

Mahmoud Abbas rejects and denounces UAE-Israel deal



Ramallah, August 14 (RHC)-- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas denounced Israel's accord with the United Arab Emirates in a statement issued by his spokesman.

"The Palestinian leadership rejects and denounces the UAE, Israeli and U.S. trilateral, surprising announcement," said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a senior adviser to Abbas.

Abu Rudeineh, reading from a statement outside Abbas's headquarters in Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, said the deal was a "betrayal of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa and the Palestinian cause."

The statement urged the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to assemble to "reject" the deal, adding "neither the UAE nor any other party has the right to speak in the name of the Palestinian people."

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