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PRIME MINISTER Binyamin Netanyahu is seen on the large screen addressing the July 4 celebration at the US ambassador's residence in Herzliya last night, flanked by Deputy Chief of Mission William Grant (left) and US Ambassador Dan Shapiro. To the right of the lectern are President Shimon Peres, Sara Netanyahu, and Julie Fisher, the ambassador's wife. (Marc Israel Sellem/The Jerusalem Post)

## PM: If quiet is not restored to South, troops on Gaza border will act forcefully

• By HERB KEINON

As Gaza rockets and missiles continued to hit Israel on Thursday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned that if quiet in the region was not restored, the beefed-up IDF units amassed there will act "with power."

"The security of our citizens comes before anything," he said at a speech at the annual Fourth of July celebration at the US ambassador's residence in Herzliya.

Together with his warnings to Hamas, Netanyahu — who arrived at the event directly from security deliberations in Tel Aviv that focused on the escalating violence in the South and the vol-

atile situation in Jerusalem — was unequivocal in his condemnation of the murder of Muhammad Abu Khdeir, the east Jerusalem teen killed on Wednesday morning.

"The police investigation is ongoing," he said. "We don't know yet the motives or the identities of the perpetrators, but we will. We will bring to justice the criminals responsible for this despicable crime, whoever they may be."

Referring to the bitter mood in the country since the bodies of Eyal Yifrah, Naftali Fraenkel and Gil-Ad Shaer were discovered on Monday, Netanyahu said that "murder, riots, incitement,

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## 'In 24 hours we'll know if Hamas gets the message'

Gazan rocket hits Sderot home • IDF boosts forces on border • Soldier wounded by shrapnel in Eshkol region

• By YAAKOV LAPPIN

The coming 24 hours will show whether Hamas in Gaza has understood Israel's message that rocket fire on the South must end, a senior security source said Thursday, as Palestinian projectile fire continued to pound the South, triggering air-raid sirens into the evening and damaging homes.

More than 20 rockets and mortar shells exploded in southern Israel by press time, and one soldier was lightly wounded by shrapnel in the Eshkol region.

"We'll see what the bottom line is... whether Hamas understands our message... within 24 hours, and then we'll weigh our steps," the security source said.

Hamas is not behind all of the recent rocket attacks, but compared to the recent past, the IDF is seeing a growing Hamas role in the attacks, the source added.

Gazan rockets damaged homes in Sderot in the morning, including a building used as a daycare center. The infants and their caretaker were in a fortified room at the time of the attack and escaped injury.

On Thursday afternoon, a rocket was fired at Ofakim,

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AVIHAI JORNO inspects his home in Sderot after a Gazan rocket hit it yesterday. (Amir Cohen/Reuters)

## 'It's a miracle that we were saved'

### Sderot families declare that Gaza rockets won't expel them

• By TOVAH LAZAROFF

Tami Jorno was busy cooking breakfast for her two small children at 8:30 on Thursday morning, when a siren rang out, warning of an incoming rocket attack from Gaza.

It followed a night wracked by so many sirens, that the Jorno family had slept in their safe room in the basement, rather than in their upstairs bedrooms.

The family emerged only in the morning,

when it seemed like safety had returned to their small southern city of Sderot.

But the morning calm, as the summer heat settled in, turned out to only be a temporary lull.

Tami's son, Uri, 4, was watching *Sami, the fireman* on a television screen in the living room, while her daughter, Daniella, 5, sat with her in the kitchen looking at a video on an iPhone,

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## Netanyahu promotes 'bookends doctrine'

PM lobbies for support of Kurdish state, strong Jordan to box in Islamic extremists

• By HERB KEINON

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu expressed public support this week for an independent Kurdish state as part of a "bookends doctrine" he speaks about privately, whereby an independent Kurdistan in northeastern Iraq and a strong Jordan to the west serve to contain the Shi'ite and Sunni extremists operating in Iraq and Syria.

Though Netanyahu's statement in support of an independent Kurdistan in Iraq was

the first time he or any senior Israeli official has made such comments publicly, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the prime minister has for months been urging world leaders to strengthen and support the Kurds and the Jordanians, who are both pro-Western and moderate, as a way of preventing the chaos inside Syria and Iraq from spreading elsewhere. He argues in private meetings that the Jordanians and Kurds are both forces for regional stability, not anarchy.

