

Palestinians won't accept any role for US in peace process with Israel: President Mahmoud Abbas

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Istanbul: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said that the Palestinians won't accept any role for the United States in a peace process with Israel "from now on" after the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

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Abbas said that President Donald Trump's decision was a "crime" that threatens world peace.

He said that there will be no peace in the region if the world doesn't recognize east Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

He also noted that the international community has nearly unanimously opposed Trump's decision, calling it a "provocation" to Muslim and Christian sentiments and saying measures are needed to protect the identity of the divided city.

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