

PLO says Serbia embassy move makes Palestine victim of Trump's electoral ambitions

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Ramallah, September 5 (RHC)-- The secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) says U.S. President Donald Trump has made Palestine a “victim” of his electoral ambitions as Serbia moves its embassy to Jerusalem al-Quds following a Washington-brokered deal.

On Friday, the American president announced that the U.S. had brokered an agreement between Serbia and Kosovo, two Balkan archrivals, two decades after they went through a bloody war.

From the deal, however, came out two unexpected decisions. Serbia said that it would relocate its embassy from Tel Aviv to the occupied Jerusalem al-Quds, some three years after Washington, in a highly provocative move, recognizing the city as Israel’s “capital.”

Majority-Muslim Kosovo, for its part, vowed that it would recognize the occupying regime, adding that it would also set up its diplomatic mission in Jerusalem al-Quds after earning Israel's recognition.

The move comes as Kosovo desperately seeks to further legitimize its 2008 declaration of independence and statehood.

"Palestine has become a victim of the electoral ambitions of President Trump, whose team would take any action, no matter how destructive for peace... to achieve his re-election" in November, Saeb Erekat tweeted on Friday.

His comments were made hours after Kosovo and Serbia announcements, suggesting that they were made to bolster Trump's re-election prospects in two months while victimizing Palestine and its cause.

Last month, Trump also brokered an agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) that would lead to a full normalization of diplomatic relations between the two sides. "This, just like the UAE-Israel agreement, isn't about Middle East peace," Erekat added.

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The highly controversial deal between Abu Dhabi and Tel Aviv has been widely condemned across the occupied Palestinian territories and the Muslim world. The UAE-Israel deal marks the third such normalization agreement the occupying regime has struck with an Arab country after Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994).

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