

AMCD Praises Trump Administration's Historic Peace Deal between Israel and the UAE

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, August 24, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [American Mideast Coalition for Democracy](#) unequivocally supports President Trump's bold and historic peace initiative to normalize relations between our two allies in the Middle East, Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Though our advisor, Dr. Walid Phares, was not standing behind the President when the deal was announced, he played a critical role in the development of its concept with the major actors going back to December 2015, when he and then-candidate Trump discussed the possibility of creating an Arab coalition to counter Iran along with Israel. In September, 2016, Dr. Phares then met with UAE's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdullah bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and then in November of that year, he met with the Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Later, he met with American Jewish leaders and Israeli scholars, as well as advisors to the Palestinian Authority visiting Washington. Always, Dr. Phares endeavored to [advance the vision](#) that he and President Trump developed back in 2015.



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"This agreement is destined to change the history of the Middle East," said AMCD co-chair Tom Harb. "After Obama signed that disastrous Iran deal, which betrayed all of our long-time allies in the region, it took some time to re-build the trust and confidence of the moderate Sunni states."

"Now that the UAE has come to the table, others will follow," continued AMCD co-chair John Hajjar. "A new strategic set of alliances in the Middle East will create the necessary peace and stability so that the people of the Middle East can begin to thrive and prosper. They have had enough of the death and destruction that radicalism brings. Young people are looking for a new direction. The people of the region are way ahead of their regimes and are ready for peace with

Israel and a rejection of sectarianism. The UAE-Israel pact, although extremely important and historic, merely reflects this reality. Our communities will reflect this fact when we show our support at the signing ceremony in DC."

"This deal is historic on many levels," declared Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, President and founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy. "You know it's real when the imams inside the UAE are now giving sermons about the need for Arab and Muslim friendship with the Jewish community and with the state of Israel. Without that deep ideological shift and reform, similar deals would be meaningless. Mark today in history as a time when a tectonic shift happened in Arab-Israeli relations. Many with political agendas will try to minimize the relationship, yet other Arab states including Bahrain, Oman, Morocco, and even Saudi Arabia may be next. Naysayers need to be asked one question: If this is not a big deal, why has it not happened in the past? The fact that the Arab world's greatest radicalizing influence on Muslims, the Islamist political movements from the Muslim Brotherhood, to Erdogan's AKP to the Jama'at in Pakistan are upset speaks volumes to the long lasting impact of this deal."

"The death-dealing Iranian regime has been trying to export the revolution all over the Middle East by supporting radical Islamists of all stripes," added AMCD vice-chair Hossein Khorram. "They want to dominate the Middle East and to do that, they sew chaos and destruction at every opportunity. A stable coalition of moderate Arab states will eventually force them to become another nation among nations."

"The people of Iran are seeking peace and prosperity," said Sheikh Mohammad Al Hajj Hassan, who leads the Free Shia Movement and is chairman of the American Muslim Coalition. "They are furious that the Mullahs support terrorism to the tune of some \$16 billion a year. This is money taken directly from the people of Iran where it is needed most. The people don't want their money going to Hezbollah and Hamas, especially when the country is hurting so much economically."

"The deal with the UAE is a step in a broader process of Arab political recognition of Israel's strategic, technological, and economic importance in the Persian Gulf zone, and across the Middle East," added Dr. Mordechai Nisan of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "Israel is rising to new heights in the historic saga of the re-constituted Jewish state."

AMCD is planning to hold a demonstration to support peace in the Middle East in Washington DC when the UAE's Crown Prince comes to the White House to sign this historic agreement sometime in September.

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