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## Following Airstrike, Syria Files Complaint Against Israel at UN

By YnetNews.com, DEBKAFfile, United with Israel & VOA News

Following the airstrike on Syria's Scientific Studies and Research Center (CERS), which is responsible for research and development of nuclear, biological, chemical and missile technology and weapons for the state, the Syrian Foreign Ministry sent a letter of complaint Thursday to UN Director-General Antonio Guterres and to the president of the UN Security Council, about Israel's "unabated aggression" against it and its support of terrorism. The terrorist organization Hamas also joined in and condemned the overnight attack on Syria, saying in a statement that they are opposed any aggression against any Arab or Muslim country.

Earlier that day, the Syrian army warned Israel of "serious consequences" officially accusing Israel of sending fighter jets to carry out a strike on CERS. "The Syrian army warns of the serious consequences of these kinds of aggressive activities against the security and stability in the region," the statement began. "The army is determined to destroy terrorism and obliterate it in all Syrian territory, and it doesn't matter what kind of aid is given to these terror gangs," it continued in an allusion to what it claims is Israel's active support for the terror group.

The Syrian army accused Israel of launching the strike in an "attempt to raise ISIS' morale, which is collapsing after the crushing victory achieved by the Syrian army against terror," repeating its charge that Israel is in cahoots with the Islamic State. The attack proves Israel is directly supporting ISIS and other terror organizations," stated the Syrian army.

Syrian opposition news media reported early Thursday that Israeli aircraft had struck several Syrian regime targets Wednesday night. One was the proscribed chemical weapons facility in which missiles are also produced.

A UN report published earlier Wednesday determined that Syria had used chemical weapons against rebel-held areas nearly 30 times since the country's civil war began in 2011, including the April attack in Adlib that left almost 90 people dead and hundreds of others wounded. Wednesday was also the 10th anniversary of the Israeli attack which destroyed a Syrian nuclear plant built by North Korea.

Syria warned about "dangerous repercussions" after the Israeli Air Force attacked the chemical weapons development site. The Syrian army stated through SANA, the country's official news agency, that Israeli warplanes fired several rockets from Lebanon's airspace, targeting a Syrian military posts near Massyaf in the Hama countryside, killing two army personnel and causing material damage to the site.

"This aggression comes in a desperate attempt to raise the collapsed morale of the ISIS (Islamic State) terrorists after the sweeping victories achieved by the Syrian Arab Army against terrorism at more than one front, and it affirms the direct support provided by the Israeli entity to the ISIS and other terrorist organizations," the Army Command said in a statement. Syria has long alleged that Israel is secretly collaborating with ISIS in its war in Syria.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), said "Many explosions were heard in the area after the air raid," adding that some of the blasts may have been secondary explosions from a missile storage facility being hit. He said Lebanese Hezbollah fighters and Iranian military officials often visit the site.

If confirmed, this would be the first Israeli attack on a Syrian target in years. While Israel has repeatedly attacked Hezbollah weapons shipments and convoys within Syria, it has refrained from striking at Syrian targets which were involved in the terror group's military buildup. Stand by while Iran advances in Syria and establishes itself militarily on Israel's northern border

Syria claims to have handed over all its chemical weapons, as part of an internationally-brokered deal in 2013, but the U.N. accuses Damascus of using chemical weapons on a number of times since. Lebanese media reported that the Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, launching their missiles at the Syrian plant from inside Lebanese territory.

## Five-Year-Old Hareidi Child is Told to Leave School Bus, Stand on Road Alone

By IsraelNationalNews.com

A five-year-old Hareidi student was let off a school bus on a busy road in Beit She mesh. A passing civilian noticed the child standing alone on the road, and asked what had happened. According to the boy, the driver let him off since he was not properly buckled.

According to Kikar Hashabbat, the bus company said the bus chaperone, not the driver, was the one who decided to let the child off. The child, they said "caused problems...and was therefore let off the bus." They also said the driver and chaperone came back some time later and took the boy home. The boy's parents, they claimed, were told about the decision.

In a statement, the bus company said, "The Della transportation company is a professional company which abides by safety rules. In this case, the chaperone ordered the driver to let the children off. Any questions or comments should be directed to the client who ordered the bus, and not to the company itself."

### Dry Bones MR. SHULDIG AND HIS DOG DOOBIE



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## *Bubbe Lives in the Path of Hurricane Irma. Now What?*

By JTA

Beatrice Marks' one-story home might flood this week. But she laughs off the threat. "It doesn't faze me one bit. Not anymore," said Marks, 86, whose community of seniors lies in the path of Hurricane Irma, which is set to make landfall in Florida at the end of the week. "As far as the actual fear of the hurricane, we all are afraid. But it's a thing we know that can come and go."

