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Today we saw published in the biggest newspaper in Jerusalem, *Al Quds*, the findings of the Legal Counsels of the Palestinian Authority, Mr. Jawad Bulus and Mr. Ilias Khoury, who having received orders from the Palestinian Authority, requested the permission to investigate the matters in detail, the reasons and the source creating the scandal which had as its result and goal to bring on the biggest wound of all amongst the many that were concocted since before or after the election of His Beatitude Patriarch Irineos I.

The investigation started, on the basis of a special Power of Attorney given by Patriarch Irineos I of Jerusalem, to the Palestinian investigators having the purpose of the finding the exact truth concerning the matters referring to properties of the Patriarchate in the Old City of Jerusalem, who in cooperation with Israeli Lawyers of Our Patriarchate proceeded with an assiduous investigation of the actual events and concluded in

The Exoneration of His Beatitude Patriarch Irineos I of Jerusalem from the accusation of his betrayal concerning "universally acknowledged!" "self-confessed!" "participation!" in deals having to do with properties of the Patriarchate in the Old City, which a former employee of Our Patriarchate tried to renew on the basis of old contracts concerning the same properties, which were not completed, because they were missing the confirmation of the synod and the signature of the Patriarch, just like now. And yes, the previous agreements were made during the time of Patriarch Diodoros of blessed memory, during the time of the then Chairman of the Financial Office of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Metrop. Constantine, who had a General Power of Attorney, even for sales, in cooperation with other Hierarchs of the Patriarchate.

The same news is being broadcasted every hour by the Radio Station Kol Israel.

These findings for which it was necessary to have professional research, searching not only responsible financial offices of the State of Israel, but also on a personal level, offices, lawyers, and members of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre, mentions and analyzes extensively:

1. The way in which the above mentioned employee entered into the Patriarchate of Jerusalem,

2. Which goals and interests were served,
3. The Hierarchs with which they were cooperating and who were not informing neither the Patriarch nor the Body of the Synod,
4. The uncovering of the his illegal actions His Beatitude the Patriarch himself with his colleagues,
5. The denunciation by His Beatitude himself in the responsible legal and magistrate services of Greece and Israel of his illegal actions, and the immediate exercise of his criminal prosecution,
6. The way with which different figures, ecclesiastical and para-government planned the publication of the agreements, which were started but not completed, without the knowledge of the Synod and the Patriarch personally, as if done with the knowledge, order, and under the direction of the Patriarch himself, as organized and completed,
7. The responsibility of those members of the Synod or of the Brotherhood who knew the intrigues of the above mentioned criminal.

Even at this time in the Exarchate of the Holy Sepulchre in Athens, the Hierarchs Timothy and Damaskinos, as well as Archim. Dimitrios, who a month ago insulted his Patriarch calling him a thief, irregardless of today's temporary Court Order to not touch anything until they review the insurance measures on the coming Wednesday, they brake the candle money box in the Church of the Holy Unmercenarys in order to take the offering that the faithful donated on behalf of the Holy Shrines! We wish to remind that Archbishop Theofanis of Gerasa was sent, irresponsibly, illegally and non-canonically by the splinter group of the rebel fathers of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre in order to take over the Exarchate of Athens in which they entered not respecting the order of the district attorney which stated that permission to enter should be given to only the canonical and legal Exarch, Archimandrite Theoktistos. Archbishop Theofanis was assisted in this, by the Chief of the Acropolis Police Station.

Let each one be responsible for his actions in front of the Living God and mankind, so that irregardless of each persons passions, desires, ambitions or choices, whatever political or minority ecclesiastical decisions, which instead of calling all to unity, tears the seamless cloak of Christ and destroy the building of the Church and of Holy Zion, the Mother of Churches, giving to Caesar that which is Caesar's, and to God that which is God's, so as to see the Peace of God firstly in himself. And when he sees it he will understand that it exists in the Church and around him, and everywhere.