



Timeline of Terror



The events of September 11th, 2001 are a tragedy that will be with us for a long time. America is the home of much of Ephraim and over 2 million of Judah in the Diaspora. There are more Jews in the United States than in all of Israel. Until the Land of Israel is prepared to receive the Ingathering of Messianic Israel, when Messiah comes to receive us, America is still our home.

This attack is not an isolated incident, but the ending of the beginning of sorrows; now we are headed for the time of trouble. Scripture indicates, "For [ethnic group] shall rise against [ethnic group] , and reign against reign. And there shall be scarcities of food, and deadly diseases, and earthquakes in places. And all these are the beginnings of the birth pangs." Matthew 24:7-8

In light of the anticipated increase in violence many have ask me what are we going to do. "...do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the spirit. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both spirit and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground without your [heavenly] Father." Matthew 10:28-29

If we understand Scripture prophecy and if Talmudic timelines are correct, then we stand at the edge of the Seventh Hebrew Millennium, the Sabbath Millennium, or the Messianic Age. Yet several significant milestones must be passed before we can enter in to a time of peace as is recorded in Daniel, Revelation and Matthew 24.

State of Israel established in 1948

Jerusalem returns to Jewish control in 1967. Luke 21:24

G-dlessness in the last days - 2 Timothy 3:1-5,7

False Messiahs. Prelude to the First Seal - Matthew 24:5,11

Wars and Rumors of Wars. Prelude to the Second Seal - Matthew 24:6

Famines. Prelude to the Third Seal - Matthew 24:7

Pestilences - Matthew 24:7

Earthquakes - Matthew 24:7

Seven-year covenant Moshiach Naged returns Israel to a Torah based Society. Daniel 9:27

Moshiach Naged is revealed. **1st Seal** - White Horseman 2 Thessalonians 2:3,6-7, Daniel 11:36 Revelation 6:1-2

Rebuilding of the Third Temple in Jerusalem -Daniel 9:27

Moshiach Naged makes the Golem-False Prophet is revealed. Revelation 13:11, Matthew 24:11

Miracles of the False Prophet cause deception amongst the people of the world. Revelation 11:13-14, Matthew 24:24

War - **2nd Seal** - Revelation 6:3-4, Matthew 24:6

Mark of the Beast is required on all people to buy or sell. This signifies worship of the Beast. Revelation 11:16-18

Famine - **3rd Seal** - Revelation 6:5-6, Matthew 24:7

Resurrection of the Beast/Moshiach Naged after a fatal_wound. Revelation 11:12

Two witnesses of Yahweh prophesy against the Moshiach Naged causing drought and plagues to come upon the earth. Revelation 11:3-6

Persecutions of Diaspora Begins - Matthew 24:21-22, Revelation 13:5-7

Death - **4th Seal** - One-fourth of the world's population are killed by the Moshiach Naged/Beast with the sword and with starvation. None can buy without taking the mark of the Beast. - Revelation 6:7-8

Martyrs cry out to the Lord, - **5th Seal** - Revelation 6:9-11, 2 Timothy 3:12, Daniel 7:25
Signs in the Sky - 6th Seal - (Great Earthquake, Bloody Moon, Blackout of the Sun, Meteors falling, Mountains and Islands moving, Sky splits apart) Revelation 6:12-14, Matthew 24:29, Joel 2:30-31, 3:14-16
144,000 Tzaddikim of the tribe of Israel are sealed - Revelation 7:2-4
Martyrs stand before Yahweh - Revelation 7:9-17

7th Seal - Trumpet Judgments of the Wrath of Yahweh - Revelation 8:1,6

1st Trumpet - **Hail and Fire** Destruction of all the grass and 1/3 of trees. Revelation 8:7

2nd Trumpet - **Meteor** falls into the Ocean destroying 1/3 of ships and sea life. Revelation 8:8-9

3rd Trumpet - **Wormwood** falls from the Heavens causing fresh water to become bitter. Revelation 8:10-11

4th Trumpet - **Darkening** of a third of the sun, moon, and stars. Revelation 8:12, Joel 3:13

5th Trumpet - **Locusts** from the Bottomless Pit and Blackout of the Sun #2. Revelation 9:1-10

6th Trumpet - Eastern army of **200,000,000** men kill 1/3 of mankind. Revelation 9:13-19

Death of the Two Witnesses, Revelation 11:7-10

Resurrection of the Two Witnesses on the Third day occurring in view of the World. Revelation 11:11-12

Earthquake strikes Jerusalem destroying 1/10 of the city - Revelation 11:13

7th Trumpet - Consists of seven **Bowl Judgments** of the Wrath of Yahweh.

1st Bowl - **Sores** on men with the Mark of the Beast. Revelation 16:2

2nd Bowl - **All creatures in the sea die**. Revelation 16:3

3rd Bowl - **Rivers and springs become blood**. Revelation 16:4

4th Bowl - **Sun scorches the earth**. Revelation 16:8-9

5th Bowl - Kingdom of the Antichrist/Beast becomes full of **darkness**. Revelation 16:10-11

6th Bowl - **Euphrates river dries up** allowing the Eastern army to move to Armageddon. Revelation 16:12

7th Bowl - **Greatest earthquake ever**, Spiritual Babylon and/or Rome is destroyed. Revelation 16:17-19, Jeremiah 51:24,26

Gathering of the Moshiach Naged, kings and, armies of the world. Zechariah 14:2-5, Revelation 16:13-14,16, Revelation 19:19, Daniel 11:40-45

Final Conquest and Plundering of Jerusalem. Joel 3:2,12, Zechariah 14:2,3

Second Coming - Revelation 19:11, Zechariah 14:3-5

Beast and False Prophet thrown into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 19:20-21

Destruction of the armies by the Torah. Revelation 20:15,21, Zechariah 12:9,8, 14:2-5,12

The Endtime Timeline Begins

April 1983: Beirut, U.S. Embassy Suicide car bomb 63 killed Radical Shiite Muslim group takes credit.

October 1983: Beirut, U.S. Marine barracks Bomb 241 killed by the Lebanese Party of God faction.

December 1983: Kuwait City, U.S. Embassy Suicide truck bomb Six killed; dozens injured 17 pro-Iranian terrorists convicted.

September 1984: Beirut, U.S. embassy Suicide car bomb 16 killed Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.

June 1985: TWA flight 847 Hijacking to Beirut One killed by the Lebanese Party of God faction.

October 1985: Egyptian coast, Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro Hostage situation One crippled Jewish man ,killed Palestine Liberation Front take responsibility.

November 1985: Egypt Air flight 648 Hijacking to Malta 60 killed by the Abu Nidal's Arab Revolutionary Command.

April 1986: West Berlin night club a Bomb explodes, three killed, arrested are a Libyan diplomat, two Palestinians and two Germans.

April 1986: Rome to Athens TWA flight Bomb Four killed by Mohammed Rashid, Palestinian terrorist, members of Iraqi backed May 15 organization.

February 1988: Southern Lebanon Kidnapping One U.S. Marine executed by the Lebanese Party of God.

December 1988: Lockerbie, Scotland, Pan Am flight 103 Bomb 270 killed by Libyan intelligence agents.

October 30, 1991 President George Bush Sr. opens the Madrid Conference with an initiative for a Middle East peace plan involving Israel's land. On the same day, an extremely rare storm forms off the coast of Nova Scotia. (It was eventually tagged "The Perfect Storm," and a book and movie were made about it.) Record setting 100-foot waves form at sea and pound the New England Coast, even causing heavy- damage to President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

August 23, 1992: The Madrid Conference moves to Washington DC and the peace talks resume, lasting four days. On that same day, Hurricane Andrew - the worst natural disaster ever to hit America - produces an estimated \$30 billion in damage and leaves 180,000 homeless in Florida

January 16, 1994: President Clinton meets with Syria's President Hafez el-Assad in Geneva. They talk about a peace agreement with Israel that includes giving up the Golan Heights. Less than 24 hours later, a powerful 6.9 earthquake rocks Southern California. This quake, centered in Northridge, is the second most destructive natural disaster to hit the United States, behind Hurricane Andrew,

March 1995: Karachi, Pakistan, U.S. Consulate Murder Two American diplomats killed Possible retaliation for World Trade Center bombing conviction.

