

DISENGAGEMENT

KNOW THE FACTS.

Should The U.S. Be Encouraging Israel To Leave Gaza And The West Bank?

The impact will not be limited to Israel. Disengagement would undermine vital American interests in the Middle East and beyond. Disengagement and American interests constitute an oxymoron:

1. Disengagement would be inconsistent with America's non-compromising war on Islamic terrorism. It would create a terrorist state next to Israel, the only democracy in the region.
2. Pressure on Israel to retreat from Gaza and the West Bank would reward and energize regional terrorism, including anti-American terror lords. A recent case in point is Al-Qaeda's press release announcing their new terror network in Gaza.
3. Disengagement would bolster the Palestinian Authority, which has been the most sustained pro-Saddam, pro-Bin Laden, pro-Iran, pro-Russia, pro-North Korea, and pro-China regime in the Middle East. Palestinians openly celebrated the September 11 terrorist attack against the U.S.
4. Disengagement would transfer control of Gaza air and sea ports to the Palestinian Authority, an open invitation to Iran, China, North Korea, et al., at the expense of American posture in the eastern flank of the Mediterranean.
5. Disengagement would upgrade the position of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has been the most lethal threat to the pro-American, feeble Hashemite regime in Jordan.
6. Disengagement would re-engage the military forces of Egypt and Israel in a terror-ridden area. It could lead to diplomatic and possibly military confrontations, exacerbating regional instability.
7. Every square inch that Israel ceded to the Palestinian Authority since the 1994 disengagement has been transformed into a platform for hate-education and homicide bombing.
8. Unilateral withdrawal is unilateral withdrawal. There are no concessions being made by the other side; only more demands.

Rocket Attacks Will Be Harder If Not Impossible To Intercept

City/Destination	Miles
Gaza To Ashkelon	6.5
Gaza To Tel Aviv	43
Gaza To Jerusalem	48
The White House to NIH	6.5
Washington Monument to Alexandria, VA	8
Capitol Hill to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD	42

Distances between Gaza and populated Israeli cities will not only be measured in miles and seconds but in lives.



Terrorists do not respect borders: London, Madrid, Bagdad, Riyadh, Bali, Tel Aviv, New York, Gaza, Egypt, Nairobi, Kabul, Mosul...

Is The PA Prepared To Receive Gaza?

On July 27, US security coordinator Four-Star General William Ward said that the Palestinian Security Forces "lacked the capacity to fulfill core functions and might have trouble taking control when Israel pulls its troops out of Gaza and the northern West Bank."

A survey that advises General Ward says that the Palestinian security forces are in such disarray they may not be able to fill the vacuum left by Israel after it withdraws from the Gaza Strip and that the Palestinian security services are over-staffed, poorly armed and undermined by corruption and rivalry between security chiefs.

That vacuum will most likely be filled by Hamas, who swept local elections in May 2005 with 70% of the popular vote.

Poll Results On The Disengagement Plan

A poll conducted by Tel Aviv University on July 19th, shows that only 48% of Israelis (Jews & Israeli Arabs) support the Gaza withdrawal plan. The survey also shows that a large majority of Jewish Israelis feel that the Gaza retreat will result in increased Palestinian Arab terror against Israel.

A poll conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, June 27, 2005:

- 63% of Americans oppose Israel's Gaza Withdrawal Plan. By a margin of 2 to 1, Americans believe the Disengagement Plan rewards terrorism.
- By a margin of 3 to 1, Americans believe a Palestinian State's goal would be the destruction of Israel.

Who Are Israel's Peace Partners?

"The period of the little Jihad has ended and now the big Jihad is beginning." – **Palestinian Authority Chairman Abbas, January 2005**

"We say to the entire world: 'Today Gaza, and tomorrow Jerusalem.'" – **Ahmed Qurei, Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority, July 2005**

"The right of return means a return to Israel and not the Palestinian state...it is from there we were driven out and it is there that our property is found" – **Palestinian Authority Chairman Abbas, December 2004**

When asked why Israel is leaving Gaza: "The unequivocal answer of the Palestinian public is because Israel is forced to... the public believes this is a victory for armed struggle" – **Dr. Khalil Shikaki, director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, July 2005**

"Annihilate the Infidels and the Polytheists! Your [i.e. Allah's] enemies are the enemies of the religion! ... Allah, count them and kill them to the last one, and don't leave even one." – **Suleiman Al-Satari, PA TV, July 8, 2005**

"Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine. Thus it is the overall strategy, not merely a tactical phase." – **from the Palestinian National Council charter**

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it" – **from the Hamas founding charter**

Israeli Leaders On Record Against The Withdrawal Plan

Fmr Prime Minister & Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced his sudden resignation this week, citing the disengagement plan as dangerous and harmful to the State of Israel.

Fmr. Minister of Diaspora Affairs Natan Sharansky, Fmr. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, Fmr. Director of Shin Bet Avi Dichter, Fmr Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Fmr Chair of Foreign Affairs & Defense Uzi Landau, Fmr Defense & Foreign Affairs Minister Moshe Arens, Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Affairs Minister Silvan Shalom, Fmr Justice Minister Yossi Beilin, Fmr Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, Fmr General Security Service Chief Ami Ayalon, Fmr Air Force Commander Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu, Fmr IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Uzi Dayan, Fmr IDF Chief of Intelligence Gen. Shlomo Gazit, Fmr Mossad head Ephraim HaLevy, Fmr Mossad head Shabtai Shavit, Chief of Military Intelligence Ari Farkash, Speaker of the Knesset Reuven Rivlin, Fmr Deputy Chief of Military Intelligence Yaacov Amidror

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