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JERUSALEM: YOU ARE MISTAKEN MR. KASSIMIS

Only the return to the legal and canonical road will solve the problem of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Speaking a few days ago on a radio station, immediately after his return from his trip to Jordan, the deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kassimis, let out an attack against the State of Israel, because it refuses to go under the robes of a group of clergymen, who have done away with all trace of Justice, have stomped on the Law and International Treaties, totally ignored the very State which provides them complete freedom and protection in the carrying out of their religious services and, under the protection of the government of Greece, proceeded on with the forceful occupation of the areas of the Patriarchate, with the illegal dissolving of the Holy and Sacred Synod and, finally, irregardless to the strict warnings of the Israeli, and only responsible Government, with the “election” and “enthronement” of a clergyman as “first” amongst them!

Mr. Kassimis accused Israel that, it uses supposedly, the Legal and Canonical Patriarch Irineos of Jerusalem, as “a tool” in its attempt “to gain land of the Patriarchate”, harmonizing with the mouth-pieces of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, who “dance” to the beat given to them by the superiors of Mr. Kassimis, and those responsible for tragic icon that exists today in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The attack of Mr. Kassimis came as the seal of a series of articles published under the direction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs- all carbon copies, as if they were written by the same hand- which would have that the Israelis “blackmail” the chosen clergyman of the Greek Government and a group of Greek-Americans, in order to give them “land and water”, so that they will recognize him, “as” – according to these articles – “they did with the recognition of Patriarch Irineos”, which was delayed for three entire years!

If Mr. Kassimis had good and responsible information, he would never have made such a big political mistake. If Mr. Kassimis didn’t contain those whom he converses with, to only Diplomats, who created the dead end in Jerusalem, he would not have fallen into their trap and he would not have become the mouth-piece in their attempt to create problems in the until-now excellent relations between Greece and Israel, so that their dirty role would not be uncovered as regards to the plan and development of the conspiracy against Patriarch Irineos of Jerusalem.

If Mr. Kassimis had gone through the trouble to read the decision of the High Court of Israel (963/04 and 967/04), with which all “objections” are overruled against the canonical and legal election of His Beatitude Irineos, which Greek Hierarchs of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem had submitted, through their lawyers and their organs, with the knowledge and complete coverage of Greek Diplomats, he would have found out immediately about the “blackmail” fairytale and he would have immediately located the actual guilty ones also in the issue of the removal of candidates’ names during the Patriarchal Elections of 2001, and in the issue of the three-year-delay of the recognition of the election of His Beatitude Irineos, and in the affairs that followed and led up to today’s tragic dead-ends.

We don’t wish to go further right now. We would suggest however to the deputy Foreign Minister to be cool, calm and with more responsibility. The problem won’t be solved with inarticulate cries and ugly curses, but rather it just gets more entangled. If Mr. Kassimis truly desires that a livable solution be found, he only has to ask the sincere cooperation of the Israelis and the other people involved, and to contribute to the, here and now, return to Legality and Canonicity, as would be in the person of the Legal and Canonical Patriarch IRINEOS of Jerusalem and the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Church of Zion with him.

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