'anin's bungalow in Beit Hanoun. The living room is decorated with murals of the dead 18-year-old, an assault rifle cradled in his arms, backed with aluminum foil and fairy lights.

Mr Shabaat is also making a video of his son, with excerpts from his funeral. In the depressed Gaza Strip, with its economy all but destroyed and with the repeated Israeli army incursions, there is little to do with your free time but dwell on the memory of the dead.

"What happened to Saddam is a tragedy for the Palestinian people and for the Arab nation," said Mr Shabaat.

"Saddam was a good Arab leader because he was supporting the Palestinians. You could see the Iraqis on the television hitting his face with a shoe. That is not a good thing." He shook his head.

But one thing is clear. The millions have stopped coming now, and, after the Shabaats, there will be no more recipients of Saddam's money.

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**Five Palestinian suicide bombers foiled by Israel;  
Failed attacks suggest Palestinians are employing new tactics aimed at  
dividing nation, say Israeli security forces**

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ISRAELI security forces foiled five suicide bombers on Sunday night, capturing three of them alive, as Palestinian organisations, employing new tactics, stepped up their efforts to strike at targets in the Occupied Territories and in Israel itself.

Two would-be bombers were killed inside Israel after a policeman in a patrol car noticed that their car's licence plate did not match the type of vehicle they were driving.

When ordered to halt, one Palestinian emerged from the car, threw a pipe bomb and opened fire. He was shot, while the other drove off.

A 16-km car chase ended when a police bullet detonated a large bomb inside the vehicle being pursued.

Responsibility for the foiled terrorist attempt was claimed by the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

A spokesman for the brigade said the two dead men intended to carry out an attack on an Israeli army base, Camp 80, used for the training of **women** soldiers.

Israeli spokesmen said one would-be bomber was captured near the West Bank city of Ramallah as he was on his way to Jerusalem, and two others were seized between Ramallah and the Palestinian city of Nablus.

No details were given as to their identities or intended targets. However, the Israeli defence establishment believes it has detected a shift in the targeting policies of Palestinian militant organisations - aiming for military personnel and settlers instead of Israel's civilian population.

A senior security official said: 'Until now, the attacks in the heart of the country have created a sense of national unity, a feeling that the threat was the same in the West Bank and Tel Aviv. Now the terrorists are turning back to the territories.'

Using two-man suicide missions was also a new approach.



Five Palestinian suicide bombers foiled by Israel ; Failed attacks suggest Palestinians are employing new tactics aimed at dividing nation, say Israeli security....

He noted that one of Sunday's intended targets inside Israel was an army camp, while an attack in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba two weeks ago targeted soldiers at a cafe outside an army headquarters.

On Saturday night, a suicide bomber penetrated an Israeli settlement and blew himself up in a shopping area, killing two teenagers.

Senior West Bank Palestinian security official Jibril Rajoub reflected this new approach when he called on militant organisations to avoid attacking targets inside Israel.

The two bombers killed on Sunday night had planned a multi-stage suicide attack. They had rifles and pipe bombs which they intended to use at the beginning of their operation. At least one of them also had a bomb strapped to his body, while the car itself was booby-trapped so as to cause havoc after their deaths.

Separately, Palestinian officials in Gaza City have charged that Israel has moved to establish buffer zones on Palestinian land in the Gaza Strip as a protective measure following the use of home-made Kassam-2 rockets in attacks two weeks ago by militants in the **Hamas** group.

The rockets have a range of 10-12 km and thus bring Israeli population centres within **Hamas**' range.

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## *Bush patience wears thin with defiant Sharon*

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TENSIONS are rising between the US and Israel after an irate George W. Bush yesterday stepped up his demand for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli military forces from Palestinian territories.

As Israeli troops defied Mr Bush's calls last Thursday to end their anti-terrorism offensive, the US President issued a second public call to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, followed by a 20-minute phone call to express his "deep concern".

Mr Sharon has defied the US on several issues recently, including whether to allow Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to attend the summit of the Arab League.  
AFP

The Israeli leader promised yesterday to speed up the offensive -- but not end it -- saying Israel was aware "of the American desire to see the operation ended quickly".

But an Israeli army spokesman said no orders had been received to conclude or speed up the offensive, in which infantry forces and tanks have invaded cities and villages across the West Bank and conducted house-to-house sweeps. Heavy fighting continued in Jenin and Nablus yesterday.

Israel claimed a major victory with the killing on Friday of the **Hamas** agent held responsible for the Passover-eve suicide bombing in Netanya in which 26 people were killed.

Kayes Adwan, 25, was killed with five other **Hamas** militants in a village near Nablus. He was allegedly responsible for several major suicide attacks that claimed the lives of dozens of Israelis in recent weeks.

Israeli officials say they have arrested about 1200 Palestinians, of whom more than 400 were on their wanted list for terrorist and guerilla activities.

Palestinian information minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said 35 Palestinians, including **women** and children, were killed at the weekend in Jenin refugee camp, which Israel says is a haven for militants.

Twelve Israeli soldiers have been killed in operation Defence Wall, seven in Jenin.

At a joint press conference at his Crawford ranch with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Mr Bush was testy over the continued Israeli action.

## Bush patience wears thin with defiant Sharon

"My words to Israel are the same as they were a couple of days ago -- withdraw without delay," he said.

Mr Bush stressed he was worried that continued operations would put in jeopardy the prospects of peace.

"And I don't expect them to ignore, I expect Israel to heed my advice, and I expect Palestinians to reject terror in the Arab world."

Mr Bush made it clear his decision last week to fully engage in the Middle East crisis by dispatching Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region would not get in the way of his plan to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

General Powell is due in the region mid-week, but it remains unclear whether he will meet Mr Arafat, who held talks on Friday with US peace envoy Anthony Zinni.

However, without Arab support, a planned US strike against Mr Hussein would be more difficult.

Mr Blair joined his host in stressing the Iraqi leader remained at risk, but sounded more cautious.

"The threat is real," he said of Mr Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. "How we deal with it, that's a matter we discuss."

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*The woman 'martyr':  
First female suicide bomber targets Jerusalem shoppers*

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A PALESTINIAN student became the first woman to carry out a suicide bombing in Jerusalem yesterday.

She blew herself upon a busy shopping street, killing an 81-year-old Israeli man and injuring more than 100.

Palestinian sources said the bomber was Shahnaz Amouri, a student from Al-Najar University in Nablus, a Hamas hotbed which has produced five suicide bombers in recent months.

But the death of a female in such an attack is a dramatic departure Palestinian extremist organisations have previously banned women bombers in Israel.

Extremist Islamic groups led by Islamic Jihad and Hamas have carried out more than 100 suicide attacks in the last three years.

These groups do not allow women into their inner circles, reflecting the position of religious Moslem women as homemakers, but recently radical young Moslem women have begun volunteering for what they see as martyrdom.

Yesterday's attack has sent shock waves through the Islamic world and will also trigger an urgent reassessment of Israeli security precautions.

Until now Israeli forces have not regarded Arab women as potential suicide terrorists.

The job of Israel's police in preventing attacks whilst maintaining free access to Jerusalem will be twice as difficult in the wake of this latest outrage.

This latest atrocity may also signal the end of Yasser Arafat's acceptance in the corridors of world diplomacy.

