

## **PRES. MACRON WELCOMED PRES. OF PALESTINE MAHMOUD ABBAS IN ELYSEE**

### **THEY AGREED FOR NEW TALKS OVER PEACE**

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President Macron is opening a new window of negotiation through diplomatic channels, which he has always favored during his previous five-year term, despite criticism from some (a tireless peace-builder during his numerous attempts at appeasement between the two heads of Russian and Ukrainian state, through a permanent dialogue, until today).

President Macron had only made a state visit to Israel, Jerusalem and Palestine for this purpose in Ramallah and the Gaza Strip in January 2020. His visit was very noticed, because on the one hand he was the first Head of State to travel to Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Authority to meet his Palestinian counterpart, Mahmoud Abbas, after having and encouraged during the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Nazi concentration camp in Germany in Aushwitz, at the memorial of Yad Vashem, and delivered a remarkable keynote against anti-Semitism Anti-Zionism, when it is the denial of the existence of Israel as a state, is anti-Semitism"

In Jerusalem, President Macron addressed the Jewish diaspora of France, and Head of State Macron expressed France's rejection of the decision of then American President Donald Trump to announce Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, emphasizing his country's and Europe's commitment to the two-state solution, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security, within internationally recognized borders and with Jerusalem as the capital of both countries.

He had also spent many hours strolling on the Jerusalem esplanade before going to the Holy Church belonging to France, and where he was so awaited by the journalists who were waiting opposite, in the street heavily guarded by Israeli police services. President Macron had arrived smiling, seeming calm and displaying a certain serenity, after shaking hands with shopkeepers, passers-by, all religions combined, of Christian, Jewish and Muslim obedience... The journalists gathered behind a security corridor I had been waiting for hours in front of Saint Anne's Basilica, in a small street heavily secured by the Israeli security forces. The Head of State Macron, after having approached journalists to answer their questions, was going to experience a small incident on the part of the Israeli police officers like what his predecessor Jacques Chirac had experienced during his visit to Israel in 1996. Indeed, he summoned the overzealous policemen, in front of this Saint Anne church "I don't like what you did in front of me" to an Israeli policeman, asking him to leave the church, in the same line as Jacques Chirac. It was precisely in front of this same Sainte Anne church that Jacques Chirac had repelled soldiers exercising the same zeal at the time, and embarrassing the French head of state in

his wanderings, who had shouted this question his famous "Do you want me to go back to my plane?" became mythical and made France associated with this historically significant phrase in the collective mind of the Arab-Muslim world. This reaction of the French Heads of State was perceived as French audacity, assuming its position, Pro Palestinian.

#### PRESIDENT MACRON WISHES FOR THE RESET OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

President Macron expressed his wish to "restart peace negotiations in the Middle East, with the risk of "new violence that could arise at any time", because "there is no other alternative", explained the Head of State Macron, fervent supporter of dialogue and effective diplomacy. "We need to deal with the root political causes of a situation that has been blocked for too long. In the short term, as we know, this first requires the end of unilateral measures on the ground. I am thinking in particular of the evictions of families Palestinians, of demolition, to the policy of colonization, contrary to international law and which remove the possibility of establishing a Palestinian State living in peace alongside Israel. thus added the President Macron, recalling the strong longevity of the blocking of the situation of colonization in Palestine.

Knowing that President Macron himself recalled the slowness of the "resumption of direct political dialogue between the Israelis and the Palestinians, including the "demanding path, strewn with pitfalls" while recalling the persistence in the direction of dialogue towards a peace possible because "we have no alternative but to relaunch our peace efforts".

#### PRES. ABBAS THANKS FRANCE WHICH IS WORKING FOR A DIALOGUE TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Mahmoud Selman Abbas, has been the President of the Palestinian Authority and the State of Palestine since 2005 as well as Secretary General of the Palestine Liberation Organization until 2015. The two heads of state will certainly discuss in the future a new mechanism in a Win Win "Convergence" format for the two Palestinian and Israeli states, which will allow at least one of the UN resolutions to be applied. mentioned by President Mahmoud Abbas. "I want a solution so that my people have the feeling of being respected by these institutions"

#### PRESIDENT ABBAS CALLS ON USA AND UN TO APPLY AT LEAST ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

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President Abbas has denounced the "settlement activities, daily murders and incursions" of which he accuses the Israeli forces. "We want this to stop," he said. President Abbas also affirmed that forthcoming legislative elections were necessary to relaunch the peace process, The question of the Israeli occupation, dating from 1967, (Abraham Accords, with the Jewish colonies in the West Bank in the Palestinian Land) has still not been substantiated in the sense of finding a lasting solution, and as for the expansion of the colonies by the Jews in the West Bank. In January 2020, President Macron said while he was in the Holy Land "It is not for France today to

arrive with a proposal on the table, I understand that others in had sometimes been long overdue. Any peace process whatsoever is only possible if the parties involved want to build peace, then France will help and in the role that must be its own and will be its own".

Moreover, the process of rapprochement of Israel with UAE, and Morocco, should serve as a trigger for a hypothesis of peace between the two neighboring countries with religious, cultural references and common languages in many respects and this since the dawn of time. , "children of Abraham". Indeed, since December 2020, Arab-Israeli relations, were eased for bilateral ties, in that key date. Since then, the Arab monarchies, such as Morocco, Bahrein, or the Arab Emirates to the state of Israel, as a result of the so-called Abraham Accords, stepped up in their cooperation with Israel, with closer economic exchanges being forged between UAE, Morocco and Israel. France, land of the Declaration of Universal Human Rights and the citizen of 1789, should and could be in line with the founding fathers of the Organisation of the United Nations, and restore its nobility and the meaning of this declaration taken up, inspiring and envied by the whole world. Of the 58 member states of the UN at the time, forty-eight adopted this Universal charter. Their meeting took place discreetly and in the wake of the Middle East sequence, which took place in recent days, with the two-day state visit of HH Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates , the day before. This diplomatic sequence with the Arab World of the Gulf, took place across the Atlantic with the American President having visited, successively Israel, Saudi Arabia during his four-day trip, in mid-July 2022.

#### **PRESIDENT ABBAS CALLED ON TO SERVE JUSTICE OVER DEATH OF JOURNALIST SHIREEN ABU AKLEH.**

The Palestinian president has again demanded that the death of Shireen Abu Akleh, an American-Palestinian journalist killed on May 11 while covering an Israeli army operation in the West Bank, be elucidated and that justice be served.

Indeed, Shireen Abu Akleh, the American-Palestinian war reporter had been "killed in cold blood and for no reason," said the Palestinian head of state. On May 11, whose death had caused a great stir and many demonstrations of support and tribute in the streets of Jerusalem. Shireen worked as a reporter for the Arabic-language channel Al Jazeera for 25 years, and was one of the most prominent names across the Middle East for her decades of reporting in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories. Mahmoud Abbas has denounced the "settlement activities, daily murders and incursions" perpetrated by the Israeli army in the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem, including the assassination of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in Jenin. "We want this to stop", he said, as he addressed his remarks alongside President Emmanuel Macron at Salle des Fêtes, Elysee Palace. The Palestinian President asks the USA, which has started an investigation, that light be shed on the death of Shireen Abu Akleh and that justice be served.

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