



Next MEPI Dates: December 4th - 10th 2007

European Peacemakers Visit to the Middle East -August Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI)

August 24th - 29th

The 31st Middle East Peace Initiative from August 24th - 29th, included fifty - five Europeans among whom there were two former Prime Ministers, two former Government Ministers, seven current and one former parliamentarian, one diplomat, ten current political/ NGO activists, eleven significant religious leaders from the three faiths, and four journalists.



Martin Luther King III speaks at Hebrew University Truman Institute with Chairman of MEPI, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

Martin Luther King III's group, 'Realizing the Dream' have attended the last two MEPIs as a partnering organisation. At Hebrew University's Truman Institute and in Bethlehem SOS Children's centre Martin Luther King III spoke on the application of his father, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's principles of non-violence to defuse the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



**Holy Land Medical Project
Ingrid Stellmacher, Dr. Emil Jarjoui , Dr. Hiyam Marzouqa, Dr. Raphael Udassin discussing a collaborative Israeli-Palestinian medical project.**

The Holy Land Medical Project is a partnership of Saving Lives, a Rotarian Medical Aid Agency, and the Universal Peace Federation's Middle East Peace Initiative. It will be run by a Board of faith leaders, Israeli and Palestinian Doctors, business and community leaders overseeing proposed training health centres. With support from the Saving Lives network, UK volunteer Doctors and an international network of Ambassadors for Peace, medical training courses, telemedicine, exchange visits, and twinning of hospitals etc. are envisaged. Senior Doctors of Birmingham Children's hospital will visit Caritas Baby Hospital, Bethlehem in December.



David Borrow MP, Dave Anderson MP and Hanif Adeel from the UK with Mrs. Hai Ok-Lee Song and Mrs. Eva Anderson meeting Amir Peretz MK



Bishop Christina Odenburg and Other Participants Visiting Caritas Baby Hospital Bethlehem



Bereaved Family Forum

Rami Elhanan and Aziz Abu Sarah from the Bereaved Family Forum talk about their personal struggle to overcome the desire for revenge to seek peace with a grieving 'enemy' partner.

MEPI allows a worldwide network of Ambassadors for Peace to support the peace process and those local groups directly involved when they return to their nations.

MEPI promotes dialogue. There are many obstacles to Israelis and Palestinians meeting but an indirect conversation can be made through us meeting both sides and relaying the opinions of both communities.

MEPI is looking for multidisciplinary solutions to resolving the conflict including religion, politics, service, culture, sports, women's activities and academia.

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Interfaith Leaders Forum



Meeting the Chief Palestinian Negotiator, Dr. Saeb Erekat



MEPI Leaders meeting President Mahmoud Abbas



Dr. Mustafa Banghouthi
Former Presidential Candidate and Former Minister of Communication



Dr. Ephraim Sneh MK, former Deputy Minister of Defence and Mike Marshall, Editor-in-Chief, UPI
Bishop Riah Abu El-Assal
Former Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem



Gen. (Ret.) Dani Yatom MK, Former Chief of Staff under Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Former Chief of Mossad



Oded Ben Haim Director of Palestinian Affairs Division, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Ehud Yaari, Middle East Commentator for Israel Channel 2



Rev Kjell Jonasson - Jerusalem Inter Church Ministry



Dr. Shlomo Ben Ami, Former Foreign Minister of Israel

Briefing at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs from Ray Dolphin and Mrs. Rosemary Willey-Al'Sanah



Avital Shapira-Shabirow: Director of International Activity of the Histadrut. (General Federation of Labour in Israel)

At conferences in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the European group was addressed by Israeli politicians, religious leaders, Israeli Labour movement representatives, Government officials and journalists.