Special U.S. peace envoy Anthony Zinni went further, describing him as an inveterate liar and comparing him to a mafia boss at a private meeting with Jewish leaders in Washington.

The bomber blew herself up in the Jaffa Road, the main street of Jerusalem, which has been the target of terror attacks on 11 occasions since February 1996, when a suicide bomber killed 26.

Since then the death toll has reached 97.

## The woman 'martyr'; First female suicide bomber targets Jerusalem shoppers

The road, lined with restaurants, stalls, and stores leading toward to the massive Jaffa Gate entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem, makes it a prime target.

Last August, a suicide bomber killed 15 people outside the Sbarro pizzeria, only 50 yards from the site of yesterday's atrocity.

A similar distance away again was the site of a double suicide bombing eight weeks ago which killed 11 teenage boys.

Last Tuesday, a Palestinian gunman killed two women at a bus stop on the highway, before being shot dead.

Yesterday two police officers on patrol for suspicious activity were said to be among the injured.

They may have approached the bomber, causing her to detonate the charge which was studded with nails and metal objects.

Among those hurt was 43-year-old American Mark Sokolow, who was evacuated from the World Trade Centre in New York during the September 11 attacks. Mr Sokolow, visiting Israel from Long Island, was in a shoe store to collect a package from a cousin when the suicide bomber struck.

He was being treated in hospital last night.

The Palestinian Authority condemned the attack, but it seemed likely to increase Mr Arafat's isolation.

President Bush said he was 'very disappointed' with the Palestinian leader's failure to 'rout out' terror in the Middle East.

## Graphic

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CARNAGE AND CHAOS: POLICE EXAMINE THE BODY OF THE SUICIDE BOMBER WHO INJURED MORE THAN 100 IN A BUSY SHOPPING STREET IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY

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***Building of mosque cancelled; Pope accused of pressuring Israel on  
Nazareth site***

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Pope John Paul II was yesterday accused of tampering with the highly combustible relationship between Israel and its Muslim minority by successfully convincing the Israeli government to halt construction of a mosque in Nazareth.

The row detonated as the pontiff yesterday made a plea for Middle East peace during a wide-ranging annual "state of the world" address to diplomats gathered in the Vatican, in which he described the region as a "land of fire and blood".

But, at ground zero, the conflict was deteriorating on several fronts.  
The Independent, London

The Israeli army collectively punished Palestinian residents in the south of the occupied Gaza Strip by flattening more than 60 homes in the desperately poor and overcrowded Rafah refugee camp.

The destruction, which drew tepid criticism from the United States, was in retaliation for Wednesday's killing of four Bedouin soldiers from the Israeli army by two **Hamas** suicide gunmen, both from Rafah.

More than 100 residents fled before dawn in pouring rain and heavy mud as a dozen tanks and bulldozers smashed up their houses in one of the army's largest wrecking missions of the intefadeh.

The picture grew bleaker still yesterday as the military wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad declared that it was scrapping its agreement with Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian Authority not to mount attacks in Israel.

The group has been responsible for numerous suicide attacks -- second only to the far larger **Hamas**. The statement raises the spectre of more.

Meanwhile -- inside Israel itself, where relations between the state and the Israeli Arab minority are at an all-time low -- Islamic leaders were fuming over the government's decision to stop the Nazareth mosque, and blaming the Pope for making the region still more volatile.

The large mosque -- a source of intense inter-religious strife and past violence -- is being erected beside the Basilica of the Annunciation, the biggest church in the Middle East which marks the place where Christians believe the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.

### Building of mosque cancelled; Pope accused of pressuring Israel on Nazareth site

Israel's security cabinet on Wednesday suspended construction -- which was approved by the previous Israeli government -- after pressure from Christian leaders, particularly the Vatican.

The latter recently stated that the mosque would place one of Christianity's most important shrines in a "permanent state of siege." When the mosque's cornerstone was laid in November 1999, the Holy Land's Christian churches closed for two days in protest; the Pope threatened to cancel his millennium year visit to Israel.

Israel's security cabinet has appointed a committee to investigate an alternative site. Israel's Islamic leaders are furious. Muslims consider the current site to mark the sacred tomb of Shihab a-Din, a nephew of Saladin, the legendary commander of the Muslim army who seized Jerusalem from the Crusaders in the 12th century.

The dispute has flared up at a time when relations between Israel's one million Arabs and the Jewish majority are at their lowest point, corroded by the ill feeling generated by the intefadeh in the neighbouring occupied Palestinian territories, and also the unresolved killing of 13 Israeli Arabs by Israeli police in October 2000.

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Photo: Jockel Finck, the Associated Press; Two unidentified women sit on rubble after dozens of homes in Rafah were bulldozed by the Israelis.

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## Letters

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Peace process 'led to Hamas bombings'

Pru Sheaves (Letters, June 21) wrote that Hamas abstained from terrorism during the Oslo peace process. There were more than 20 suicide bombings during the period of the Oslo peace process (1993-2000), resulting in more than 100 innocent Israeli deaths.

In fact, Hamas resorted to suicide bombings because of the peace process. Their aims have nothing in common with those of peacemakers. Their aim is simple to kill or expel every Jew from every inch of Israel, regardless.

Terror will only be stopped in three ways: if Israel commits suicide, if the Palestinian authority arrests all the terrorists, or if Israel unilaterally acts against them until the terrorist infrastructure is destroyed. Since the first two aren't happening anytime soon, Israel unfortunately has to do the third.

Gavin Shapiro,

Bellevue Hill, June 21.

If the Arabs put down their weapons and the Jews put down their weapons ... together ... we'd be in a very different world. Can't we please drag that world a little closer? Tears of grief and rage taste the same regardless of whose eyes shed them.

David Wilkins,

Norwood (SA), June 21.

Pay our nurses

As our politicians seem totally dedicated to economic rationalism today, the solution to the shortage of nurses is extremely simple. If there are many nurses trained but who don't want to do the job at the current wages, increase their wages. This would seem to be a better and more permanent solution to the problem than poaching overseas nurses, who are only going to have a subsidised holiday in Australia then return from whence they came and who could blame them?

We are continually told that CEOs and IT staff must be paid high salaries to induce them to take up positions. Why should it be different with nurses?



## Letters

Jack Haley,

Coogee, June 21.

The Carr Government is spending millions on recruiting overseas nurses which are also in short supply when they could easily begin to solve the reason so many Australian nurses are leaving the profession. Just use the millions to give the Aussie nurses a decent pay rise.

Louise Hay, Fran Gates, Rita Forbes, Liza Nery, Barbara Gates,

Killara, June 20.

Tourette's and choice

Regarding the news article "Tourette's murderer jailed for nine years" (Herald, June 21), people who suffer from the anxiety disorder called obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) feel very strong urges to engage in unwanted behaviours, usually washing or checking.

These unwanted behaviours may include violent actions such as stabbing or hitting people, usually loved ones. By definition, people with OCD find these urges distressing and wrong.

In my extensive experience treating and researching OCD, I am not aware of a single OCD sufferer who has ever carried out an unwanted violent urge.

I am less familiar with Tourette's Disorder, but understand the involuntary movements can often be controlled when necessary. OCD does not make people dangerous so I sincerely hope the general public does not think otherwise. Let's not confuse antisocial behaviour with genuine illness.

The murderer had voluntarily obtained a gun and was there by choice.

