

Netanyahu Calls Palestinian State 'Suicide' for Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pushing back against international pressure for a Palestinian state, calling it an act of "suicide." Despite strong criticism from the U.N. and others, Israel announced a large housing project for Jewish residents of the West Bank.

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Netanyahu offered a history lesson Thursday on why the two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians is a deadly mistake. Netanyahu noted that "Before World War II, the Western countries tried to appease Hitler."



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He elaborated, "Well, today the West is telling Israel, 'Just give the Palestinians a piece of Israel and they'll make peace with you.' No, they won't. For the last century, they've been offered a state of their own. And they refused, because their goal is not to create a state for themselves, it's to destroy the state of ours, the Jewish state. That's their national goal. So we're not going to – we're not going to commit national suicide."

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The prime minister refuses to bow to critics on several levels, including a controversial plan to build thousands of homes for Israeli Jewish residents in Judea and Samaria – a move that buries the idea of a Palestinian state and is drawing fire from the United Nations, which claims it violates international law.

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Netanyahu was backed up by his finance minister, Bezalel Smotrich, who declared, “Anyone who tries to, today in the world, to recognize a Palestinian state will receive an answer from us on the ground...in the form of houses, the facts of neighborhoods, roads, and more and more Jewish families building lives.”

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