The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu: The Commander of the Entebbe Rescue Force

On 4th July, 1976, an Air France flight was hijacked, and 103 passengers, many of them Israeli citizens, were taken hostage in Entebbe, Uganda. The story of their rescue has become legend, and Lt.-Col. Jonathan Netanyahu, who led the operation and was killed during its execution, has become a modern-day hero. As the world struggles with the barbarity of terrorism, the story of Entebbe, and Jonathan Netanyahu's role in it, are an inspiring and moving testimony to the ideals of democracy and freedom. The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu (Gefen Publishing, 2001) is a collection of personal letters penned by Netanyahu over a period of thirteen years, from high school in Philadelphia to the raid at Entebbe. Yoni, as he was known to family, friends, and the Israeli nation, is revealed as a devoted and serious man, deeply dedicated to his country and the soldiers under his command. According to General Shlomo Gazit, a former Chief of Israel Military Intelligence, Yoni had a complex personality; on the one hand, he was a superb warrior and commander, brave and devoted, yet on the other hand, he was a man blessed with many other talents, with a rich and fertile imagination and an exceptionally analytical mind. It is this breadth of character that emanates from his letters. In his stunning introduction to The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu, Herman Wouk describes the book as fortuitous, not a deliberately created work of art, that succeeds in exposing an intimate dimension of a remarkable young man. And of the Entebbe operation itself, Wouk comments its fame does not dim...in the continuing struggle of civilized men against the mounting global crime of terrorism, Entebbe shines, a beacon in dense gloom. Against this sobering backdrop, Jonathan Netanyahu emerges as the very essence of heroism, morality and idealism. Since the founding of modern Israel, its officers have instructed their men to follow me, leading by example and taking the greatest risk in order to inspire those in their charge to higher ideals. Although more than twenty-five years have passed since the Entebbe raid, Yoni Netanyahu remains more than ever
the embodiment of all that Israel, and the civilised, democratic world, is
striving for.

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When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke to the senate after 911.

He called 911 a wake up call from Hell.

Why were American politicians and the American public so blindsided by
the September 11th attack? Why were the FBI, the CIA, Congress, the
Pentagon, the mayor of New York and the President of the United States
c Caught so unaware? They were busy studying the politics of the Middle
East, and not the religion of Islamic fundamentalism. As long as President
Bush refuses to admit that Ground Zero for the war on terrorism is a
religion called Islamic fundamentalism, we will not be able to win the war. It
has been said that he who defines the terms, wins the debate.

America has been in Osama bin Laden’s murderous crosshairs since 1998
when he issued a fatwa calling on Muslims everywhere to kill Americans.
No one in this country took him seriously when he wrote:

The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies civilians and military is an
individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is
possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque and the holy
mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out
of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim. This
is in accordance with the words of Almighty God, and fight the pagans all
together as they fight you all together, and fight them until there is no more
tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in God.

We with God’s help call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes
to be rewarded to comply with God’s order to kill the Americans and
plunder their money wherever and whenever they find it. We also call on
Muslim ulama, leaders, youths, and soldiers to launch the raid on Satan’s
U.S. troops and the devil’s supporters allying with them, and to displace
those who are behind them so that they may learn a lesson.
Yes, Islamic fundamentalism is a religion and it kills. The enemy is among
us, and we can no longer define who that enemy is. Like the frog in the vat
of water, we are perfectly happy to take our ease not realizing until it is too
late that the pot reached the boiling point while we were lulled into a false
sense of security.

U. N. members are screaming loudly, entreating anyone who will listen to
save the terrorist regime, Hamas. The organization has not only murdered
Jews, but Palestinians as well. The world should be outraged, yet the
silence is deafening, especially after 9/11.
"Give me your passport!" I smiled and said, "Little boys, you should be playing with toys, not guns." The two boys, about nine and ten years old, clicked off the safeties on their Russian AK-47s. I suddenly realized I was a dead man if I made one wrong move. It was on October 22, 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon. The following day two hundred forty-one U.S. Marines would be murdered in their barracks.

