

No, Palestinians Don't Want Peaceful Coexistence with Israel

The Lie: Palestinians deserve their own state because they just want to coexist peacefully alongside Israel.

The Truth: Palestinians have repeatedly expressed desire for a one-state solution in which Israel is eliminated and replaced by Palestine.

Background:

- On November 18, 2025, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman stated during a White House visit that Saudi Arabia's participation in the Abraham Accords is contingent on a "two-state solution" allowing Palestinians their own state and the ability "to coexist peacefully in the region."

Truth Explained

- Palestinians and their supporters openly chant slogans such as **"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,"** referring to the entire territory of Israel from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. ([i24 News](#))
- Israel previously tested a two-state solution:**
 - In 2005, Israel fully withdrew from Gaza, evicting 10,000 Jews and giving Palestinians full control.
 - Palestinians immediately elected Hamas and turned Gaza into a military state used to attack Israel over the following 18 years, culminating in the October 7th massacre.
- Hamas's stated goals:**
 - Hamas, which governs Gaza and enjoys majority support among Palestinians, repeatedly declares it seeks a **one-state solution where Israel is wiped out**. ([Israeli Foreign Affairs Ministry](#)), ([X](#)), ([PCPSR](#))
 - Hamas's founding charter explicitly rejects peace negotiations and calls for jihad against Jews. ([Yale Law School](#))
- Palestinian Authority funds attacks against Israelis:**
 - The PA operates a payment program commonly referred to as the **"Martyrs Fund"** or **"Pay-for-Slay."**
 - It provides monthly stipends and lump-sum payments to Palestinians who commit attacks against Israelis, including payments to the families of the terrorists.
 - The program allocates **more than \$300 million annually**, representing roughly **7% of the PA's total budget**.
 - The PA has openly stated that if it had only "one penny left," it would use it to fund payments connected to attacks on Jews.
- Historical pattern of rejecting two-state solutions:**
 - Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husseini (1920s–40s) rejected Jewish coexistence**, telling the 1937 Peel Commission that Jews in Palestine should be denied citizenship or deported, and promising all Jews would be expelled if a Jewish state were created.
 - Palestinians rejected the two-state solution in the 1947 UN Partition Plan** and instead launched a war on Israel.
 - Under Yasser Arafat, Palestinians rejected Israel's legitimacy** and led decades of terror campaigns, including Black September, the Lebanon civil war involvement, and support for Saddam's invasion of Kuwait.
 - Palestinians opposed peace with Israel even when Arab states accepted it**, backing the Arab boycott of Egypt after the 1979 treaty.
 - During the Oslo process, Israel agreed to major land concessions in exchange for peace. Palestinians responded with suicide bombings.**
 - At Camp David (2000), Israel offered sweeping concessions; the Palestinians refused and launched the Second Intifada**, which killed 1,184 Israelis.
 - In 2005, Israel withdrew fully from Gaza; Palestinians in Gaza spent the next 20 years attacking Israeli civilians.**
 - In 2008, PM Ehud Olmert offered Palestinians an unprecedented peace deal; they rejected it outright.**
 - The Palestinian leadership rejected Trump's "Deal of the Century" before even seeing it**, then denounced it as a conspiracy. ([BeSa Center](#))

Quotes

"Initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences, are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement . . . There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad." — Hamas Charter (1988)

"For anyone who supports a two-state solution, we want ONE state. We will have no choice but to accept the two-state solution temporarily so we can prepare for the big war; we will not accept any compromises; we demand a state from the border with Lebanon to the border with Egypt." — Hamas leader Khaled Mashal

"We [the PA] again emphasize that we are proud of the sacrifices made by the Martyrs, prisoners, and wounded... I told you once and I stand by my word: Even if we have [only] one penny left, it is for the prisoners and Martyrs. I will not agree, and you will not agree, to reduce any obligation, any interest, or any penny given to them." — PA President Mahmoud Abbas

Takeaway

Despite repeated opportunities for peace and territorial compromise, **Palestinians consistently reject co-existence and openly demand the elimination of Israel**. Efforts to create a two-state solution have been met with violence, terrorism, and the election of leadership committed to Israel's destruction.