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The Global Conversation about the Zionist move of the US Embassy to Jerusalem

At the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights we firmly, irrevocably believe that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. We stand against the illegal massacre of innocent Palestinians by Israel in the past, and ongoing, including the recent slaughter of 60 protesters, the highest number since 2014. Further, we condemn the blatant, illegal and pervasive support by the United States of the Israeli occupiers. We believe that as a loud member of the international community the United States has a heavy responsibility to live up to its own human rights lip service.

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Yet- **the United States doesn't live up to its own standards**. It has been doing exactly the opposite of supporting human rights and has been providing funding and support to Israel during the massacres. Additionally, with the advocacy of President Trump for the Zionists, as has been widely publicized, on May 14th, the United States Embassy was officially moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

We believe that it is **important to keep track of the international conversation in order to be able to apply effective leverage for advocacy** purposes. With this in mind, following is a summary of the reaction of the international community of the US Embassy move to Jerusalem.

The Arab League called the move of the US Embassy **“blatant attack on the feelings of Arabs and Muslims”** and a “grave violation of the rules of international law” with potentially severe destabilizing effects on the Palestinian region. This sort of destabilization could lead to further deaths of innocent Palestinian women, children and men.

There is an urgent meeting today, May 16,2018, called for by Palestinians, in the Arab League to address the Embassy move.

Hamas' leader, Ismael Haniya called for an uprising in the face of the increase of oppression. He called the move a **"war declaration against Palestinians."** "This decision has killed the peace process, has killed the Oslo (accord), has killed the settlement process, an aggression, a declaration of war on us, on the best Muslim and Christian shrines in the heart of Palestine, Jerusalem."

The Palestinian Authority leader said "the dangerous consequences such a decision would have to the peace process and to the peace, security and stability of the region

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and of the world." He followed it up later with "There is no alternative to a two-state solution, and Jerusalem is key to any peace agreement,"

Saudi's official royal statement included the fact that the Embassy move acts to "exemplify a drastic regression in the efforts to move the peace process forward, and is **a shift away from the United States' historically impartial position** with regard to the issue of Jerusalem," Saudi Arabia's royal court said in a statement, adding that it "will further complicate the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was indirect in his condemnation of the move, simply suggesting international parties should focus on "the necessity of not complicating the state of the region by taking measures that would undermine the chances for peace in the Middle East."

In March Nikki Haley, the US Ambassador to the United Nations stated "When the Human Rights Council treats Israel worse than North Korea, Iran and Syria, it is the Council itself that is foolish and unworthy of its name." Her anti-Palestinian vitriol has not changed. In response to the recent massacre of Palestinian citizens, she stated at an emergency UN Security Council meeting: "No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has."

In spite of this racist, murderous, hypocritical language, and actions to further restrict freedom, Palestinians continue to peacefully, with dignity and incredible courage, march and protest on.

In a statement to Al Jazeera, Mujid Keluti a Palestinian said: **"The Palestinians have been living here, I was born here, my father, my grandfather, my great great**

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grandfather, I have no other place to go, I don't even have a passport to go anywhere else,"¹ **The spirit of the Palestinians will not be broken.**



¹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/05/protesters-march-major-cities-commemorate-nakba-180515193245097.html>

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