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ISRAEL: In an amazing announcement on Nov 12 Mr Olmert told the Knesset that he and the Pals have agreed to bypass the Road Map's rule that requires the Pals to fight terror! (Meid) (A recent poll shows that 55% of Israelis want Mr Olmert removed from Office (Meid) An Israel report says the recent attack on the Syrian nuclear facility was made possible by using the new Ofek-7 recon. satellite. (Arutz) On Nov. 13 Mr Olmert told settlers he intends to freeze all Jewish construction in Judea/Samaria!! (Arutz) A Bill that will require a 2/3 majority in the Knesset to change the status of Jerusalem passed the first reading on Nov 14 (Arutz) On Nov 15 Israel's Att. Gen OK'd the reduction of supply of electricity and fuel to Gaza in response to Kassam and mortar attacks. (Meid) Altho Israel claims Iran is no real nuclear threat at the moment, Mr Olmert has demanded his officials write up scenarios on how to deal with such a threat!! (Meid) (Meid) Israel's 'Intel-Israel' has developed a new computer chip that will run a lot cooler and work faster. The transistors it contains are so small that 2,000 would fit in the size of the full stop at the end of this article. (Arutz) Israel buckled to U.S. pressure on Nov 19 and agreed to release another 441 Pal prisoners. (Meid) On Nov 20 a 4.2 earthquake shook Israel. It was preceded by a smaller one of 3.2 (Meid) Police will decide on Nov 25 whether Mr Olmert should be indicted in the Bank Leumi scandal!! They decided on Nov 28 to withdraw the accusations thro lack of evidence! (Meid) On Nov 22 the IDF released a video of a Kassam terror cell about to launch. An IDF strike eliminated the cell! (Meid) On Nov 21 Mr Olmert agreed to supply the PA with 25 armoured vehicles, hundreds of guns & millions of bullets!! (Meid) Israeli sources claim that Saddam Hussein's nuclear program was transferred to the Deir az Zour province in Syria. Israel recently destroyed a nuclear facility there (Meid) On Nov 22 the Attorn. Gen. again approved plans to cut electricity to Gaza in response to Kassam and mortar attacks (Meid) A poll published on Nov 22 showed that if elections were held in Israel now, Mr Netanyahu would win power easily (Meid) For. Min. Livni said on Nov 22 that 'the world accepts the idea of 2 states for 2 people(s)'!!!! (D Alert) An Israeli writer described the Annapolis Conference as an extravagant media gimmick with 'actors' taking part because "the President (Bush) expects it". (D Alert) Over the weekend of Nov 25, the IDF killed 2 terrorists, caught 31 others and picked up 596 'illegals' (Arutz) A recent poll has revealed that the 'secular' population in Israel has shrunk to a low of 20%. (Meid) An Israeli official estimates there are least 12 tunnels from Gaza into Israel, nearing completion (D Alert) Thousands turned out in Jerusalem and USA for protests against concessions at Annapolis and the Shas party says it will leave the coalition if Jerusalem is divided (Meid)

As a result of the Annapolis summit, Israel will set up 14 negotiating teams for 'talks' with the PA (D Alert) Israel's Credit rating will be upgraded early 2008 from A- to A (D Alert) Israel has a new policy re Hamas Kassam and mortar attacks. After any or all such attacks, Israel will randomly attack a Hamas target in