Heidi Sumich,

Clinical psychologist,

Glebe, June 21.

We all matter

In 2002 I am amazed that in the reportage of a terrorist attack or some such hideous crime, we still hear about victims "including women and children".

Obviously women are still less than full people otherwise this distinction would not have to be made. Or is it that men are still disposable and death and destruction is only of consequence if women and children are involved?

Alex Morrison,

Lane Cove, June 21.

Untouchables

If the ALP can't lay a glove on this lot, what chance would it have if a future Coalition was led by likable people?

Norm Christenson,

Thornleigh, June 21.

Politically bankrupt

## Letters

Could our politicians explain how the sale of core assets such as the Defence Department headquarters, Defence Force HQ, Defence College and Defence National Distribution Centre and others are being carried out in the national interest and what national security considerations are being advanced by such actions?

That the mania for asset sales has now reached such unbelievable proportions shows just how bankrupt our current political culture has become.

Vance Painter,

Lane Cove, June 20.

Banks stupid, too

I can understand the greed of my bank, but its stupidity is beyond me. I held about \$7000 in a lightly used account. Until recently I paid no fees because of the healthy balance. Now I am charged \$5 a month. To gouge a miserable \$60 a year, CBA has cost itself about \$350 a year it was making on my money, and is about to lose a 40-year customer.

Ken Hancock,

Waverley, June 21.

Reducing competition

So the ACCC has decided that the proposal to let Foxtel and Optus share programming should be blocked ("ACCC to reject Foxtel deal on monopoly grounds", Herald, June 21). Interestingly, this concurs with the submission from non pay TV media companies. Did the ACCC consider that pay TV might be in competition with free-to-air TV and other forms of media such as this newspaper?

As a Foxtel subscriber I am extremely disappointed with the decision. Under the proposal pay TV would have been much more competitive with other media. Clearly media players outside the pay TV industry will be glad to see a reduction in competition, while I remain disappointed at the quality of programming on pay TV.

This looks like a fight between media companies with the consumer, as usual, the loser.

Denis Goodwin,

Gosford, June 21.

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**The critics of Israel just don't get it: Palestinian goal isn't ending  
'occupation,' it's eliminating the Jewish state**

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Before taking up my post as ambassador to Israel, a foreign service veteran told me -- only half-jokingly as it turned out -- that taking the job meant never having to touch another door knob. Which -- along with the fine food, wine and housing -- is why the question I've been asked most frequently over the years has been, "How do you get to be one?" (Sorry folks, that's another column.)

Since Sept. 11, however, the questions have increasingly been about the Mideast conflict, and about Islamic extremism. North Americans and Europeans, in particular, were surprised to see passenger jets ram into skyscrapers, and don't want to be caught off guard ever again.

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These horrific events should have clarified the true nature of the Mideast conflict. They didn't, judging from reaction this week to Israel's killing of a **Hamas** terrorist leader.

Dropping a one-ton bomb from an F-16 over Gaza -- inevitably resulting in the death of a large number of innocent civilians -- has rightly been condemned. It was disproportionate and, therefore, inconsistent with notions of a "just war" pioneered by Catholic thinkers but now the international standard of morality.

Yet, for Canada and European governments, no Israeli military action against terrorists -- no matter how targeted -- is ever considered legitimate. The U.S. is more than a mite hypocritical in denying parallels with its actions in Kosovo and in Afghanistan. And **Hamas** -- which over the years has deliberately killed many more innocent **women** and babies than Israel -- has showed its true colours by promising to retaliate in homes and restaurants.

This may come as a surprise to the nine Canadian parliamentarians who reported a few days ago that "the occupation of one people by another is the root cause of Israeli-Palestinian violence." They should understand that when **Hamas** spokespeople refer to "occupation," they mean that the entire state of Israel should disappear.

Then again, the MPs, headed by Liberal Carolyn Parrish, were sponsored on their May visit to the region by the Mississauga, Ont.-based Palestine House. Its leader, Rashad Saleh, agreed on a recent CBC CounterSpin program that a state in the West Bank and Gaza was simply Stage 1 of their overall objective.

As to the delegation's contention that the "solution must also give Palestinians the same right to live in peace and security in a Palestinian state formed from the remaining 22 per cent of British Mandate Palestine," they may want to re-do their arithmetic or break open a history book. Israel and the Palestinians are fighting over what remained of historic Palestine after the British first hived off nearly 80 per cent to create Jordan.

The critics of Israel just don't get it: Palestinian goal isn't ending 'occupation,' it's eliminating the Jewish state

Government pressure on our media to censor terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's messages -- though they've been widely available in the Arab world -- has clearly been counterproductive. It has only encouraged misperceptions and misunderstanding of the true nature of the conflict.

Critics of U.S. foreign policy are right in stressing the need to discuss the root causes. The issues are complex. Most of the societies are not open. Reporters come and go. They think they can get by in Israel with English; few speak enough Arabic to understand what's being said in Gaza mosques, or enough Urdu to speak with students in a Pakistani madrasah.

The left is also right in arguing that these disputes are not about good versus evil, or even about terrorism. I've never understood why conservatives shy away from acknowledging that the U.S. and Israel are protecting their national interests.

On one point, however, the right has it right. North Americans may not think we're into a clash of civilizations, but bin Laden certainly does, judging from his taped messages.

He's talking about events that occurred from 500-1,000 years ago. Mostly, he's perturbed that, in the wake of the First World War, the British and French carved up the Mideast and created a number of states, particularly Israel.

Yet, it is folly to claim that tiny Israel -- two-thirds the size of Vancouver Island -- is the cause of the Arab world's problems. In fact, it is the scapegoat for the failure of most of the 21 states of the Arab League.

Most Israelis understand they must end the 1967 occupation. They also know it is not the root of the Mideast conflict.

Unlike previous occupants of the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, Jews defied all odds and survived as a people nearly 2,000 years of exile. Arab terrorists first struck in 1921 to thwart the reassertion of Jewish sovereignty in their "ancestral homeland" -- in the words of the Mandate for Palestine handed to the British by the League of Nations. Attacks continued periodically until 1948. Then, five Arab armies waged war against the UN decision to create two states: Israel and Palestine.

Now, as has always been true, the Mideast dispute is about the legitimacy of a Jewish state on territory Muslims consider a waq'f -- or exclusive trust. The depth of the land Israelis will give up depends on the depth of the peace they can count on in return.

Norman Spector served as ambassador to Israel and Canada's first representative to the Palestinian Authority in Gaza.

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## *Helicopters blast refugee camp*

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Israeli helicopters fired nearly 20 missiles into the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank today.

The barrage appeared to signal growing Israeli impatience with the gunmen in Jenin, where some of the fiercest battles have taken place during Israel's 11-day drive to wipe out militants.

Before the missiles were fired Israeli troops used loudspeakers to warn people to surrender or face a punishing attack.

Israeli military sources said about 150 men surrendered.

But Jamal Abdel Salaam, a **Hamas** militant group leader inside the camp, said only **women**, children and the elderly left the camp. The militants were staying, ready to fight to the death, he said.

Israeli troops and tanks invaded the West Bank on March 29, in a massive hunt for weapons, explosives and militants following suicide bombings and other attacks. The US government has been demanding an immediate Israeli withdrawal.