November 1995: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, U.S. military headquarters Bombed Seven killed by Four anti-royal Saudi Arabian dissidents, possible connections to Party of God, an Iranian is beheaded in Saudi Arabia for the crime.

June 1996: Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Khobar Towers destroyed by Truck bomb, 19 U.S. airmen killed, Bin Ladin suspected.

March 1 to April 1997: The combination of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat touring America and Clinton rebuking Israel for not giving away her land for peace coincide with some of the worst tornadoes and flooding in US history. On the very day Arafat lands in America, powerful tornadoes devastate huge sections of the nation, ripping across Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee. Arafat's American tour also coincides with the flooding in the Dakotas. which result in the worst flooding of this century, in addition to weeks of major storms throughout the Midwest. Arafat finishes his tour and leaves the US and the storms stop.

November 1997: Karachi, Pakistan Murder of American oil-company employees, Five killed, Possible revenge for U.S. conviction of Pakistani for murders of two CIA agents.

January 21, 1998: NetanYahu meets with President Clinton at the White House and is coldly received. Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright refuse to have lunch with him. Shortly afterwards that day, the Monica Lewinsky scandal breaks into the mass media and begins to occupy a major portion of Clinton's time.

May 28, 1998 Bin Laden, issued a fatwa calling on all Muslims to kill Americans where they can, when they can. "Allah ordered us in this religion to purify Muslim land of all non-believers, and especially the Arabian," Bin Ladin said. The fatwa includes all that share or take part in killing of Muslims, assaulting holy places, or those who help the Jews occupy Muslim land.

August 1998: Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, U.S. embassies Simultaneous bombings 230 killed, thousands injured Possibly Osama bin Laden, Saudi financier.

September 28, 1998: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright works on the final details of an agreement in which Israel will give up 13 percent of Yesha (Judah and Samada). The same day Hurricane George slams into the Gulf Coast with 110 mph winds and gusts up to 175. The hurricane hits the coast and stalls. On September 28, Clinton meets with Arafat and NetanYahu at the White House to finalize the land deal. Later, Arafat addresses the United Nations about declaring an independent Palestinian state by May 1999, while Hurricane George pounds the Gulf Coast causing \$1 billion in damage. At the exact time Arafat departs the US the storm begins to dissipate.

October 15-22, 1998: On October 15, 1998, Yasser Arafat and Benjamin NetanYahu meet at the Wye River Plantation in Maryland. The talks are scheduled to last five days with the focus on Israel giving up 13 percent of Yesha. The talks are extended and conclude on October 23. On October 17, awesome rains and tornadoes hit southern Texas. The San Antonio area is deluged with rain. The rain and flooding in Texas continue until October 22 and then subside. The floods ravage 25 percent of Texas and leave over one billion dollars in damage. On October 21, Clinton declares this section of Texas a major disaster area.

March 23, 1999: Arafat meets with Clinton in Washington DC That day the market falls 219 points.

May 3, 1999: This is the day that Yasser Arafat is scheduled to declare a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital. The declaration is postponed to December 1999 at the request of President Clinton, whose letter to Arafat encourages him for his "aspirations for his own land." He also writes that the Palestinians have a right to "determine their own future on their own land," and that they deserve to "live free, today, tomorrow and forever." That same day, starting at 4:47pm CDT, the most powerful tornado storm system ever to hit the United States sweeps across Oklahoma and Kansas. The winds are clocked at 316 mph the fastest wind speed ever recorded.

September 22, 1999: Arafat meets with Clinton in Washington DC The day before and after the meeting, the market falls more than 200 points each day. This was the first time in history the market lost more than 200 points two days in a week. The market lost 534 points that week.

November 23, 1999: Arafat meets with Clinton in Washington, who is raising funds of the Palestinian state. That day the stock market fell 216 points.

June 16, 2000: Arafat meets with President Clinton. The market fell 265 points on that day.

OCTOBER 2000 – ISRAEL CONDEMNED BY UN, US ABSTAINS FROM VOTE (An abstention is just the same as a condemnation in this case); **CLINTON TO VISIT ISRAEL TO TALK PEACE WITH ARAFAT AND BARAK; USS COLE BOMBED AND STOCK MARKET TAKES AMAJOR DIVE.** Clinton plans to visit region tomorrow

October 11, 2000 - JERUSALEM Senior officials in the Prime Minister's Office reacted positively last night to reports that US President Bill Clinton is likely to come to the region as early as tomorrow to try to put an end to the violence and jump-start the peace negotiations. According to one official, the idea is for separate meetings in Israel and Gaza with Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, followed by a tripartite meeting. The visit would come in place of a summit the US administration has been trying to organize over the last few days in Egypt. Bush approves US failure to veto UN resolution

NEW YORK As the presidential candidates prepare to debate tonight, chances are greater than last week that the Texas Gov. George Bush and Vice President Al Gore will discuss the Middle East. Bush passed up an opportunity to criticize the Clinton administration for its failure to veto a UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel's use of "excessive force" against the Palestinians. Unlike Hillary Clinton, who used a Senate campaign debate on Sunday to express her disapproval, Bush expressed his approval of the vote. "I think that the governor feels that the administration acted appropriately in abstaining in that vote," said Ken Lisaius, a spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign.

Here is what followed in America:

October 12 2000, Thursday, (13:50) Four US sailors die in explosion in Aden An explosion has killed four US sailors on an American destroyer that was fueling in Aden. Five others were injured and one sailor is missing. The explosion occurred when a rubber boat impacted into the ship that had come via the Red Sea on its way to the Persian Gulf. Dow closes down 380 points on rising Middle East tensions. **NEW YORK (AP)** The Dow Jones industrial average plunged about 380 points Thursday while the NASDAQ composite index recorded its lowest close this year, as jittery investors reacted to the escalating violence in the Middle East.

May 20th, 2001 DEBKAFfile's Middle East sources, summing up the events of the last few days, warn that if the Arab world, led by Egypt and the Saudis, does not hurry up and launch a determined effort to arrest the deterioration in the Middle East, it will be increasingly difficult to halt the slide into a regional war. The new Arab League Secretary, former Egyptian foreign minister Amer Moussa, threw regional fuel on the local fire in his first appearance before the Arab League's monitoring committee of nine foreign ministers in Cairo Saturday. "For years we talked about the peace process;" he said, "Now we're back to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Such radical talk in the Arab League quickly filters down to the Arab street, translated in a flash to rallying cries for jihad and mass anti-Israel disturbances in Arab cities. Arab regimes, especially those of uncertain stability, face the hard options of taking their lead from the street or suppressing the outcry by force.

June 5-11, 2001 On June 5, President George W. Bush sends CIA director George Tenet to Israel to try to broker a cease-fire between the Israelis and the Palestinians and to implement the Mitchell Report. Tenet wants Israel to stop building in the settlement areas. On Friday, June 8, the CIA director hosts talks between senior Israeli and Palestinian security officials, while Assistant Secretary of State William Bums meets Yasser Arafat. Exactly coinciding with these talks, on June 8.-9, one of the greatest rainfalls in the history of the United States occurs in eastern Texas. In a 24 hour period, over 28 inches of rain fell in the Houston area. The nightly news reported the flooding and the meetings in Israel together! Tropical Storm Allison formed within one day and dumped three feet of rain on the area between June 5 and 11. The destruction in Houston was catastrophic, with 28 counties being declared a federal disaster area.

June 16, 2001 The new Baghdad ploy surfaced on Saturday, when Iraq's UN ambassador Mohammed al-Douri informed American NBC television of a \$10,000 reward promised by Saddam Hussein to the Iraqi air-defense crewman who shoots down one of the US and British warplanes patrolling Iraq's no-fly zones. This was official confirmation of a report carried in

June 26. Finalized Friday, June 29, 2001 President George W. Bush and Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon's met, June 26 and an agreement was finalized Friday, June 29, with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, for which secretary of state Colin Powell flew to Paris especially.

