

Trump Administration Threatens Palestinians

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US foreign policy favors pressure, bullying and threats over diplomacy - color revolutions and wars launched when other tactics fail.

The Trump administration delivered a double-edged warning to Palestinians - begin no-peace/peace talks with Israel on its terms, and forget about calling on the International Criminal Court to investigate and prosecute its high crimes.

Otherwise face closure of the PLO's Washington office and other unspecified harsh actions, likely regime change like Yasser Arafat was disposed of - poisoned to death by Israel.

Under the 2016 Consolidated Appropriation Act, the PLO may not subject "Israeli nationals to an investigation for alleged crimes against Palestinians."

There's nothing "alleged" about them, including ruthless persecution, land and resource theft, ethnic cleansing, targeted assassinations, and wars at Israel's discretion, among others.

Washington continues pressuring Palestinians to begin futile peace talks, failing each time initiated, the greatest longstanding hoax in modern times, dead-on-arrival every time for over 40 years, zero chance of succeeding now.

Israel rejects peace, ending occupation and settlement expansions, Palestinian self-determination, borders, diaspora Palestinians' right of return, borders, air, water and resource rights, as well as East Jerusalem as Palestine's exclusive capital.

Oslo left these and other major issues unresolved for later final status talks. Palestinians are still waiting for unattainable justice.

Israeli sincerity for peace never existed. The so-called peace process is a duplicitous fiction. Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir once said he wanted talks dragged out forever so settlements could continue expanding on Palestinian land.

Netanyahu once called talks “a waste of time.” They began in the mid-1970s, little more than a duplicitous slogan from then to now, stalling for time, letting Israel steal all valued Judea and Samaria land it wants – ahead of annexing it.

Haaretz quoted an unidentified State Department official, saying

“(w)e not cutting off relations with the PLO, nor do we intend to stop working with the Palestinian Authority.”

“Our relations with the PLO and PA extend well beyond contacts with the PLO office in Washington.”

“We remain focused on a comprehensive peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians that will resolve core issues between the parties.”

“This measure should in no way be seen as a signal that the US is backing off those efforts. Nor should it be exploited by those who seek to act as spoilers to distract from the imperative of reaching a peace agreement.”

The only deal acceptable to Washington and Israel is unconditional Palestinian surrender to their demands.

On Tuesday, Jerusalem affairs minister Ze’ev Elkin spoke for majority regime Ziofascists, saying “(t)here is no” two-state option. The state of Israel...will be one state.”

That’s how it’s always been since the Nakba, Palestinians tolerated as long as they’re subservient to Israeli demands.

Ethnic cleansing continues, removing them from all land Israel wants exclusively for Jews.

Washington affords Israel one-sided support, partners in its wars, and opposes Palestinian liberation. Claims otherwise are duplicitous Big Lies.

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