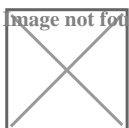


Israeli Ministers Approve Legislation to Maintain Control of Jerusalem



Tel Aviv, July 17 (RHC)-- Israeli ministers have approved legislation aimed at taking complete control of Jerusalem by the Tel Aviv regime. The controversial bill was given the green light on Sunday. After full approval, it will make it difficult for an Israeli prime minister to return any part of land to Palestinians as part of a future peace deal.

Introduced by a far-right political party, the bill requires three-fourths of the Israeli parliament (Knesset) to vote in favor of returning land to the Palestinians.

Israel lays claim to the entirety of Jerusalem, while Palestinians want East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state. Since the 1967 occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Israel has been crowding the Palestinian territories with settlements, each of which comprise hundreds of settler units.

Tel Aviv has been more assertively pursuing its claim to Jerusalem since the January inauguration of U.S. President Donald Trump, who has hinted he would order the American Embassy to be moved from Tel Aviv to the city. The Palestine Liberation Organization, the PLO, has warned the U.S. against the relocation of the embassy, saying doing so would fuel extremism in the region and kill all chances for a solution to the conflict.

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