The European role was confirmed in exchanges over the last month between President Bush and the European leaders, UK premier Tony Blair, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and French President Jacques Chirac. Israel foreign minister Shimon Peres, with Sharon's approval, played an active part in brokering the US-European diplomatic moves.

Some of the secret deal's key provisions as pieced together by **DEBKAFfile:**

1. Israel undertakes not to launch a full-scale offensive against the Palestinian Authority or bring about its collapse.
2. Israel promise to abide by its policy of military restraint in Palestinian-ruled areas
3. A large international observer force made up of up to 200 American monitors will function under a joint US-European command in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and borderlands between Palestinian areas and Israel, taking up position in the first half of September. Under discussion now is a decision to provide the monitors with weapons and APCs for effective combat versus terrorists. Construction and ground-clearing operations have been in progress in the border areas for some weeks to prepare localities for observer positions.
4. Israel will have a free hand to fend off external threats around its borders and farther afield – from the Hizballah, Syria, Iraq and Iran.
5. The US and European powers will back Israel up in such actions when coordinated in advance.
6. If the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat throws in the towel at some point, Israel and the Palestinians will go back to full security coordination, this time with the international observer force and its European element participating.
7. In that eventuality, the international observers will go into Palestinian Authority areas to monitor the collection of illegal weapons, such as mortars and Katyusha rockets.
8. Israel will restrict the type and quantities of weapons in the hands of settlers. The international observers will be allowed to enter Jewish settlements to verify adherence to those restrictions and ensure that settlers are not organizing for anti-Palestinian operations.
9. The US, the EU and Israel will jointly monitor the funds and economic aid flowing month by month to the Palestinian Authority.

While no aid reaches the Palestinians officially from any of the three, an under-the-counter arrangement via Germany, authorized by the US and Israel, makes sufficient moneys available to keep the Palestinian Authority afloat.

Israel's Side of the Bargain

According to **DEBKAFfile**'s sources in Washington and Jerusalem, Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon has effectively renounced wholesale military moves against Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. Talk of operational plans for opening two broad military fronts – from Gaza to Hebron and from Bethlehem to Jenin – was no more than a smokescreen for concealing negotiations on the new understanding.

By accepting its terms, Ariel Sharon becomes the first Israeli prime minister to cede Israel's right to address its political and security problems with the Palestinians and the Palestinian Authority to armed international observers posted inside the country. For this concession, adamantly resisted by all his predecessors, he was awarded a free hand for the Israel Defense Forces to deal with external enemies, should Arafat's intifada backers, the Lebanese Hizballah, Syria, Iraq or Iran, threaten to expand the confrontation into a Middle East war.

This policy reversal is momentous. It means, in the view of **DEBKAFfile**'s analysts, that the Israeli government no longer regards Arafat, the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian terrorism as a strategic threat. Sharon believes that by re-directing Israel's armed forces' energies against external perils, he will not only cut Arafat off from his strategic lifeline, but also arrest the Palestinian uprising's slide into regional war.

The prime minister was guided to one of the most crucial strategic policy switches an Israeli leader has ever effected, by two considerations: One, the United States consent to promote Israel to leading regional military power status, a change which will be reflected in its military and economic standing in the Middle East and beyond, to Europe and the Indian subcontinent.

The other consideration was the failure of four months of intense American and European diplomatic efforts to cut Syrian president Bashar Assad away from his military and economic ties with Saddam Hussein and abandon his role as chief military conduit for the Hizballah. The last to try his hand was President Chirac, when Assad visited Paris last week. He too was firmly rebuffed.

Sharon concluded that the peril hanging over Israel from the potential Syrian-Iraqi-Hizballah-Iran alignment far outweighed the unsupported Palestinian threat.

That peril is already on the move. Since January, as **DEBKAFfile** was first to report, Arafat has been gradually smuggling Hizballah cells and agents from Lebanon and through the Sinai peninsula into the Gaza Strip and West Bank. In recent weeks, Hizballah radicals have penetrated Israel Arab communities with Arafat's encouragement. Furthermore, Iraqi divisions have advanced in two directions - north and west.

Sharon is convinced that forgoing a general offensive against the Palestinians is all to the good in the military senses, sure that it relieves Israel's armed forces of a mind-set that calls for a grinding effort and the overextension of their resources on the Palestinian front, at the expense of the country's security needs on other fronts.

For example, Sharon is certain that, were it not for excessive military focus on the campaign against the

Palestinians, the IDF would have forestalled the Hizballah's massive deployment along Israel's northern frontier in good time. The new understanding, in Sharon's view, will free up military resources for the proper handling of the Hizballah.

Already, Sunday morning, a senior army officer advised the Lebanese militants to recognize that the rules of the game in the region have changed. And indeed, on Friday, an Israeli air blitz was administered to Hizballah positions directly after their missile attack on Israeli positions on Shaaba farms, in which two Israeli troops were injured.

While Ariel Sharon's military thinking always tended to the regional, the risks inside the country today are planted deeper than ever before, affecting the personal security of every Israeli, be he settler, farmer or Tel Aviv teenager. The two questions he faces are: Will the IDF, given the new cease-fire restraints, be capable, in combination with international monitors, of containing the Palestinian machine of terror? And will Israel be able to sever Arafat's external sources of support, fighting strength and weapons supplies?

There are other questions, such as what guarantees have the US and Europeans offered for their continuing secret collaboration with Israel not being switched off and diverted to the Palestinians? Another is: How will Sharon's secret deal, when its import is fully grasped, go down in the country? Cries of rage will certainly go up from some quarters, but the prime minister is already some weeks into the process of inuring the country to a "cease-fire regime" under which terrorist strikes continue while the army is tied down to preventive pinpoint action and returning fire under direct threat.

His policy switch is supported by the pro-Oslo wing of the national unity government led by Shimon Peres and much of the entrenched political establishment. The country as a whole has still to have its say.

The US-Saudi Deal

The Bush administration has broken fresh ground by coupling US-Saudi oil links with Israeli military strength and so building a cornerstone for its Middle East policy. The colossal flop of President Clinton's approach to Yasser Arafat, which he freely admits in an interview run in Newsweek's July 2 issue, taught president Bush a lesson: To avoid at all costs placing his political fate in the hands of the Palestinian leader. Added to this was the administration's failure in its first five months in office to put together a working policy on Iraq and Syria acceptable to the Europeans, Russia and China. The new Bush Middle East orientation therefore sidelines the Palestinian option in favor of centering the combination of Saudi oil and Israeli military strength.

These policy blocks were positioned after weeks of discussions between vice president Richard Cheney's representatives and the Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, which led to accord on a combined strategy oil policy and pricing on world markets. Both labored under a sense of urgency because of an approaching threat from two quarters to seize control of the oil market – Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Russia's Vladimir Putin.

Iraq, by diverting massive quantities of oil from the UN-controlled Food for Oil program to smuggling routes, has maneuvered himself into position for throwing world prices into chaos and destabilizing OPEC production levels. Putin has put his hand on the oil lever, making it the mainstay of his regime. Since the Iraqi and Russian rulers play ball in military and diplomatic matters, the Americans, joined by the Saudis, decided to take the oil market in hand before they moved in together.

The US and Saudi Arabia agreed that Arafat's intifada and his alliance with Saddam Hussein gave Iraq a powerful tool for applying the oil weapon. They also agreed that Arafat's dream of a Baghdad-Damascus-Hizballah-Gaza axis potentially imperiled Middle East and Persian Gulf stability.

These assumptions led them to an agreed central guideline: to delimit the intifada and dwarf Arafat. It was reached in intense and secretly conducted contacts amid reports of Saudi anger over the Bush Administration's alleged pro-Israel bias at the Palestinians' expense and indignation over the Khobar Tower indictments. The secretary of state and Abdullah tied up the last ends in Paris on June 29.

But before this, Saudi Arabia's epic shift in orientation began to surface in a rare interview the Saudi Crown Prince granted the influential British Financial Times on June 26, in which he came out in favor of an international force to monitor the Israel-Palestinian cease-fire and touched on Israel's place in Middle East peacemaking.

