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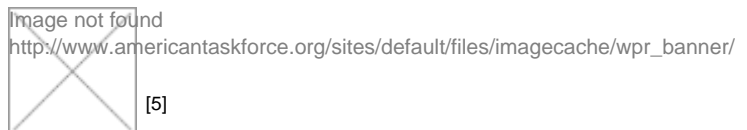
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Middle East News: World Press Roundup

An opinion poll published in Al-Ghad Daily, and translated by ATFP, shows an increase in the popularity of Mahmoud Abbas and his Fatah party among Palestinians (1). Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak vows to continue military strikes against Gaza, despite the truce that has been holding tenuously for the past month (4). Jordan renews their talks with Hamas, after a two year freeze (5). Tensions continue to increase between Hamas and Fatah as both sides apply public pressure on the other (7) (8).

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Us Revokes Visas To Palestinian Fulbright Scholars

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WASHINGTON (AFP) The US government as a "safety precaution" revoked visas it had issued to four Palestinian recipients of prestigious Fulbright fellowships, the State Department said Tuesday.

"We had interviewed four scholars. We had issued visas," said State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos.

Israeli Authorities Arrest Policeman In Connection With Palestinian Death

Media Outlet: The Associated Press

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JERUSALEM: Israeli police said Tuesday that they have arrested a policeman in connection with the death of a Palestinian boy at a protest in the West Bank.

The 10-year old boy was killed by gunfire last week during clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinians in the West Bank village of Naalin.

Micky Rosenfeld, a police spokesman, said authorities detained a member of the paramilitary Border Police and put him under house arrest while the investigation continued.

Barak Vows Israeli Operations In Gaza Strip Will Resume

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Israel will go back to carrying out military strikes on the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip despite a month-old truce, army radio reported Tuesday. "Those who miss the operations in the Gaza Strip, don't worry, they will come," Barak told a Labor party event in Occupied Jerusalem.

Jordan Resumes Talks With Hamas

Media Outlet: The Associated Press

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A Jordanian Islamist says Jordan has renewed dialogue with the terrorist Hamas group after two years of icy relations.

Senior Hamas leader, Moussa Abu Marzouk, confirmed the contacts, saying only that they were in "very early stages" and that he hoped they will be a "good start." Jordanian officials did not comment.

Middle East Rhetoric Obstructing Us Interests

Article Author(s): Richard Murphy And Ethan Chorin

Media Outlet: Common Ground News Service

Date: August 6, 2008

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<http://www.commongroundnews.org/article.php?id=23660&lan=en&sid=1&sp=0&isNew=1> [10]

Washington, DC - It would be naive to assume that Undersecretary of State William Burns' presence at the recent EU-Iran nuclear talks has opened the door to a rapid improvement in US-Iranian relations, or that the US administration has abandoned its military option. But this recent tilt towards diplomacy offers a pause in which to take note of the unsung economic and political costs of hyped-up rhetoric.

Hamas Warns Of Uprising Against Fatah

Article Author(s): Mohammed Mar?i

Media Outlet: Arab News

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RAMALLAH/GAZA CITY: A senior Hamas official in Gaza City warned yesterday that his Islamic group could overrun the West Bank, just as it took over Gaza, if provoked by its rivals in Fatah. The official, Sami Abu Zuhri, spoke as tensions between the two groups remained high following a bombing that killed five Hamas members in Gaza and a Hamas sweep that ended with 11 dead and dozens wounded, most of them from Fatah.

Abbas Mulls Gaza As ?rebel-held Territory?; Halting Funding

Article Author(s): Abd Al-karim Shweiki

Media Outlet: The Media Line

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Under pressure from Palestinian Authority officials, P.A.

A Trojan Horse In The Jordan Valley

Article Author(s): Lara Friedman And Hagit Ofran

Media Outlet: The Jerusalem Post

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<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1215331200875&pagename=JPost%2FJPArti...> [13]

Is Israel serious about wanting peace? Plans approved last week by Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak for a new settlement in the Jordan Valley provide ammunition for those who argue that the answer is no.

Israel To Release Prisoners As Gesture To Abbas

Article Author(s): Roni Sofer

Media Outlet: Ynetnews

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Despite his upcoming resignation and sensitive political status, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert met Wednesday with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the PM's official residence in Jerusalem.

During the meeting, Israel announced that it would release several Palestinian prisoners as a gesture to Abbas by the end of August. The Palestinian requested that the released prisoners include former Tanzim leader Marwan Barghouti and Ahmad Saadat, one of the masterminds behind the killing of Minister Rehavam Ze'evi.

Supreme Court: Palestinian Authority Can Be Sued

Article Author(s): Aviad Glickman

Media Outlet: Ynetnews

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The Supreme Court overturned a Jerusalem District Court decision on Wednesday and determined that the Palestinian Authority is not immune to lawsuits filed by Israeli bodies and it does not hold sovereign immunity.

The Supreme Court's ruling followed a petition filed by the Beit Midrash of the Elon Moreh settlement in the West Bank against the Jerusalem District Court, which rejected the Jewish organization's 2006 lawsuit and determined that the PA is considered autonomous and thus,

can't be sued.

Mofaz: I Will Keep Jerusalem United As Israel's Eternal Capital

Media Outlet: Haaretz

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Speaking at a conference of Kadima party activists six weeks ahead of the scheduled party primary, frontrunner Transportation Minister Shaul Mofaz emphasized that he pledges to "keep Jerusalem united as Israel's eternal capital."

"We will keep alive the magnificent dynasty of the days of King David, who named the city as our capital 3,000 years ago," Mofaz continued.

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