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### Re: Israeli 'EBE' Case A 'Hoax'?

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Dear Errol,

Regarding the Israeli "EBE CASE" I wrote to an Israeli researcher I know and asked him about Barry Chamish's article.

Below you find the quoted text he wrote back to me. Maybe it sheds further light on this event.

Keep up your good work in 1997!

Joachim

-----forwarded email from Israel follows-----

Hi,

>From: Chamish Barry <[chamish@netmedia.net.il](mailto:chamish@netmedia.net.il)>  
>never heard of him, do you know where he works?

>

> IT'S A BIRD, IT'S AN ALIEN, IT'S A FRAUD

>by Barry Chamish

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>On December 22, Israel Television's First Channel Evening News program  
>broadcast an exciting report. It seems that on a night of intense UFO  
>activity in the Galilee farming village of Achihod, an "alien" fell from a  
>craft and was captured by a local resident.

>An attractive woman, Tziona Damti was interviewed and described coming  
>face to face with the alien the evening before, which was standing  
>motionless just outside her father-in-law's barn. She showed her  
>father-in-law the weird "being" and he said it was nothing. She went to  
>sleep but in the morning returned to find the "alien" standing in the same  
>place.

Here's a quote from my previous mail to you from 31.12 :

===start quote===

Israel UFO update  
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In the last months we had several 'sightings' but, except one which can not be easily explained ( an unclear short video taken at night of a light pattern in the sky ), and one which was either a true abduction report or a hoax, we had no serious sightings.

===end quote===

I did not refer to the incident reported by Barry Chamish because it just looked to me like a very bad hoax !!

The details of that incident are almost absurd, the 'alien' looks more like a piece of plastic or other matter and definitely not like something that ever lived.

I completely dismissed this incident as a hoax, please ignore it. We must concentrate only on real incidents.

BTW: a group of UFO enthusiasts here claims that in Jan. 5th 97 ( this Sunday ) UFOs will land in israel publicly !!! , well I just have to see tomorrow's news report, I wonder what will come out of it.

Now for the details of what he [Barry Chamish] wrote:

*>broadcast an exciting report. It seems that on a night of intense UFO  
>no one saw it, it was definitely not intense (and it was a very clear  
>night, it must have been seen )*

*>An attractive woman, Tziona Damti ...*

Definitely not attractive (I saw the TV report too), this guy just fills his report with superlatives

*>She showed her father-in-law the weird "being" and he said it was nothing.*

Right.

*>arrived and when one bent down to put the "alien" in a bucket, it jumped  
>on his back.*

This was NOT reported, and sounds un-real, I saw the 'alien' it just does not look like something that lived. He might have invented it himself.

*>Officer Asher Ben Ezra told the press that the volume of  
>bodily fluids left on the ground by the creature was abnormal and  
>persuaded him that there was something suspicious about it.*

Yes, who says it's the alien's body fluids? It could be just dirty water, besides, I saw no such fluids.

*>The police, apparently deciding the creature was no danger to the public*

Yes, if it was really an alien - remember roswell? Yes, in israel it would have been the same.

The army and intelligence would have arrived there if it was a real thing. they did not. Even more, I did not hear any of the more serious UFO investigators in Israel comment about this incident. They seem to ignore it too.

*>and media circus was on. Besides the report on TV, the  
>newspaper Maariv printed a photo of the "alien" on its front  
>page*

Well, that's natural, it's happens everywhere

*>Yediot Ahronot devoted two pages in the center of the paper to the  
>encounter.*

NOT TRUE (as far as I remember )

*>recent wave of mysterious livestock disappearances.*

Livestock disappearances ( thefts .. ) happen all the time, mutilations however, were NOT reported.

*>and observers, including Uri Geller.*

Geller came to israel a few days ago for his 50th birthday.

*> and Israeli ufologist Doron Rotem was quoted in Maariv and  
>Yediot Ahronot saying no alien yet reported was only five cm.  
>tall.*

Doron Rotem also did not consider this as a serious incident.

*>... He later told me, "After  
>that interview I received actual threats from the UFO community. They want  
>an Israeli Roswell and I had the nerve to say this wasn't it."*

As I said, a serious, known UFO investigator says it's nothing.

There was simply no solid piece of information in this incident.

>discovered it, blue luminiscent discs were seen by numerous residents of  
>the village.

I heard that no one else saw it

>Further, Uri Geller told her that in the nearby Arab town of Tamra,  
>he was invited to see a small UFO flying inside someone's home.

Come on, get serious.

> Clearly, there was real UFO activity in the area.

I don't see it in the report.

> one highly likely abduction widely publicized.

I referred to it in my previous letter.

> Word somehow spread that the film was worth \$100,000 and that the  
>television networks would start bidding.

That's the key for so many hoaxes

>At that moment, I knew I was dealing with a hoax. It was not the  
>first time. To put things into perspective, I have interviewed dozens of  
>witnesses and on only three occasions did I smell a hoax. The Kadima  
>silicon was one, the alleged abductions of Yossi Ronen and Yossi Saguy  
>were the other two.

Well, I agree, it was a bad hoax.

>Everything was aimed at making money.

That was exactly my impression.

>thing in an hour. What you have here is a lizard which hatched too early.  
>It is covered in a multi-layered gelatinous sac. When it shed the sacs, it  
>left amniotic fluid. The jumping is the typical flexional and convulsional  
>reactions of a trapped embryo, I think of a salamander."

Maybe, I heard this explanation, but I'm not qualified to decide. Anyway  
salamanders are from earth.

>Doron Rotem agrees, "I thought it was an embryo but of a chameleon. I  
>reached the conclusion the whole thing was a hoax from Tziona's testimony.  
>She told me the thing was dead from the minute she saw it. When she  
>started talking to reporters, it miraculously came to life. And  
>originally, she told me the creature was 5 cm tall. Suddenly it's grown to  
>20 cm. but it shrunk later on."

>My opinion is that initially Tziona was caught in UFO hysteria and  
>imagined a lizard embryo to be an alien. Then the hucksters arrived at her  
>door and the hoax began in earnest.

>end

Joachim, I just think too many words were wasted here on a simple, bad, hoax.  
I don't think this should even have reached international UFO media, these  
UFO journalists are paid by their production and report hoax with the same  
enthusiasm as more real incidents.

bye for now

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ISRAEL

-----end of forwarded email from Israel-----

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