Abdullah advocated the international force to prevent terrorist operations continuing and plunging the region into full-scale war.

On the question of peace, he said: "Any serious peace plan requires the support of the Kingdom. We are also the one qualified to persuade all concerned to come to the peace table."

This is the first time any Saudi ruler has undertaken to deal directly with and therefore recognize Israel as a state, a commitment implicit in the phrase *persuade all concerned*. Coming from Abdullah this acceptance is doubly meaningful and surprising. Not only does he administer the kingdom's affairs for the ailing

monarch, Fahd, but he is close to its ultra-conservative religious establishment and therefore likely to be less yielding on the Israel question than his more liberal brothers.

Having obtained Saudi understanding for the new strategy, the United States went ahead with new forms of military collaboration with Israel. In mid-June, the largest-scale air force ever staged in the Middle East took place over Turkey, with tens of US, Turkish and Israeli fighters, gunships and reconnaissance craft taking part.

The exercise, first disclosed by **DEBKAFfile**, relayed a clear message to Syria and Iraq that should either or both decide to go to war or engage in any kind of belligerence, the Israeli air force would have free use of Turkish air bases to strike at both and a combined US-Israeli-Turkish force stood ready to prevent any counter-strike against that base by missile or air bombardment.

The exercise also brought the permanent presence of Israeli warplanes and bombers in Turkish bases into the open. None of the parties concerned have bothered to conceal the advancing construction of one of the largest training and firing range installations in the world in South Turkey for the use of all three air forces.

In addition, **DEBKAFfile**'s sources report from Washington that in last week's interview with Sharon, President Bush assured him that the \$800m promised Israel for its unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon 13 months ago would be delivered. The US president also offered to ease up on US bans on sales of sophisticated Israeli weapons systems and military technology to third countries. This is believed to refer to the sale of the advanced Israeli Phalcon airborne reconnaissance system to India, a year after the Clinton administration blocked its sale to China.

DEBKAFfile's military sources report that India is seeking 5-6 such systems in a transaction worth more than \$7 billion, a much-needed revenue for Israel's growing balance of payments deficit.

A Vast Conspiracy Hatched in the Dark?

Given the scale in time and dimensions of this last appalling conspiracy against America, none of **DEBKAFfile**'s intelligence experts can explain how it came to fruition without any Western intelligence community noticing what was going on. The pre-planning must have taken years and involved hundreds if not thousands of strategists, activists, helpers, spotters, couriers, sleepers, controllers and spiritual leaders – and their families. Large sums of cash must have moved between countries.

And indeed, on Wednesday, scant hours after the shocking disasters in New York and Washington, the FBI was bursting with newfound information. It swung into action, knowing exactly where to lay hands on crowds of suspects in Boston and Florida. In record time, its agents had identified all the hijackers, estimating three to six on each of the passenger planes involved.

At least two of the hijackers were on the authorities' "watch list". Most were Egyptian or Saudi nationals. There was evidence to connect the conspiracy to the Saudi tycoon-terrorist ex-Saudi Osama Bin Laden. After all, there cannot be many organizations in the world capable of recruiting 12 to 24 volunteer suicides – and the odds are that it will be based in the Arab and Moslem world.

Even before finding the black boxes, the FBI knew that out of five targets, the terrorists hit two, the Twin Towers landmark, and missed three. They had been aiming for the White House, the President's Maryland resort at Camp David and the presidential Boeing, Air Force One. Instead they hit the Pentagon and a place in Pennsylvania.

In record time, the investigators discovered that two of the hijackers were Egyptians, who took private flying courses in Venice, Florida, and that a dense network of Jihad Islami and Bin Laden cells flourished undisturbed in many of America's cities.

Suddenly, too, thousands of Boston's Logan airport personnel were suspected of abetting in the conspiracy after exactly 800 staff name-tags were found to have gone missing last year. The FBI has now identified five Arab men as suspects, two of them believed to have entered the US and Canada and made several trips to "case" Logan.

But how did the terrorists make it to the two flights armed with knives and cans of mace? Hundreds of suspected accomplices are to be detained for interrogation in Boston and Florida. All these discoveries, certain to be followed by many more, came tumbling out after the multiple disaster, raising the question of why were they not made before?

Why did no one in the vast security administration of the United States raise the alarm? The only logical answer to this, in the view of **DEBKAFfile**'s intelligence experts, is that the system was muffled, disarmed from the inside. Osama Bin Laden or perhaps the senior partner of his Qaeda ("The Base") group, the fundamentalist Egyptian Jihad Islami, must have been able to plant agents inside the US military and intelligence services.

It would not be the first time.

DEBKAF's counter-terrorist experts recall the extraordinary appearance of the Egyptian-American Ali Mohamed, 48 as state witness at the trial in the Manhattan County court last April of the ring which carried out the 1988 US embassy bombings in Nairobi and Daar e-Salaam, causing 224 deaths, including 12 Americans. As one of Bin Laden's chief lieutenants, Mohamed's testimony enabled the US government to use the trial for building a comprehensive indictment against the entire Bin Laden terrorist machine. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for his role in the conspiracy, but was let off the death sentence.

An expert in the art of "invading the Western society" targeted for terrorism, he was a skilled double agent. Mohamed became a naturalized US citizen and penetrated the US army's Special Forces facility at the Fort Bragg, and given the rank of US sergeant.

During his army stint, Mohamed organized and built up the pervasive network of Islamic "societies" operating with apparent innocuous intent in so many corners of America, with an anti-American agenda, which is far from pious. They provide the infrastructure to support Islamic fundamentalist terrorist dedicated to "opposing non-Islamic governments with force and violence" - in the prophetic words of the US prosecutor at the embassy trial. Bin Laden was charged in absentia with endorsing a fatwah, or religious decree, ordering devout Muslims to kill Americans, including civilians, anywhere in the world.

2 AUGUST 2001 – During the last week of July the US has been putting pressure on Israel to get back to a cease fire and start counting the 7 days of non-violence, and the US has condemned Israel for the rocket attack on Hamas operatives that killed 8 Palestinians.

Here is what followed in America: There have been raging fires in the western US, intense heat in the Midwest, major flooding in the states of Virginia and West Virginia, and Florida went from drought conditions to severe flooding due to a tropical storm that developed in the Gulf of Mexico. In Chicago the intense heat wave was cooled by flooding rains. On August 4th the tropical storm stalled in the Gulf then headed back towards Florida. On August 6th it hit the panhandle with high winds and heavy rains and flooding. This heavy amount over all of Florida and other southern states will help the mosquito breed and further the spread of West Nile Virus. The heat wave continues from them Rockies to the east coast.

Also – Britain condemned Israel for the same attack and just before midnight on August 2nd a big bomb went off in a busy area of London. "The explosion happened just before midnight on Thursday evening outside a branch of the Body Shop on Uxbridge Road, about 100 meters from the Tube and rail station. Eyewitnesses said there was a "huge blast", flames of about 15ft and "smoke everywhere". The scene is described as one of "complete devastation" with shop fronts blown out and "glass everywhere". Police at the scene said there were "several" injuries but were unable to confirm numbers."

From the Washington Post Foreign Service Saturday, August 4, 2001- "Blast in London Stokes Britons' Fear of Violence- IRA Splinter Group Blamed For Car Bomb Near Subway. With Londoners on guard against terrorist bombs, the streets of Belfast smoldering through nightly riots and two alleged paramilitary soldiers arrested for murder, the troubles of Northern Ireland reminded Britons today of the bad old days before the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement. Scotland Yard said the violent Irish nationalist group called the Real IRA was responsible for a large bomb that exploded near a subway station in the West London neighborhood of Ealing just before midnight Thursday. Hidden in a secondhand Saab, the 88-pound bomb injured seven people, two seriously, and left this city of 8 million fearful that killings might resume here. Today the area around the station looked as if a ferocious hurricane had smashed through, bending metal and shattering every window in sight. Because Thursday night was a typical London summer evening -- gray, chilly and wet -- no one was outside when the bomb went off. Police called it extremely lucky that there were no deaths." A couple of days later the British Government retracted their condemnation of Israel.

