

Trump Blowing Smoke on Possible Israeli/Palestinian Peace Deal

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Whether or not Trump knows now, he'll soon enough realize the so-called the Israeli/Palestinian peace process is the greatest hoax in modern times.

It's been dead-on-arrival each time proposed for nearly half a century. Israel wants conflict and instability, not peaceful resolution – the way it's always been since its inception.

It doesn't negotiate. It never has. It demands unconditional Palestinian subservience to its interests, yielding virtually nothing in return, the price long-suffering people pay, victims of Anglo-Zionist viciousness.

In hindsight, analysts one day may call Trump the most one-sided, pro-Israeli president in US history – dating from the rape, slaughter and ethnic cleansing of Palestine in 1948, Israel stealing 78% of its historic land, taking the rest in 1967.

Netanyahu considers Trump's election a free pass to build endless settlement units on stolen Palestinian land. Who'll stop him?

So far, Trump hasn't translated campaign rhetoric into policy. He wisely backed off on pledging to move America's embassy to Jerusalem – an international city, not Israel's exclusive capital no matter what its regime claims, regardless of laws it passes.

Interviewed by Sheldon Adelson's Hebrew language Israel Hayom broadsheet, his rhetoric changed from telling AIPAC conference attendees last March that he'd "move the American embassy to the eternal capital of the Jewish people, Jerusalem to now saying:

I'm thinking about it. I'm learning the issue, and we'll see what happens. It's not an easy decision. It's been discussed for so many years. No one wants to make this decision, and I'm thinking about it seriously.

No nation has its embassy there. If Trump opts to move, he'll breach international law, making America the only one. He's been warned about potential consequences of a move this reckless.

He also said he'll explore possibilities for making what he calls "the ultimate deal" – what no other US leader accomplished, appointing his orthodox Jewish son-in-law Jared Kushner to lead efforts to try negotiate Israeli/Palestinian peace.

"No deal is a good deal if it isn't good for all sides," said Trump. "We are currently in a process that has been going on for a long time. Decades."

A lot of people think that it can't be done. And a lot of smart people around me claim that you can't reach an agreement. I don't agree. I think we can reach an agreement and that we need to reach an agreement.

I want Israel to act reasonably in the peace process, and that it will finally happen after so many years. And maybe there will even be a possibility of a bigger peace than just Israel and the Palestinians. I want both sides to act reasonably and we have a good chance at that.

Throughout its entire history, Israel never acted "reasonably" – especially on issues regarding Palestinian rights. The only "peace" Israel will accept is unconditional Palestinian surrender – impossible no matter what its longstanding collaborative leadership does or doesn't do.

Israel controls around 85% of historic Palestine, including greater Jerusalem and virtually all valued West Bank land.

Long ago a two-state solution was possible. No longer. The only feasible resolution is one state for all its people, what Israel will never accept, assuring endless conflict as far ahead as one dare imagine.

Trump's lofty rhetoric is meaningless. Reality on the ground tells another story.

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