

'We Need to Reconstitute Gaza': Vance in Israel Sounds Optimistic Tone

JERUSALEM, Israel – Vice President J.D. Vance is examining the situation on the ground in Israel, looking for ways to advance President Trump's peace plan. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, welcomed Vance and his wife, Usha, at the Prime Minister's Office on Wednesday.

"In the last year, we've had an unmatched alliance, and a partnership with the United States. That is changing the Middle East and it's also changing the world. It creates opportunities. Not only for security but for the expansion of peace, which we're working on very, very diligently," the prime minister said.

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Vance noted, "As the Prime Minister said, these are days of destiny. And we're very excited to sit down and work together on the Gaza peace plan. We have a very, very tough task ahead of us, which is to disarm Hamas, but rebuild Gaza to make life better for the people of Gaza, but also to ensure that Hamas is no longer a threat to our friends in Israel."



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Upon his arrival, Vance traveled to Kiryat Gat south of Tel Aviv, where he announced the opening of a civilian-military cooperation center.

"You have Israelis and Americans working hand in hand to try to begin the plan to rebuild Gaza, to implement a long-term

peace, and to actually ensure that you have security forces on the ground in Gaza, not composed of Americans, who can keep the peace over the long term,” Vance stated.

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Vance repeated President Trump’s warning that Hamas must disarm or be obliterated. Nevertheless, he says he’s optimistic about the peace deal.

He claims to be optimistic about the peace deal and believes the ceasefire will hold.

He remarked, “If we get from where we were a week ago to a long-term durable peace between Israel and Gaza, there are going to be hills and valleys. There are going to be moments where it looks like things aren’t going particularly well. But given that, and given the history of conflict, I think that everybody should be proud of where we are today.”

Vance believes the U.S. is the only real mediator between Israel, Hamas, and all of the countries such as Turkey and Qatar. The goal is to revamp Gaza.

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“We need to reconstitute Gaza. We need to reconstruct Gaza,” Vance insisted.. “We need to make sure that both the Palestinians living in Gaza, but also the Israelis, are able to live in some measure of security and stability. We’re doing all of those things simultaneously.”

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