August 10, 2001 – Following the seizure of the Palestinian "Orient House", "Abu Dis" and other institutions, the US State Department condemned these actions by Israel calling them a political escalation. Here is what followed in America:

ABC NEWS: Farmers crops in south Texas are dying due to drought and heat. Grapefruit trees are dead and have to be cut down. The Rio Grand River is extremely low at the mouth of the river and no water is flowing into the gulf.

WORLD NET DAILY: California officials say Western states neared blackouts.

(AP) . SAN FRANCISCO -- California power managers say 65 million customers in 11 Western states and parts of Canada and Mexico were at risk of blackouts last week when several power suppliers failed to deliver electricity to the region as promised.

(AP) PORTOLA, Calif. - A magnitude-5.5 earthquake shook part of Northern California on Friday, authorities said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

August 14, 2001 - The United States condemned Israel's predawn strike on police headquarters in Palestinian Authority-controlled Jenin.

Here is what followed in America:

WASHINGTON POST D.C. Mops Up, Assesses Damage. Mayor to Seek Disaster Area Status, Federal Aid in Storms' Aftermath. Yesterday, city officials and residents began assessing the damage of what amounted to a very localized natural disaster, after Saturday's thunderstorms overwhelmed some neighborhoods of the 69-square-mile capital but left Capitol Hill, Georgetown and other southern areas of the city disaster-free. About 1,160 households remained without power in the Washington area early last night, a Potomac Electric Power Co. spokesman said. In the District, 600 homes, the vast majority in Northwest, were without power. Gas and hot-water failures also were reported.

ABC NEWS: 400 WILD FIRES BURNING OUT OF CONTROL IN WEST. With hundreds of wildfires raging across the arid American West, the Bush administration and a group of governors have announced a new strategy in battling the blazes: greater focus on prevention. This month, that approach has been particularly taxing. In the West, the summer wildfire season has begun in earnest, with hundreds of lightning-ignited fires burning in eight states, smoke shutting down part of Interstate 80 in the Sierras, and firefighters considering asking the military for help. Currently, more than 320,000 acres are burning out of control in the West, which has experienced some particularly dry weather this year. Overnight, lightning strikes ignited more than 400 new fires, many in Oregon and Washington, where at least two homes were destroyed and several others evacuated. Thunderstorms also recently set massive fires in Nevada. Two dozen homes along the California border are threatened. The fires out west continue to blaze out of control. Upgraded to a level 5 condition, the highest level. Fire conditions have never moved up to level 5 so fast in past history. Wildfires are burning in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Oklahoma, Montana, Texas and Wyoming. Fires prompt Oregon emergency declaration. SALEM, Oregon -- Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber declared a drought emergency for his state Thursday and mobilized 120 National Guard troops to help battle wildfires. The National Interagency Fire Information Center said Oregon and Washington, which are suffering dry conditions and winds ranging from 15 to 35 mph, continue to have the worst blazes of the 10 Western states with wildfires Thursday. Tech Woes - NASDAQ dropped to a four-month low Wednesday on negative news from tech bellwethers.

DOLLAR SLIDES vs YEN, EURO. Despite an unchanged strong dollar policy, the greenback extended its vigorous drop on fears that a sickly domestic economy will diminish the allure of holding greenbacks. European markets are off to a weaker start on heels of U.S., Japan losses. Tokyo's Nikkei sank two percent as worries over the U.S. economy send investors scurrying for the yen, which strengthened and hurt the shares of Japanese exporters.

AUGUST 17, 2001 - U.S. Troops to Help Battle Wildfires. MONUMENT, Ore. — Marine and Army battalions have been called up to join more than 20,000 firefighters who are toiling in sweltering heat and rugged terrain as they try to stave off wildfires raging throughout the West.

NEW YORK (AP) Dow Ends Down 152; NASDAQ Drops 63 - — Profit warnings from Dell Computer and Gap, job cuts by Ford Motor, an appeals court decision against Microsoft and a sharp decline in sales of U.S. goods abroad all combined to pummel Wall Street Friday. The widespread losses were also spurred by a report that the U.S. trade deficit widened in June as sales of American-made goods to other countries declined by a larger amount than imports. The Commerce Department reported Friday that the trade imbalance increased by 3.3 percent to \$29.4 billion in June, matching many analysts' expectations. That decline comes as the nation's manufacturers, including computer and auto makers, complain that the value of the dollar is too strong, making their goods expensive abroad.

AUGUST 18, 2001 - Bad forecast for Western firefighters. BOISE, Idaho (CNN) -- Firefighters in Western states face a less-than-helpful weather forecast Saturday, which is expected to contribute to raging wildfires that have already burned thousands of acres of woodlands and forced evacuation of many areas.

AUGUST 20, 2001 - U.S. Backs Israel at U.N. Meeting. UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States backed Israel's position during a special U.N. Security Council meeting Monday on the crisis in the Middle East, saying an Arab call for council action was unworkable and one-sided. The lack of support from the United States — a veto-wielding member of the council — made it unlikely that the draft resolution circulated by the Palestinians last week would go for a vote in the council.

Here is what followed in America:

Cooler, wet weather may aid Western firefighters.

BOISE, Idaho -- Firefighters in the western United States could get some help from wet weather as the week goes on, officials from the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) said Monday. But meteorologists warned that strong winds could hamper efforts to battle blazes in California and Nevada. Rick Ochoa, a fire meteorologist with the NIFC, said the center is keeping an eye on a storm system in the Gulf of Alaska that is expected to move into the Pacific Northwest and bring rain to many of the fire areas as early as Tuesday. New fires break out. Ten new large fires were reported overnight into Monday, bringing to 40 the number of large fires ablaze, said NIFC officials. A large fire is defined as a fire burning uncontained and covering at least 100 acres. They said more than 450,000 acres are currently a flame across nine states, mostly in the West. The good news is that five large fires were contained Sunday.

NEW YORK (AP) Dow Ends Up 79; NASDAQ Rises 14 — The market got a slight lift today from bargain hunters who sought out stocks at cheaper prices despite little indication that business is getting better.

FOX NEWS – AUGUST 21 Weather Helps Fight Against Wildfires. LEAVENWORTH, Wash. — Fire engines streamed out of this mountain resort town as cool weather helped knock down a wildfire, the latest example of the progress being made against blazes that have charred nearly a half-million acres in the West. The National Weather Service said a strong weather system was moving from the Gulf of Alaska into Washington, bringing with it the possibility of record rainfall of an inch or more on the west side of the state on Tuesday. Showers could extend south into Oregon, where firefighters also are battling large blazes. Weaker winds and lower temperatures over the weekend allowed firefighters to fully contain four fires around Oregon. Firefighters still were working to contain wildfires scorching more than 105,720 acres across Oregon.

August 27, 2001 Iraq said its forces shot down an unmanned Predator plane in the Basra area, 560 kilometers (350 miles) south of Baghdad.

AUGUST 28, 2001 – US tells Israel to pull out of Beit Jala.

AUGUST 29, 2001 (20:45) Powell assures Arafat US is pressuring Israel.

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell called Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat today to assure him the United States was pressing Israel to withdraw from the West Bank town of Beit Jala. Powell also asked Arafat to help restore calm to the region. The call was made against the backdrop of accelerating State Department criticism of Israel for the way it has responded to Palestinian attacks, including incursions into areas turned over to the Palestinian Authority and assassination of suspected terrorists.

Here is what followed:

Dow Ends Down 131; NASDAQ Falls 22. NEW YORK (AP) — Investors sent stocks tumbling today for a third straight session on a government report showing the economy eked out only a slim gain in the second quarter, its weakest performance in eight years. Fire Forces Calif. Town to Evacuate.

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Flames burned through houses and businesses after a fast-moving wildfire forced officials to evacuate more than half of this former mining town of 3,550.

