

Memorializing terror
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Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the United Nations Security Council is currently meeting and is working intensely with members and key leaders, both here and in capitals, to push for a resolution concerning the situation in Israel and Lebanon. The critical question is: With a consistently anti-Israel, anti-Zionist bias how can the UN, with a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy when it comes to Bigotry against the Jews possibly be the savior of the day? Will this meeting be reminiscent of the UN-hosted World Conference against Racism in Durban, South Africa only two weeks before 9/11? Both the Israel and U.S. delegations walked out of the conference when racism was equated with Zionism. Yes, Iran, Hizbullah, and even Hamas are now encouraging the UN to act. I wonder why?

Could it be a ploy to allow a group of about 60 Iranian volunteers that set out from Teheran to join fellow Iranian volunteers in Lebanon time to reach their destination?

With yellow Hizbullah flags flying, Amir Jalilinejad, chairman of the Student Justice Movement, told the Associated Press, "We are just the first wave of Islamic warriors from Iran." "More will come from here and other Muslim nations around the world. Hizbullah needs our help."

As if to stress the closeness of the jihadist terrorist alliance, the group gathered in a section of Teheran's main cemetery reserved for war dead and other "martyrs" and prayed before a memorial to Hizbullah suicide bombers. They praised Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah and pledged their loyalty to the Islamist fanatics who perpetrated the 1983 bombing of the US Marines barracks in Beirut in which 241 US servicemen were murdered. A second bombing killed 56 French peacekeepers.

The Iranian volunteers – ranging in age from teenagers to men old enough to be their grandfathers – are eager to join the Islamist death cult that both characterizes Hizbullah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. It is an ideology that justifies brainwashing Arab children to become “martyrs” by blowing themselves up among Israeli children, that warrants using entire Lebanese villages as human shields, behind which to launch thousands of deadly missiles at Israeli population centers.

And part of the shame of it is they are proud of this! As David Brooks wrote this week in The New York Times, there are Hizbullah “victory markers” strewn all over southern Lebanon, which tour buses would visit during happier times.

“One brightly colored sign, written in both Arabic and (rough) English, marked the spot where ‘On Oct. 19, 1988 at 1:25 p.m. a martyr car that was body trapped

with 500 kilograms of highly exploding materials transformed two Israeli troops into masses of fire and limbs.’

“Busloads of tourists would take victory tours and stop at the prominent sights. Before the current war, there were gift shops and, in at least one place, a poster showing a Hizbullah fighter lifting a severed Israeli head. It all testified to the magnetism of a successful idea: that Muslim greatness can be restored through terrorism.”

It is not unlikely that Hizbullah hypocrites are even now preparing new “victory markers” for the hundreds of Lebanese civilians whose deaths they caused by using them as human shields, firing missiles at Israel from inside their houses and using their homes to store weapons. Israel inadvertently killed Lebanese non-combatants when being forced to strike back at Hizbullah in self-defense – and that is the difference. Israel dropped leaflets and made radio broadcasts warning Lebanese civilians to flee the fighting, while Hizbullah has fired more than 2,000 missiles trying to kill as many Israeli civilians as possible.

There is perhaps no better an example of how Islamist extremists memorialize terrorism than an exhibition held by students at An-Najah University in Nablus on the West Bank a few years ago. It commemorated the “victory” of a suicide bomber who blew himself up at the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem on August 9, 2001, murdering 15 people, seven of them children. The students built a replica of the restaurant, complete with fake human body parts and pieces of pizza strewn around the room. It was very popular.

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