

Israel Defense Force Suffers High Casualties In Lebanon

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They were quickly airlifted by helicopter to hospitals in Haifa, Safed, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The explosion shattered windows in Metullah where several school children were injured slightly by flying glass.

Shiite extremists influenced by the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran are believed to be responsible for the boldest and bloodiest attacks on the IDF. Three such groups each claimed credit for the suicide mission.

Less than 24 hours after the suicide attack on the convoy, the IDF raided Al-Azhariya, a Shiite town of some 12,000 just west of the zone controlled by Israeli forces. The IDF reported killing 34 terrorists and detaining an unspecified number of suspects. The Israelis also killed one soldier of the Lebanese regular army. Military forces insisted that the raid was not in retaliation for the suicide attack on the IDF convoy.

The second stage of the Israel Defense Force's withdrawal from south Lebanon was speeded up as four more attacks were reported on IDF units. There were no casualties. Military forces said non-operational equipment is being moved back from the eastern sector of the front, facing Syrian forces, at an accelerated pace.

A deeply troubled Knesset opened debate March 13 on the worsening situation in south Lebanon. The debate focussed on more than a half-dozen agenda motions by leftist opposition factions urging that the withdrawal be com-

pleted in a single operation instead of the stage-by-stage process by which the last Israeli soldier is not expected to be out of Lebanon until some time next summer.

In the course of the debate Defense Minister Itzhak Rabin denied charges that the "iron fist" policy of the IDF in Lebanon has been counter-productive inasmuch as Shiite attacks on IDF have escalated in recent weeks.

In New York, meanwhile, the United Nations Security Council voted 11-1 in favor of a Lebanese draft resolution condemning Israel for its actions against the local population in south Lebanon and demanding the immediate withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanese soil. The U.S. cast the sole opposing vote, which vetoed the resolution. Three countries -- United Kingdom, Denmark and Australia -- abstained.

Six Million To Receive Israeli Citizenship Posthumously

NEW YORK (WNS) — The six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust will be granted Israeli citizenship posthumously in a special ceremony during the World Assembly to commemorate 40 years since the defeat of Nazi Germany and its satellites,

which will be held in Israel May 5-9.

The decision to grant Israeli citizenship to the victims of the Holocaust has been approved by the Knesset. The official signing of the law will be made in a special ceremony during the Assembly, according to an announcement here by MK Dov Shilansky of Likud, chairman of the Assembly.

More than 8,000 Holocaust survivors, Nazi fighters and many non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazis are expected to attend the Assembly, which is being organized by the Israeli government and is under the patronage of Premier Shimon Peres.

Love Of Learning Speeds Ethiopian Adjustment



Givat Washington, Israel — A group of Ethiopian girls learn about the trees of Israel as they prepare for Tu B'Shevat — Arbor Day — at the religious high school here. They are part of a group of 90 girls whose passion for learning is speeding their adjustment to their new home, Youth Aliyah officials say.

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Lewis: Peace Starting To Break Out

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Samuel Lewis, ending his eight-year term as U.S. Ambassador to Israel, expressed optimism here over the "stirring of peace" in

the region. "The ice floes in the Middle East are beginning to crack," the veteran diplomat told guests at

a farewell dinner given in his honor by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) in Kfar Macabia.

"The rumblings (of peace) in the distance scare some people, but it is the harbinger of summer," Lewis said. The American envoy, who began his tour of duty here in 1977, the year of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, said "the peace process has been the high point of my life."