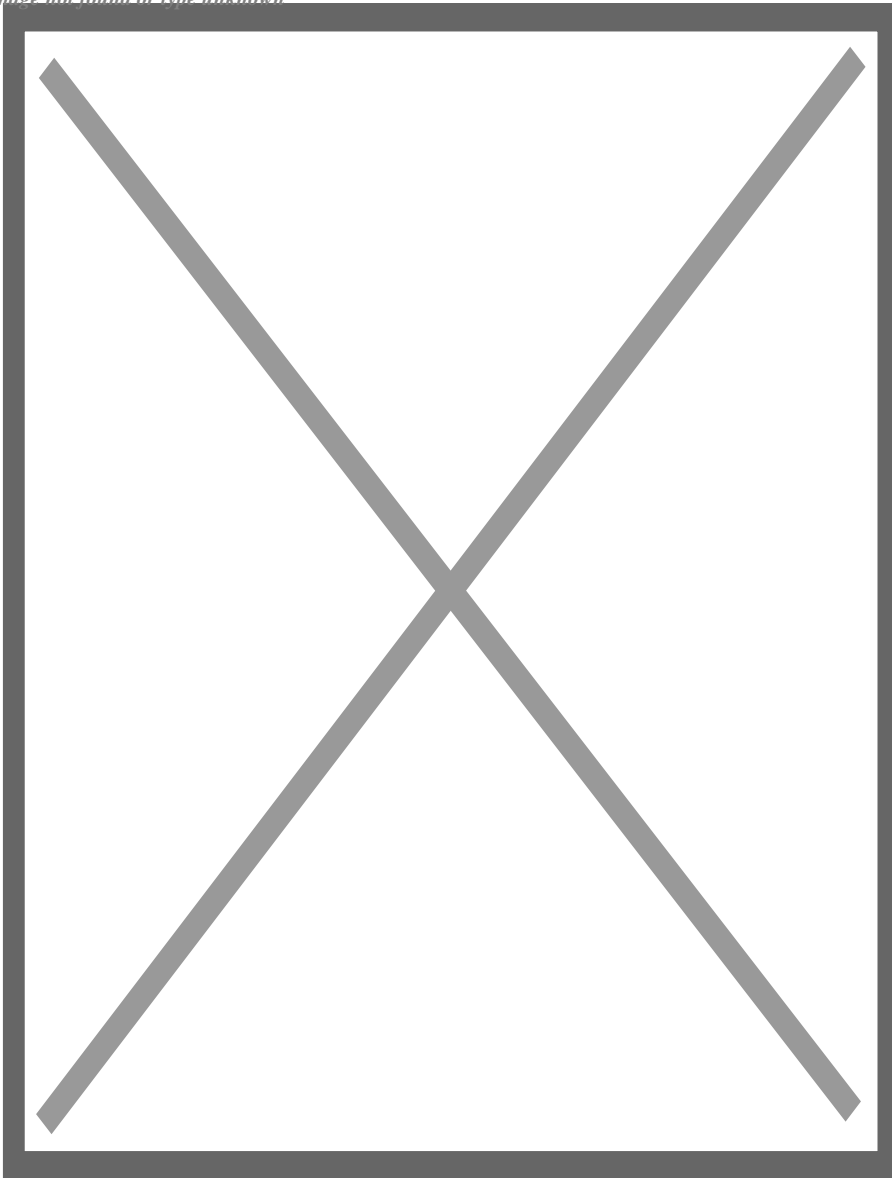


Palestinian president hangs up on Biden, refusing to take phone call

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Tel Aviv, October 20 (RHC) -- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas refused to talk on the phone with his US counterpart, Joe Biden, due to the support of that country to Israel in its war against the Gaza

Strip, revealed Thursday the public broadcaster Kan.

According to the source, the conversation should have taken place on Wednesday, after Biden's arrival in this nation.

White House officials tried to arrange a phone call between the two, but Abbas refused the request, Kan stressed, citing an unnamed Palestinian source in Ramallah with knowledge of the matter.

The Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper revealed this week that U.S. support for Israel in its war provoked the ire of the Palestinian government, which denounced Washington's biased stance.

Palestinian sources told the newspaper that the current relationship between Washington and Ramallah is strained by the White House's support for its main ally in the Middle East.

According to them, Joe Biden's administration does not want to stop the war, but quite the opposite.

For this reason, they said, the four-party summit that was to bring together Jordanian King Abdullah II and Presidents Biden, Abdel Fattah El-Sisi of Egypt and Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine in Amman on Wednesday was cancelled.

The Arab leaders realized that the appointment would not lead to any progress in terms of stopping the war, they said.

In a tough speech following the Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza, Abbas criticized the northern power.

For years, he stressed, dozens of decisions were adopted for the international protection of our people, but "they were not implemented because the United States did not want to implement them." (Source:PL)

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