On Thursday, Massoud Barzani, the president of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, asked the region's parliament to begin preparations for a referendum on statehood.

According to Netanyahu's doctrine, one way of containing the Sunni and Shi'ite Islamic extremists slugging it out in Syria and Iraq is through the strengthening of countervailing forces. His support for an independent Kurdistan in northeastern Iraq is at odds with US policy, which is to keep Iraq united.

In a speech earlier in the week, Netanyahu said explicitly that it was necessary to limit the damage extremist Islamic elements could cause Israel or other states in the region, and that it was necessary for Israel to support international efforts to strengthen Jordan and to support the Kurdish aspirations for independence.

Jordan, Netanyahu continued, is a stable, moderate country with a strong army

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## Rioting continues to rage in east Jerusalem after suspected 'revenge' killing of Arab teen

Police still investigating motive of murder

• By DANIEL K. EISENBUD

A second day of rioting following the murder of an Arab teen in the capital engulfed much of Shuafat Thursday, the east Jerusalem neighborhood where he lived, as police continued to investigate the circumstances behind his kidnapping and homicide.

One police officer was injured as more than 200 Shuafat residents threw rocks and firebombs, while others set tires and dumpsters on fire to express outrage over the brutal murder Wednesday of Muhammad Abu Khdeir, 16.

Believing the homicide was an act of revenge for the June 12 killings of yeshiva students Gil-Ad Shaer, 16, Eyal Yifrah, 19, and Naftali Fraenkel, 16, the Shuafat and Beit Hanina neighborhoods became embroiled in violence for much of Wednesday afternoon as well.

According to police, there have been previous attempts to kidnap members of Abu Khdeir's family, including his younger sister, stemming from a personal dispute.

During Thursday's riot an unidentified officer was struck in the face by a sharp

object and rushed to Hadasah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, where he was admitted in satisfactory condition.

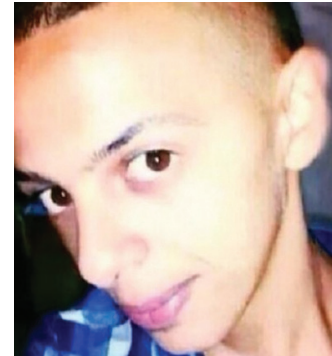
Although no arrests were reported, officers have cordoned off access to the neighborhood and used non-lethal means to contain the violence, including the use of stun grenades and tear gas.

Due to the rioting, three light rail stations were destroyed, as well as numerous traffic lights, resulting in an indefinite halt to train service into the neighborhoods.

Khdeir's partially burned corpse was discovered Wednesday morning in the Jerusalem Forest, shortly after residents of the upscale Arab Beit Hanina neighborhood alerted police they had seen a young man being forced into a gray vehicle.

Although Khdeir's parents hoped to bury their son on Thursday, his body still remained at Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine by evening.

According to the teen's parents, the boy's autopsy was initially delayed after the Palestinian pathologist in charge



MUHAMMAD ABU KHDEIR (Courtesy)

## Jewish family escapes from Syria, arrives safely in Israel

Israeli-American activist organized rescue with help of opposition to Assad, Jewish Agency, Absorption Ministry

EXCLUSIVE

• By YOSSI MELMAN

News of the recent escape of a Jewish family from Syria to Israel was cleared for publication on Thursday.

The mixed Jewish-Muslim family fled the embattled country a few weeks ago, with two family members leading the way and the rest following later. They made their way through several dangerous road blocks manned by Presi-

dent Bashar Assad's military and various opposition forces. Eventually they managed to leave Syria and fly to Israel.

Once a flourishing community of thousands, around 20 Jews remain in Syria, all of whom live in Damascus. Though they are allowed to leave the country, they have seemingly decided to ride out the conflict.

The rescue operation was facilitated by Moti Kahana, an Israeli-American businessman

who has been involved in recent years in humanitarian efforts for Syrian refugees.

In the course of his humanitarian activity, he fostered connections with leaders of the Syrian opposition and enlisted their help to get the Jewish family out of the country.

The Jewish Agency and the Immigration and Absorption Ministry were privy to the

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Jerusalem	7:13 p.m.	8:31 p.m.
Tel Aviv	7:28 p.m.	8:33 p.m.
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