

LA Jews for Peace Endorses the August 2, 2018 Statement by Twenty Academic Specialists to Bring Peace to the Middle East.

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LA Jews for Peace endorses the August 2, 2018 urgent call for new Middle East policies that will lead to denuclearization of the Middle East and a just and fair resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute¹. The statement was signed by twenty leading academics who study the Middle East.

The statement points to several circumstances that perpetuate the current state of affairs:

- Hawkish attitude towards the Middle East by President Trump and his top advisors especially John Bolton.
- Israel's lack of peace treaties with its neighbors in spite of Israel's military superiority.
- United States government financial and military support of Israel, generally supported in the United States and maintained by AIPAC.
- Israel's military occupation of the West Bank and Israel using that power to oppress and dispossess Palestinians.
- Israel's nuclear arsenal.

The statement calls for immediate steps to:

- End the military occupation of the West Bank.
- With Egypt, end the siege of the Gaza Strip.
- Restore the Iran nuclear deal.

¹ Statement at <https://www.juancole.com/2018/08/occupation-palestine-denuclearize.html>