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In a Turbulent World Israel’s Security Chiefs Agree:
SEPARATION INTO TWO STATES
Is Essential for Israel’s Security

CHIEFS OF STAFF FROM THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES:

SHULA MOFAZ

“Time is not in favor of the state of Israel… The generation of the leaders today should decide. This year, next year — we have to decide.”

Washington Post, 7/20/12

DAN HALUTZ

“The question is whether there is a leadership who is willing to go the extra step to maintain a Jewish state, because the alternative is a bi-national state.”

J Street, 12/21/12

AMNON LIPKIN-SHAHAK, Z’L

“I am afraid that it might come to a point in which it will be impossible to go back to a two-state solution, and then it will be a chaotic situation.”

J Street, 12/21/12

GABI ASHKENAZI

Israel will one day be forced to separate from the Palestinians, in one way or another — time is not on our side.”

Times of Israel, 2/6/15

BENNY GANTZ

“This issue is important to us, it is important for ourselves, it is important for our connection with the international community.”

Haaretz, 3/4/13

EHUD BARAK

“A two-state solution is the only viable long-term solution. It is a compelling imperative for us, in order to secure our identity and our future as a Jewish and democratic state, it’s not a favor for the Palestinians.”

Haaretz, 3/3/13

SHIN BET (ISRAEL’S DOMESTIC SECURITY AGENCY) DIRECTORS:

AVI DICHTER

“Any intelligent person realizes that a one-state solution with the six million Jews and seven million non-Jews — mostly Muslims — is irresponsible”

Arutz Sheva, 2/28/14

YUVAL DISKIN

“[The unsolved Israeli-Palestinian conflict represent[s] an existential threat…we need to reach an agreement now, before we reach the ‘point of no return.’”

General Affairs All State Conference, 2/28/13

AMI AVALON

“The only way to sustain Zionism — by which I mean the perpetuation of a Jewish, democratic Israel in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence — is by making the two-state solution a reality.”

Jerusalem Post, 1/12/14

AVRAHAM SHALOM, Z’L

“If we do not turn away from adhering to the entire land of Israel [including the West Bank and Gaza] and begin to understand the other side, we will not get anywhere…If we don’t change this there will be nothing there.”

The Guardian, 1/29/15

JACOB PERRY

“We’re dealing with fateful issues in Israel, the peace process is deadlocked and we’re heading rapidly towards a bi-national state. This is the end of Zionism, we need new leadership.”

Ynet News, 4/18/12

HEADS OF THE MOSSAD (ISRAEL’S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY):

MEIR DAGAN, Z’L

Netanyahu and Bennett “are leading us to a bi-national state which is a disaster and dangerous to Zionism.”

Arutz Sheva, 6/8/15

TAMIR PARDO

“The biggest threat [to Israel] is the Palestinian issue.”

Haaretz, 6/8/15

DANNY YATOM

“Without a peace initiative, the fighting and violence will continue, and our isolation process will deepen.”

Ynet News, 10/15

SHABTAI SHAVIT

“Some values are more sacred than land. Peace, which is the life and soul of true democracy, is more important than land.”

Haaretz, 10/29/14

EFRAIM HALEVY

“No solution’ means that there’s going to be one state… it’ll be a... non-democratic system for the majority, and this is unacceptable and untenable.”

Rivon Center, 10/24/12

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