

Israel Praises Egypt's Behavior After Terror Attack

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel expressed confidence that the Egyptian government will do everything possible to find and punish the terrorists who fatally shot an Israeli woman and wounded three other Israelis in a car ambush outside the Cairo International Trade Fair. The victims were Israeli Embassy staff members in Cairo.

A statement issued by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir after the cabinet meeting on March 22 said he was satisfied with the way the Egyptian authorities are handling the case and the wide coverage it has gotten in the Egyptian media.

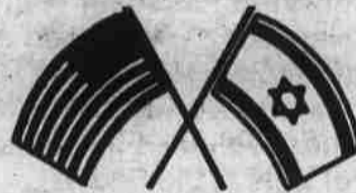
A Cabinet source told newsmen after the Cabinet meeting that Shamir told his colleagues the Egyptian authorities behavior after the attack was fitting and very good. Shamir disclosed that a Presidential order was given to the hospital where the casualties were taken to give the Israeli wounded immediate and special treatment. He added that the Egyptian media had also acted in a very fitting manner, and that the only anti-Israel press coverage was in the Egyptian newspaper Al Goumhuriya, which maintained that Israel could expect an improvement in the

security situation for its personnel in Egypt only if it changed its policies in the territories and in Lebanon.

According to the same Cabinet source, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir also reported to the Cabinet on his experience in Cairo during and after the attack, and said that when he arrived at the hospital, the Governor of Cairo and the Egyptian Minister of Health were already at the scene. Sharir said that President Mubarak, the Egyptian Prime Minister and the Egyptian Foreign Minister expressed genuine shock and concern over the attack, and told him (Sharir) that those responsible for the attack were not Egyptians, and that there was an

Egyptian interest in the peace process to continue. Sharir told the Cabinet that Mubarak has given an order to do away with trade restrictions, thus granting Israel a standing equal to the European countries.

The special visa necessary for visits to Israel was also done away with, Sharir said. He said that the Egyptian officials had expressed their appreciation for the way the Israeli media had presented the recent unrest in Egypt. He also noted that there were chances of reaching a \$150 million trade agreement with Egypt.



Population Of Israel Estimated at 4.26 Million

JERUSALEM (WNS) — According to preliminary data, at the end of 1985 the population of Israel was estimated at 4.26 million, of whom approximately 3.51 million were Jews and nearly 750,000 were non-Jews, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced. Some 1,017,000 persons resided in the Tel Aviv district, constituting almost one-quarter of the country's population. In 1985 the population of this district increased by 0.3 percent, while in the northern district the increase was 2.1 percent and the population there stood at 706,000. In the Jerusalem district the number of residents in-

creased at 2 percent and stood at approximately 505,000.

The growth of the Jewish population was relatively high in the northern and Jerusalem districts, with an 1.7 percent increase registered in each area. The Jewish population throughout Israel increased last year by 1.2 percent. In the Jerusalem district, Jewish residents were estimated to number 371,000 and in the northern district -- 352,000. The number of non-Jews in the northern district increased by 2.5 percent and totalled 355,000. In the southern district, the number of non-Jews increased by 4.4 percent and totalled 56,000.

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