

# U.S. Must Not Fund or Legitimize Israeli Annexation of Any Part of the West Bank

The unilateral Israeli annexation of large parts of the West Bank that is proposed by the U.S. and Israeli governments would entrench and enlarge inequalities and abuses of Palestinians' human rights for the foreseeable future. Annexation will damage the long-term interests of both Palestinians and Israelis, and it is an abomination that this has been proposed, coordinated and facilitated by the U.S. government. If Congress fails to act now, the United States will bear a significant amount of responsibility for a drastic lengthening of the conflict, of oppression, and of economic deprivation. Instead of greenlighting Israeli annexation and destabilization, the United States should pursue an end to the conflict that includes full rights and security for Israelis and Palestinians.

**Congress must oppose Annexation, and especially U.S. recognition, facilitation, and support of Annexation**

- Annexation makes reaching peace harder, and may itself generate new violence.
- Annexation is also illegal under the Fourth Geneva Convention, and runs against agreements the U.S. has signed with Israelis and Palestinians over 2+ decades.
- Annexation works against Palestinians, and eventually Israelis, by creating an economically unviable set of enclaves without rights.
- More than 2.6 million Palestinians will live in these un-annexed "islets" scattered across the West Bank, cut off from each other and from the outside world.
- Additional tens of thousands of Palestinians live in Area C land that is proposed to be annexed. They will become subject to Israeli domestic laws allowing confiscation of their land, but Israel's government says it will not give them any citizenship with which to protect themselves.

U.S. policy must facilitate peace, not conflict. Support equal rights, not annexation.



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