

U.S. pulls out of UN Human Rights Council, cancels all funding to UNRWA



Washington, February 5 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has signed an executive order withdrawing Washington from the UN Human Rights Council and UNRWA, the refugee agency that works primarily with the Palestinians being oppressed by the Israeli regime.

Trump signed the order in the Oval Office of the White House on Tuesday ahead of his meeting with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu who had carried out a 15-month genocidal war against the people of Palestine in Gaza in which more than 47,300 people were killed, mostly women and children.

The ceasefire between the Palestinian resistance group Hamas and Israel was reached after the regime failed to realize any of its wartime objectives, including freeing the captives, "eliminating" the Gazan resistance, and causing forced displacement of Gaza's entire population to neighboring Egypt. Hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians began returning to the northern part of the Gaza Strip.

Trump's aide introduced the measures, saying: "Next up, in light of numerous actions taken by a number of bodies of the United Nations which exhibited deep anti-American bias, we have an executive order prepared for your attention that would withdraw the United States from the U.N. Human Rights Council."

"I would withdraw the United States from the UNRWA, which is a refugee organization, and would also review American involvement in UNESCO, which also exhibited anti-American bias," he added.

"More generally, the executive order calls for a review of American involvement and funding in the UN in light of the wild disparities in levels of funding among different countries that, as you've expressed previously, is deeply unfair to the United States," the aide concluded before giving the order to Trump to sign.

Following the signing of the executive order, Trump said, "So I've always felt that the UN has tremendous potential. It's not living up to that potential right now. It really isn't and has been for a long time. It has-- there are great hopes for it, but it's not being well run, to be honest, and not doing the job. A lot of these conflicts that we're working on should be settled, or at least we should have some help in settling them."

"But we never seem to get help. That should be the primary purpose of the UN and the United Nations. And again, it's got great potential. And based on the potential, we'll continue to go along with it. But they've got to get their act together," he added.

"What would they need to do to get their act together?" a reporter asked Trump.

"Well, they've got to be fair to countries that deserve fairness. They have some countries, as you know, that are outliers that are very bad, and they're being almost preferred as countries to those that do their job and are doing a good job. And they have to really they're going to end up losing a lot of countries and end up losing their credibility like other organizations," Trump replied.

Trump also said Palestinians would "love" to leave their embattled homeland in Gaza and live elsewhere if given an option. They would "love to leave Gaza," he told reporters at the White House. "I would think that they would be thrilled."

Last week, Trump suggested cleaning out the Palestinian land and relocating the war-stricken people there to neighboring Arab countries, namely Egypt and Jordan.

"You're talking about probably a million and half people ... I'd like Egypt to take people. And I'd like Jordan to take people," he said. "[W]e just clean out that whole thing," he said.

In the meantime, the Palestinian leaders and people in Gaza condemned any attempt to relocate them, saying such a move is reminiscent of a dark page in Palestine's modern history known as the "Nakba" or catastrophe -- when millions of Palestinians were forcibly displaced to create room for Israel's illegal creation.

Member of Hamas's political bureau, Bassem Naim, said that Palestinians would "foil such projects" as they have done to similar plans "for displacement and alternative homelands over the decades."

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