

John Kerry, Those “Illegal” Settlements, That “Two-State Solution” (Part I)

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There's a lot that has already been said about John Kerry's appalling speech defending the Obama Administration's abstention on the anti-Israel Resolution 2334 in the U.N. Security Council. Prime Minister Netanyahu noted tartly that Kerry gave insufficient attention to the long record of "Palestinian" terrorism, that he "obsessively dealt with the settlements" and ignored "the root of the conflict— which is Palestinian opposition to a Jewish state in any boundaries." (Both Theresa May, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and Julie Bishop, Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia, have deplored Kerry's attack on Israel, his obsession with the settlements and failure to grasp the full horror of "Palestinian" terrorism).

Others have pointed out that by allowing the passage of such

an extreme resolution, one that describes East Jerusalem, which includes the Old City, the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, and the oldest Jewish cemetery in the world, on the Mount of Olives, as “occupied Palestinian territory,” the Obama Administration, far from promoting that “just and lasting peace” that Kerry refers to almost as often as he does to the “two-state solution” (a “solution” only because it keeps being described as such, to be taken on faith), has now made it difficult for the Arab states, much less the “Palestinian” Arabs, to accept anything less than the return of all of East Jerusalem. And that is a demand that no Israeli administration could ever accept.

Israel has had to fight three major wars – in 1948, 1967, and 1973 – and two minor ones (the first, the Sinai Campaign of 1956, put an end to thousands of cross-border attacks by Egyptian *fedayeen*