AUGUST 30, 2001 -(18:10) Bush reportedly mulls meeting Arafat at United Nations. US President George W. Bush is considering whether to meet Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat during the upcoming United Nations session in New York next month, according to The New York Times. The idea for the meeting came from Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, who made the suggestion to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, the Times reported. Bush is debating whether to deliver a speech next month in which he will express support for some Palestinian positions in order to dispel the impression that the US is giving one-sided support to Israel, Army Radio reported.

Here is what followed:

Dow Ends Below 10,000; NASDAQ Falls. NEW YORK (AP)— The Dow Jones industrial average fell below 10,000 today for the first time in more than four months on news of a consumer spending slowdown in July and a revenue warning from Sun Microsystems: The Dow, which had already fallen 332 points the first three days of this week, closed down 171.32 at 9,919.58.

(22:10) US closes two embassies in face of terrorist threats The United States today closed its embassies in Bulgaria and Romania to the public after receiving security threats apparently related to the situation in the Middle East. A State Department spokesman announced in Washington that the embassies are evaluating their security preparedness before reopening to the public, Israel Radio reported.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2001 - JERUSALEM POST Bush-Arafat meeting likely this month. WASHINGTON - Senior administration officials recommended to President George W. Bush on Friday at a White House meeting devoted to the Middle East that he meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at the UN. This is an idea Arab allies like Saudi Arabia have pushed and that has been bandied about as a possibility for weeks. Bush has so far denied Arafat an invitation to the White House. Another idea, according to diplomatic sources, is that

Secretary of State Colin Powell could in his speech at the UN General Assembly indicate some type of US support for Palestinian statehood or at least reaffirm US support for Palestinian sovereignty. A statement of support for Palestinian statehood, long sought by Arafat, would certainly help silence Arab criticism. But sources briefed on the idea stressed that whether such a statement is integrated into the final text of Powell's remarks would depend on the outcome of cease-fire talks next week between Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and whether Arafat shows a strong commitment to stopping violence and resuming security cooperation.

Here is what followed in America:

Tuesday, September 11:

The King Hussein of Jordan is secretly on his way to US to ratify the Palestinian/Israeli deal when his plane is diverted back to Jordan in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. This was told to Good Morning America 9-12.

1:30 a.m. "Iraqi anti-aircraft fire in the region of Basra on Tuesday brought down an American spy plane," INA reported.

8:45 a.m.: Jet airliner crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York.

9:03 a.m.: A second airliner crashes into its twin south tower, causing a devastating explosion.

9:10 a.m.: In Florida, President Bush is reading to children in a classroom when his chief of staff, Andrew Card, whispers news of the attacks into his ear.

9:20 a.m.: The FBI investigates reports of planes being hijacked before the World Trade Center crashes.

9:29 a.m.: First reports of casualties indicate that at least six people were killed, with at least 1,000 injured.

9:30 a.m.: Bush declares: "We have had a national tragedy. Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country."

9:43 a.m.: Abu Dhabi television reports it received a call from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, claiming responsibility for crashing two planes into the WTC. However, leading officials later deny the claim.

9:43 a.m.: Another plane crashes into the Pentagon in Washington. The nerve center of the U.S. military bursts into flames and a portion of one side of the five-sided structure collapses.

9:48 a.m.: The White House and the Capitol are evacuated amid further threats.

9:49 a.m.: All airports across the U.S. shut down.

10:00 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93, en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashes near Pittsburgh. The crash site is 85 miles northwest of Camp David.

10:05 a.m.: The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

10:29 a.m.: The north tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

12:33 p.m.: United Airlines confirms a second of its planes has crashed at an unknown location.

12:39 p.m.: Bush makes a second statement, vowing to hunt down and punish those responsible.

2:48 p.m.: New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani says the eventual death toll from Tuesday's attack may be "more than any of us can bear."

2:51 p.m.: The Navy dispatches missile destroyers and other equipment to New York and Washington.

4:25 p.m.: The American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange say they will remain closed on Wednesday.

4:30 p.m.: Bush leaves Offutt Air Force Base aboard Air Force One to return to Washington, where he will make a nationally televised address.

5:25 p.m.: World Trade Center 7 collapses.

8:30 p.m.: Bush addresses the nation. "These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat," he said. "But they have failed; our country is strong."

8:35 p.m.: Bush attends national security meeting.

Wednesday, September 12:

Saddam Hussein: US Has Received Its Just Dues from Allah

12:43 a.m.: Reports surface that investigators have descended on Logan International Airport in Boston, trying to determine how terrorists commandeered two jets. *The Boston Herald* prints unconfirmed reports of five possible Arab suspects.

Evidence found in a rental car left in Portland, Maine, led investigators to two houses in Vero Beach, Florida. One had been rented by two brothers from Saudi Arabia.

A Mitsubishi rental car reportedly contained an Arabic language flight manual. The luggage of one of the men who flew to the airport Tuesday didn't make his scheduled connection. *The Boston Globe* reported the luggage contained a copy of the Koran

On the morning of the hijacking, the two brothers rented a car from an Alamo rental desk at Boston's Logan Airport and drove to an airport in Portland. There they got on US Airways Flight 5930 at 6 A.M. headed back to Boston, the sources said. Investigators are analyzing videotapes at the car rental facility and at the Maine airport. Investigators suspect that the two brothers were aboard hijacked United Airlines flight 175, according to the *Boston Herald*.

According to Paul Stimeling, the landlord of the Florida house where the brothers lived, Adnan Bukhari and another man who lived next door described themselves as Saudi pilots and lived with their wives and children. Law-enforcement sources believe this neighbor may have been one of the hijackers who piloted the plane commandeered from either Newark, New Jersey, or Washington's Dulles International Airport. Stimeling said the neighbor's wife and the children had moved out over the weekend. The Bukhari family, the landlord said, moved out at the end of August.

8:11 a.m.: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announces that several firefighters and police officers have been rescued.

8:15 a.m.: U.N. announces it's pulling staff out of Afghanistan.

8:40 a.m.: Confirmed report that The World Financial Center is on fire. The Pentagon continues to burn.

9:48 a.m.: Giuliani announces finding a Port Authority police officer.

9:53 a.m.: Pentagon says no more survivors are expected; 80 bodies retrieved so far.

10:06 a.m.: Congress back in session.

10:53 a.m.: President Bush calls events an "act of war." He says, "Make no mistake about it, we will win."

11:58 a.m.: Pentagon is evacuated due to continuing fire. Shortly after, the building was deemed safe to enter.

1:07 p.m. FBI team searches a Boston hotel for suspects in the terrorism attacks. At least one person was arrested. Others are reported to be in custody. FBI Rounds up Terrorist Cells in Boston and Florida, Identifies All Hijackers of Four Passenger Planes as Egyptian or Saudi Nationals

1:10 p.m.: American Airlines releases passenger lists.

1:13 p.m. Bullets shatter windows of a north Texas mosque.

1:48 p.m. United Airlines releases passenger lists Two Names Released Are: Egyptian Pilots Mohamed At and Marian al Shaun. FBI Suspects Hundreds of Boston Airport Personnel of Abetting Terrorist Conspiracy by handing out 800 Staff Name Tags. The name Mohammed Atta, in particular, set off alarm bells in Israel. Atta--if indeed, this is the same Mohammed Atta--is known to Israeli intelligence. One source was quoted as saying that Atta's name had appeared on a list of terrorism suspects whose from the United States extradition Israel requested several years ago. Atta was reportedly wanted in connection with bus bombings in Israel. The American authorities opened an investigation, but felt they did not have enough evidence to convict or extradite Atta.

2:59 p.m.: White House spokesman says Air Force One and White House were intended targets in Tuesday attacks.

2:22 p.m.: FAA allows flights diverted Tuesday to resume; other flights grounded.

2:40 p.m. Authorities stop Amtrak train in Providence, RI Reports say there may have been suspects on board. The train has been evacuated.

4:49 p.m.: An official of the New York Stock Exchange says U.S. financial markets hope to open no later than Monday, possibly as early as Friday.

5:14 p.m.: NATO says terror attacks in U.S. can be considered an attack on the whole alliance.

5:20 p.m.: Rescue workers evacuated from lower Manhattan due to a gas leak.

