
DECISION OF KNESSET ON "HISTORICAL RIGHT" SABOTAGE OF PEACE PROSPECTS

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The Knesset (Israeli parliament) adopted on March 16, 1972, at the conclusion of the debate on the announcement of the Government, reacting to the plan of Hussein (the King of Jordan), a decision which received a majority of votes given by the parliamentary groups of the coalition and the right, headed by (the extreme Right-wing) Gahal, in which it was said:

"The Knesset states that the historical right of the Jewish people to Eretz-Israel (Palestine.—Ed.) is indisputable."

This is the first time in the history of the Knesset that such an extremist decision has been adopted. This is a decision in the spirit of the "Entire Eretz-Israel Movement" and of the "Herut" Party. This is a further submission of Mapam** and the other circles within the Alignment which oppose the policy of the "Entire Eretz-Israel."

This decision ignores the very existence and the very national rights of the Palestinian Arab people, and the United Nations Charter, which has given the international legal basis for the establishment of the State of Israel.

This decision affords justification in principle to the continuation of the policy of occupation and territorial annexations at the expense of the Arab peoples.

Therefore the decision deepens the abyss of enmity between Israel and its Arab neighbors and sabotages the peace prospects.

The Zionist, nationalist policy of the majority in the Knesset is executed in theory and practice, and very brutally, in the Gaza Strip in these very days. There a campaign of uprooting thousands of Bedouins is carried out in Fithat-Rafiah, homes are being demolished, people are forcibly expelled, with the overt aim of preparing additional areas for Zionist colonization and of annexing the Gaza Strip to the State of Israel. The expulsion and the settlement in the Gaza Strip are a racist action, which sabotages peace prospects.

*Reactionary nationalist party.—Ed.

**"United Workers' Party," a Zionist, pseudo-Left party.—Ed.

The future and security of the State of Israel will not be ensured by trampling underfoot the rights of the Palestinian Arab people, by occupation and annexations of Arab territories, but by means of a just and lasting peace with the Arab peoples, on the basis of mutual respect of rights.

The Knesset decision expresses a policy which imperils the future of the State of Israel.

Every person in Israel, who is concerned about the future of his people and his country, is obliged to raise his voice against the aggressive nationalist savagery; to struggle for the full implementation of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967, for a peace which will include withdrawal from the occupied territories, and the safeguarding of the rights of all the peoples and countries in our region, inclusive of the Israeli people and of the Palestinian Arab people.
