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MEPs call to defund Palestinian education over anti-Israel incitement in schoolbooks

Interparliamentary group's plea follows report claiming to find no problematic rhetoric in curriculum while falsely presenting Arabic-language Israeli textbooks as Palestinian promoting peace with Jewish state

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Over 20 members of the European Parliament from 15 different countries have called on the continental organization to withhold funding for the Palestinian Authority until it rids its school textbooks from hate and incitement against Israel.

The call came following a report published by the German-based Georg Eckert Institute that claimed it had not found any incitement against Israel in Palestinian school books.

Only later was it reported that the textbooks reviewed by the institute were actually Arabic-language Israeli textbooks for schools in East Jerusalem, which were falsely presented as Palestinian schoolbooks promoting peace with the Jewish state.

Another report by the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se) has found little improvement in the Palestinian Authority's 2020-2021 curriculum, with some textbooks appearing more extreme than in past editions.

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Hezbollah: maritime border talks do not mean normalization with Israel
Terrorist group's political wing says Beirut not interested in expanding U.S. and UN-mediated talks meant to 'reclaim our land', so as to delineate our national sovereignty'
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Lebanon's Hezbollah's parliamentary bloc said on Thursday that negotiations with Israel over maritime borders "are not connected to" making peace with Israel.

The Loyalty to the Resistance Bloc, Hezbollah's political wing, said in a press release that Beirut does not have any interest in expanding talks beyond the maritime dispute.

"Despite all the talk that has been going around, the negotiating framework deals with our southern maritime borders and reclaiming our land, so as to delineate our national sovereignty."

"It has absolutely nothing to do with 'reconciling' with the rapacious Zionist enemy, nor with the normalization that some Arab countries have adopted," the bloc added, referring to the historic Abraham Accords, signed between Israel and Gulf neighbors Bahrain and the UAE on September 15.

Lebanon's parliament speaker Nabih Berri confirmed last month that a framework had been agreed for talks with Israel to end a long-running maritime border dispute between the two nations that are formally at war.

Berri, who said the army would lead the Lebanese team, told a news conference negotiations would be held in south Lebanon near the border under the auspices of the United Nations and the United States would push for a deal as fast as possible.

The talks will begin on October 14 and will be held at the headquarters of the UN peacekeeping force, UNIFIL, in the southern border town of Naqoura.
Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, who will lead the Israeli delegation, later confirmed the statement.

"Our goal is to end the dispute over the demarcation of economic water between Israel and Lebanon in order to help develop natural resources for the benefit of all the peoples of the region," said Steinitz. "For the first time in 30 years, civil-political negotiations between Israel and Lebanon will take place after two years of indirect contacts."

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From Friday: Iraq and Saudi-bound planes in Israeli airspace

New agreement between Israel and Jordan clears the way for flights originating in a range of Arab countries to use Israeli airspace en route to and from Europe, U.S., including flights that also pass over Iranian territory

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Israeli airspace will now be used by a multitude of Arab countries, including Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, as part of a new aviation agreement between Israel and Jordan.

Jerusalem and Amman on Thursday signed a deal to open more flight paths over both countries and shorten flight times between Gulf states, the Far East and Asia and Europe and North America.

The agreement signed by the Civil Aviation Authority of Israel and its Jordanian counterpart will take effect as soon as Friday, is expected to cut fuel costs and polluting emissions, and was finalized following Israel's signing of the Abraham accords with the UAE and Bahrain.

Among the new flight paths specified in the agreement are ones departing from Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia as well as the UAE and even one path over Iran that would be used by flights taking off from China.

The agreement was reached with the cooperation of EUROCONTROL, the European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation.

The Ministry of Transportation said flights from Bahrain and the UAE as well as many other countries would be able to fly over Israeli airspace to and from Europe and North America.

Transportation Minister Miri Regev said the agreement shows Israel's growing integration into the Middle East.

"We are forging new roads of cooperation with countries that share our interests and our vision for regional peace, in transportation, economy and the political fields," she said.

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EU to PA: No aid until you take tax revenue from Israel

As cash-strapped Palestinian Authority struggles to meet budgetary shortfalls exacerbated by pandemic, European body tells Abbas he must also re-engage with Jerusalem on security issues - signalling growing frustration even among staunch supporters

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The European Union has informed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas that it will not provide any further aid or loans until the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority accepts the tax revenues collected on its behalf by Israel.

According to a report in Axios, which cites EU and Israeli diplomatic sources, Ramallah recently approached Brussels with a request for urgent loans as it struggles to fill the gaps in its budget.

The Palestinian Authority has long refused to accept tax revenue collected by Israel due to Jerusalem deducting the sum of stipends paid by the PA to the families of Palestinian terrorists who are either held in Israeli jails or were killed during an attack. The EU rejected the PA request, with its foreign policy chief Josep Borrell informing Abbas to reiterate that the Palestinian Authority will not receive any further financial aid from the bloc until it accepts the tax revenues.

The PA is experiencing an unprecedented financial crisis compounded by the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

The EU refusal points to growing frustration with the PA leadership, even among staunch supporters of the Palestinians.

Borrell also urged Abbas to restart security cooperation with Israel, which he suspended in May due to Israeli plans to annex its West Bank settlements. The plan was put on hold as part of Israel's recent normalization agreement with the UAE.

“We assert that we refused and continue to refuse the delivery of the tax revenues in adherence to the decision of the Palestinian leadership that we are absolved of all understandings and agreements with Israel,” Palestinian Civil Affairs Commission director Hussein al-Sheikh posted on his Twitter feed in June.

Egypt and Jordan have echoed the EU position in messages sent to Ramallah, Axios says, with Abbas also coming under mounting pressure from Palestinian officials to re-engage with Israel.

The Palestinian president, however, is said to be hoping for Democratic nominee Joe Biden win the U.S. presidential elections in November, thereby triggering a major U.S. policy change regarding Israel.