

Brazil Rejects Israeli Ambassador-Designate Because of His Past Record



Jerusalem, September 21 (RHC)-- Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has rejected Israel's naming of a former settlement director, Dani Dayan, as the Jewish state's ambassador in Brasilia because of the message that could send.

Rousseff informed Israel of her discomfort with Dayan's appointment because he had lived in a settlement in occupied Palestinian territory and had been the head of a movement that the international community rejects, the daily Yediot Aharonot reported Sunday.

The message was transmitted via diplomatic channels and puts Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into an uncomfortable position, as he considers Brazil to be a strategic country in Israel's relations with Latin America.

After learning of the decision to Ankara, September 21 (RHC)-- At least 13 refugees have been killed after a boat on its way to Greece collided with a ferry off the coast of Turkey. The Turkish Dogan News Agency said the incident took place after the inflatable boat carrying 46 refugees collided with a ferry, on Sunday. Four children were reportedly among the dead whose nationalities remain unknown. appoint Dayan last

month, Brazilian social movements questioned the move, accusing the businessman of Argentine origin of violating international law in the Palestinian communities, and asked that Rousseff not accept his diplomatic credentials.

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