The Israelis have taken control of most of the West Bank's population centres, but troops have faced stiff resistance in Jenin and another northern city, Nablus - both strongholds for militia groups.

Later this week, US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, will arrive in Israel on a peace mission after visiting Morocco, Egypt and Jordan.

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## AT LEAST 7 KILLED AS MILITANTS BOMB JERUSALEM CAMPUS

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### **Body**

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A powerful bomb hidden in a bag and left on a table by Palestinian militants tore apart a bustling cafeteria during lunch at Hebrew University here today, killing seven people, including at least three Americans, and wounding more than 80.

Through a bedlam of screams and crashing glass, students fled in horror from the cafeteria, in the Frank Sinatra Student Center, some trailing blood onto the concrete courtyard of Nancy Reagan Plaza.

Because of the campus' diverse student body -- it is one of the few enclaves here where Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs still mix -- students said they had felt safe, even as new violence threatened the city this week. Arab students were among the wounded, hospital officials said, as were foreign students.

In Washington, the State Department reported the deaths of the three Americans, two women and one man. One victim, Janis Ruth Coulter of New York City, was identified tonight by the American Friends of Hebrew University.

The State Department declined to identify the American victims further as consular officials worked to notify relatives.

An administration official said there might be more Americans among the dead. He gave no further details, except to say that the identification process was continuing. The Israeli consul in Boston, Hillel Newman, told The Boston Globe last night that four Americans had been killed in the attack.

Philip Reeker, a department spokesman, called the attack "absolutely tragic and outrageous."

President Bush condemned the bombing and said it was perpetrated by "killers who hate the thought of peace and therefore are willing to take their hatred to all kinds of places, including a university."

The bombing at the campus, on Mount Scopus, was the second in two days in Jerusalem. The Islamist group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying that it acted in retaliation for Israel's killing last week of a top Hamas leader. Fourteen others, including nine children, died in that attack, in which Israel bombed a house in Gaza City.

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Spencer Dew, 26, a divinity student from the University of Chicago studying here for the summer, was eating on the patio when he heard the blast, then smelled gunpowder. Lacerated by flying glass, he joined the fleeing crowd, then returned for a notebook, which had also been pierced by glass.

"I know there are justifications -- bad justifications," he said of the political violence, his shirt spotted crimson and his khaki pants torn as he left a hospital here. "It's killing college students. That's no political solution for anything. It's killing college kids."

As emergency workers cleared the site, Abeer Salman, 19, a student from the Arab village of Beit Safafa, sat on the plaza steps, stunned.

"I was across the plaza," she said. "My friend wanted to get something to drink. After two minutes we heard a blast, and we can't find her."

The campus is fenced, and guards check the bags of those who enter. But some students complained that the security was porous. An investigation by a campus paper in January warned that a cafeteria would be an appealing, accessible target.

"The security tries to do their best," said Kobi Cohen, the student union president. "But there are a lot of holes in the fence. A lot of guards don't check the bags well."

Mr. Cohen, who helped evacuate the wounded, said, "We always believed that because there are Arab students here and Arab workers, nobody will try to hurt us here."

The attack was unusual in that it appeared not to be the work of a suicide bomber. Police officials said initial investigation suggested that the bomb was hidden in a bag.

Israeli officials said the attack fit a Palestinian strategy of killing civilians. "This is a continuous effort by the Palestinians to kill as many Israelis as possible in order to sabotage the peace process," said Gideon Meir, a senior Foreign Ministry official. "It has nothing to do with what happened in Gaza City a week ago."

The Palestinian Authority, led by Yasir Arafat, issued a statement saying that it "absolutely condemns the attack against Hebrew University" but adding that it blamed Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, for provoking violence.

After back-to-back bombings killed 26 people here more than a month ago, Israel began a ground offensive in the West Bank to suppress Palestinian violence.

But Palestinian militants vowed retaliation after the bombing last week. After five people were injured in the suicide bombing here on Tuesday, Mr. Sharon met senior security advisers before today's attack to discuss ways of coping with suicide bombers, and the group endorsed the idea of deporting members of the killers' families. Tonight, Israeli military officials convened to consider possible retaliation.

Ron Krumer, a spokesman for the Hadassah Medical Center, where some of the wounded were taken, said the victims suffered "penetrating injuries, with lots of metal elements, such as bolts and screws and nails, all over their bodies."

The bomb sprayed blood across the ceiling tiles, tore apart wooden chairs and scattered the antique radios decorating the cafeteria. A large jar of pickled radishes sat unbroken on one counter, as an officer a few feet away used large tweezers to pick evidence out of a pool of blood.

Students jotted down lists of friends and frantically dialed their cellphones, checking off the names of those who responded. Others called home to say they were all right.

"I got delayed; I'm the luckiest man in the world," Allistaire Goldrein, 19, of Liverpool, England, told his worried father, calling from England. Mr. Goldrein said he ate in the cafeteria every day and was delayed today by another student.

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"I was coming around the corner and suddenly there was this huge explosion," he said. "I can't describe it -- huge. The very foundation of the stone structure was shaken."

Mr. Goldrein said he raced inside. "It was carnage in there," he said. "Carnage, anarchy. It was disgusting. I saw dead people. I saw people with no heads. There was a guy, I gave him mouth to mouth, but he was dead."

Just outside the campus this afternoon, the police detained scores of Arab men, including some who appeared to be students, keeping them standing in the sun for several hours as they searched for suspects.

Representatives of an anti-Palestinian faction arrived at the blast site and unfurled a banner declaring, "It's them or us" and "Expel the Arab enemy." Dror Lederman, 26, a student of economics and accounting, angrily accosted one man. "Get out of here," he said. "You come every time. You come to dance on the blood."

Students watched in shock as emergency workers carried their peers away on orange stretchers, through an area where graduation ceremonies are held. "I was standing in the Forum and watching them bring people on stretchers, and I saw blood and shoes and I.V.'s on the ground," said Sophia Aron, 19, of Los Angeles, a student from the University of California, Davis, who is studying here for a year. "Right in the Forum. It freaks me out. But I'm not leaving."

Dr. Mahmoud al-Zahar, a political leader of Hamas, blamed Israel for the attack. "Such operations will continue until the elimination of the occupation," he said. Hamas leaders consider all of Israel to be occupied territory, not just the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which Israel occupied in 1967.

Shlomo Avineri, a political science professor at the university, said: "This is beyond the pale, to attack a university, and it shows what the war is about. It's not about the settlements. It's not about occupation. It's about the very existence of a Jewish population in this country."

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Photos: Medics helped victims of a bomb blast yesterday at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Arab students were among the 80 wounded, officials said. (Agence France-Presse)(pg. A1); Two students comforted each other, left, and two victims received assistance yesterday after a bombing at a popular cafeteria on the campus of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. (Associated Press); (Reuters); (Agence France-Presse)(pg. A12) Map of Israel highlighting Jerusalem and the site of the bombing. (pg. A12)

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## *Not all Palestinian attackers fit profile*

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### **Body**

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DEHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank - After the cafe explosion, the bus bombing or the carnage on a crowded Israeli street, the parents of the Palestinian suicide attacker can usually be counted on to express pride and declare their child a martyr headed directly to paradise.

But these days, some parents are more like Ahmed Draghemeh, a middle-class Palestinian electrician whose eyes showed only pain and bafflement. Until he heard his son's name on television, he said, he had no idea the teenager was planning to blow himself to pieces in order to kill Israelis.