The night before I had videoed the Marines" Christmas messages to their loved ones back in the States. What a shock to see children, or as the liberal media describe them, "innocent civilians," waging Jihad. These children had been trained for years in a radical Islamic kindergarten terror camp.

Yesterday, I met with Sderot"s mayor Eli Moyal just one mile from the Gaza border where 7,500 Hamas-fired missiles have landed. The mayor"s office is a bunker as are many buildings in Sderot. The children"s play areas are filled with concrete playground equipment which can double as bunkers in the event of a missile attack.

Hezbollah and Hamas, Iran"s sub-contractors, have perfected the art of manipulating the media. This has been achieved despite the fact they are rabid, racist, terrorist organizations that make the Ku Klux Klan look like mere Boy Scouts.

Some time ago, I debated Al Sharpton on Hardball with Chris Matthews. The topic was Israel"s use of what the media labels "excessive force." I said to Mr. Sharpton, "Would you defend the KKK if it fired thousands of missiles into Harlem, and the residents of Harlem responded with what the media perceived to be excessive force"?"

The media does not want to show hundreds of Israeli trucks crossing into Gaza with medicines and food. Likewise, no one wants to acknowledge that Israeli hospitals in southern Israel continue to treat wounded Palestinians. Neither is it popular to acknowledge that the majority of the injured and dead are Hamas operatives and fighters who surround themselves with innocent civilians, often women and children.

During the Hezbollah attack on Israel in 2006, I was shocked to see American liberal reporters stage shots on the roofs of 4- and 5-star hotels in Haifa. These reporters, attired in dress slacks and spit-shined shoes, had donned flak jackets and helmets in order to look as if they were reporting from Lebanon. Most often, their stories were about "innocent Lebanese civilians" being killed. These men and women refused to acknowledge that the missiles were being fired from Hezbollah garages hidden deep in populated areas. One cannot escape the truth that a person is just as dead whether killed by a woman or child, or an adult, male terrorist dressed in a quasi-military uniform.
America's greatest threat is from Liberal Left liars and lunatics in the media determined to lull the American people into complacency. Most often, the victims of terror are castigated while the terrorists are lionized. The war on terror cannot be won unless media terror is exposed.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the United Nations Security Council is currently meeting and is working intensely with members and key leaders, both here and in capitals, to push for a resolution concerning the situation in Israel and Lebanon. The critical question is: With a consistently anti-Israel, anti-Zionist bias how can the UN, with a don't ask, don't tell policy when it comes to Bigotry against the Jews possibly be the savior of the day? Will this meeting be reminiscent of the UN-hosted World Conference against Racism in Durban, South Africa only two weeks before 9/11? Both the Israel and U.S. delegations walked out of the conference when racism was equated with Zionism. Yes, Iran, Hizbullah, and even Hamas are now encouraging the UN to act. I wonder why?

Could it be a ploy to allow a group of about 60 Iranian volunteers that set out from Teheran to join fellow Iranian volunteers in Lebanon time to reach their destination?

With yellow Hizbullah flags flying, Amir Jaliinejad, chairman of the Student Justice Movement, told the Associated Press, "We are just the first wave of Islamic warriors from Iran." "More will come from here and other Muslim nations around the world. Hizbullah needs our help."

As if to stress the closeness of the jihadist terrorist alliance, the group gathered in a section of Teheran's main cemetery reserved for war dead and other "martyrs" and prayed before a memorial to Hizbullah suicide bombers. They praised Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah and pledged their loyalty to the Islamist fanatics who perpetrated the 1983 bombing of the US Marines barracks in Beirut in which 241 US servicemen were murdered. A second bombing killed 56 French peacekeepers.

The Iranian volunteers ranging in age from teenagers to men old enough to be their grandfathers are eager to join the Islamist death cult that both characterizes Hizbullah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. It is an ideology that justifies brainwashing Arab children to become martyrs by blowing themselves up among Israeli children, that warrants using entire Lebanese villages as human shields, behind which to launch thousands of deadly missiles at Israeli population centers.

And part of the shame of it is they are proud of this! As David Broo

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