

Palestinian president says Washington's 'Deal of the Century' can go to hell



Ramallah, June 6 (RHC)-- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has once again dismissed U.S. President Donald Trump's controversial proposal for "peace" between the Israeli regime and Palestinians, dubbed "The Deal of the Century," stressing that the plan will eventually "go to hell."

Abbas told reporters: "I hope that the next Eid al-Fitr would come while the Palestinian people liberate their country from the Israeli occupation, establish their independent state, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and overcome the plots contrived against the Palestinian issue, including the Deal of the Century, which will all go to hell."

The Palestinian president made the remarks as he laid a wreath of flowers on the grave of late Palestinian president Yasser Arafat on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Earlier this week, chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called upon Arabs to boycott the so-called Deal of the Century, describing his three-man team tasked with formulating the plan as "settlers."

Erekat, who is also the secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the PLO, said: “Once again, I call on our Arab brothers not to talk to this group of settlers, [Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law Jared] Kushner, [U.S. Middle East envoy Jason] Greenblatt, and [U.S. ambassador to the occupied territories David] Friedman.”

The remarks came a day after leader of Hamas movement in the Gaza Stripb stated that the U.S.-touted Middle East peace deal is “doomed to failure.” “On behalf of [Gaza] clans, dignitaries and elders, we declare our outright rejection of the deal of the century, and all conspiracies and forms of normalization with the Occupation and we declare a state of national alert to confront it,” Yahya Sinwar said.

“The deal of the century is doomed to failure in one way or another, and we ask the peoples of our nation from all spectra to close ranks in the face of the deal,” the Hamas chief pointed out.

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