For years, Palestinian suicide attackers have tended to fit a standard profile: a lone, deeply religious youth, probably from a poor family, usually affiliated with a radical group like **Hamas** or Islamic Jihad.

As the Israeli-Palestinian conflict drags on, however - it will reach, later this month, the melancholy milestone of 11/2 years of unabated fighting - suicide bombers are beginning to depart from long-established norms.

In recent weeks, some attackers have been secular rather than religious, or **women** instead of men, or appeared politically indifferent, or grew up in an educated, middle-class family that would never have dreamed of such a bloody destiny for their child.

Such was the case with Ahmed Draghemeh's 17-year-old son, Mohammed, who carried out a March 2 attack in a religious neighborhood of Jerusalem that killed 10 Israelis, including several infants and children, as people were emerging from their synagogues at the close of the Sabbath.

Mohammed had attended a Christian-run high school in Bethlehem. He was Muslim, but neither he nor his family were religiously observant. His father had never heard him talk about politics, or about Israeli soldiers' incursions in and around Bethlehem.

Before he carried out his attack, he - like many others - was photographed with an assault rifle and a backpack to be filled with explosives.

His father had nothing to say about shahids - martyrs - or paradise, or the Palestinian cause. He said he felt he didn't even know the boy in the picture - now made into a poster that dots the doors and walls of his refugee camp.

"I cried when I saw it," Ahmed Draghemeh said, his hands trembling too badly to pour his coffee. "I couldn't believe this was my son, who grew up before my eyes. I never imagined he had in him this despair."

## Not all Palestinian attackers fit profile

For Israelis, who have died by the scores in suicide attacks, this enlarging of the bomber pool is a nightmare - one for which Israeli officials blame Palestinian leaders from Yasser Arafat on down.

"They sanctify and glorify the shahids," said Sharon adviser Raanan Gissin. "We hear senior officials glorifying the shahids - Arafat in his own voice has done that."

Most suicide attackers know their families will get financial support from the groups that recruited them. Iraq's Saddam Hussein is also a donor.

Occasional attacks have been carried out by Palestinians accused of collaborating with Israel, seeking to clear their names and save their families from disgrace.

But many Palestinians, including those who oppose the use of violence, say it is the extremity of their daily plight - not money or leaders' rhetoric - that is driving a broader spectrum of Palestinians to suicide missions.

"Ordinary people are thinking extraordinary thoughts, considering extraordinary actions," said Raji Sourani, a prominent Palestinian human rights lawyer in the Gaza Strip. "No one's life is unaffected by what is happening to us."

Among Palestinians, public support for suicide bombings rose sharply after the current conflict broke out in September 2000. But those actually carrying out such attacks were almost exclusively young men associated with Islamic Jihad or Hamas, which rule out any kind of peace with Israel.

Many recent attackers, however, have come from the ranks of the Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia drawn from the ranks of Arafat's Fatah faction, which maintains that a negotiated solution with Israel is possible.

The Al Aqsa Brigades sent 21-year-old Dareen Abu Aisheh on a suicide mission last month after Hamas turned her down because she was a woman. The student of English literature blew herself up at a military checkpoint in the West Bank, wounding three Israeli paramilitaries.

The families of some attackers know beforehand of their plans - or at least are aware of their involvement with a radical faction.

The family of Rafat Abu Diyak, who blew himself up on a bus in northern Israel and killed seven passengers Wednesday, believed when he first went missing that he was simply out with his frequent companions - comrades from Islamic Jihad.

The 24-year-old man was a devout Muslim from a hard-pressed Palestinian family in the northern West Bank town of Jenin, which was the scene last month of an Israeli offensive ordered by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to search for Palestinian militants.

Abu Diyak's Islamic Jihad handler, Mahmoud Tawalbi, said that when told he was getting a suicide mission, the young man had burst into tears of joy, saying he wanted to avenge the 21 Palestinians killed in that incursion.

"My son will go to heaven," said his father, Tahseen Abu Diyak, a janitor, receiving congratulatory visits at the family's run-down home. "He would not have carried out such attacks if not for Sharon's crimes."

Even as Arafat's government sought last week to reopen truce talks with Israel, militants professing loyalty to the Palestinian leader struck again.

On Thursday, a former policeman blew himself up on a busy Jerusalem shopping street, killing three Israelis and wounding more than 60 people.

Israel called off a round of U.S.-brokered negotiations, although Arafat issued a rare public condemnation of the attack.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### **Body**

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Fuel tax is fairest for Missourians

I appreciated the timely publication of "It's my right to drive an SUV" on Wednesday's Commentary page. As the writer noted regarding a larger car, "I know my fuel costs will be higher, but I am willing to pay them."

This point is important to keep in mind as Missouri's public officials look at ways of funding the state's highways. Right now, under the proposal just passed by a Senate committee, more money would come from general sales taxes than from gasoline taxes. It hardly seems fair to ask the elderly and young who do not drive to foot the bill for motorists and truckers.

A fuel tax is the most equitable, progressive tax -- the more you use the roads, the more you pay to build and maintain them. How simple and straightforward.

In addition, drivers of larger vehicles, who cause the most damage to roadways, logically should pay more. It's only fair.

It is argued that all consumers benefit from transportation investments and therefore all consumers should pay. They do -- in the form of higher costs for the goods they buy. They should not have to pay twice -- especially not to subsidize the wasteful habits of others.

Robert Foster

Webster Groves

Flat tax in Illinois

The often-heard claim that a flat income tax can generate plenty of revenue with low tax rates has been put to the test in Illinois. The result of our 30 years of flat taxes has been less sanguine than the rhetoric. Every little downturn in the economy sends Illinois government crashing into fiscal crisis.

The state has gone broke on occasion in the past, defaulting on its routine payments. It can't begin to fund schools or to maintain the roads unless the economy is absolutely booming. And then what does the Legislature do? It cuts taxes, of course.

The Legislature invariably figures out ways to slither out from under its responsibility to the schools and the people so that their wealthy political contributors will not have to pay any real taxes.

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A progressive income tax is not only fair, it benefits society as a whole -- including the wealthy -- by allowing adequate public investment, which stimulates economic growth, especially profiting top earners.

If people with high incomes paid 4 percent instead of 3 percent to the state, our schools would have the resources they need, and property taxes and sales taxes could be lower. The state should not try to rely on gambling revenues and user fees to fund essential services. We have seen that fail.

The Legislature should put on the ballot a constitutional amendment to create an income tax system that charges those with high incomes slightly more. It would benefit everyone, including the wealthy.

Steve Jellen

Edwardsville

A forgotten people

It is wonderful that we can celebrate the diversity of our country with Black History Month. But it is sad that the first people of this continent, the Native Americans, are so totally forgotten.

As a country, the United States has actively and willfully ignored the very people that it dispossessed to form this nation. African-Americans have Martin Luther King Day. The Italians have Columbus Day, and there is even, unofficially, St. Patrick's Day. Where is Sitting Bull Day? Or Geronimo Day? Or how about a Massasoit Day; he was the first ally of the Pilgrims. The least the United States can do after taking the land and stealing Indian cultures is to give the Native Americans recognition and the dignity of admitting they still exist.