Sen. Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, said that from a briefing he received Wednesday from law enforcement officials, "Most of it today points to bin Laden, but the speculation at the end of the road is that he and his network were very much involved with Hizballah, Fatah and other terrorist organizations."

8:29 p.m.: Report: Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden has strong family ties and a group of supporters in Boston, where the two hijacked airliners that demolished the World Trade Center took off. One of bin Laden's brothers set up scholarship funds at Harvard, while another relative owns six condominiums in an expensive complex in Charlestown, just outside Boston. Two bin Laden associates once worked as Boston cab drivers, including one who was jailed in Jordan on charges of plotting to blow up a hotel full of Americans and Israelis.

Mounting Evidence against Osama bin Laden

In Afghanistan, a spokesman for the Taliban denied that bin Laden had any role in the attacks. But Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the London-based *al-Quds al-Arabi* newspaper, said bin Ladin's organization was "almost certainly" behind the attack. "Osama bin Ladin warned three weeks ago that he would attack American interests in an unprecedented attack, a very big one," Atwan told Reuters.

Terrorism experts all over the world were almost unanimous in their agreement that bin Laden's network was the most likely culprit. "It would be very surprising if it didn't turn out to be bin Laden," said Dr. Jerrold Post, director of the Political Psychology Program at George Washington University.

ICT's Yoram Schweitzer, an expert on bin Laden's organization, said that the attacks "show the fingerprints of bin Laden: they required careful planning over a long period, and were meticulously carried out by operatives who were obviously well trained for their missions." What's more, said Schweitzer, bin Laden tends to work on two separate, but parallel tracks. "There are attacks carried out by people trained at bin Laden's camps, and then sent out into the world to do whatever they are able to. But there are other attacks that are coordinated and planned in every detail from Afghanistan, by bin Laden himself. What happened in the United States yesterday appears to have been of the later kind."

The "Bin Laden Principle"

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Over the last two years, Osama Bin Laden and his "Islamic Front" have suffered some serious setbacks; members of Bin Laden's terror group, "Al-Qaidah," composed of ideological mercenaries, have been arrested all over the world, as have operatives of other groups and terror cells affiliated with him. Most of the plots of these groups have been foiled by the local security services, with the help of extensive international cooperation and the would-be perpetrators sentenced to long prison terms.

The elaborate details revealed in some of the highly-profile trials—particularly those in New York and Los Angeles—have laid bare the way in which the "Islamic Network" operates. What has been revealed is the underlying operating principle of Bin Laden's international Islamic Front, according to which terrorists are imported and exported to and from Afghanistan—a principle of "push and pull," or "initiate and promote," on the one hand, and "attract and absorb" on the other.

Initiate and impel

This approach encompasses the terrorist activity initiated by the headquarters of Al-Qaidah in Afghanistan. Bin Laden's highest command apparatus, in charge of directing Al-Qaidah's activity, is also responsible for the planning, training and launching its terror squads to carry out attacks. The two simultaneous attacks in Kenya and Tanzania 3 years ago (August 98') are an illuminating example of this principle.

As was revealed by the testimony of members of the cell that carried out the attacks on trial in New York, the idea of an attack in Nairobi was initiated by the Headquarters of Al-Qaidah in Afghanistan. Some members of the group were sent to Kenya to make a first reconnaissance tour and returned to Afghanistan with their findings. The information was personally reviewed by Bin Laden and the operation was initiated. Members were ordered to establish an infrastructure there, to marry local women and to assimilate into the country, in order to prepare a local infrastructure. They further collected information on potential targets, rented houses, purchased materials and equipment. At the appropriate stage in the operation, Headquarters sent the professionals to supervise the last-minute preparations. Usually, the commander of the operation lives apart from the other members of the squad, as do the demolition expert, and any suicide bomber or bombers.

Each of al-Qaidah's showcase terror attacks is supervised by a senior operational commander, who is the only one who knows all the details of the operation and the identity of all participants. This is a necessary component of the compartmentalization. The same basic pattern was revealed in the attack on the USS Cole in October, 2000—an attack which was supervised by Al-Qaidah from Afghanistan..... The fact remains that those terror attacks carried out under the direct supervision of Al-Qaidah, such as those in East Africa in August 1998 and Yemen in October 2000 were successful, while those of planned by the "independent" cells failed. These failures do not seem to have upset bin Laden, largely for the following reasons:

1. They do not directly implicate him in terrorism
2. The "independent" operatives are, for the most part, redundant. There are many more to replace them and the setback is only temporary.
3. Al-Qaidah's operations are infrequent, but "successful," giving him ample material for "propaganda by the deed," and to recruit new volunteers.
4. Bin Laden perceives the struggle between the Islamic Front and the "Judeo-Christian Alliance" as a perpetual struggle, which will end in his unequivocal triumph.

Are The Arabs Our Enemies?

I do want to say, Arabs are not our enemies, they are our brothers, sons of Abraham, but the religion of many of them, Islam, is demonic at its core! Here are just a few excerpts from the Koran. "Fight in the way of G-d against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities. Indeed G-d does not love transgressors (Koran 2:192-193)."

"How is it with you that you do not fight in G-d's way, when the feeble among the men, women and children are saying, "Our lord, bring us forth from this place whose people are tyrants. O G-d give us from your presence some protector and helper.'(KORAN 4:75-76)."

"..If G-d had not repelled some people by means of others, the earth would have been corrupted (KORAN 2:251)."

"...The all-knowing Allah, responding to the prayers of his devotees revealed through Muhammad, the doctrine of Jihad i.e. murdering non-Muslims for possessing their wealth, property and women.

And slay these transgressors wherever you meet them and drive them out from where they have driven you out; for persecution is worst than slaying. And fight them not in and near the Sacred Mosque until they fight you therein. But if they fight you, then fight them. Such is the requital for the disbelievers.(2:192)"

"They wish that you should disbelieve as they have disbelieved, so that you may become alike. Take not, therefore, friends from among them, until they emigrate in the way of "allah". And if they turn away, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them; and take no friend nor helper from among them; (4: 90.)"

"The only reward of those, who wage war against "allah" and HIS Messenger and strive to create disorder in the land, is that they be slain or crucified or their hands and feet be cut off on account of their enmity, or they be expelled from the land. That shall be a disgrace for them in this world, and in the Hereafter they shall have a great punishment; (5: 34)"

"In essence, there was nothing new in it because the Arabs were customarily used to plundering the commercial caravans. To exploit this vice, Islam cleverly renamed brigandage and killing as Jihad, which was to be carried out to glorify Allah, the Great. By reshaping common robbery into a Divine pursuit, it inspired the lust for plunder with the spirit of untold devotion, discipline and desire that turned the looters into crusaders, who carried out their atrocities with greatly enhanced enthusiasm; in fact, they became ferocious robots who thought of pillage as piety and equated murder with melody".

The Koran specifically says: "When ye encounter unbelievers, strike off their heads until ye have made a great slaughter among them, and bind them in bonds. " In another place it says: "those who fight against you, kill them wherever ye shall find them ...You Allah are our protector. Give us victory therefore over the infidel nations." "Kill thine enemy" is the practical teaching of Islam.

September 12, 2001

The Islamic Justification for Killing Non-Combatants in War

Commentary

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Earlier this week, in the Kuwaiti paper, *Al-Watan* an article appeared that explained the "justification" in the eyes of "Orthodox" Islam for the killing of innocent non-combatants in time of war. In the briefest possible terms, the justification hinges on the fact that -- at least in the case of Israel -- all non-combatants are either "potential fighters" or "are involved in complementary activities."

The following translation of this article, published in the September 9 edition of the Jerusalem Post, is now more relevant than any could have foreseen two days ago. The article opens a window into the thinking of those behind yesterday's murderous terrorist acts in New York and in Washington DC.

The questions: "how could it happen? Who would do such a thing?" seem to come up again and again whenever people try to encompass the enormity of what has happened in the United States. This article, if read with attention, may provide at least part of the answer: there are cultures and religious streams that place no limits on what they consider "justified in time of war."

