

## Towards an Independent Palestinian State

Necessity for Road and Rail Links between Rafah, Hebron, Jerusalem, Nablus and Janin to Serve a New Palestinian State

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*The UN General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion allowing the Palestinian flag to be flown in front of the UN headquarters. The motion was passed by 119 votes. France, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Ireland and Slovenia being among the EU states that voted in favour.*

By way of comparison, in 1947, UN GA Resolution No.181 to partition the then predominately Muslim Arab Palestine under British Mandate, to allow the establishment of an Israeli state was passed by just 33 votes to 13 (with 10 abstentions including Britain) in an assembly that represented only a minority of the global community of the time but was pushed through as a matter of political expediency by a lobby influenced, American congress.

*'Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose'*

Today, however, there is now dramatic change in the form of the emblematic symbol of the new State of Palestine that will proudly fly at the United Nations, demonstrating the power of moral authority over political machination and casino money.

There is now a global consensus that categorically denies the legitimacy of a Likud charter that hoped for a 'Greater Israel' encompassing the whole of former Palestine. That political aim is now 'dead in the water' as the flag of an independent State of Palestine is unfurled at the UN.

Now the flag of an independent Palestinian state must fly over the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza and there needs to be an international accord for permanent access roads, under UN supervision, to link the enclaved, constituent parts of the state together, with a rail link joining Rafah in the South through to Hebron, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus and Janin in the North.

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