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'Post' exposé leads to state attorney reopening American hiker death probe

EXCLUSIVE

By YONAH JEREMY BOB

State Attorney Shai Nitzan has ordered police to reopen their investigation into the 2014 death of an American hiker following a series of reports by *The Jerusalem Post*.

The dramatic development – investigations are rarely reopened once the original prosecutor on the case has closed it for insufficient evi-

dence – was announced on Tuesday, after *Post* coverage revealed that the police had failed to interview two key witnesses.

The negligent homicide investigation related to the unexplained death of Ariel Newman, 18, a student from Great Neck, New York, during a hike in the Judean Desert on September 10, 2014. It centered on former officials at the now-defunct Mechinat Yeud

program for Diaspora youth.

Newman's parents, Mark and Ellen, responded to the decision to reopen the case saying, "We are now hopeful that the authorities will do the right thing, and after further investigation, reopen the case, prosecute, and indict on charges of criminal negligent homicide anyone who was responsible for the death of our son."

The Newmans thanked the US Embassy and US Sen.

Charles Schumer of New York, "who worked on our behalf to help everyone understand that any negligent homicide must be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted so the appropriate justice can be carried out."

Amos Fried, the Newmans' lawyer, said he and the family "are encouraged by this positive development, and expect the police to conduct their investigation with

the utmost thoroughness... in order to prosecute those responsible for Ariel's tragic death. Though almost three years have passed since the catastrophe, we remain grateful that the state attorney has finally realized that justice has yet to be served."

From the start, police and prosecutors were slow to open any serious investigation,

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MARK AND ELLEN NEWMAN stand with their son Ariel at his high school graduation in 2014, a few months before his death. (Courtesy)

Amos Gilead latest official questioned in submarine probe

Berlin suspends submarine deal with Israel amid widening corruption probe

By ANNA AHRONHEIM and BENJAMIN WEINTHAL

Amos Gilead, a decorated retired IDF general and defense official, testified on Tuesday before the police's Lahav 443 investigative unit amid the ongoing probe into a controversial submarine deal with Germany that has ensnared some of Israel's most powerful officials.

According to Lahav 443, Gilead, a former director of policy and political military affairs at the Defense Ministry, is presently not suspected of illegal activity, and provided testimony voluntarily.

The content of Gilead's testimony remains unclear.

Nonetheless, the police agency hinted that Gilead's investigative status could change, noting in a statement that: "We have not found any evidence of corruption, but our investigation is only preliminary."

Meanwhile, the signing of a memorandum on the sale of three submarines between Germany and Israel has been postponed.

A senior diplomatic official confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that the Memorandum of Understanding on the sale of the three submarines, which was supposed to be signed by Ambassador to Germany Yakov Hadas-Handelsman, has been postponed.

While the announcement is not an outright cancellation

of the deal, it is a dramatic development in an affair that has rattled Israel.

In June, *Der Spiegel* reported that the German National Security Council approved the €1.5 billion purchase by Israel – 27% subsidized by Berlin – of the three submarines. However, the contract reportedly includes a clause giving Berlin the right to cancel it if any improprieties or criminal offenses are proven as a result of the current police investigation, codenamed Case 3000.

Senior officials in both countries reportedly agreed that the clause was a condition for Germany's agreement to sign the contract on the transaction. In addition to the significant sum of money that the deal is worth, senior German officials stated that it was important for German Chancellor Angela Merkel to show her policy of strengthening Israeli security.

Volker Beck, Green Party lawmaker and the head of the German-Israeli parliamentary group in the Bundestag, told the *Post* that despite the investigation and criticism surrounding the sale, Berlin is not turning away from it.

"Germany has a special responsibility for Israel's security. That means concretely that we support Israel's self-defense possibilities with the delivery of armaments," he said.

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Hungarian leader: My country sinned by collaborating with Nazis

Orban tells visiting Netanyahu: We have zero tolerance for antisemitism

By HERB KEINON



PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu and his host, Prime Minister Viktor Orban, inspect a guard of honor in front of the Hungarian Parliament Building in Budapest yesterday. (Haim Zach/GPO)

And I wanted to make it very clear to him that the government of Hungary, in a previous period, committed a mistake, even committed a sin when it did not protect the Jewish citizens of Hungary," Orban said.

Every Hungarian government, he said, has the "obligation to protect and defend all of its citizens, regardless of their birth and origins. During World War II this was something – a requirement – that Hungary did not live up to, both morally or in other ways. And this is a sin because we decided back then, instead of protecting the Jewish community, to collaborate with the Nazis."

While this was not the first time Hungary has acknowledged its role in the murder of its country's Jews, Orban has previously led a campaign of historical revisionism, seemingly aimed at rehabilitating Horthy and minimizing and whitewashing Hungarian responsibility for the destruction of the Jewish community.

Netanyahu, in his comments, characterized Orban's words as "important words." "I discussed with Prime Minister Orban the concerns that I heard raised from the Jewish community," Netanyahu said. "He reassured me in

"I told the prime minister that we are aware of the fact that we have quite a difficult chapter of history behind us.

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Oren calls on US to scrap sunset clauses of Iran deal

Appeal comes day after Trump certifies Tehran living up to nuclear agreement

By HERB KEINON

Israel should urge the US to revisit the Iranian nuclear deal and do away with sunset clauses that lift restrictions on Tehran's nuclear program if the Islamic Republic abides by the deal, Deputy Minister for Diplomacy Michael Oren said on Tuesday.

Oren's comments came a day after the US State Depart-

ment – after getting President Donald Trump's agreement – certified to Congress that Iran remains in compliance with the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA. The certification is required every 90 days by law.

Even though Trump reportedly agreed to only re-certify

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MICHAEL OREN (Marc Israel Sellem/The Jerusalem Post)

First Israeli monument to 'Exodus' inaugurated in Haifa

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Of all the illegal immigrant ships carrying Holocaust survivors to the Promised Land, the best known – thanks to author Leon Uris and actor Paul Newman – is the *Exodus*. The book was a best-seller and the movie was a box office hit.

The *S.S. Exodus* was purchased and manned by American volunteers.

On July 18, 1947, the ship, which was unarmed, tried to reach Haifa, but was rammed by two British destroyers, which threatened to sink it.

British sailors boarded the ship, captured it and killed three people in the process.

The ship was taken to Haifa where the refugees were transferred to prison ships and

returned to displaced persons camps in Germany.

Monuments to the *S.S. Exodus* exist in Germany, France, Italy and the United States. Until this week no such monument existed in Israel.

That lacuna was amended by the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation whose president Jerry Klinger spearheaded the creation of a monument that was dedicated at Haifa Port on Tuesday.

Sculptor Sam Philippe created an anchor, on the base of which is an outline of the map of Israel.

Among the hundreds of people present on Tuesday – many of them Holocaust survivors – were some 150 who had first come to Haifa on the *Exodus*.

One of them was Fruma Gallant, mother of Construction Minister Yoav Gallant. She had been one of 655 children on the ship.

Yoav Gallant made the point that only five years after



THE 'S.S. EXODUS' is seen after the British took over the ship in July 1947. (Shershel Frank/Wikimedia Commons)

the brave but doomed Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the fledgling Israel Defense Forces that included many Holocaust survivors defeated five armies in the War of Independence.

Michael Snowden, political counselor at the US Embassy, said that while most of the passengers on the *Exodus* were Europeans, the crew members were Americans.

"The drama of the *Exodus* is an integral part of the founding of the State of Israel," he said.

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