

How Our 'Friends' in the Middle East Stabbed Israel in the Back

Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority declared eastern Jerusalem as the "capital of Palestine" ahead of President Donald Trump's visit to Israel May 22-23.

"Everyone is convinced that the president of the United States wants to act effectively for peace," Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi said Sunday at a press conference in Amman, alongside Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri and Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat.

"The three of us felt a genuine commitment by Trump to resolve the conflict," said Safadi.

In addition to conveying optimism regarding the Trump administration's renewed peace push, the three Arab diplomats pressed for a two-state solution involving an independent Palestinian state based on the pre-1967 lines, with eastern Jerusalem as its capital, insisting it is the only solution for an enduring peace.

The Arab officials also insisted the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the root of all tension in the Middle East, and that a two-state solution would remedy regional conflicts and promote stability.

Critics of a two-state solution based on the pre-1967 lines say those borders would be indefensible for Israel.

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