Gaza. Records now show 6,288 rocket/mortar attacks on Israel from Gaza in 6 years!!! 20 mortars were fired on Nov 28! (Arutz) On November 28 Mr Olmert claimed he has not committed Israel to any 'deadline' to reach any agreement with the Pals and he states the Temple Mount will remain under Israeli sovereignty, but warned that Israel is finished if the '2-States' solution fails to materialise!! AT the same time he is now demanding the Pal bargainers accept Israel's permanent existence as the Jewish State (D Alert) The Olmert gov released another 429 Pal prisoners on Dec. 2, bringing the total to 771 since July!! (Arutz) A 4.0 earthquake in the Dead Sea basin on Dec 2 was felt in Jerusalem. The 4 th in 2 weeks (Meid) On Dec 5 the IDF killed 3 Hamas militiamen as they were about to launch missiles and killed 2 other gunmen as they approached the Israel border!(Meid) Israel's decision to build 300 new homes in Har Homa, E. Jerus. is drawing internat. fire (Meid) Israel will present 'hard evidence' to USA that Iran is developing nuclear weapons. (Meid) A group of Rabbis promise to create a Jewish State in the West Bank if Israel withdraws (Meid) Avowed secular 84 year old Shimon Peres has suddenly agreed to keep the Sabbath! (Arutz) On Dec 8 Israel's Housing Min declared that Israel, NOT USA or the PA, will decide Israel's policy on building new housing areas! (Arutz) On Dec 11 Israeli air strikes and ground operations killed 8 terrorists in the Gaza Strip and 20 people were taken into custody. (Arutz) Israeli activists continue to build and rebuild new communities in Judea/ Samaria even as soldiers remove them! (Arutz) A survey Dec 3-4 reveals that 61% of Israelis do not believe any agreement on a 2 state solution will end the conflict with the Pals!! (D Alert) On Dec 12 the Mayor of Sderot resigned in protest of Gov. inactivity over the rain of 18 Kassams (Arutz). Of recent days the IDF has been operating to keep terrorists back from the 'fence' and thus make it harder for them to launch rockets and mortars! (D Alert) On Dec 13 the IAF targeted a terrorist cell after they had launched a missile, and killed three in a car (Meid) On Dec 12 Israel's Chief of staff hinted at a Gaza campaign to control terrorism and Kassams (Arutz)

USA: On Oct 14 'The House' approved a war funding bill, directing Pres. Bush to withdraw most troops from Iraq by Dec 2008! (Wash Post) A U.S Fed Judge has decreed Iran must pay \$2.68 (Bill) to families of 241 US service men killed in the Beirut attack in 1983! (D Alert) Jewish orgs in USA are calling on PA Abbas to alter the PA Charter which calls for the destruction of the Jewish State. (Arutz) A report on Nov 22 shows that U.S. provided Israel with info about Syrian air defences prior to the Sept 6 attack on a Syrian target (D Alert) An Israeli writer sums up Annapolis as "The USA is back" as leader in the M/East (D Alert) A report on Nov 26 says that Wall Street is betting on a U.S. recession!! (Meid) On Nov 26 Mr Bush said ' *the time is right' for a Pal state!!* But he told Mr Abbas that USA cannot impose its vision (of 2 states) (D Alert) The Annapolis summit of Nov 27 seems to have achieved no more than a vague declaration by Mr Abbas & Mr Olmert to work towards to "make every

effort to 'strike a deal' by late 2008 and to allow the USA to be final arbiter and to monitor and judge each side's commitment !! (Arutz) (Arutz) A report on Dec 1 reveals USA is freezing home mortgage rates in an attempt to avoid USA financial disaster(Wash Post) USA plans to donate \$400 million to the PA from their present budget (D Alert) Pres Bush is to visit Israel in Jan (Arutz) Pres Bush is not showing much faith in the Intell report that says Iran abandoned its Nuclear program in 2003 and Israel totally rejects the report (Meid) U.S. Def. Sec Gates at an internat. security conference Dec 8, said that Israel's alleged nuclear capabilities are not a threat to the Middle East, but emphasized that nuclear energy in Iranian hands would be a threat to the world. (Arutz) 82% OF American Jews now think the Arabs want the total destruction of Israel! (D Alert)

SYRIA: On Nov 21 U.S. Condo Rice told Syria to stop meddling in Lebanon's electoral process. (Arutz) Recent reports show that N Korea is still giving Syria advice on fitting chemical warheads on missiles. One with mustard gas exploded near Aleppo recently:(Meid) Syria is suspect in the death on Dec 12, of the Christian Army Commander expected to be the new President of Lebanon! (Meid)

IRAQ: Many Iraqis, encouraged by decreased violence and visa & host country's residency restrictions, are returning home (Wash Post) On Dec 11 a triple bombing killed 46 Iraqis (Wash Post)