Marks, who has lived in Florida for more than 70 years, is an outlier among octogenarians — living alone and driving with barely any assistance in everyday activities. But as a Jewish senior in Florida, she is far from alone.

Long a mecca for Jewish retirees, South Florida has a disproportionate number of Jewish elderly. With thousands of local seniors in their areas, Jewish communal agencies are gearing up to prepare the elderly for Irma, which officials say could be one of the worst hurricanes in decades.

"We've already been getting calls from people who are scared," said Barbara Bailin, director of financial services for Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County on Florida's east coast. "A lot of our seniors are in old condominiums. They might be living near the beach in things that are 40 years old, and a lot of people don't want to leave."

Irma, which hit the Caribbean on Wednesday, has been designated a Category 5 storm and has the highest wind speeds recorded since the 1980s. Its current path has it crossing Puerto Rico and Cuba before reaching southern Florida on Sunday morning — just two weeks after Hurricane Harvey devastated the Texas coast.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has declared a statewide state of emergency, and Jewish groups already are focusing on the state's large population of Jewish seniors. In South Florida, more than a quarter of its population is seniors, according to recent population studies.

Many of those seniors live independently or, like Marks, in a community where some housekeeping is taken care of, but a fraction are dependent on Jewish organizations for meals on wheels, medicine and transportation. Others turn to the agencies when other support runs out or in emergencies like these. Jewish service agencies hope to assist those clients by connecting them with relevant state agencies, helping them stock up on supplies and persuading them to get out of harm's way.

"Everyone's taken a little bit aback by the latest turn of events," said Alec Rosen, vice president of community engagement for Jewish Community Services of South Florida. "We're calling clients, making sure they have adequate food and water."

Rosen's organization delivers more than 100,000 kosher meals annually to 665 homebound seniors, and is ensuring that they have three days' worth of food, water and medication.

And while most local buildings have hurricane protections like shutters and reinforced windows, Bailin's agency will work to persuade seniors living in insecure areas to leave their homes for government-run special needs centers, which will be safe from damage and able to provide the necessities now being cleared from South Florida's supermarket shelves.

Local and state governments provide a share of the assistance, from ensuring buildings are safe to transporting seniors to the evacuation centers. On Wednesday, Miami-Dade County will begin evacuating special-needs residents. But Bailin said getting seniors to go to the shelters isn't easy. "Seniors don't want to leave their homes when they can't take care of themselves anymore," she said. "You hear, 'I've lived here for 40 years and never had a problem.'"

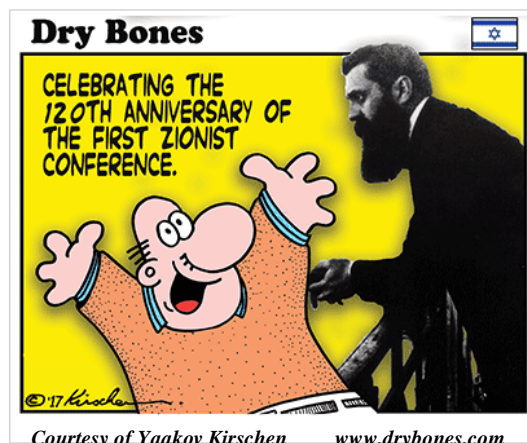
Previous storms — like Hurricane Wilma in 2005 — have taught Bailin to prepare as much for the storm's aftermath as for the lead-up. People often hoard perishable food, she said — a likely power outage will render it useless. Better, she recommended, to buy dry staples that will last. Jewish Family Services also holds off on providing emergency food stipends to clients until the storm passes.

"You've got to stop to realize the worst hurricane comes and goes within three or four days," Marks said. "Why would you stock up on food when your lights are going to go out? You're not going to have refrigeration. You buy crackers, you buy dry food, you've got cereal."

What can distant children and grandchildren do to help? Not much, Bailin says, beyond calling service agencies to confirm that their relatives are located and have all the essentials provided. Florida's Department of Elder Affairs has a hurricane preparedness guide.

And it's important, Bailin said, to make the call now. "Make sure mom and dad have a plan in place," she said. "Encourage them to evacuate where they have emergency services. If they call us at the last minute, they can't do anything then."

Marks doesn't plan to leave her home, but if she does, she will join one of her sons, who both live nearby. But she doubts they'll be able to do much she can't do on her own. "As far as preparation is concerned, there isn't too much we can do about that," she said. "We all have shutters in our home. The water is a menace and always will be, I think."



*The first Zionist Congress was called by Theodor Herzl as a first step in the creation of a Jewish State. Herzl had planned to hold the gathering in Munich, but due to local Jewish opposition he transferred the gathering to Basel, Switzerland. The three-day Congress opened 120 years ago in Basel on August 29, 1897.*