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Is Peace with Israel the Palestinians' Top Priority?

According to a poll conducted in the disputed territories in June 2015, majorities in both the [West Bank](#) and [Gaza](#) have not abandoned their dream of liberating "all of historic Palestine." Fifty-eight percent of West Bankers and 65 percent of Gazans say that even if a "two-state solution" is negotiated, "the struggle is not over and resistance should continue until all of historic Palestine is liberated."

This result comes as no surprise to Israelis who have long maintained that the Palestinians have not reconciled themselves to coexisting with Israel, even if they were to have an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Palestinian opinion further reinforces the Israeli fear that no territorial compromise will satisfy them. For the Palestinians, establishing a state in the territories is just the first stage in their campaign to liberate Palestine. Israeli concessions will only fuel their belief that time is on their side and that continued "resistance," combined with international pressure, will be Israel's undoing.

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Mitchell Bard in the Times of Israel

Will Congress Repeat the Mistake of 1939?

Congress is reviewing the Iran nuclear deal and the battle lines are already clear with Republicans solidly united against it and Democrats divided. The president has said he will veto any congressional action disapproving the agreement, meaning that a handful of Democrats will have to vote to override the veto if this unverifiable and dangerous deal is to be rejected. Democrats have to choose between the national interest and partisan politics, between morality and loyalty to the president, and between endangering the lives of millions and acting to protect them from a potential nuclear holocaust. In

1939, Congress faced an even more stark opportunity to save lives and, following the lead of a popular Democratic president, made a fatal decision.

In February 1939, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Sr. (D-NY) and Representative Edith Rogers (R-MA) introduced legislation to bring 20,000 German Jewish refugee children, ages 14 and under, to the United States. This was exactly three months after Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass" in Germany, when synagogues were burned to the ground, Jewish shops looted, Jewish citizens attacked and thousands of men arrested and imprisoned in Dachau. The whole world saw the danger facing the Jews in Germany and did nothing to confront Hitler. The urgency of acting should have been apparent to all, however, after Hitler declared on January 21, 1939: "We are going to destroy the Jews."

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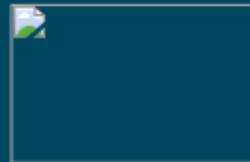
Canada Announces Purchase of Iron Dome from Israel

Canadian officials announced on July 30, 2015, that they had finalized a deal with Israel for the purchase of Iron Dome radar technology. The Iron Dome radar technology will be produced domestically by Rheinmetall Canada, a Canadian subsidiary of the German military enterprise of the same name.

Canadian Defense Minister Jason Kenney issued a statement on Twitter, affirming that "Our troops deserve the best - that's why we're purchasing the Israeli radar technology behind the Iron Dome." The system will be put in place domestically, and likely within its territory in the Arctic, according to Canadian officials. Rheinmetall Canada will produce 10 medium range missile systems, worth \$240 million, which will eventually allow Canadian armed forces to track and strike incoming hostile projectiles.

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