



שְׂגִירוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל

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Dear friends of Israel in Písek,

Thank you for gathering here in Písek today in support of the State of Israel.

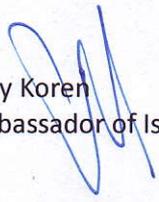
As you are probably well aware, since Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year (13 September 2015), Israeli people are under attack. This time we are facing a very treacherous and cowardly incitement that leads to murderous stabbing and car-ramping attacks, including against elderly people.

Since the beginning of the current wave of terrorist attacks there were 65 stabbings; 7 shootings; 8 vehicular attacks. 12 Israelis have been killed and 159 people injured – 20 of them seriously. 72 people were treated for anxiety.

These horrible attacks have been carried out mostly by young lone terrorists who were motivated for the most part by the incitement and lies spread by the Palestinian leadership and media, including that Israel allegedly threatened Al-Aqsa mosque. The current wave of terrorist attacks is nothing else than a result of the PA's strategy of "popular resistance". It is very difficult to search for peace and moderation when statements by Fatah and Hamas spokespersons have described the attacks as "heroic actions" and "the natural response to Israel's crimes".

You know that Israelis live in a very dangerous and chaotic Middle Eastern region. Radical Islam is all around. The desire to destroy Israel is common to all of our enemies, whether they use missiles or knives. Israel overcame the former waves of terrorism; and it will also overcome this one. This however requires much patience. While Israel does not hesitate to use measures necessary to protect its citizens and defeat this terrorism, we know that in the end we can rely not only on our own willpower and Israeli security forces, but also support of our friends, including here in the Czech Republic.

Once again, I am thankful to you for your support and care about my country and the Jewish people, I am sure that you understand perfectly that Israel should and will win this battle.


Gary Koren
Ambassador of Israel