

Strong Defender of Israel: Mike Huckabee Faces Senate Confirmation as Trump's Pick for Ambassador

President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Ambassador to Israel, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, faces his confirmation hearing today in the U.S. Senate.

The hearing comes as the Israel-Hamas ceasefire has collapsed after Hamas stopped negotiating for the release of more than 50 Israelis that the brutal terrorist group is still holding as hostages.

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A staunch evangelical Christian and an outspoken supporter of Israel, Huckabee has openly supported Israel's right to annex the West Bank and integrate its population, referring to the region by its biblical name, "Judea and Samaria."

He has also rejected the proposal of the two-state solution for Israel and Palestine as a failed idea. In a past interview, he pointed out that the term "Palestinians" itself is a misnomer. "There really isn't such a thing," Huckabee said on the podcast Think Twice with Jonathan Tobin. "It was a term co-opted by Yasser Arafat in 1962," he said, referencing the former leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Huckabee's Prepared Remarks

In remarks prepared for his Senate testimony, Huckabee does not explicitly reference either Israeli annexation or Trump's Gaza policy. However, he is expected to endorse both indirectly, criticizing past Middle East policies as "failures" and advocating for "entirely new ways" of achieving peace.

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His prepared statement highlights Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the relocation of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, recognition of the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, and the signing of the Abraham Accords, which led to a stunning turnaround in the Middle East resulting in diplomatic normalization between Israel and multiple Arab nations, including the UAE and Bahrain.

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