

A Palestinian State Cometh

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has harshly criticized Israeli settlements in the West Bank and is calling for urgent action to save “the two-state solution.” He insists that Israeli settlements in the West Bank “are illegal under international law” and he told reporters that the “occupation” of Palestinian-controlled territories “must end.” These comments represent perhaps the strongest statements that any U.N. Secretary-General has ever made against Israel, and they come at a very ominous time. As I detailed just a few days ago, there is a major push to try to get some sort of U.N. Security Council resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before Barack Obama leaves office. As you will see below, this is something that U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon obviously endorses.

Those that are hoping for a “two-state solution” know that fresh negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians are not likely to happen any time in the near future. So if the “peace process” is going to move forward, it is going to have to happen at the United Nations.

Ban Ki-moon is among those that are desperate to try to save the “two-state solution,” and as the U.N. begins a new annual session this week he is urging imminent action. The following comes from the official U.N. website.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today called for intensified efforts to encourage Israelis and Palestinians to take the difficult steps required to change the current destructive trajectory of the conflict, which is heading towards a “one-state reality” rather than a peaceful resolution.

“Twenty-three years ago, almost to the day, the first Oslo Accord was signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation

Organisation,” the Secretary-General told the Security Council in a briefing on the situation in the Middle East.

“Unfortunately, we are further than ever from its goals. The two-state solution is at risk of being replaced by a one-state reality of perpetual violence and occupation,” he warned.

Using the term “occupation” clearly shows which side of the fence Ban Ki-moon is on, and he went on to declare that the “occupation” of the West Bank by Israel “must end.”

Turning to Israel’s settlement activities, Mr. Ban said that in the past two weeks alone, plans were advanced for yet another 463 housing units in four settlements in Area C of the West Bank. Official Israeli data shows that the second quarter of 2016 had the highest number of construction starts in three years.

“The decades-long policy that has settled more than 500,000 Israelis in Palestinian territory is diametrically opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state,” he said.

“Let me be absolutely clear: settlements are illegal under international law. The occupation, stifling and oppressive, must end,” he said.

Those that have followed Ban Ki-moon’s career know that he is a relatively soft-spoken guy.

To make these kinds of incendiary comments is basically his version of shouting from the rooftops. He appears to be obsessed with getting something done to formally establish a Palestinian state, and he knows that he realistically only has until Jan. 20, 2017, to accomplish his goal.

As I mentioned above, a new U.N. annual session begins this week, and many are concerned that a U.N. Security Council

resolution that sets the parameters for a Palestinian state will be on the agenda. The following is from a *Wall Street Journal* article that was published just a couple of days ago:

*The United Nations began its annual session this week, and Israel will be prominent on the agenda. **Many fear the Security Council may consider a resolution setting definite territorial parameters, and a deadline, for the creation of a Palestinian state.** President Obama has hinted that in the final months of his term, **he may reverse the traditional U.S. policy of vetoing such resolutions.** The General Assembly, meanwhile, is likely to act as the chorus in this drama, reciting its yearly litany of resolutions criticizing Israel.*

If such a U.N. Security Council resolution gets passed, it will be far more important than the outcome of the U.S. presidential election in November. Recently I had the opportunity to explain why this is the case on one of the biggest Christian television shows in America.

Unfortunately, when I do articles like this, they tend to get a less attention than many of my other articles typically do.

The truth is that most Americans simply don't understand the importance of what is going on in the Middle East.

In fact, one recent survey discovered that less than a third of all U.S. millennials can find Israel on a map of the world.

Less than one-third of US-educated millennials are able to identify Israel on a map, a new survey has found.

According to the joint study – titled “What College-Aged Students Know About the World: A Survey on Global Literacy” – conducted by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and National Geographic, a mere 31 percent of respondents knew the location of Israel on a map of the Middle East.

Can you believe that?

How can our young people go to school year after year after year and not be able to point to Israel on a world map?

That is inexcusable, and it is yet another example of how our system of education has become a complete and utter disgrace.

And I was shocked to learn that UC Berkeley was actually going to have a college course about how to remove Jewish "colonialists" from "the land of Palestine." The following comes from the Jerusalem Post.

This week I learned that beginning this year, the prestigious UC Berkeley will be offering a course on "settler colonialism" in Israel, meaning Jews as colonialists. "Drawing upon literature on decolonization, [the course] will explore the possibilities of a decolonized Palestine." In other words, let's talk about how to eradicate Israel altogether. But not only the course facilitator will explore these possibilities, students will be required to "research, formulate and present decolonial alternatives to the current situation."*

After criticism from the Jewish community, that course was canceled by UC Berkeley, but it still shows how anti-Semitism is on the rise in America.

All over the country, the tiny nation of Israel provokes extremely strong emotional reactions. Most people either really love the Jewish people or they really hate them.

And as the drama in the Middle East continues to unfold, support for Israel is going to become a major, major political issue in this nation.

But the very next thing that we are watching for is a UN Security Council resolution formally establishing a Palestinian state and granting them East Jerusalem as their

capital.

Now that a new U.N. annual session has started, we are officially in the danger zone, and we will remain in the danger zone until the next president is inaugurated on Jan. 20, 2017.

Let us hope that nothing happens between now and then, because such a resolution would be one of the worst things that Barack Obama could possibly do.