Mary C. Griffin

Richmond Heights

I love history. It is a fascinating subject, whether it be American history or world history. But the idea of having a Black History Month is cockeyed. We don't have a white history month. This type of segregated history study will divide the races even more.

Why not just have a plain old "history" month and emphasize the importance of learning from the mistakes and successes of the past.

Richard S. Trigg

High Ridge

Terror against Israel

A Feb. 12 Associated Press article, "Israel fires for 2nd day at Palestinian offices in Gaza," raises several questions.

Where in the article is the missing word "terrorist," making it clear that it was Palestinian terrorists who killed two young women in Beersheba?

The Palestinian "inmates" released from jail by the mob in Hebron were not inmates but terrorists. President George W. Bush has identified Hamas as a terrorist organization, so why does the AP and the Post-Dispatch refer to Hamas only as an "Islamic movement"?

The article begins by portraying Israel as the aggressor when in fact it was retaliating for the firing of two Qassam rockets into southern Israel by the terrorist organization Hamas. Why?

Fritzi Lainoff

Creve Coeur

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rate hurts savers

The present interest rate stinks. My wife and I had two CDs mature that had been paying 5 percent. Now the banks are paying only 2 percent for the same period of time.

That means that my wife and I will have about \$1,200 less this year to spend. I know that's peanuts compared to what Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve are dealing with. But to millions of Americans who count on interest money as some of their income, that's a lot.

Maybe lowering the interest rate is going the wrong way to go.

William J. Ritter

St. Louis County

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## *Portrait of an Angry Young Arab Woman*

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### **Body**

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Darin Abu Eisheh, a devout Muslim college student from this village near Nablus, believed that women should take their place beside men in the fight against Israeli occupation, her relatives said today.

So on Wednesday night she detonated explosives strapped to her body after a car she was riding in was stopped at an Israeli checkpoint near the border between the West Bank and Israel. She was killed and three policemen were wounded. Two Israeli Arabs traveling with her in the car were arrested after one was shot and wounded.

Ms. Abu Eisheh, 22, typified growing numbers of Palestinian women who have become radicalized by 17 months of deadly conflict with Israel. Some are now ready to die for the cause.

In a farewell videotape, she described herself as following in the footsteps of Wafa Idris, a volunteer paramedic from Ramallah who detonated a bomb in downtown Jerusalem last month, killing herself and an elderly Israeli and wounding dozens more.

Although it is unclear whether Ms. Idris intended to carry out a suicide attack or to plant the explosives she carried, she has been memorialized among Palestinians and in the Arab world as the first woman to carry out a suicide bombing in the current Palestinian uprising.

Ms. Abu Eisheh, a top English student at Al Najah University in Nablus, where she was an active campus supporter of the militant group Hamas, had been deeply affected by the killings of Palestinians by Israeli soldiers, among them members of her extended family, relatives said.

They also said she was particularly enraged by the shooting this week of two pregnant Palestinian women at an Israeli Army roadblock near Nablus. The women were wounded but gave birth to healthy babies.

"Let Sharon the coward know that every Palestinian woman will give birth to an army of suicide attackers, even if he tries to kill them while still in their mother's wombs, shooting them at the checkpoints of death," Ms. Abu Eisheh said in the videotape, referring to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

But even before this week, relatives said, Ms. Abu Eisheh had been talking about the need for women to take part in suicide attacks, expressing her own readiness to do so.

## Portrait of an Angry Young Arab Woman

For months, family members said, Ms. Abu Eisheh would make a habit of visiting the homes of Palestinians killed in the conflict, and she would watch with mounting anger television images of death and destruction in the raging conflict with Israel.

"She was sure that we would be killed for nothing, maybe at a roadblock or when our houses are bomb ed, and she used to say that it is better to die for a reason," said Tawfik Abu Eisheh, 31, a brother.

"Her opinion was that women should participate with men in the uprising, and that there is no reason from a religious point of view that women should not participate. She told us that she wished to be a martyr for the sake of Palestine, but that the Islamic movement prevented women from participating."

Leaders of Hamas have rejected suicide attacks by women, saying they were unnecessary as long as there were enough men willing to do the job.

But Ms. Abu Eisheh's sister, Ibtissam, said her views were supported by Muslim tradition. The Prophet Muhammad, she said, had declared, "A woman can join the holy war without her husband's permission."

Frustrated by the refusal of Hamas to enlist her in a suicide mission, Ms. Abu Eisheh apparently turned to the Aksa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group linked to the mainstream Palestinian movement Fatah, relatives said.

In her video statement, Ms. Abu Eisheh said she belonged to the group, which recently announced that it was setting up a unit of women to serve as suicide bombers.

Other recent events may have pushed her toward her mission, her family said: A 17-year-old cousin, Safwat Abu Eisheh, carried out a suicide bombing last month in Tel Aviv that wounded more than two dozen people.

When Israeli forces retaliating for the deaths of six Israeli soldiers killed several Palestinian policemen in Nablus last week, Ms. Abu Eisheh went to the scene and took home a memento of death: a napkin dipped in the blood of one of the Palestinians.

On another napkin she wrote: "I will be crying, and I will be keeping this blood so that no one will ever forget."

Her mother displayed the napkins today, along with papers collected from her daughter's room: a certificate of academic distinction in English language and literature from Al Najah University and documents certifying completion of courses in karate and first aid.

On Tuesday morning she left home at 8 o'clock, telling her mother she was going to a friend's to get a book she needed to prepare for a test. She called later to say that she was out of town and unable to return because of Israeli roadblocks.

In a last phone call on Wednesday night, she said that she was still held up by the roadblocks, but assured her brother and mother that she was fine and would return home this morning.

Today her stunned father, Muhammad Abu Eisheh, 57, received condolence calls. He could not agree with his daughter's deed, he said. "What good will it do?" he asked. "It's against the will of the family."

Her brother said it was an act of despair. "I think that when you lose hope," he said, "you are not worried about your life."

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Portrait of an Angry Young Arab Woman

Photo: Darin Abu Eishah, who blew herself up on Wednesday night. (Agence France-Presse)

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## **THREE FACE COURT AS SEARCH GOES ON FOR BAR BLAST ACCOMPLICE; SUICIDE BOMB: BRITS CHARGED**

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THREE Britons have been charged with terrorist activities in connection with the suicide bomb attack on a packed Israeli bar last week.

The man, Zahid Hussain Sharif, 46, and two women, Paveen Akthor Sharif, 35, and Tahari Shad Tabassum, 27, are all from Derbyshire.

They will appear before Bow Street magistrates in London today to face charges of failing to disclose information about acts of terrorism.

Paveen Sharif will also face a second charge of aiding and abetting acts of terrorism overseas.

All three were arrested in police raids last Friday. Zahid and Paveen Sharif were picked up in Derbyshire and Tahari Tabassum was arrested in Nottinghamshire.

A spokesman for Scotland Yard said that for "operational reasons" no further details would be made public until the court hearing.

Three others, two men and a woman, arrested in raids in Derbyshire and London have since been released without charge.

The arrests were the result of a joint operation by UK and Israeli security services after British suicide bomber Asif Mohammed Hanif, 21, attacked the bar, Mike's Place, in Tel Aviv in the early hours of Wednesday last week, killing three people and wounding a further 55.

Hanif, from Hounslow in west London, walked to the doorway of the packed bar and detonated the explosive device.

