

Saudi Arabia's Position Paper for the MES Conference

The Israeli Arab conflict which has been taking place since tens of years is not only causing suffering and lack of security for the sides of the conflict, but turned to become a central conflict that affects the whole world. This conflict can be ended to bring peace and prosperity for many countries, or can be made worse to cause wars which could be a disaster that cannot be stopped. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stated since the Arab summit in Beirut in March 2002 that violence and war will not bring any kind of solution to end the conflict. Therefore, Saudi Arabia, and the whole Arab countries introduced the Arab Peace initiative to end the conflict between Israel and the Arabs.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia considers itself a leading country in the Arab world and believes that the Arabs through their independent choice are ready to reach a peace agreement with Israel if the last commits to the demands of the Arab countries which are built on the decisions of the United Nations Council. Beside This Kingdom of Saudi Arabia proved its concern in fighting terrorism and any kind of foreign interference in the Arab affairs and independency.

In order to launch any kind of negotiations, Israel will have to stop its siege on Gaza, allow food and medicine into the Palestinian territories, and give a chance for the Palestinian forces to take control of the territories.

The Arab Peace Initiative states clearly the basics of a possible peace agreement which would end a long and hard conflict:

1. Israel has to state clearly that Peace choice is its only strategic choice to end the conflict.
2. Israel has to withdraw from the Arab occupied lands since the 4th of June 1967 including the Palestinian, Syrian, and Lebanese occupied territories.
3. Israel will have to accept a fair solution regarding the refugee's case according to the United Nations Decision 194
4. Israel will have to accept the idea of creating an independent Palestinian state on the 4th of June 1967 occupied lands including the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem as a capital.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia considers these demands fair and believes that without applying all of them, the Arab world will find it difficult to reach any kind of Peace agreement in the area. It is important to mention that the Arab Israeli conflict includes all the Arab occupied lands including Syria's and Lebanon's right in obtaining their lands back. For these reasons, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia finds Israel's demand to renegotiate the Arab Peace Initiative impossible and considers these four demands fair.

In exchange, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the whole Arab world will be ready to end the Arab Israeli conflict, start normal relations with Israel, and achieve true security for all the countries of the region. Furthermore Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is willing to contribute significantly to the reconstruction of Gaza and the nation building of Palestinian state to be founded.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requests the establishment of a nuclear-free Middle East as weapons of mass destruction cannot provide security and stability. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia considers the United Nations, Security council, the United States of America, Russia, the Islamic countries, and the European Union important actors in supporting a fair and true solution that could put an end for a historical conflict and prevents possible wars that would threaten not only the security of the Middle East states, but the whole world. However, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia completely refuses any kind of foreign interference in any Arab affairs or decisions.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia considers this opportunity to discuss the API an important one since this offer may not last forever, and the situation in the Middle East is becoming worse every moment.