

128 nations, defy Trump's threats to reject US decision on Jerusalem

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India voted in favour of the UNGA resolution calling upon the US to withdraw its decision.

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President Donald Trump's threat to cut off U.S. funding to countries that oppose his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital raised the stakes in Thursday's U.N. vote and sparked criticism at his tactics, which one Muslim group called bullying or blackmail.

But at the start of an emergency General Assembly meeting ahead of the vote, representatives of Arab, Islamic and non-aligned nations rejected his threat and urged a "yes" vote against the U.S. unilateral decision on Jerusalem.

Earlier today, Israel's envoy to the United Nations had vowed that his country would never be "driven" from Jerusalem as UN member states prepared to vote on rejecting Washington's recognition of the Holy City as its capital.

"No General Assembly resolution will ever drive us from Jerusalem," Ambassador Danny Danon told an emergency session of the 193-nation assembly.

A draft resolution rejecting the US move was sent to the General Assembly after it was vetoed by the United States at the Security Council on Monday, although all other 14 council members voted in favour.

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