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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 130

## WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES

"LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

## WHAT IS A COMPULSORY WAR? TO SAVE ISRAEL FROM THE HAND OF AN ENEMY. (RAMBAM HILCHOT MELACHIM)

"There are different levels of war. A difference exists between a Milchemet mitzvah and a Milchemet Reshut a war waged for voluntary reasons. A voluntary war is permitted for exceptional circumstances...On the other hand, a Milchemet mitzvah doesn't need the court's consent. Our situation today is clear. We are fighting a Milchemet mitzvah, twice over. Firstly, this is a compulsory war as defined by the Rambam: 'What is a compulsory war? To save Israel from the hand of an enemy. Our army is called the Israel Defense Forces. Thank G-d, this is a very successful name. It would be wonderful if we didn't require military engagement, but for the time being, it is forced upon us."

"The second fundamental definition of a compulsory war is added by the Ramban, in the Torah commandment to conquer Eretz Yisrael. ("Since we were commanded to inherit this Land which the Lord, blessed be He, gave to our forefathers, to Avraham, Yitzhak, and to Yaacov, and not to abandon it to the hands of other nations, or abandon it to desolation. He said to them, To inherit the Land and to dwell there, for to you have I given the Land to possess, and you shall inherit the Land which I swore to your fathers.... Behold, we are commanded with conquest in every generation." Supplement to the Sefer HaMitzvot of the Rambam, Positive commandment 4, Ramban.

Among all the precepts of the Torah is a militaristic command. It doesn't enter our minds to choose which precept to do and which to ignore. This is a commandment of the Torah!" "In a compulsory war, there's no need to receive permission from the Reit Din, or from the Rabbis to go to war. This commandment is incumbent on the Kingdom, whether of the King, or any other Jewish government of Israel, which, in its enforcement of Jewish sovereignty, fulfills the role of the King, provided that the government is not expressly opposed to the Torah. (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF "THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND" (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON