

‘Jerusalem is the Place’: Israel Urges Nations to Follow US Lead, Relocate Embassies to Jewish Capital

JERUSALEM, Israel – Since the U.S. relocated its embassy to Jerusalem in 2018, several nations have followed suit, and more are being encouraged to do the same.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee spoke at a recent ceremony recognizing nations that have moved their embassies to Jerusalem since the U.S. paved the way under President Donald Trump seven years ago.

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He told the gathering, “My fellow ambassadors from the countries that have done what we hope every country will do, and that is, recognize that Jerusalem is the undisputed, it is the undivided, capital of the Jewish state of Israel.”

Currently, Guatemala, Honduras, Kosovo, Papua New Guinea, and Paraguay have moved their embassies. Others are reportedly in the planning stage.

Chaim Silberstein, who chairs the Jerusalem Center for Applied Policy, started the group to identify challenges and seek opportunities for the capital city.

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He told CBN News about other nations considering a move. "Argentina, Czech, Fiji, and other countries, too," he said. "And we are working very hard together with the government as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) to persuade them and to encourage them. And I think the more embassies that move to Jerusalem, the better it is for Israel, the better it is for the West."

Silberstein takes global policymakers through the city, explaining why Jerusalem matters.

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"The best way to understand the situation is to visualize it, to see it, to feel it," he explained. "God has given us Jerusalem. And Jerusalem is, always will be, and always has been the capital of Israel. But the fact that countries come and recognize it as part of the real politics of the world is so important for us."

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