

Palestinians withdraw from all agreements with Israel and U.S.



Ramallah, May 20 (RHC)-- Palestinians have terminated all agreements with Israel and the United States amid Tel Aviv's intention to extend its sovereignty over "Palestinian lands," the head of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, stated Tuesday.

"The Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian State today has discharged all obligations under all agreements with the governments of the United States and Israel, including those related to security," Abbas said to the Al Jazeera TV channel.

The head of the Palestinian Authority repeatedly warned Israel that he will tear up any bilateral agreements with the Jewish state if Tel Aviv attempts to further extend its sovereignty over parts of the West Bank, a possibility left open by Israel's new unity government.

The agreements Abbas hinted at, without directly mentioning them, include a series of documents signed in the 1990s during the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution process among which are the Oslo Accords, the 1997 Hebron Protocol and the 1998 Wye River Memorandum.

The Palestinian leader called on Israel to bear the full responsibility to the international community from now on as an "occupying force in the occupied territory of Palestine." Abbas also insisted on the "accession of the State of Palestine to international organizations and institutions, in which we are not yet

included."

The move takes place amid plans by Tel Aviv to extend its sovereignty over parts of the West Bank, an intention backed by Washington and strongly condemned by Palestinians and much of the world. Abbas slammed the U.S., accusing the Donald Trump administration of "injustice towards the Palestinian people."

"We hold the United States fully responsible for the injustice towards the Palestinian people, we consider them the main partner of the occupying Israeli government in all its hostile decisions," Abbas stated.

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