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Jordan's Intelligence Tags Hizbullah for Temple Mount Terror

By DEBKAFfile

The Israeli police Thursday released a videotape recording the movements of the terrorists heading for the murderous attack they committed on Temple Mount six days ago, when they shot dead two Israeli border guard police officers.



The film shows not three but four men who carefully stepped away from each other before entering the Al Aqsa Mosque. There, the three gunmen were handed their weapons by the fourth confederate, who made his escape among the crowds of worshippers exiting the mosque.

The police published the video Thursday ahead of Muslim Friday prayers - which brings tens of thousands of worshippers to Al Aqsa - as a reminder that the crime committed was a terrorist attack staged by Muslims at Islam's third most sacred site - not the metal detectors Israel which installed for its safety. To drown this truth out, the Palestinians and Waqf officials have been raising a worldwide uproar over those detectors, as though nothing else happened to make them necessary.

The investigation going forward has established that the terrorists were far from amateurs. They acted coolly, with professional precision and were clearly highly trained and familiar with the terrain. It was a skilled terrorist cell that assaulted a shrine holy to three world faiths. Even the absence of any claim of responsibility for the attack is a clue, especially since none of Israel's investigators, be they police, security authorities or intelligence agencies, have so far thrown any light on the identity of the hand behind that cell.

However, DEBKAFfile's intelligence and counterterrorism sources report that Jordanian and Saudi intelligence services have concluded that the attack was the work of a Hizbullah-run cell on orders from Iran. One of Hizbullah's signatures is the absence of any claim of responsibility.

The three gunmen on Temple Mount had no intention of committing suicide. They did not expect the Israel police detail to react quickly enough to gun them down, but had meant to elude pursuit by fleeing to safety into Al Aqsa mosque. There they planned either to escape through ancient subterranean tunnels leading outside the Old City walls, or barricade themselves inside the cavernous mosque for a long shootout with Israel police.

Jordanian intelligence circles suspect that the Temple Mount attack was linked to the US-Russian deal for ceasefire zones in southwest Syria right up to the borders of Jordan and Israel. Both governments have demanded the exclusion of Iranian and Hizbullah forces from those zones.

Tehran found an answer to this demand by demonstrating that its Lebanese proxy can reach deep inside Israel without recourse to external territory, because Hizbullah not only maintains a presence in Daraa and the Syrian Golan, but has planted terrorist networks inside Israel and Jordan. The pro-Iranian terror group has long been suspected of recruiting networks in some Israeli Arab communities. By striking Temple Mount, Iran and Hizbullah targeted both Israel and Jordan, which claims religious custodianship of its mosques.

Following Thursday's announcement by the Islamic Waqf that the mosques on the Temple Mount will remain closed on Friday, the IDF General Staff decided to place five battalions on alert due to the possibility of Palestinian rioting, the IDF Spokesman's Office said.

Also, the chief of staff, Lieut. Gen. Gady Eisenkott, ordered the cancellation of all leaves for this weekend. Meanwhile, the Israel Police and the Border Police announced they were going on alert and mobilizing their forces to deal with the possible unrest.

Israeli Family of Five Ejected from JetBlue Flight

By IsraelNationalNews.com & JTA

Yet another incident of passengers being removed from their seats by an American airline has gained global attention, this time involving an Israeli family traveling in the US. On July 2nd, Tamir Raanan, his wife Mandy, and their three young daughters boarded a JetBlue flight from Fort Lauderdale to New York City. According to the Raanan family, just before takeoff, airline officials demanded the Raanans leave the plane after their one-year old daughter kicked the seat of the passenger in front of her. [See https://youtu.be/IUXLV5ealWY](https://youtu.be/IUXLV5ealWY)

The passenger whose seat was being kicked became agitated, but according to the Raanans, the situation was speedily resolved. Shortly thereafter, however, JetBlue staff, including manager Armando Gonzalez, informed the family that they would not be permitted to remain on the plane. [See https://youtu.be/VmKTIMwQH8](https://youtu.be/VmKTIMwQH8)

Mandy Raanan later said the family had been blacklisted by JetBlue "without reason", and was "stranded." The Daily Mail reported. JetBlue, however, claims the family exhibited threatening and violent behavior during the incident, prompting their removal from the New York-bound flight.

"After a verbal altercation that included physical threats and profanities against a nearby customer, the aircraft door was reopened and our airports team politely asked the customers to step off to discuss the situation," a JetBlue spokesperson told The Daily Mail on Wednesday.

Ifrah told the New York Daily News that she apologized to the woman and then set about calming her child. She also told other news outlets and airport security that the woman told her she should tie her child's feet down before switching seats.

In a statement, JetBlue said the family was removed "[a]fter a verbal altercation that included physical threats and profanities against a nearby customer.... The customers refused repeated requests and our crew members deplaned the entire aircraft. Law enforcement escorted them out of the gate area and we provided a refund."

The family stayed in a hotel overnight after buying extra diapers, wipes and children's clothes. They flew back to New York on a different airline, discovering upon arrival that their luggage had been sent back to Florida. They had to pay to have it returned to them, according to reports.