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BIBI'S BAD WEEK

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Nov 27/09. PM Binyamin Netanyahu (Bibi) weakened Israel this week. And he did so for no good reason. The day after Netanyahu bowed to US pressure and announced a total freeze on Jewish construction in Judea and Samaria for ten months, *Yediot Ahronot* reported that the Obama administration now wants Israel to release a thousand Fatah terrorists from prison.

The Americans also want Israel to allow US-trained, terror supporting Fatah paramilitary forces to deploy in areas that are currently under Israeli military control. Moreover, the Americans are demanding that Israel surrender land in the strategically crucial Jordan Valley to Fatah. And these are just American preconditions for [starting negotiations](#) with the Palestinians.

According to *Yediot*, if those talks ever begin, the White House will demand that Israel accept a Palestinian state in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and Gaza and agree to ethically cleanse all the areas of Jews.

Five seconds after Netanyahu announced the freeze, the Palestinians proclaimed his unprecedented prohibition on Jewish building [worthless](#). But then unlike Netanyahu, the Palestinians are playing their cards wisely. Why should they accept his move as sufficient when they know the Americans will demand still more concessions from him?

Many commentators claim that Netanyahu's announcement was his way of balancing his desire to release 450 Hamas murderers from prison in exchange for hostage Gilad Shalit with an equal concession to Fatah.

Simply by agreeing to negotiate with Hamas, Netanyahu conferred legitimacy not only on the terror group, but on the act of taking hostages. Netanyahu's willingness to release murderers from prison also signs the death warrants of countless Israelis.

Even if the current negotiations end in failure, Netanyahu this week made clear that he is willing to conduct a massive release of terrorists in exchange for Israeli hostages. The message has been received by our enemies and they will make us pay for it with interest.

This is the depressing message that Netanyahu and his merry band of ministers have communicated to the world this week. In the hopes of appeasing the unappeasable Obama administration, the government has adopted Obama's anti-Semitic policies against Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria. To win points with the imbecilic, unaccountable and irresponsible local media, Netanyahu has jeopardized the lives of untold numbers of Israelis by expressing his willingness to free hundreds of terrorist murderers from prison. And to placate the pro-Hizb'ullah UN, Israel has decided it is willing to further strengthen Hizb'ullah.

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