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Two Jewish Family Members Severely Injured, One Killed in Terror Attack



Rina Shenrev

The United States condemned the deadly terror attack on Friday that killed an Israeli teenage girl, in addition to injuring her brother and father.

“Another savage attack by Palestinian terrorists kills an Israeli teenager enjoying time with her family. This isn’t the path to peace, just endless suffering. May her memory be a blessing. Our prayers are with her family especially her father and brother also wounded in the attack,” tweeted U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, Jason Greenblatt.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman tweeted that he was “heart-broken and outraged by the brutal terrorist attack. [We have] no words to describe the sadness of the moment as we grieve and pray for the injured to recover. May they receive God’s blessings.”

Rina Shenrev, 17, of Lod, succumbed to her wounds after being critically injured and treated at the scene. She was buried in her home city of Lod at 3.30 p.m., just one week after celebrating her 17th birthday. “Her father, Eitan Shenrev, is said to be conscious and in moderate condition, while his 19-year-old son is out of surgery and stable with injuries to his entire

body. The two men were evacuated to Hadassah Ein Kerem in Jerusalem for medical treatment by helicopter,” according to *The Jerusalem Post*.

The IDF called the attack “very serious,” and said that an improvised explosive device was used. The police determined that the bomb had been planted there earlier and was triggered remotely. As the family approached the Ein Dani Spring to bathe, the bomb was detonated, killing Rina and injuring her father Eitan and brother, Dvir. Rabbi Eitan Shenrev, 46-years-old, attempted to revive his daughter, Rina, who was killed in the attack near a spring outside of the Samaritan town of Dolev, but it was too late. The father said, “Rina’s face was intact, so I kissed her good-bye.”

Shmulik Shenrev, the late Rina’s uncle, recalled the dramatic moments following the attack saying: “He tried to resuscitate Rina, but he couldn’t. He then made a tourniquet from his prayer shawl for Dvir to stop the bleeding from the shrapnel fragments in his arm.”



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara, visiting Rabbi Eitan Shenrev and his son Dvir in Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem on Monday night (YouTube)

As they both lay injured following the massive explosion, Dvir yelled to his father: “Father, we are strong, we will get through this.” “These are people who love Israel and the nation of Israel” the uncle added.

At noon on Friday, a surgeon at Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital in Jerusalem, who examined Dvir said that the operation was a success. Dvir’s condition is serious but stable, and his life is not in danger. He was subsequently transferred to the ICU for follow-up and monitoring. (By David Sidman, *Breaking Israel News*, August 24, 2019)

A prayer shawl is for use in peaceful times – times of prayer before God – and at weddings, happy occasions. How tragic to think it had to be used in such a way, at such a time as this... For those who wish to pray for Dvir’s full recovery, his name is Dvir Haim, his father, Rabbi Eitan Haim and his mother’s name is: Shira Ester.

“Speak to B’nei Yisrael and instruct them to make for themselves fringes on the corners of their garments throughout the ages; let them attach a cord of blue to the fringe at each corner” (Numbers 15:38).

UPDATE: The terrorists responsible for the attack on the Haim family have been arrested and are in custody.

Facing tensions on multiple fronts, is Israel on the verge of an all-out war?

Speculation abounds as to whether Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s order to brief rival Benny Gantz on current security issues is a sign that the Jewish state is preparing for a major conflict on one or more fronts. The big news in Israel is not that Iran attempted to send kamikaze drones into Israeli territory last week or that Israel targeted that terrorist cell in Syria; these are not completely out of the ordinary or even unexpected. Rather, what was quite the unusual occurrence took place in central Israel when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered officials from the security establishment to brief his chief rival, former Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Benny Gantz, who serves as leader of the Blue and White Party. Why so? It’s a rare move to brief a rival like Gantz and a possible signal that Israel may be readying itself for a major conflict on one or more fronts. Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip show no signs of reining in their efforts to attack Israel, and whispers and murmurings can be heard about an imminent Israeli land incursion into the coastal territory. At the same time, the Lebanese border could explode at any moment, depending on the actions of Iran and Hezbollah, while the situation in Syria continues to remain tense amid the Iranian buildup there. (Israel Kasnett, JNS, August 28, 2019).



IDF observation point at Lebanon border

Please pray for Israel, especially the IDF, and wisdom for PM Netanyahu, in the days ahead.

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