News Paper Interview

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A journalist from San Marino, our AFP, who went to Israel for the MEPI last year in May, asked for an interview with Hod Ben Zvi, national leader for Israel. The interview was published in the newspaer San Marino Oggi on July 18. The article includes a section with the activities that San Marino UPF did in the Middle East. Giorgio Gasperoni, national leader for San Marino.

ear Mr. Franco Cavalli,
Warm greetings from Jerusalem.

At the request of our dear friend Mr. Giorgio Gasperoni, I would like to grant the "SAN MARINO OGGI" this exclusive interview, responding to your questions below:

Q: Every day we get news of clashes and firing rockets and mortars with victims among the civilian population. What is the situation for those who live in Jerusalem and in other cities? There are difficulties and limitations in everyday life? The country remains open to visitors or tourism, which is an important source, even for the Palestinians, has already suffered setbacks?

A: Jerusalem has suffered just a few missile attacks without any significant harm. The story is different for the rest of Israel. The towns and villages closest to Gaza in the south have been most heavily targeted with constant rocketing day and night. The towns and cities further north like Ashkelon and Ashdod were also rather severely attacked with mostly damages to assets but also wounded people and for the first time today also a mortal casualty.

No doubt that in the areas that were directly attacked, life is challenging and people are on constant alert to run and take shelter any moment, day or night. However due to the effective role of "Iron Dome" and the safety regulation, they try to keep daily life routine as much as possible.

Obviously tourism is effected, however there are those who didn't cancel their visit and keep their plans intact.

Q: You have two sons serving in the military as a lever in Israel takes three years for males. As a parent, how is it to live these moments?

A: My two daughters and elder son have already completed their service, now only my youngest son is on the front line in the South. My daughter was in the battle field during operation Pillar of Defense (Pillar of Cloud) on Nov. which was rather fierce and traumatic. This time Operation Protective Edge seems so far as a Déjà vu. As a parent who is both a

patriot and a peace advocate, I'm in constant prayer for the safety of not only my own children, but also all people from both sides.

Q: You have been since long time committed to promoting dialog and peace between Israelis and Palestinians; you did accompany also around Italy and San Marino groups of youths. What should be done to promote a cease-fire?

A: Even during this testing times we are having another youth group coming mainly from Europe, doing volunteer work in local villages, promoting harmony and friendship among Jews, Christians, Moslems and Druze. We also hold interfaith prayers and fasts to call for Heaven's intervention for peace and reconciliation. It is true that cease fire is something that can be implemented by armies and governments, however our role as civil society is to promote resilience and restraint as to allow the decision makers operate without panic and withstand extremist's pressure.

Q: What role can or could play on the international community to support the peace process? And what role do you think might have a small country like San Marino?

A: I believe that the international community can take much more subjective role in helping to attain cease-fire. Solutions are not easy for this long conflict however, a combination of demilitarizing Gaza coupled with massive civilian aid will transform the future of Gaza into a normal society as most of its inhabitants hope for. The massive financing of terror organizations who care less about the lives of the common people on both sides, must be stopped. If the international community is really serious about the situation, they can do a lot to help.

The Republic of San Marino can certainly play a role, by raising the conscience voice in Europe, calling for brave positive intervention, rather than the usual rhetoric of the blame game by ether sides.

Yours sincerely

Hod Ben Zvi President UPF Israel

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