

Editorial

The latest Middle East crisis

On Jan. 1, a “deranged” Israeli soldier, Noam Friedman, opened fire into a crowded Palestinian marketplace in downtown Hebron, to “protest” the anticipated, long-delayed pullout of Israeli troops from that city. Scores of people were injured. The Hebron withdrawal, under the terms of the Oslo II Accords, was to have been completed by March 1996. U.S. peace negotiator Dennis Ross had been dispatched to the region by President Clinton in mid-December, in an attempt to secure the Hebron withdrawal before the New Year, and to rescue a peace process that has been sinking in quicksand ever since the election of Benjamin Netanyahu as prime minister of Israel.

The recent acts of terrorism have provided Netanyahu with the pretext to throw up the most serious obstacles yet, to a meaningful peace.

We know a great deal about the Hebron shooter, Friedman. He was not, as the world media claimed, a “lone killer.” He was a product of the Merkaz Harav yeshiva, founded by Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the closest collaborator in Israel of Britain’s Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the British Crown’s premier laboratory for creating irrational ideologies and countergangs.

For decades, Kook’s yeshiva has been the breeding ground for Temple Mount fanatics, who have been unleashed by Britain’s Zionist assets every time that the Middle East peace process appeared close to a breakthrough: In February 1994, Baruch Goldstein, another Israeli soldier linked to the settlers movement and the Temple Mount “faithful,” massacred Muslim worshippers at the Cave of the Patriarch; in November 1995, Yigal Amir, another member of a Jewish assassins cult, killed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as he was leaving a rally in support of the peace process in Tel Aviv. Although Amir was tried, convicted, and sentenced for the Rabin murder, and several other collaborators were also brought to justice, it would be an act of disrespect to the memory of Prime Minister Rabin to claim that the murder was “solved,” and the prime perpetrators brought to justice.

Such Jewish underground terrorist attacks as we saw on Jan. 1 in Hebron, inevitably lead to terrorist

retaliation by “Islamic” terrorists, who are products of the same British Arab Bureau operations. It’s no secret that the Ariel Sharon “Greater Israel” networks poured money and other resources into launching some of the Islamist terror-squads, to build up a counter to the PLO of Yasser Arafat. Such are the politics of the Middle East “Great Game.”

And so, the Friedman attack in Hebron triggered a predictable response. On Jan. 9, two pipe-bombs exploded in a busy Tel Aviv shopping area, injuring 13 people. Prime Minister Netanyahu immediately issued a harshly worded warning, that the entire peace process is on hold, if it turns out that the terrorists came into Tel Aviv from the West Bank or Gaza areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority.

We don’t claim to know who planted the Tel Aviv pipe-bombs. Nor do we claim to have any inside information on who sent the ten letter bombs to the Washington offices of the Saudi Arabia-backed Arabic-language newspaper *Al-Hayat*, and to the Leavenworth federal penitentiary in Kansas, where several of the men convicted of the World Trade Center bombing are incarcerated.

But we do know that the strategic use of irregular warfare to wreck the peace process is an old British trick, long since adopted by the Sharon-Temple Mount gang in Israel, as well. Furthermore, the letter bombs that were mailed from Alexandria, Egypt to the United States suggest that the escalation of irregular warfare is going to, once again, be targeted at the United States and at the Clinton Presidency, as well as at the Middle East and the peace process. And, no one should delude themselves that “it can’t happen here.”

If the peace process is to survive this latest assault, it’s going to require a very tough intervention by the Clinton administration, holding Netanyahu’s feet to the fire, and keeping a very clear head about the role of our so-called “allies” in London. Britain remains the headquarters of international terrorism, and every time that we lose sight of that, a new round of strategically targeted irregular warfare erupts, and another effort at peace goes up in smoke.