As the finger of suspicion swings more and more surely to point at Ossama bin Ladin's "International Front for Jihad against the Crusaders and the Jews," it would seem more than likely that those behind yesterday's attacks subscribe to just such a school of thought as that represented by this article, published only days before in a mainstream Kuwaiti newspaper.

This article presents the justification, from the standpoint of "Orthodox" Islam, for the killing of Jewish non-combatants in war. Although these justifications directly refer to "Jewish women and children," the arguments presented could just as easily apply to all non-combatants living in democracies.

The justification, indeed, hinges on the fact that citizens in democracies are to be held responsible for the actions of their government. After all, they vote for the government of their choice, and pay taxes to support this government's policies. In fact all citizens of a democracy are potential soldiers. What's more, all citizens can be seen as "involved in complimentary activities": operating computer systems, running the telephone systems, the electric power grids, and indeed the entire economic foundation on which the military might of the "enemy" is based. The casual reader could be forgiven for believing that this article reflects the opinions of a radical minority in the Arab World. However, to see the full extent to which such a reading would be mistaken, one need only recall the scenes of people dancing in the streets in countries all over the Muslim World, at word of the death of more than 10,000 innocent Americans -- all non-combatants, and all, according to the article quoted below, valid targets for murder.

There should be no mistake: the events of yesterday, may be the work of a small minority of extremists, but they were met with acclaim by many who, though not directly involved, openly proclaimed their wish that it had been their fingers on the trigger. These views do not reflect the views of a "radical minority;" they reflect a military doctrine for war -- a war which must be seen for what it is, a war of civilization against civilization. (September 9) (Al-Watan, Kuwait, August 31)

Religious scholars do not dispute that Islamic law fundamentally forbids the killing of women and children in Jihad [holy war], and the evidence for it is in the Hadith [prophetic tradition] of Ibn-Umar [Vol. 4, Book 52, No. 257]: "A slain woman was found during one of the Prophet's military campaigns, and following this the prophet forbade the killing of women and children."

The scholars have also found evidence for the prohibition of killing those who are not involved in warfare in the Prophet's message to Khaled Ben-Al-Walid telling him that they shall not kill a woman or a non-fighting laborer. There are also other sources for the prohibition of killing civilians.

The scholars have excluded two cases in which the killing of civilians and women is permitted. The first one is when they take part in the fighting, or if they witness it or are involved in complementary activities such as giving council or propagandizing. The scholars base their decision on the words of the Prophet who, when seeing the slain woman said: "She was not capable of fighting," meaning that had she been fighting, it would have been permitted to kill her.

It should be noted that in the modern age, when an army is engaged in war, non-fighters join it who are involved in complementary activities and, at times, the course of war depends mainly on them. These are, for example, activators of the army's computer systems that direct military activities, such as civilian-manufactured computer systems for directing missiles or sophisticated bombs.

They also include those who work for agencies that carry out military projects; the reserve forces responsible for summoning soldiers and preparing them for fighting, even administratively; intelligence people, and so forth.

All those mentioned fall under the category of those who fight the Muslims and therefore can be targeted and killed in war, especially on occupied Muslim lands such as Palestine.

It also ought to be noted that all Jewish women in the Zionist entity are fighters, since they are also required to serve in the army. It is common knowledge that the Zionist society is a military society, and every one of them takes part in warfare, whether as a soldier in the army, as a reservist, by paying taxes to the Jewish state and its army which kills Muslims, or by voting to put [Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon in a position to give the orders to kill [Mohammed] Al-Dura [the child killed in his father's arms in Gaza last September] and other Palestinian children. The second case when the killing of civilians and women is permitted is when Muslims must launch a comprehensive attack against their enemies or shoot them from afar. If civilians, women or children are to be killed in such attacks - although they must not be deliberately targeted - there is no blame on those who kill them, as these things happen in wars when bombs are fired at military posts situated between residential buildings, especially when these are the posts of the occupying army situated on Muslim lands. In such incidents civilians, women, and children are unintentionally killed, but Muslims get killed as well.

Among these attacks are the martyrdom attacks that aim to kill the occupiers in order to strike terror in their hearts and force them to end their occupation and withdraw from the country of the Muslims. In these attacks some women and children are unintentionally killed, of course, but this is with full right. Places that are designated for children and frequented only by them are not to be targeted.

The prophet has shot at the people of Taif with a catapult during his siege to their town when there were women and children inside. Had he forbidden his warriors to attack them or shoot at any place where there were people who were not fighters, it would have led to the paralyzing of Jihad for the sake of Allah.

It is impossible to avoid killing civilians in a war, especially in the kind of fighting taking place in Palestine where settlements and occupied lands are side by side with Muslim areas, and therefore it suffices that they should not be intentionally targeted.

What does YAHWEH have to say?

YAHWEH had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation... And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curses thee:" Genesis 12:1-3 (KJV)

"I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land." Joel 3:2b (NIV)

"For thus says YAHWEH of hosts, He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you (Israel), touches the apple of His eye." Zechariah 2:8

I am YHWH, and there is none else - there is no MIGHTY ONE besides Me. I gird you, though you have not known Me [6] so that they know from the rising of the sun to its going down that there is none but Me. I am YHWH, and there is none else, [7] forming light and creating darkness, making peace and creating evil. I, YHWH, do all these. YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 45:5-7

What happened certainly WAS judgment, BUT that does not mean it was a specific act of wrath on the part of Yahweh. It DOES mean that Grace is in the process of being suspended and that harsh judgment will be meted out in the days ahead.

Judgment BEGINS in the House of Yahweh, therefore we MUST expect Believers to experience continuing and increasing tribulation as WELL as increasing judgment on Ephraim and Judah worldwide but it seems to me PARTICULARLY on the USA which has, in a sense, been at the forefront of Yahweh's call to preach the Full Messianic Message for some decades now and has in large measure been disobedient!

"Christian Theology" are largely responsible for establishing the principles of what is now known today as "Jihad" - refer the Crusades.

UNTIL "Churchianity" PUBLICLY AND WIDELY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY REPENT of what was done to Jews and Moslems in the name of "Jesus Christ" by Crusaders & clerics for over a thousand years, there is NO BASIS to condemn the Moslems - we must remove the plank out of our OWN EYES before we condemn others who learned violence from our western forefathers.

UNTIL the USA puts King Messiah YahShua FIRST, repents of and removes the innumerable areas of false doctrine from the "church" AND "Greco-Roman church based" government and turns to Yahweh any other solution is going to be futile.

Yahweh is WELL ABLE to protect those who truly call on Him and chesed (love) Him with Ahaza (I would die for you love)- but that REQUIRES that they keep His commandments!

"And it shall be that everyone who calls on the Name of YHWH shall be delivered. For on Mount Zion and in Yerushalayim there shall be an escape as YHWH has said, and among the survivors whom YHWH calls." Yo'el (Joel) 2:32

We must trust in YHWH, for He will be faithful. He shall try us and prove us, to make us stronger. But He will deliver.

"For look, I am commanding, and I shall sift the house of Israel (Ephraim) among all the gentiles, as one sifts with a sieve, yet not a grain falls to the ground." Amos 9:9

If we believe that HaSatan is the equal of YHWH, then we shall be very afraid indeed, for we shall see ourselves caught in the battle between good and evil, the victims of "Fate." Yet all that happens is the will of our heavenly Father.

"I am YHWH, and there is none else – there is no Elohim besides Me. I gird you, though you have not known Me, so that they know from the rising of the sun to its going down that there is none but Me. I am YHWH, and there is none else, forming light and creating darkness, making peace and creating evil. I YHWH do all these." Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 45:5-7

HaSatan is not the equal of YHWH, but he must go to YHWH in order to ask permission to test the sholeachim (disciples), as he had to get YHWH's permission to sift Job (Iyob 1:9-11). HaSatan had to ask YHWH's permission to sift Shimon Kefa (Simon Peter) (Silas/Luke 22:31).

If HaSatan has to ask YHWH's permission to sift us, then it must be we are to overcome, regardless of what happens to us in this life.