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## Gaza-bound vessel really a ship of fools

Ruth Dudley Edwards | *The Sunday Independent* | 26 June

Whether they know it or not, that gaggle of posturing, ignorant Irish clowns who are setting sail towards Gaza on the MV Saoirse are driven by anti-Semitism. Otherwise they would be protesting against - for instance - the Islamist killings and bombings that are forcing tens of thousands of Christians to flee the Middle East, the ethnic cleansing in the Sudan, the ill-treatment of servants and women in Saudi Arabia, the hanging of gays from cranes in Iran, the massacres of protesters in Libya and Syria, the torture of Irish-trained doctors in Bahrain for tending to injured demonstrators and the vicious anti-Jewish propaganda that teaches Arab children to hate. [READ MORE](#)

## The implications of raised expectations in Palestine

Khaled Abu Toameh | *Hudson NY* | 28 June 28

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has officially decided to go to the United Nations in September to ask for recognition of a Palestinian state along the pre-1967 lines.

But how can Abbas go to the UN in New York when he cannot even go back to his home in the Gaza Strip, which has been seized by Hamas?

How can he go to the UN when he cannot visit the Gaza Strip, where more than 1.5 million Palestinians live?

How can Abbas go to the UN when he cannot even visit a refugee camp in the West Bank, Lebanon or Syria? [READ MORE](#)

## The new Lebanese government and Israel – key points

BICOM | 28 June

- The new coalition in Lebanon marks the ascent of Hezbollah and its allies to clear political dominance in the country. This is a significant achievement for Hezbollah and the Iran-led regional bloc, entrenching Hezbollah's freedom of action in Lebanon.
- The development is welcome news for Syria, which is keen to maintain a friendly neighbour during its internal conflict, as well as contain the threat of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, which is expected to accuse Syrian and Hezbollah officials of killing former Lebanese PM Rafik Hariri.

- Israel has said in the past that if Hezbollah initiates another conflict with Israel, Israel would regard the Lebanese state as responsible. Hezbollah's new degree of political dominance increases the credibility of this position.
- Were another conflict between Israel and Hezbollah to break out, it would exact a very high cost from both sides. This, along with the gains Hezbollah has achieved politically, may make Hezbollah more wary about initiating hostilities in the future.

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## Lost and Found

Adam Kirsch | Tablet Magazine | 28 June

What to do about Jewish children after the Holocaust was one of the most intractable problems facing postwar Europe. The standard solutions for displaced children were family reunification, when immediate relatives could be traced, or at least repatriation. But the 175,000 Jewish children who survived the war - out of a prewar population of 1.5 million - had usually lost their entire families; and they had no desire to return to countries where anti-Semitism was still rampant. Jewish survivors congregated in Displaced Persons camps, forbidden to go to Palestine (where the British blocked all Jewish immigration) or America (where harsh immigration laws had the same effect). In the meantime, the birthrate in the DP camps skyrocketed, in a sign of the survivors' determination to go on living.

In *The Lost Children*, Tara Zahra tells the heartbreaking stories of child survivors of World War II, whose fate was often decided by ideological battles, policy debates, and lingering ethnic tensions. [READ MORE](#)

## The Rabbi and the baseball player

Former NBA star, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, is making film about WWII, and is going to Israel to meet Rabbi Lau whom his father liberated from Nazi concentration camp. [READ MORE](#)

## Promised Land awaits 7,500 Mizo Jews

Times of India | 26 June

At least 7,500 Mizo Jews from Mizoram and Manipur will migrate to Israel, which they refer to as their Promised Land, this year.

In 2005, the Shavei Israel, Israel's Chief Rabbinate and the highest religious authority of the lost tribes, officially recognised the Bnei Menashes as descendants of Israel. Following this, a huge number of Mizo Jews from Mizoram and Manipur migrated to Israel. [READ MORE](#)

## Israel trumps the Arab world

The Peninsula-Qatar | 25 June

A comparative study of Arab nations and Israel on "Scientific Research and Patent Rights Compared," by Palestinian researcher Dr. Khalid Said Rubaia, found that Israel is superior to all Arab countries in the sphere of Information Technology. [READ MORE](#)

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The work will involve research and analysis pertaining to Jewish issues and Israel and may also include drafting articles, speeches and reports. The successful candidate will work closely with the Board's professional staff and relevant committees and have the opportunity to attend exclusive events and briefings.

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