

VP Pence facing awkward MidEast visit

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence will visit the Middle East for three days in December, amid growing criticism of President Trump's declaration recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

VICE PRESIDENT PENCE'S ITINERARY

1 Sun, Dec 17: Pence flies from Washington to Tel Aviv and goes straight to Jerusalem for bilateral meeting with Israeli President **Benjamin Netanyahu**. He then lights menorah at Western Wall

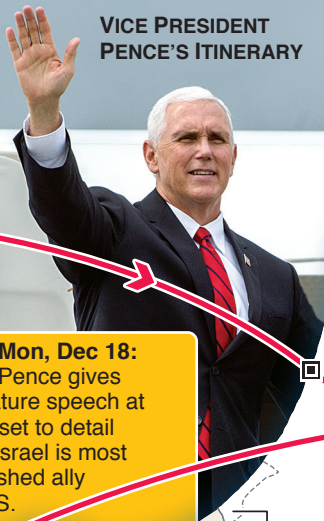
■ *Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas** refuses to meet Pence*

2 Mon, Dec 18: Pence gives signature speech at Knesset to detail why Israel is most cherished ally of U.S.

■ *Coptic Pope **Tawadros II** of Egypt refuses to meet Pence. Snub could harm White House efforts to support Christian communities in Middle East*

3 Tue, Dec 19: Pence flies to Cairo for bilateral talks with President **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi**. Gives press conference at site of world famous Giza pyramids

4 Tue, Dec 19: Pence returns to Washington D.C. via Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Stopover includes meet-and-greet with U.S. troops and their families



50km
30 miles

EGYPT

■ **Cairo**

■ **Tel Aviv**

○ **Jerusalem**

Gaza Strip

ISRAEL

West Bank

