

UN Official Warns Security Council Over Israel Settlements



United Nations, October 30 (RHC)-- A top UN official has warned the Security Council over the Israeli regime's expansionist policies in East Jerusalem, saying it threatens the viability of the future Palestinian state.

UN Undersecretary General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman made the remarks on Wednesday at a Security Council emergency meeting at Jordan's request after Israel announced plans to build 1,060 new settler units in the city. The UN official said the decision is a "violation of international law."

"The reality is that continued settlement activity in occupied Palestinian territory is doing significant damage to any possibility of a lasting peace between the two sides and is moving the situation ever closer to a one-state reality," he said, questioning measures for a so-called two-state solution.

Palestinian Ambassador to the UN Riyad Mansour also called on Israel to "cease immediately and completely its illegal settlement activities throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem."

The Israeli cabinet has approved the construction of 1,060 new settler units in East Jerusalem. Officials said that the new plans also include building civilian infrastructure in the occupied West Bank.

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