

Arab League sends delegation to Israel

For the first time, the Arab League will officially make contact with Israel when delegates from Egypt and Jordan visit the Jewish state to promote a 2002 Saudi peace initiative – driven in part by a shared concern over the threat of radicalism and the growing influence of Iran in the region

ARAB LEAGUE PROPOSAL

1 Land for peace

Israeli withdrawal to internationally-recognised 1948 borders

2 Palestine

Formation and recognition of independent Palestinian state

GAZA STRIP

Part of Palestinian state

EGYPT

LEBANON

SYRIA

Damascus

UN buffer zone

GOLAN HEIGHTS

Israeli withdrawal, territory to be returned to Syria

ISRAEL

Jenin

WEST BANK

Full Israeli withdrawal – establishment of Palestinian state

Tel Aviv

Ramallah

Amman

JORDAN

JERUSALEM

Palestinian capital in east Jerusalem

Hebron

Gaza City

Beersheva

3 Refugees: “Just and agreed solution” to Palestinian refugee problem – including repatriation to Israel, settlement in new Palestinian state or compensation. Voluntary patriation in Lebanon specifically rejected

TERRITORY

Israel – 1948

REFUGEES

726,000

Occupied – 1967

372,000

Many displaced for second time

Refugees and descendants:

Total, 2007

4.375 million

4 Diplomatic relations

Full normalization of relations with all Arab League members

CURRENT STATUS

Full diplomatic relations:

Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania

Trade relations: Qatar

Relations suspended:

Morocco, Oman, Tunisia

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50km

30 miles

Sources: UNRWA, Israel MFA, Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics