

Netanyahu unleashes 'Temple Mount' plot to destroy Mideast peace

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blew up what remained of the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organization peace accord on Sept. 20, when he ordered the completion of a "tourist tunnel" under Jerusalem's holiest Islamic shrine. The completion of the tunnel, universally viewed by Muslims as a desecration, took place on Sept. 24, under the cover of night and heavily armed guards. Former Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, and even Netanyahu crony former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, had banned the tunnel's completion for ten years, knowing full well that it was a wild provocation.

As we go to press on Sept. 26, at least 40 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli Army and police, who opened fire on crowds of Palestinian demonstrators over the last two days, in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and other cities on the West Bank. There have been two reported cases of shoot-outs between Israeli and Palestinian police in Ramallah and Gaza. At least three Palestinian Authority police have been killed by Israeli forces. Among the hundreds of wounded are Jerusalem Mufti Akram Sabri, the keeper of the holy sites, and Palestinian Authority Religious Affairs Minister Hassan Tahboub.

The decision to go ahead with the tunnel "proved to us that the Israeli leaders are not serious at all about the path of peace," the Palestinian cabinet emphasized in a statement on Sept. 25, even before the beginning of the massacres. Palestinian President Yasser Arafat termed it "a big crime against our religious and holy places." Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan called it "a provocation to Arab and Muslim feelings around the world," and warned against disregarding Muslim attachment to the holy city, which has been "a cause of wars, just as much as it is a unifying symbol of peace."

As soon as the violence erupted, Netanyahu blamed the PLO's condemnation of his action for that violence. Arafat "should calm passions and not inflame them," Netanyahu told enthusiastic supporters in Paris on Sept. 25. But even Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai publicly questioned the decision to open the tunnel. "I don't know whether to say with finality that all considerations were taken into account," he told reporters the same day.

Meanwhile, in a further provocation, Israeli Infrastructure Minister Gen. Ariel Sharon, announced on Sept. 26, the day

after the first wave of killings, that the Israeli government plans to expand its settlements in the Occupied Territories, in further violation of the accords. "The Golan Heights will contain 25,000 people within a few years," he told the Israeli daily *Yediot Aharonoth*. "Settlements in Judea and Samaria [the Zionist expansionist term for the West Bank], will be widened and expanded."

Sharon is the strongman of the Netanyahu regime. He also is a leading member of the British-run, behind-the-scenes Israeli establishment institutions, who ordered Prime Minister Rabin's assassination last fall, using one of their "settlers movement" patsies to do it. Rabin was killed because Britain has always been opposed to peace in the Mideast. The subsequent unleashing of Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad violence in Israel, including the suicide bus-bombings in Jerusalem, all covertly organized by Britain, Sharon's circle, and Syria, created the conditions for Netanyahu's election last May. Without this terror spree, Netanyahu would not have won the elections. As it was, he won by only 10,000 votes, a margin of less than 1% of the votes cast.

Netanyahu's provocation follows a trip to the United States earlier in the month, where he met with cosmetics king Ronald Lauder, who bankrolled his recent election, and who also finances Sharon. But the purpose of his decision on the tunnel goes far beyond creating another foreign policy crisis for U.S. President William Clinton. The violent Arab passions that Netanyahu has provoked, are intended to unleash uprisings against any Arab leaders who have advocated peace, and who worked with Rabin and Peres. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is one of the top targets.

Netanyahu's provocation is also intended to prepare the climate for the murder of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, which, in the aftermath of the murder of Rabin, would destroy any possibility for peace in the region. And just as Hamas bombings paved the way for Netanyahu's election, so Netanyahu's provocations are intended to pave the way for the rise to power of Hamas.

An old story

Netanyahu's order to defile the Islamic holy places in Jerusalem was not an Israeli decision, but was decided in



Worshippers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, the city's holiest Islamic shrine. The Israeli government's decision to build a tunnel under the mosque was made on orders from London, by the freemasonic lunatics who control Netanyahu, Sharon, and their circle.

London, by the British masonic officials who have always controlled Netanyahu and his circle.

Since 1981, *EIR* has exposed the British plot to desecrate and destroy Jerusalem's Islamic holy places. In 1986, we published a *Special Report*, "Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia," which provided further documentation on the purpose behind the conspiracy.

The Islamic holy site targeted by Netanyahu, the al-Haram al-Sharif, is the third holiest site in Islam, believed by Muslims to be where the Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven. It also adjoins the "Wailing Wall," which marks the remains of the temple built by King Solomon. By tradition, the temple was built by the original "Masons" of Hiram of Tyre, and remains a central cult-image of the British- and French-centered Masonic orders to this day. For such reasons, beginning in the 1840s, British Prime Minister Palmerston's son-in-law, the Earl of Shaftesbury, first called for bringing Jews back to Palestine, to prepare the conditions for rebuilding the Temple at the Islamic holy site. Shaftesbury also sought to expel the Roman Catholic Church from Jerusalem, and to turn Catholic-administered Christian holy sites there over to British Protestant denominations.

Consequently, there have always been powerful elements within the British-created Zionist movement, who have wished to destroy the Islamic holy sites, and rebuild the Temple. Both the Irgun, the pre-1948 predecessor to Netanyahu's

Likud bloc, and the 1940s Stern gang, which was led by (later Prime Minister) Yizhak Shamir, called for destroying the Islamic site, and rebuilding the Temple, in their founding documents. The personal secretary of the British agent who founded the Irgun, Vladimir Jabotinsky, was Benzion Netanyahu, the prime minister's father.

Since the Israelis captured East Jerusalem in 1967, the Likud has attempted to implement this program. To that end, London's Quatuor Coronati lodge official Asher Kaufman, arrived in Jerusalem that year, and began working closely with Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, to put together the networks committed to destroying the Islamic holy sites. This is the origin of the Jewish Defense League, Gush Emunim, Temple Mount Faithful, and related "settlers movement" sects within Israel, whose members have since been arrested several times attempting to desecrate, or even dynamite, the site. On Oct. 8, 1990, for example, the Temple Mount Faithful, attempted to lay the "foundation stone" for a rebuilt Solomon's Temple, at the site of the Al-Aqsa mosque. Their actions sparked riots that left 20 Muslims dead.

In 1982, these sects first began to tunnel secretly under the site, as part of their preparations for destroying it. The tunneling was overseen by Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva (day school) leaders Mattiyahu Dan and Rabbi Shlomo Aviner, both agents of the Israeli intelligence agency Shin Bet, and part of the Sharon faction. The tunnel, completed by

Netanyahu allegedly for “touristic reasons,” is part of this complex.

Timeline of provocations

Ever since Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres attempted to bring peace to the Mideast, by signing accords with PLO leader Arafat in September 1993, the Netanyahu circles, and their backers, have been committed to drowning the accords in blood. Netanyahu was the first to denounce the accords, accusing Peres of high treason. Peres, in response, accused Netanyahu of acting on behalf of U.S. financiers. By October, Sharon began his first of many tours to the United States to mobilize against the accords.

As the first result of their mobilization, Jewish Defense League official Baruch Goldstein killed 50 worshippers in a mosque in Hebron, on the West Bank, on Feb. 25, 1994. Goldstein was covertly aided by elements of the Israeli military. After Rabin and Peres denounced Goldstein and the settlers movement as “scum,” Sharon and company increased the tempo of attacks on both leaders as traitors. In the fall of 1995, Avraham Hecht, the personal rabbi of Netanyahu money-bags Edmond Safra, issued a rabbinical decision saying that the murder of Rabin was justified. On Rabin’s last trip to the United States in November, Likud backers, such as Anti-Defamation League Chairman Abraham Foxman, denounced Rabin for suppressing dissent in Israel.

- **Nov. 4, 1995:** Israeli Prime Minister Rabin is assassinated in Tel Aviv. The assassin, Yigal Amir, was a member of the Eyal settlers sect, led by Shin Bet agent Avishai Raviv. Despite the fact that Amir was recognized by Rabin’s bodyguards at the site as a known threat, he was permitted to enter the security perimeter, and get within a yard of Rabin. A series of other, standard, security measures, were inexplicably not followed.

- **Feb. 25, 1996:** A suicide bus-bombing in Jerusalem kills 25, kicking off Netanyahu’s election campaign.

- **Feb. 29, 1996:** Warning what was afoot, PLO Chairman Arafat tells the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* that the bus-bombing, and planned bombings, were being coordinated by extremists on both sides. “We are sure that Rabin was killed by a representative of an extremist Israeli group, just as we know that there is a pact between Israeli and Palestinian extremists to obstruct peace. Avishai Raviv, the head of the Jewish extremist organization Eyal, said in a interview granted the day before Rabin’s assassination, that he had met with representatives of the Jihad. And he said that it was not the first time. These are all things I can prove. I have documentary evidence.”

Arafat quoted Raviv saying, “We and the Jihad are agreed on destroying the peace process.” He said that Raviv had met repeatedly with both Jihad and Hamas in Gaza—before the Rabin murder.

“The terrorists’ supporters are abroad. The leaders of Palestinian extremism are in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, and

Iran. The Israelis’ supporters are in Brooklyn,” he said. “The only solution for defeating terrorism is to accelerate the peace process. Restrictive provisions causing slowness or delays in the military withdrawal, however, could prove fatal. That is why I appeal to the resolute supporters of the peace process: We must combat terrorism steadfastly and at the same time accelerate the peace process.”

- **March 3, 1996:** A suicide bus-bombing, claimed by Hamas, kills 20 passengers in Jerusalem.

- **March 4, 1996:** A suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv shopping market kills 13. The wave of atrocities, triggering hysteria, leads to a rapid increase in the popularity of prime minister candidate Netanyahu, who had been campaigning on fear. Netanyahu’s campaign was funded by New York City cosmetics king Ronald Lauder, also a close crony of Sen. Alfonse D’Amato (R-N.Y.), who provided Netanyahu his campaign manager, Arthur Finkelstein.

- **April 10, 1996:** Israel launches a two-week aerial assault on Hezbollah positions in Lebanon, after days of Hezbollah shelling of northern Israel. Ninety-one civilians are murdered after the Israelis fire into a civilian refugee camp, forcing the end of the campaign, and discrediting Prime Minister Peres, who had begun it in an apparent effort to show how tough he could be with terrorists. Hezbollah, like Islamic Jihad, is controlled by Syria.

- **April 24, 1996:** Despite this surrounding chaos, the PLO convenes its ruling National Council in Gaza, where it decides overwhelmingly to revise its 1964 Charter, which had called for the annihilation of the Israeli state. Eliminating those provisions has been a key Israeli demand for many years, and especially since the Oslo meetings which led to the September 1993 Israeli-PLO accords. Hamas immediately denounces the PLO Charter revision as a “crime,” and the Likud bloc denounces it as a “hoax.”

- **May 31, 1996:** Benjamin Netanyahu wins the Israeli elections, although by a margin of 10,000 votes, less than 1%, with clear indications of vote fraud. Netanyahu had campaigned on ripping up the peace accords. He soon puts together a war cabinet, including generals Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eytan. The American Dore Gold, brought on by Netanyahu to guide foreign affairs, is a devotee of Henry Kissinger. Both generals had earlier been charged by an Israeli government commission of allowing massacres of Palestinians to occur during their 1982 invasion of Lebanon, when Lebanon’s division between Syria and Israel was finalized.

Since Netanyahu came to power, his government has systematically reneged on every important feature of the Oslo agreement, as he had promised during his election campaign. Netanyahu has refused to order the Israeli Army to withdraw from Hebron, as mandated by the agreement. He has moved to “judaize” East Jerusalem, through such measures as his tunnel-building extravanza. And, he has ordered a new massive round of construction of Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories, to make Israeli control there a fait accompli.