

Palestinians Urge UN to Declare: 'Zionism Is Racism'

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) urged the United Nations Thursday to reinstate a resolution rescinded in the 1990s that claimed: "Zionism is racism."

"To all those who are defending the state of occupation, it's time to drop the claim that it's the only democracy in the Middle East now that it has opened the apartheid road, which separates Israeli and Palestinian drivers," PLO executive committee member Ahmed Majdalani said.

Majdalani's comments come after Israel officially opened the first section of a new highway in the Judea (also known as the West Bank) Thursday. The highway features a separation wall that allows Israelis to drive on one side and Palestinians on the other.

Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan said the highway is "an example of the ability to create coexistence between Israelis and Palestinian while guarding (against) the existing security challenges."

Meanwhile, the Palestinian leadership calls it an "apartheid" road.

Majdalani wants the U.N. to reinstate Resolution 3379, which was adopted in 1975 and declared "that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination."

The resolution was harshly criticized for being anti-Semitic and was later revoked after a campaign against it led by then-President George H.W. Bush. {eo}

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