TERRORISM: After terrorists launched 4 Kassams at Israel. the IDF killed 2 terrorists at a launching site on Nov 15. Israel may deduct the costs of damages from Kassams, from taxes forwarded to the PA.(Arutz) At least 35 mortars and/or Kassams were fired into Israel in the week to Nov 16. 2 terrorist 'launchers' were killed. (Meid) An Al Aqsa terrorist murdered an Israeli man in a drive-by shooting on Nov 19 (Meid) On Nov 20, 2 terrorists were killed in the Negev & 2 others near the south of the Gaza Strip (Meid) In the last week in Nov 70 mortars and 25 Kassams were fired at Israel (D Alert) Over the weekend of Dec 2, 15 mortars & 4 Kassams were fired into Israel but the IAF killed 5 of the launchers! (Arutz) 8 mortars were fired into Israel on Dec 2 & 4 IDF men were injured at a Medical Clinic near Gaza (Arutz) A report on Dec 6 says over 2,000 rockets have been fired into Israel to date (D Alert)

P.A: A writer, Karin Laub, reports the unrest in Gaza is a result of economic woes after 5 months of Hamas rule, empty food shelves, closed factories and skyrocketing prices for bread and foods (D Alert)) On Nov 20 Hamas officials threatened Mr Abbas with murder if he dares to recognise Israel as a Jewish State (Arutz) On Nov 26 the Syrian based Hamas No 2 Marzouk promised a dramatic increase in terror attacks after Annapolis. (D Alert) A day after the Annapolis 'summit' at which the PA supposedly recognised the right of Israel to exist, the official PA TV station showed a map of a Palestinian state in place of Israel!! (Arutz) It was revealed after Annapolis that an Israeli was murdered by 2 PA security force officers!! (Arutz) Israel has stopped a shipment of armoured vehicles from Russia to the PA as the roofs have mounts for machine guns!! (Meid) At a Paris conference on Dec

17 the PA requested **\$5.5 Billion** in aid from their international supporters!! (D Alert) Petrol stations in Gaza are running out of fuel as a result of Israel's embargo on fuel shipments (Meid) The PA is about to introduce a law making it an act of treason to negotiate on Jerusalem! (Arutz) Hamas is apparently feeling the pinch and has written to USA seeking 'dialogue', plus seeking a truce with Israel (Meid) On Dec 11 Hamas offered to hand back Gaza to Fatah!! (Meid) A report on Dec 11 tells of Fatah 'anti-terror forces' training in Russia, France, Germany and Algeria. (D Alert) On Dec 14 an explosion at a funeral for a militiaman killed after launching a Kassam, killed 4 people (Meid)

EGYPT: On Nov 22 Egyptian police found a ton of explosives in a hidden underground cache near the Israeli border (Meid) 700 Gazans were allowed thro the Rafah crossing on Dec 3, to attend the hajj in Mecca (Meid) Israel has sent a harsh note to Egypt for allowing about 24 Hamas militiamen through the Rafah crossing with hundreds going to Mecca (Meid)

IRAN: On Nov 12 there were enormous & violent explosions at an Iranian missile production site south of Teheran. (D Alert) Of the approx 25,000 Jews in Iran, 150 are expected to head for Israel this year (D Alert) On Nov 27 Iran claimed to have developed a new 2,000 klm missile (Meid) Israel's Ehud Barak has disagreed with the new USA thinking that Iran is no longer pursuing nuclear weapons development (D Alert) A report on Dec 10 claims Iran's banks are on the brink of collapse as sanctions 'bite'. (Meid) On Dec 11 the CIA disclosed a program started in 2005 encouraging Iranian scientists to defect and 6 have done so but without significant information on the Iranian nuclear program (Arutz) A report on Dec 13 says that Hizbullah's Nasrallah has been demoted by Iran!! (Meid) On Dec 12 Iran boasted it has a new 2000 km range rocket that can reach Moscow (Meid)

SAUDI ARABIA: Papers captured by the US in Sept show that of 700 fighters brought into Iraq since Aug 2006, 41% came from Saudi (D Alert)

RUSSIA: Russia may host a poste-Annapolis follow-up summit!! (Meid) A report on Dec 10 reveals a push by Russia to have Israel's approx. 1 million Russian Jews return to Russia (Meid)

WORLD NEWS: 50 million documents in the Nazi archives were opened to the public on Nov 28. They reveal the persecution and extermination of millions of Jews (Meid)

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