

## Israel is Attempting to use the Syrian Conflict to Annex Syria's Golan

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The Foreign and Expatriates Ministry on Wednesday sent two identical letters to the UN Secretary General and the President of the UN Security Council saying that on January 31st , 2014 while visiting the occupied Syrian Golan, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman made statements which embody an insolent approach to the events in Syria and recklessness with the relevant UN resolutions on ending the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan and all occupied Arab lands since 1967.

During the visit, Liberman called for "settling the Israeli sovereignty in the Golan Heights in the framework of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and the events in Syria," saying "part of this comprehensive bargain has to cover an understanding between Israel, the international community and the US stating that Golan is part and parcel of Israel."

He claimed that "the security dangers linked to our capability to defend north of the country requires a recognition of Israel's sovereignty of the Golan Heights by the international community."

"It seems that Israel, an authority existing through occupation, didn't stop at involving in supporting the armed terrorist groups in Syria, but mistakenly believes it can exploit its backing to a terrorist war on Syria to achieve its expansionist dreams and try to legitimatize its occupation of the Syrian Golan, turning a blind eye to all international relevant resolutions on ending the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan including resolution No. 497 of 1981," the letter said.

It added that those statements the requirement to remind Israel that the UN Security Council has affirmed in Resolution No. 497 of 1981 that the Israeli decision issued on December 14th, 1981 to impose its laws, administrative and judicial custody on the occupied Syrian Golan is null and void and has no legal value, a stance to which the UN General Assembly has annually affirmed via its resolutions, the latest of which No. 84/68 states that Israel, until now, did not abide by UN Security Council resolution No. 497 of 1981 and that Israel 's decision issued on December 14th, 1981 is null and void.

The General Assembly, in the 5th item of the same resolution, also called on Israel to withdraw from the whole occupied Syrian Golan to the June 4th, 1967 line.

The Foreign Ministry said that after the 47 years which have passed on Israel's occupation of the Syrian Golan and the international community's adoption of hundreds of resolutions which call for the end of this occupation and the stop of its inhuman and racial policies as well as the acts of killing against civilians in the occupied Arab lands, Israel still turns a blind eye to all international resolutions. Furthermore, Liberman's statement indicates an escalation of Israel's recklessness disregard for the resolutions of the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly.

"The government of the Syrian Arab Republic, while draws the attention of the UN Secretary General and the US Security Council President to the dangers of such statements and the accompanying Israeli hostile practices, calls on the UN, particularly the Security Council to take the necessary procedures to guarantee the respect for its resolutions and oblige Israel to end its occupation of the Syrian Golan and withdraw from it into the line of June 4th, 1967," the Ministry said.

It added that Syria renews the assertion that the continuous dealing of the UN with the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan is routine without any serious move to enforce the Security Council's resolutions, which encourages this illegal situation to continue in our region and undermine the credibility of the UN organization.

The Ministry called for issuing this letter as an official document of the Security Council and General Assembly under the two agenda items of 35 and 52.

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