

Palestinians again break vows to reform, proving again they can't handle statehood

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Palestinians have again made fools of Western powers that have recognized “Palestine”—as well as those who, despite Palestinian recalcitrance, persist in advocating for a Palestinian state.

Two weeks ago, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas again broke his word, having long promised multiple Western nations he would hold elections and enact necessary reforms as a condition for their recognition of “Palestine” as a state.

In fact, Abbas’s promise to hold elections is just one of many the Palestinians have broken. Abbas earned recognition of “Palestine” also by vowing to improve governance, reform school curricula that incites children to murder Jews, and end pay-for-terror slaying. Yet he has reneged on all these commitments.

Furthermore, despite multiple major offers by Israel and the U.S. to help Palestinians achieve statehood, plus tens of billions of dollars poured into the Palestinian Authority (PA) by Western and Gulf nations, Abbas has failed to lead his people either to liberation or prosperity. Rather, he’s squandered every opportunity for statehood and every dollar meant to create a viable economy.

Unfortunately, the problem of “freeing Palestine” runs far deeper than elections—which if held now would lead immediately to a Hamas takeover and destroy any hope of democracy. Even if the Palestinians magically cured rampant corruption, implemented rule of law, created a viable economy and effected other institutional reforms, their problems would remain.

Indeed, Palestinians’ greatest obstacle to liberation is Palestinianism—the monomaniacal obsession with hating Jews and violently destroying the Jewish state. Until that debilitating pathology is cured, the Palestinians will be incapable of statehood.

This is a task to which Abbas is manifestly unsuited. Rather, Abbas’s legacy will be rampant corruption, diplomatic duplicity, a strategy of incessant terror, financial failure and betrayal of all nations sworn to help the Palestinians.

Above all, Abbas failed to heal Palestinians of *Palestinianism*. Abbas not only allowed Jew hatred to fester for two decades; he nurtured it. Abbas’s eventual departure will be no loss

to Palestinian self-determination. He demonstrates almost daily the Palestinians' incapability of launching, let alone managing, an independent state.

Until benefactors hold Abbas and other Palestinian leaders accountable for their compulsive Jew-hatred, as well as their broken promises, Palestinians will never be free.

Abbas knows Palestinian elections would be a disaster. Fact is, if the Palestinians held elections now, all polls over the last decade indicate Hamas would win in a landslide. The terror group would doubtlessly seize power again, institute Sharia law, impose autocratic rule, and begin attacks on Israel from next-door towns of Ramallah and Nablus, just a few miles from Jerusalem.

As helpful as democracy could theoretically be in freeing Palestine, the existential threat—both to Palestinians and Israel—of holding elections makes them impossible today. That's what Abbas knows, but his Western allies naively ignore. Until other reforms are made, Palestinian “democracy” would be a nightmare worse than the current one.

The Palestinians are incapable of implementing reforms. Thus, they haven't revised their educational curriculum so Palestinian children aren't encouraged to murder Jews. They haven't ended “pay-for-slay,” by which terrorists and their families are granted generous monthly payments for killing Jews, nor have they fulfilled commitments to demilitarize.

The Palestinians haven't fulfilled these commitments because they contravene Palestinianism, their governing philosophy. They can't end payments for murdering Jews—it's a contradiction. Nor can Palestinianism exist if Palestinians surrender the arms they need to fulfill this mission. Naively, Western nations don't understand that Palestinianism blocks any path to peace with Israel.

Palestinianism distracts the Palestinians from statehood and self-sufficiency.

Mahmoud Abbas and predecessor Yasser Arafat have refused four major offers of statehood since 2000, because they refused to live alongside a Jewish state.

Palestinians have also been given plenty of funding to build a vibrant economy—more than \$55 billion since the start of the Oslo Peace process in the early 1990s.

Yet, nearly one in three Palestinians in PA territory and three out of four in Gaza have no job. One in three Palestinians lives in poverty. The reason? Building viable state institutions and a prosperous economy aren't priorities for Palestinian leaders. Indeed, killing Jews and destroying Israel are their only priorities.

Palestinians remain committed to Palestinianism. Hence, polls show most Palestinians reject a two-state solution. Palestinians also continue insisting on a “right of return” (to

Israel!) that would inundate the Jewish state with five million *descendants* of Palestinian refugees, negating Israel's Jewish majority, and therefore, Israel itself. They also refuse to acknowledge Jews' millennia-old history in "Palestine." Instead, they sell the false narrative that Jews are colonial oppressors—an ahistorical narrative that has been accepted by many Westerners. In short, Palestinians refuse to allow the Jewish people self-determination in their indigenous homeland.

To achieve Palestinian liberation, *Palestinianism* must be vanquished. Whether you're a thoughtful liberal—like so many Western diplomats—arguing “reasonably” for a two-state solution—or you're a screaming, car-burning radical who demands “Free Palestine now!,” you're failing to recognize an intractable Middle East reality. Yes, of course Palestinians need elections, rule of law and a viable economy . . . but Palestinian society is going nowhere—and certainly not toward statehood—until it sheds its monomaniacal obsession with destroying Israel.

Instead of a pathological focus on avenging themselves on the “invading Jews,” Palestinians need a new vision—one of hope, nation-building, peace and prosperity. We Westerners take this for granted—that's what people want, right? No. Palestinians are consumed by a single-minded obsession with cleansing the land of Israel of its Jews. Neither elections, nor rule of law, nor women's rights, nor an influx of high-tech jobs will cure this social sickness. That will require a revolution in thinking—first on the part of Western nations, then on the part of Palestinian leaders.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues, or in letters to the editor—that until the West stops contributing uncritically—foolishly—to the doomed Palestinian cause, Palestinianism will never die, and Palestine will never be free.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline at no charge.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson, President

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