

**TERRORISTS STEPPING UP SABOTAGE**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Two Israeli soldiers were killed, two others wounded and two terrorists were slain and a third captured during a fierce gun battle in an olive grove in the Western Galilee south of the Lebanese border. The incident came two days after Israeli security forces intercepted another terrorist group near the Lebanese border killing two of the terrorists in a brief exchange of gunfire. The two incidents confirmed

recent indications that terrorists based in Lebanon were about to embark on a large-scale sabotage assault on Israel with the objectives of seizing as many hostages as possible. In both cases, the terrorists had large quantities of ammunition, hand grenades, explosive devices, small arms, Kalachnikov rifles and transistor radios. They also carried pamphlets in Hebrew, English and Arabic containing demands for the release of imprisoned terrorists and detailed instructions as to how their exchange for Israeli hostages was to be handled.

The second mission was to capture Israeli hostages who were to be exchanged for 20 terrorists in Israeli jails and for Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci, who has been indicted for

smuggling arms to terrorists in Israel. From documents found on the bodies of the infiltrators, the terrorists were identified as members of the Naif Hawatmeh's Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which was responsible for the Maalot massacre.

Following the two incidents, Israeli units crossed the border to carry out house-to-house searches in two Lebanese villages suspected of sheltering terrorists. They confiscated 15 rifles and submachine guns and took one villager back to Israel for questioning. At the same time, Israeli artillery shelled the village of Djabiyah, a terrorist stronghold some 15 kilometers inside Lebanon. Meanwhile, the Arab League Council, meeting in Cairo called for international action to end Israeli raids into southern Lebanon.

NEW YORK - Announcement in Washington, D.C. today that the German Democratic Republic had agreed to enter into discussions on compensating Jewish victims of Nazism was welcomed by the American Jewish Congress as "long overdue recognition by East Germany of its international legal and moral obligations."

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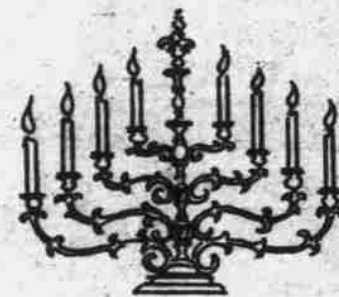
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