Historic Agreement Between UAE and Israel Wins Broad, Bipartisan Support

Yesterday's UAE-Israel <u>announcement</u> on launching normalization and suspending annexation was enthusiastically supported in the US and <u>around the world</u>. Both <u>President Trump</u> and <u>Vice President</u> <u>Biden</u> welcomed the diplomatic breakthrough. <u>House Speaker</u> <u>Nancy Pelosi</u> and <u>Senate Majority Leader McConnell</u> added their support along with more than 100 Members of Congress. So did <u>AIPAC</u> and <u>J Street</u> as well as leading <u>American evangelicals</u>. <u>Prominent voices and experts</u> from across the ideological and partisan spectrum were near unanimous in praising the agreement.

See Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba's statement and more reactions <u>here</u>.

"The UAE will continue to remain a strong supporter of the Palestinian people – for their dignity, their rights and their own sovereign state. They must benefit too in normalization."

-Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba

A Geopolitical Earthquake Just Hit the Mideast: UAE-Israel Agreement Receives Broad Bipartisan Support

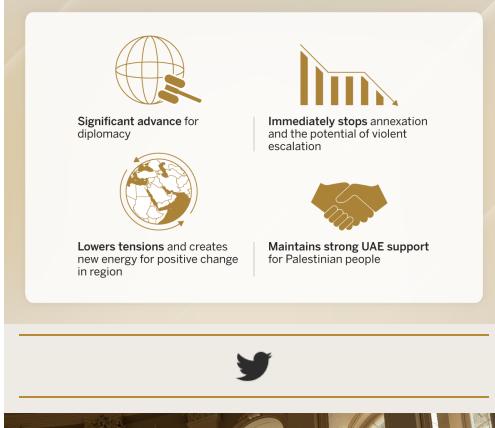
By Thomas Friedman | The New York Times

Freeze on annexation of

Palestinian territories a significant diplomatic achievement HE Anwar Gargash | WAM -The Emirate News Agency

"Normalization represents an important contribution to the peace-building between Arabs and Israelis. "

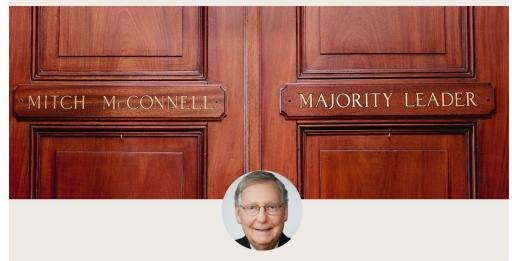
Dennis Ross, veteran Middle East negotiator





Nancy Pelosi @SpeakerPelosi

The agreement to establish full diplomatic relations between Israel and the UAE is welcome news. It is an important step that could benefit both nations, the region and the world.



Leader McConnell @senatemajldr

President Trump deserves great credit for bringing about this historic step forward for the Middle East. The commitment to normalize relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates represents tremendous progress toward greater peace and prosperity across the region.



John Kerry @JohnKerry

The UAE, <u>@MohamedBinZayed</u>, and Amb. Al Otaiba deserve credit for their historic initiative to normalize relations with Israel in return for Israel foregoing annexation. This is a welcome step that builds on years of work to advance regional peace.



Richard N. Haass @RichardHaass

The reported normalization of relations between Israel & the UAE is a welcome twofer: a milestone in Arab acceptance of Israel in the region, and a brake on annexation, which would jeopardize Israel's peace with Jordan and Israel's own future as a Jewish, democratic state.



Secretary Pompeo @SecPompeo

The United States congratulates Israel and the Emirates for this remarkable achievement, which is a significant step forward for peace in the Middle East. Blessed are the peacemakers. Mabruk and Mazal Tov.



House Foreign Affairs Committee @HouseForeign

Chair <u>@RepEliotEngel</u>: I welcome the announcement that the United Arab Emirates and Israel are normalizing relations... I hope that this new breakthrough will give courage to other countries... and motivate Palestinians to give peace a chance.



Senator Bob Menendez @SenatorMenendez

I welcome today's historic announcement between the #UAE and #Israel.

I hope this new relationship can pave the way for a more constructive, productive and secure future for Israelis, Palestinians, Emiratis and indeed the entire region.



Tom Cotton @SenTomCotton

Historic decision today from #UAE and #Israel to fully normalize relations. Contacts have been ongoing for years. It takes guts to make this final step. Diplomacy works.



American Jewish Committee @AJCGlobal

AJC celebrates today's historic peace agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Having engaged with states in the Arabian Gulf and throughout the Arab world for decades, we hope this opens the door to further agreements between Israel and her Arab neighbors.



David M. Friedman @USAmbIsrael

.@Potus's Vision for Peace in the Middle East continues to become a reality with Israel & the UAE making history today. This agreement will make Israel and the UAE stronger, safer and more prosperous. Truly the art of the deal by <u>@Potus</u>



Dan Shapiro @DanielBShapiro

1. It has been a long-term, bipartisan goal to pursue normalization between Israel and Arab states. The UAE-Israel announcement is good news, and breaks an important barrier. Everyone should welcome it.

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