His alleged accomplice, 27-year-old Omar Khan Sharif, from Derby, is said to have fled the scene after his device failed to explode.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack saying it had worked with the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, an offshoot of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

It is believed all six of those arrested in the raids last Friday night were family and friends of Sharif.

## THREE FACE COURT AS SEARCH GOES ON FOR BAR BLAST ACCOMPLICE; SUICIDE BOMB: BRITS CHARGED

The hunt for Sharif himself was continuing yesterday. In Israel, copies of his passport picture were handed out in streets and shopping centres and police followed up a number of calls from witnesses who claimed to have seen him flee the scene.

Security sources in Britain admitted Sharif had been known to police in Derby but they denied they had been given any reason to suspect he may try to carry out a suicide bomb attack.

One source said: "He was a known Islamic activist and there were reports that he was involved in handing out fundamentalist leaflets."

MI5 officers are said to have known for several years that he had attended meetings of the extremist group al-Muhajiroun in Derby.

A father of two, he was raised in in the town and attended GBP 12,000-a-year Repton Preparatory School, which includes the late author Roald Dahl among its distinguished former pupils.

Suicide bomber Hanif, from the suburbs of west London, was described as a quiet, working-class boy made good.

His brother, Taz, has insisted his cricket-loving sibling "wasn't that sort of person".

"He was just a big teddy bear, " he said shortly after the attack.

And the chairman of the Hounslow mosque which Hanif stopped just attending five weeks ago, said he was "as quiet as a mouse".

Chancellor Gordon Brown has ordered the British bank accounts of both Hanif and Sharif to be frozen.

Both men were believed to have entered the Gaza Strip, via the heavily-guarded Erez border crossing, using their British passports. They had smuggled the explosives through in copies of the Koran.

Meanwhile, it was revealed yesterday that an award-winning British journalist killed in the Gaza Strip was shot from the front. The forensic findings add support to the suspicion that 34-year-old James Miller, from Devon, was shot by Israeli troops.

Also yesterday, a Palestinian suicide bomber died when he crashed his car into an Israeli tank in the Gaza Strip, and Israel killed a senior **Hamas** fugitive in a missile attack.

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## WORLD DIGEST

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#### ISRAEL

2 Palestinians, 3 Israelis are killed in shootouts

Two Palestinian fighters, two Israeli civilians and an Israeli army officer were killed in separate shootouts on Tuesday in the West Bank city of Nablus and at a crossing point to the Gaza Strip.

Israel temporarily closed the Karni crossing, which Palestinians and Israelis depend on to trade goods, after a gunman of the militant group Hamas eluded guards to open fire and throw grenades at the terminal there. Two Israeli workers were killed and at least three were injured before the gunman was killed.

In the incident in Nablus early Tuesday, Israeli forces trapped three Palestinians that the army described as wanted Hamas terrorists. Two surrendered, the army said, but the third came out of a house firing, killing an army lieutenant and wounding another soldier before being killed.

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

At least 4 die when boat carrying Haitians capsizes

Its mast blown off and captain dead, a boat loaded with more than 100 Haitian migrants struck a reef and capsized after drifting nearly a week, killing four passengers.

Officials said at least 16 were missing, but authorities were investigating reports that many of them might have reached land and were hiding.

The boat set off from Haiti's northern Cap-Haitien city on April 8. It tipped over late Monday about 200 yards off Punta Rusia in the northwest Dominican Republic, the Dominican navy said. The Haitians were hoping to reach the Turks and Caicos islands.

A Dominican fisherman saw the 30-foot sloop on the reef, tipped sideways and sinking, and ferried dozens of survivors to shore, said a Coast Guard spokesman by telephone from Miami.

#### FINLAND

Lawmakers select woman to be prime minister

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Finnish lawmakers appointed Anneli Jaatteenmaki prime minister Tuesday, making Finland the only state in Europe with women as president and premier.

Jaatteenmaki, the first woman to hold the prime minister's post, was chosen after leading her Center Party to a narrow win over the ruling Social Democrats in March 16 elections. Tarja Halonen was elected president in 2000. Currently the speaker, Jaatteenmaki will step down Thursday when the new government is sworn in.

The prime minister bears most responsibility for running the government in Finland, with the president playing a far smaller role. Jaatteenmaki, 48, is a lawyer.

## INDIA

Guerrilla attacks kill 8 officers, authorities say

Communist guerrillas staged two separate attacks on police in eastern India, killing eight officers, officials said Tuesday.

Three officers also were injured when rebels detonated a land mine early Tuesday as they were returning from a patrol in the densely forested Cherki Valley, said Inspector-General of Police A.C. Verma. The area is about 60 miles south of Patna, the state capital. The attackers fled after taking the officers' weapons and ammunition, Verma said.

Hours earlier, rebels detonated two land mines, injuring five soldiers and their driver. Militants of the outlawed Maoist Communist Center were suspected in both attacks, police said.

## SOUTH AFRICA

Apartheid victims will get about \$4,000, leader says

Thousands of victims of apartheid in South Africa who testified before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will receive one-time reparations of about \$4,000, President Thabo Mbeki said Tuesday.

That amount is about one-fourth of what the commission called for in its final report on crimes during the apartheid era. The report was issued in March.

Mbeki also said at a parliamentary debate about the report that the government would not support lawsuits or special taxes aimed at corporations suspected of supporting the apartheid regime.

He was referring to lawsuits recently filed in the United States on behalf of South African apartheid victims. One is a multibillion-dollar suit against mining giant Anglo-American and De Beers, the world's leading diamond producer.

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## **ISRAEL MOUNTS BIGGEST INCURSION INTO GAZA SINCE INTIFADA**

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ISRAELI TROOPS killed five Palestinians and wounded at least 40 others when a force of 35 tanks, armoured personnel carriers, bulldozers and four-wheel-drives thrust into the Rafah refugee camp yesterday.

Five helicopter gunships circled overhead, flashing spotlights on to the Yibna neighbourhood, known as an Islamic militants' stronghold. It was believed to be the biggest raid in the Gaza Strip since the intifada broke out two and a half years ago. Those killed were a 15-year-old boy, a policeman and three fighters in their 20s.

Dr Ali Mousa, the director of the local hospital, said the Israelis barred ambulances and medical teams from entering the camp while the fighting was going on. He claimed that some of the dead might have been saved if they had been treated sooner. The hospital operated on 12 of the wounded. Dr Mousa said two of them remained in a critical condition last night.

A sniper shot dead an Israeli army cameraman, Corporal Lior Ziv, 19, who was filming a pitched battle that erupted when Palestinian fighters hit back with anti-tank missiles, automatic weapons and explosives.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian cameraman covering a fire fight in the West Bank town of Nablus. Nazeh Darwazeh, 41, who was working for the Associated Press news agency, was the fourth journalist killed in the West Bank in a year. An army spokeswoman said he had been shot during a clash in the cramped alleys of the casbah after the arrest of a woman planning a suicide bombing inside Israel. At least 18 other Palestinians were wounded.

The Foreign Press Association demanded a "full and swift investigation". It complained that no one had been brought to book for the previous three incidents. Mr Darwazeh was wearing a yellow vest identifying him as a journalist.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, soldiers shot dead a 16-year-old Palestinian who had attacked them with a Molotov cocktail near the village of Azoun.

