TOWARDS A DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Bringing Together Leaders to Forge a Lasting Solution

THE ELUSIVE SEARCH FOR PEACE

Why has achieving lasting peace in the Middle East been so elusive? Peace treaties between Israel and both Egypt and Jordan have been in place for years, while the Abraham Accords (between Israel, on the one hand, and Bahrain, the UAE, Sudan and Morocco, on the other) have been in force for less than a decade. These have helped improve relations between long-time enemies in the region, but conflicts continue to rage, with human lives sacrificed on the altar of national and ideological ambitions. As the current U.S. and Israel military attacks on Iran demonstrate, the region is far from peace and might well be on the verge of an unprecedented conflict involving several combatants.

The Global Repercussions of Continued Conflict

For most of recent history, the problems in the Middle East have been of little interest in the West, or anywhere else in the world—except as they influenced the price of oil. This changed on September 11, 2001, when a group of Arab terrorists carried out an attack on the Twin Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, killing some 3,000 innocents. This event alerted America and other developed countries to the growing anti-West rage boiling in radicalized Muslim populations. In recent years, the global impact of troubles in the Middle East has become an issue of ever great urgency as many leftist groups have joined forces with Hamas and other Muslim-affiliated terrorist organizations to fuel conflicts in the Middle East and to spread chaos and destruction on the streets of Western cities.

The Global War That is Unfolding

With the world-wide Muslim population growing at a fast rate and on the verge of surpassing that of Christians—and some 50 countries now having Muslim-majority populations—the conflict between Islam and the West is only going to expand. We should see the current terrorism and riots as skirmishes at the outset of a war that has no precedent in history, a world-wide conflagration based on rival religious belief systems and practices, sparked by radical ideologies of conflict that seek world domination and offer no path to peace and reconciliation among the various parties to the conflict.

The Key to Peace is not Political but Ideological

Despite peace agreements, conflicts continue in the Middle East because the leaders and people of the countries involved are not party to a shared agreement as to what a peaceful region and world should look like. At the heart of the problem there are deep ideological divisions that animate the antagonists. These are rooted in the religions involved, especially the three great monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, which are used by bad actors to justify war. Currently the main threats of violence come from radical, Jihadist ideologies, but these are bringing about the formation of reactive ideologies that also justify violence in the name of preserving the status quo ante.

The World Needs a Durable, Faith-Based Ideological Solution

We have to recognize that the status quo is not acceptable, since it is not preventing the Middle East and the world from sliding into ever more darkness and violence. Against this background, we are seeking thought leaders and activists who can contribute to a realistic understanding of the crisis we are facing, and can offer effective solutions. The solutions must include an understanding of how the religions involved can be turned towards building peaceful inter-religious relationships as a foundation for policies that can pass the test of time. With this purpose in mind, we are organizing a conference for individuals and organizations willing to work together towards building a world of authentic, durable peace.

Initial Topics
The following are initial topics that touch on the core issues, and will be addressed in our first conference. We welcome proposals for presentations on these topics:

1. The roots of current conflicts and what they suggest about solutions.
2. The genesis and dangers of the unholy Marxist-Muslim alliance.
3. Repercussions from the globalization of Middle East conflicts.
4. The dangers associated with Jihadist ideologies.
5. Russia's malicious manipulation of conflicts.
6. The lethal Russia-China-Iran axis, and how it can be countered.
7. The limitations of current peace agreements and initiatives.
8. Constructive initiatives that are helping advance peace.
9. The need for educational reform in the Middle East and the West.
10. An Abrahamic alternative to a world of conflicts and bloodshed.

Organizers
The conference is being organized by the Abrahamic Peace Initiative, a Washington-based non-profit.

Co-Sponsors
The organizers welcome the co-sponsorship of individuals and organizations that share our concerns and are committed to working together to develop lasting peace for the Middle East and the world.

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