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The audacity has gone too far: Mr. K. Karamanlis and Mrs. Dora Bakogiannis should act immediately.

AND NOW . . . FAKE . . . WITH A FULL NAME!

We had notified from last November with our articles that a “new “tsunami” of misinformation is coming, on the verge of the new developments that are about to take place in Jerusalem”. We had revealed at that time the “underground channels” which unfortunately, Greek diplomats have set up in their attempt to support a rotten structure, misleading the Greek Government into disastrous mistakes in the facing of the crisis which torments the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and works against Orthodoxy and the Rights of the Nation in the Holy Land. We had no delay in being proven right.

The “tsunami” broke out during the ...carnival period, and brought to the surface all of those known pen-holding figures who instead of running to the end of the earth in order to find out the truth, prefer to serve to the readers of their newspapers, the “instant food” which they are given from the upper stories of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A simple reading of the text is needed in order for someone to understand that the prompter and the inspiring brain are one and the same... the goal is once again, since the Government of Israel remains fast in favor of legality, for the reason to convince the Greek Government to proceed on unto new tragic mistakes. The articles present the clergyman Theofilos as “blackmailed” by the Government of Israel, in order to proceed in the ratification of the “sales” in the Jaffa Gate in exchange for his recognition. Yes, in order to land a type of heroism to the mentioned clergyman, they present a statement of his (through third parties) which describes “the unacceptable pressure which he receives from the Israeli Government”! While the roars of the press are not absent “We will denounce the pressures that we have to the Orthodox World and that will be against Israel”! It is not necessary to remind you, that the same things they were saying also when the recognition of His Beatitude Patriarch Irineos of Jerusalem was delayed, while they knew that the delay was due to the continuous appeals to the High Court against the Legality of the election, from members of the Hierarchy of the Patriarchate, here they were spreading that the “Patriarch is pressured to give up land”! As they did when they removed the signatures of the candidates during the Patriarchal elections of 2001, while the removal of the names happened because it was asked in writing by Greek diplomats, and the then Locum Tenens Cornelius hurried to congratulate the Israeli Government, the public opinion in Greece was bombarded by the “news” that the “Government of Israel made an open intervention into the interior affairs of the Patriarchate”! But maybe and now, for a year and a half that the Patriarchate is under occupation, they themselves don’t say and write continually that “in the coming days Theofilos will be recognized? Theofilos himself, when he had come to Athens and they presented him to the

reporters, didn't he state that "our relations with the new Government of Israel are excellent and the recognition is a matter of time?"

And now we go on to the "important things", that whoever is concerned about the future of this Land should be concerned about... On the 18th of May, 2006, while Theofilos was speaking to an Arabic newspaper "Al Quds", and answering to the question if he has resorted to the Justice system in order for the "sales" in the Jaffa Gate to be nullified, he said that "... that can not happen because those companies (those who today "blackmail" him through the Israeli Government), these companies, "DO NOT EXIST, THEY ARE FAKE OFF-SHORE COMPANIES"!!! Now how these fake companies obtained all of a sudden a full name, only an exceptional diplomat and an impartial Greek reporter can explain to us!

As they should say to us, if they have read the official Report of the Legal Committee which the Palestinian Authority had assigned in order to investigate in depth the dirty issue of the "sales", which clearly states that behind those "Fake" companies is hidden a hierarch of the Patriarchate!! And they have, after that, the audacity and they speak and threaten Israel, which respects Legality and yet bears the insults, how "they will denounce" to the Orthodox World"? What will they denounce? That this country doesn't become an accomplice to the biggest ethical crime in recent years and refuses to be dragged under the robes of a handful of clergyman, who disregarded and stomped on every trace of Justice and Ethic? We will not go on. We will only ask the Prime Minister of Greece and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to take the NATIONAL ISSUE of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem into their hands. Marginalize the "proposers", admit the mistakes, and cooperate with the Government of Israel in order for Legality and the Grace of God to return to the much suffering Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Only this way will the dignity of our Country return within the Orthodox World, and will hope come to life for the salvation of the Patriarchate.

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