

Netanyahu Rejects Gaza Board of Peace Plan: 'No Withdrawal Unless Hamas is Disarmed'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected the 15-point plan outlined by President Trump's Gaza Board of Peace intended to create conditions for a full Israeli withdrawal and disarm Hamas.

Netanyahu announced on Sunday, "The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) will not carry out any withdrawal until Hamas is disarmed. And when I say disarming Hamas, it means the heavy weapons, the less heavy weapons, and the light weapons, all the weapons, and we are talking about real disarmament, not a fictitious disarmament."

The prime minister added, "Additionally, the IDF will continue to thwart threats against our forces and citizens. Because once again, the existence of Israel and the security of all Israeli citizens is not up for negotiation."



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The White House is reported not to be worried about Netanyahu's refusal. In an interview with Israel's Channel 12, Gaza Board of Peace representative Nickolay Mladenov noted, "Nobody is required to do anything, last of all, Israel, before we actually have verified steps on the ground."

Hamas claims that is never going to happen.

Ten days ago, a Hamas representative in Iran, Khaled Qaddoumi, was asked on Iranian television if the group would disarm. In a response translated and posted by MEMRI, he replied, "Never. Armed resistance is considered legitimate under international

law, because we are living under occupation.”

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