

EU Calls For Two State Solution

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AS RUMORS circulate that the Trump peace plan will not include a Palestinian state, a group of former European leaders has signed a letter to the European Union, calling on the bloc to reaffirm its commitment to a “two-state” solution.

In a letter published in the Guardian on April 14, the ex-officials lament that the current US administration has in the course of developing its plan “departed from longstanding US policy and distanced itself from established international legal norms.”

The letter contends that the Trump Administration has so far recognized only one side’s claims to Jerusalem and suggests that, as a counter to this apparent favoritism toward Israel, Europeans should embrace and promote a plan only if it respects the internationally agreed to parameters for a two-state solution, namely the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel with Jerusalem as the capital for both states.

The call for a two-state solution by former leaders will doubtless find support among current heads of state such as Germany’s Chancellor Merkel and France’s President Macron, both of whom have voiced favor for the status quo approach to Middle East peace.

Macron, one of Europe’s most vocal leaders on the matter of Israeli-Palestinian peace, is so intent on getting a deal done he has said that France will present its own plan if the US proposal fails.

Indicative of Macron’s standing and influence on the issue, an opinion article published in Haaretz on April 15 calls him “the world’s last, best hope to prevent Israel’s annexation of the West Bank”—the area containing East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, which Israeli forces captured during the Six Day War in 1967.

Seeing that the West Bank was legitimately captured during a war—an accepted means of acquiring territory since nations have existed—the question any fair-minded person should be asking is, what right does Europe have to decide which portions of Israel’s land they can exercise control over?

The absurd bias against the Jewish State in this regard brings us to the topic of Bible prophecy and current events.

According to Scripture, those who seek to divide the Land of Israel will face God’s judgment (Joel 3:2).

Moreover, judgment day, or what the Bible calls the “Day of the Lord,” will begin at a time “when people are saying peace and safety” (1 Thess. 5:3).

In spring 2019, as Israel marks the end of its prophetic 70th year, we are seeing an unprecedented push for peace and a call to divide Jerusalem.

Additionally, some would suggest we have just witnessed a cautionary sign of judgment aimed at those calling for the partitioning.

The day after European leaders published a letter expressing opposition to Israel’s sovereignty over its most important place of worship, one of Europe’s most important places of worship was devoured by a fire.

Might the gutted Notre Dame Cathedral be a harbinger of what lies in store for those who seek to divide what belongs to God?

LINKS:

Ex-European Officials Call on EU to Stand by Two-State Solution
<https://www.israelhayom.com/.../dozens-of-ex-european-offici.../>

Europe Urged to Reject US Middle East Plan if Unfair to Palestinians
<https://www.theguardian.com/.../europe-urged-to-reject-us-mid...>

Report: Trump Plan Won’t Include Palestinian State
<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/261860...>

German Leader Calls Netanyahu, Stresses Need for Two-State Solution
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/german-leader-calls-netanyah.../>

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