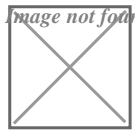


Palestinian prime minister calls for international front to end Israeli occupation of stolen land

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Ramallah, June 14 (RHC)-- Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh has strongly criticized Israel for violating all norms of international law, calling for establishment of an international front to pressure the regime into ending its decades-long occupation of the Palestinian territories.

Prime Minister Shtayyeh made the remarks during a meeting with visiting Assistant State Secretary of the Swiss Foreign Ministry Maya Tissafi, Palestine's official Wafa news agency reported on Monday.

Shtayyeh strongly censured Israel for not abiding by the internationally recognized agreements and conventions, and violating all norms of international law.

The premier also called upon the international community to intervene immediately, and force the occupying regime into stopping "acts of violence" against Palestinians and their communities.

Shtayyeh and the Swiss official also discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations, which could contribute to creating job opportunities for Palestinians and energizing economic development across Palestinian territories.

The meeting comes after Norway recently adopted a strict labeling scheme to identify products that come from the illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories; a move that has infuriated the Tel Aviv regime.

Norway is not an EU member, but is part of the European Single Market. It is also part of the European Free Trade Association, a four-country organization that inked a free trade deal with the occupying regime in 1992. Switzerland is also not an EU member, but is part of the single market.

Last November, in a similar move, Belgium decided to label products made in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, citing Brussels' desire "to ensure human rights in the West Bank."

The European Commission recommended its member states to follow the labeling scheme in 2015, a decision confirmed by the European Court of Justice in 2019.

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