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1. International Conference in Paris to address Middle East Issue (6.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

Delegations from 28 Countries and Organizations took part in the Conference in Paris, UN Secretary General, HRVP and John Kerry included. The French initiative has “only one goal, peace in the Middle East”, Hollande said. He also acknowledged the absence of both Israeli and Palestinian officials. Only foreign ministers of USA, EU states and several Arab states were among those attending the meeting.

2. Greek President receives former Israeli President (6.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

The Greek President, Prokopis Pavlopoulos, welcomed Shimon Peres- the former President of Israel- with a speech on the significance of the State of Israel and its geostrategic importance. Furthermore, he underlined that Israel has succeed in

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maintaining peace in the Middle East and especially with Palestinians. Peres, in his speech, mentioned that since the establishment of the State of Israel, 68 years ago, “state” as a meaning has grown, being more anthropocentric. It was also mentioned that the geographical spot of the two countries-Israel and Greece-magnifies the bilateral relations between them. Mr. Peres also made a reference to the new transitional scientific era which came to replace the military era.

3. Jordanian Intelligence Officers killed at Baqaa (6.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

According to officials’ statements, three Jordanian intelligence officers were killed. Officials described the incident as a terrorist attack. Jordanian government spokesman Mohammed Momani said the "cowardly" attack targeted the intelligence agency office at the camp. The attack took place at the Baqaa camp north of Amman, at 07:00 local time. Five people have been killed in the attack, since among the officers were two star members. The Baqaa camp was one of six set up in 1968 for Palestinian refugees fleeing the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a result of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

4. Francois Hollande statements on Arab-Israeli conflict (5.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

“The threats and priorities [in the Middle East] have changed. The changes make it even more urgent to find a solution to the conflict, and this regional upheaval creates new obligations for peace”, Hollande said. With his speech, Hollande tried to reassure Israel about the necessity for both actors to make the “courageous choice” of peace and that France had no ulterior motive apart from advancing peace. He also underlined that in case the peace process fails, the gap will be bridged with extremism. Mutual trust is a key factor for caring the peace forward.

5. Middle East Peace Conference is supported by Palestine but not Israel (4.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

The Paris Conference took place in order to rebuild the ground for peace talks between Israel and Palestine. According to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs it was considered as a “missed opportunity” which could only alienate the issue from any

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perspective of peace. Netanyahu insists on direct talks between the two actors, since he considers it to be the only feasible solution. On the other hand, Palestinian President supports any form of communication except for bilateral. As Mahmud Abbas stated, they have pursued bilateral negotiations for more than two decades without success.

6. Mogherini calls the international community to redouble the efforts for Middle East Peace Process (4.6.16)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

High Representative Federica Mogherini called on Israel, the Palestinians and the international community to redouble efforts to revive the Middle East Peace Process. At the Ministerial Conference in Paris, HRVP insisted that the proliferation of conflicts has made it crucial to address the issue more decisively. “This is because we see very well that the deteriorating security situation in the Middle East is adding on to worrying reasons for the vacuum that the prolongation of the conflict in the Middle East can create,” she told the press.

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