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Following alleged Dubai mess, the Mossad chief must go

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An important figure with many followers goes overboard and gets exiled to a faraway village in the north. That creative solution comes courtesy of the rabbinical forum "Takana." But the sanction meted out to Rabbi Mordechai Elon should

also be applied to another gentl=man, who anyway already resides in the north: Maj. Gen. (ret.) Meir Dagan,=the belligerent, heavy-handed chief of the Mossad.

The State of Israel did not claim responsibility for the assassination =f Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai. The entire matter is treated as AFMR - Acco=ding to Foreign Media Reports. We can still argue both sides of the broade= issue at hand: assassinating senior officials in hotels (see under Rehava= Ze'evi) and in public (Imad Mughnayeh, Fathi Shkaki, Abbas Mussawi, A=i Hassan Salameh, and the list goes on). But we could also narrow the ques=ion to the quality of the performance in Dubai. And what must have seemed =o its perpetrators as a huge success is now being overshadowed by enormous=question marks.

If the perpetrators were from the Mossad (AFMR, of course), Prime Minis=er Benjamin Netanyahu must be walking around with an acute sense of *deja v=*. Once again, an assassination of a senior Hamas leader in a friendly Arab=country; once again, an operation designed to kill someone quietly and inc=nspicuously; once again, a diplomatic mess; and once again, it is all happ=ning on Netanyahu's watch. In 1997, it was Khaled Meshal in Jordan. Th=s time, it's Mabhouh in Dubai.

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The=anticipated diplomatic crisis is not, so far, with Dubai, but with the cou=tries whose passports were used by the assassins. The United Kingdom and I=eland were used once again, and this time, a French connection topped it o=f. It is as if Israeli governments had never apologized to London for usin= British documentation; as if they had not promised solemnly, when passpor=s of Her Majesty's subjects were found in a certain phone booth, that =his would never happen again.

This time, they didn't mess with feisty New Zealand. But other coun=ries also do not tend to be forgiving of such insolent violations of their=sovereignty. Italy, for instance, has engaged for the last few years in a =erciless attack on the CIA, which abducted a suspected Egyptian terrorist =n Italian soil (Mordechai Vanunu's abduction came decades too early), =s well as on its own intelligence agencies, which assisted the American on=. As soon as the abducted man's wife filed a complaint, the Italian ju=iciary ruled that it could not possibly avoid investigating and pressing c=arges. In Italy, like in Dubai, meticulous work was invested in collecting=evidence against the suspects, mostly by going through cellular communicat=ons data and tracing credit card trails in hotels and other businesses. =AO

But even if whoever carried out the assassination does reach some kind =f arrangement with the infuriated Western nations, it still has an obligat=on to its own citizens.

This obligation was violated, thanks =o the Mossad - AFMR - and the attorney general, whether through action or =naction.

Using the identities of real, living, innocent Israelis for operational=documentation is against the law. This kind of abuse also causes innocent =cilians to suffer the evil that already plagues ministers and officers: b=ing prevented from traveling abroad for fear of being arrested by Interpol=on suspicion of being the Dubai assassins.

Former Mossad chief Efraim Halevy pushed for a Mossad Law to be legisla=ed that would enshrine the state's obligation to defend its agents cau=ht breaking laws abroad. The initiative never got off the ground: A state =an't legitimize illegality. But neither can it allow one of its instit=ions to arbitrarily harm civilians not the police, not the tax authority, not the Shin Bet security service and not the Mossad. =AO

Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein was asked yesterday whether an=investigation will be opened following the public complaints of those whos= identities were stolen from them, and whose lives and liberty are therefo=e now threatened. Weinstein has not yet had time to study the issue. He ha= some superficial knowledge of Dagan's character, but no prejudice. =AO

Netanyahu played deaf to the warnings and extended Dagan's tenure for an eighth year, a decision as hasty as it was unnecessary. But the Mossad, like the Jerusalem District Attorney's Office, cannot hinge upon one-man, without whom everything would collapse.

What is needed now is a swift decision to terminate Dagan's contract and to appoint a new Mossad chief - one of the current department heads, none of their predecessors, or a talented Israel Defense Forces general. There's no disease (AFMR) without a cure: An easel in Rosh Pina is yearning for pensioner Dagan to come home.

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