With the West Bank sealed for the Passover and Easter weekend, Israelis inside the old Green Line border enjoyed their most relaxed holiday in 30 months. Thousands of families picnicked in forests and on beaches. Hotels and boarding houses in Galilee and Eilat were fully booked with Israelis. Armed police were on the alert, but unobtrusive.

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The security forces insisted that while the Palestinian militants were finding Israeli cities and public transport harder to hit, they were still trying. Their motivation remained high. That, they explained, was why the army was continuing to take the battle into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In yesterday's raid in Rafah, the Israelis blew up two tunnels used for smuggling weapons from Egypt. A military spokeswoman said one of them was 30 metres below ground. Israel claimed to have uncovered 10 such tunnels since the beginning of this year.

Army sappers demolished three houses, including the home of Mahmoud Abu Shamala, the alleged commander of the **Hamas** militia in Rafah. Israel accused him of being a leading arms smuggler and dealer, as well as orchestrating attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers. He is still at large.

After the troops withdrew, **Hamas** retaliated by firing three al-Kassam rockets into the Israeli border town of Sderot. One set a four-storey building on fire and injured a **female** civilian.

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I SUPPOSE you can get used to the possibility of being blown to pieces at any moment, but I've not managed to adjust to it yet.

Sitting in my rented room in the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim in Israeli-occupied Gaza, my mind keeps returning to the fact that three mortar bombs fell and exploded here last night. That there were no casualties and damage was slight was more to do with luck than design.

Over the past 19 months of the latest intifada, more than 1,000 mortars have fallen on the 19 Jewish settlements in Gaza, causing much damage and many casualties.

It isn't only mortars from the sky, either, for death comes in many forms here. For Miri Amitai, it was a roadside bomb that shattered the school bus, killing her and another teacher and wounding nine children.

Gabi Zaghoury was machine-gunned to death in a roadside ambush as he drove his delivery truck, while 18-year-old Itamar Yefet was picked off by a sniper as he waited at a checkpoint.

Nisan Dolinger knew his killer, a Palestinian labourer who had worked for him for 11 years and regularly ate at his table. But it was an anonymous stranger who crawled under the fences of Atzmona settlement before bursting into a classroom, killing five students and wounding 23.

Yet life seems to go on. The settlers go about their daily lives as best they can. But reality is never far away. The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) has a massive presence here.

Hilltop forts are dotted about the landscape, interspersed with watch towers. Convoys of armoured jeeps hurtle through fortified roadblocks, along roads protected by earthwork banks.

The settlements themselves look like top-security prisons, with their barbed wire perimeters, searchlights, electronic trip wires and fortified gate houses manned by the IDF.

Neve Dekalim itself is overlooked by the Palestinian city of Khan Yunis, which brings added security problems in the form of sniping from high buildings. This is reflected in the settlement's architecture. Massive concrete blast



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walls shield the community centre and the industrial zone. At the girls' school, students now sleep in small concrete units.

Reinforced slabs protect a crucial walkway, but when I step into the open I can't ignore the feeling that I just may be in a sniper's sights.

IF ANY of the 2,000 souls in this settlement are particularly stressed, they hide it well. They will tell you they have their faith to sustain them, for this is a religious settlement, but not an ultra-orthodox one. Most men wear long beards and skullcaps, which looks quite incongruous when carrying an assault rifle. Women cover their hair and wear long, sensible dresses. They come from all over Israel and all over the world.

The most recent arrivals are French, escaping the latest upsurge in Gallic anti-Semitism. Once again, Jews are fleeing persecution in Europe.

Terrorism apart, the community is virtually crime-free, although there has been a spate of bicycle stealing.

Drunkenness and drug-taking are unheard of. Divorce is rare, with the average family having six or seven children. In the evenings they throng the neat, graffiti-free streets. By day they are ferried to school in heavilyarmoured personnel carriers.

Neve Dekalim is the seat of the Gaza Regional Council. "In many ways, life is idyllic here, " says Mayor Avner Shimoni, "if only we didn't have the terrorism. The Government should send the Army into the Palestinian towns of Gaza, just like they did elsewhere in the country in Operation Defensive Shield. It's the only way to root the terrorists out."

Major Huli Moshe smiles grimly when I put that proposition to him at the nearby South Brigade HQ.

"Unfortunately, it isn't as simple as that, " he says. "The smallest refugee camp in Gaza is many times bigger than Jenin - and look at the bloodshed there.

"The city of Khan Yunis has 230,000 inhabitants. There are Fatah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad there, but they expect us now and will be very hard to find."

The following morning I cross the Toffah checkpoint into Khan Yunis.

The outskirts of the Palestinian city are devastated, evidence of the Israelis' awesome fire-power in reply to the sniping. Buildings have been reduced to bullet-scarred frameworks.

They stand in fields of rubble, through which cats run skittishly.

The city itself is only marginally better. Tumble-down tenements jostle for space alongside jerry-built shops and warehouses. Piles of rotting rubbish line potholed roads. The impression is of decay, squalor and grinding poverty. Immediately, I am surrounded by hordes of young children begging for money.

I see little evidence of any preparation to fend off an imminent Israeli attack. At one intersection, there is a sand-bagged wall alongside which four fatigue-wearing men sit holding rifles. They wave away my request for a photo. If Hamas, Fatah and Islamic Jihad are here, they are keeping a very low profile. I see no other armed or uniformed men. My interview is with Dr Jowed Tibi, a member of the Palestinian Parliament. He lives in a spacious, well-furnished apartment in a better area of the city. Either I am early or the good doctor had a late night: he meets me straight from his bed.

He seems tired, but more than that, weary. The word amongst Israelis is that recent military setbacks have seriously damaged Palestinian morale.

DR TIBI'S English comes courtesy of a 13-month stay in Scotland while studying for his surgery qualification but there is no fiery rhetoric. "We say the land is ours, the Israelis say the land is theirs, so there should be two states, "

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says Dr Tibi. And would all the Palestinians accept that, I ask? "The majority would accept it and make the minority fall into line, " he replies.

I ask about the prospects for the future. He says: "At the moment there is little cause for hope. But the will of the Palestinian people is strong. For myself, they can only kill me. I would rather that than live in humiliation."

I mention Mayor Shimoni's proposal that the IDF should invade the Palestinian towns of Gaza to root out Hamas and the other militant groups. Dr Tibi shrugs his shoulders in resignation. "All the time they are overestimating the strength of the fighters. We have no tanks, no Apache helicopters, no F16s. They are just a few men with their rifles and a belief in a Palestinian state. Yet we believe that the next time the Israelis suffer a big attack they will use that as an excuse to invade us."

He is scathing about America's role.

"America is playing games with us.

They say that Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front are terrorists, yet these groups don't attack America.

They only attack within the borders of their land, so they are freedom fighters.

"Now America wants us to put them in prison. This will lead to civil war with Palestinian killing Palestinian. Then the world will say, 'Look at them fighting among themselves like animals. They don't deserve to have a state'."

His young son runs over and Dr Tibi picks him up. "I owe a duty to my son. I don't want him to grow up having to go through checkpoints, " he says.

I take this as my cue and head back towards my own particular checkpoint. As I leave, I can't help but reflect that while civilised men like Dr Tibi consider groups who slaughter innocent men, women and children to be freedom fighters, peace is still a long way off in the Middle East.

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