

## Palestinians' War on Israel and US Senators' Delusional 'Two-State Solution'

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- Less than 48 hours after 20 US Democratic Senators urged President Joe Biden to push for the establishment of a Palestinian state as part of a normalization agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia, Iran's Palestinian terror proxies launched a massive attack on Israel, killing more than 700 Israeli men, women and children, and wounding thousands more. An unknown number of Israelis (estimated at more than 100), including infants, toddlers and an elderly Holocaust survivor in a wheelchair, have also been kidnapped and taken to the Gaza Strip.
- This war, as noted by the *Wall Street Journal*, was caused directly by Iran, which funds and directs Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and by the appeasement of the Iranian regime by the Biden administration and its allies.
- The two groups [Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad] do not recognize the Oslo Accords that were signed between the PLO and Israel in 1993-1995, and they are opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state only in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. The only solution they believe in is one that would see Israel replaced with an Islamic state.

- If the Democratic senators have it their way, the future Palestinian state will also be controlled by Hamas and PIJ.
- Instead of condemning the Palestinians for transforming the Gaza Strip into a base for Jihad against Israel, the Senators who signed the letter are asking the Biden Administration to give the Palestinians another state in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Like the Gaza Strip, the new Palestinian state will also be quickly transformed into an Iran-backed terror entity and a base for pursuing the Jihad against Israel.
- In the past two years, Hamas and PIJ have increased their terror activities in the West Bank. The Palestinian Authority (PA), headed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, has done nothing to stop terror attacks against Israelis. Abbas knows that the day he orders his security forces to crack down on the terrorists, his people will condemn him as a traitor and collaborator with Israel.
- Instead of denouncing the terrorists, Abbas continues to reward them with monthly stipends through what is known as a "Pay-for-Slay" program. In 2021, the Palestinian Authority spent no less than 841 million shekels (\$270.75 million) paying rewards to terrorists. 600 million shekels (\$193.16 million) were paid to imprisoned terrorists and released terrorists and another 241 million shekels (\$77.59 million), at least, were paid to wounded terrorists and the families of dead terrorists. That totals, in just one year, \$541.5 million (nearly 1.7 billion shekels).
- In their letter, [the Senators] make no mention of the tens of thousands of rockets fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel over the past two decades -- into a country roughly the size of New Jersey (22,000 km<sup>2</sup>), or the thousands of rockets that are raining down on Israel since October 7. Imagine thousands of rockets fired into New Jersey.

- The Senators also failed to mention the wave of Palestinian terrorism that Israel has been facing over the past two years in the West Bank. Hardly a day passes without Israelis being targeted with shootings, stabbings, and car-rammings.
- The Senators further ignore Abbas's "Pay-for-Slay" program that rewards terrorists and their families, as well as the Palestinians' ongoing campaign of incitement to violence... The Senators want to give a state to a Palestinian president who pays salaries to terrorists and goads them to murder on a regular basis.
- The Senators calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state also ignored the fact that the Palestinians have never abandoned the Palestine Liberation Organization's 1974 "Ten Point Plan" (also known as the "phased plan") for the "comprehensive liberation" of *all* the land stretching "from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea" -- a euphemism for the destruction of Israel.
- The Palestinians [in 2005] were given, with no conditions, the entire Gaza Strip. They replied by launching tens of thousands of rockets into Israel. These are inconvenient facts that the 20 Democratic Senators, who appear to be shockingly uninformed, do not want to acknowledge.
- It now remains to be seen whether the same Senators who are pushing for the establishment of a Palestinian terror state will speak out against this latest grisly massacre of Jews.



Pictured: Hamas terrorists who were killed on the way to murder Israelis, near the city of Sderot, Israel on October 8, 2023. (Photo by Jack Guez/AFP via Getty Images)

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