

Palestine Seeks UN Resolution to End Israeli Occupation



Ramallah, October 17 (RHC)-- The Palestinian government aims to ask the United Nations Security Council to pass a resolution requiring Israel's retreat to the pre-1967 line. "The political council of the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) decided during its meeting last night... to go to the UN Security Council with the aim of getting a resolution passed to end the Israeli occupation in the Palestinian territories... by the end of this month," PLO Secretary General Yasser Abed Rabbo told reporters in Ramallah on Thursday.

"If the Americans veto or abort the motion, this would not be the end of the process," he added. "We will have another chance to go to the Security Council in January 2015. Do the Americans have a realistic alternative to Israeli intransigence and settlements? We will continue our political battle and won't be deterred by Israeli statements."

Rabbo stated that Palestine has managed to obtain the support of seven members of the Security Council. According to Security Council rules, a proposed resolution needs nine votes to pass.

The Palestinian resolution would call on the Israeli regime to end its occupation of the Palestinian territories by November 2016.

On Monday, the British parliament passed a non-binding motion, recognizing Palestine as a state with a majority of the votes. The Swedish parliament also voted in favor of recognizing the Palestinian state

earlier this month, making it the first major EU nation to do so.

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