

Rosenne Warns Of Imposed Peace In Middle East

WASHINGTON (WNS) — "The United States cannot impose peace if the parties in the (Middle East) region don't want it," Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., claimed.

Speaking at a breakfast meeting with reporters, the Israeli envoy said that if Washington attempted to bring about a negotiated peace in the Mideast, and the attempts failed, it would be "worse than no attempt at all."

According to Rosenne, the major obstacle to peace in the region is the fact that no Arab nation is willing to sit down and negotiate with Israel, without preconditions. He said "There have been so many plans to solve the problems of the Mideast." There has

been a cycle of "hope, then disillusionment, then more terrorist attacks from those opposed to peace."

The Ambassador added. "To build up hopes and then come out without results is damaging. Any attempt that fails is worse than no attempt at all."

Rosenne, however, noted that there has been a chain of "positive developments" that might contribute to peace in the Mideast, among them the recent summit meeting between Premier Shimon Peres and Morocco's King Hassan; a summit meeting between Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; and the continued decline and political isolation of the PLO.

Irish Officer With UNIFIL Killed In Bomb Explosion

TEL AVIV (WNS) — An Irish officer serving with the Irish contingent of UNIFIL was killed and two Irish soldiers were wounded in a roadside explosion

in the security zone of southern Lebanon.

The blast occurred as a UNIFIL patrol passed along the road near Tira village north-west of Bint Jbail, five

Israel Cabinet Gives Go-Ahead To Construction Of Mormon School

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Cabinet decided unanimously that construction of the Jerusalem branch of the Mormon Brigham Young University on Mount Scopus should continue, as proposed by the Ministerial committee set up to investigate the matter following Orthodox complaints that the institution was a cover up for missionary and con-

version activities.

But the Cabinet ruled that special provisions would be made to ensure that no missionary activities would be carried on there.

The Ministerial committee has been examining the issue for over eight months and last week concluded that there was no legal way to halt construc-

tion, now nearing completion.

One of the main factors in the decision was evidence by the Justice Ministry that in its opinion the Salt Lake City-based university had obtained all the necessary permits for its Mount Scopus annex, and there were no legal grounds to stop the project.

The Cabinet, however, decided to add a rider to the land sale agreement which would demand a written assurance that no missionary work be carried out in or from the institution. In addition, the Ministerial committee is to act as watchdog group to ensure that the assurance is honored.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Police have increased their fight against road accidents, which have risen recently at an alarming rate.

kilometers north of the Israel border.

Another roadside bomb exploded near an Irish patrol the day before, but there were no casualties.

Following the explosion, the Irish soldiers arrested two Lebanese found carrying equipment for the manufacture of explosives and roadside charges. The material was confiscated and the Lebanese handed over to the Lebanese police.

Since UNIFIL was sent to south Lebanon 127 of its soldiers have been killed, 19 of them from the Irish contingent.

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