

## ISRAELI MILITARY LEADERS AGREE:

# *Separation from the Palestinians is a Must*

Israel will ultimately be “forced to separate from the Palestinians, in one way or another.” For this reason, Israel must “outline the parameters for peace, including permanent borders.”<sup>1</sup>

### **LT. GEN. (RET.) GABI ASHKENAZI**

Fmr. IDF Chief of Staff

“Israel must put a border between itself and the vast majority of the Palestinian people.” Without the creation of a Palestinian state, Israel will experience “the end of the Zionist dream, and the Jewish state will be lost.”<sup>2</sup>

### **MAJ. GEN. (RET.) EITAN BEN ELIYAHU**

Fmr. Commander of the Israeli Air Force

“I don’t know if a diplomatic initiative [with the Palestinians] can lead anywhere, but I think it is very important. Either it will succeed, or future generations will know with absolute strategic honesty that there really was an attempt to do things differently...Security challenges don’t let us off the hook from trying.”<sup>3</sup>

### **LT. GEN. (RET.) BENNY GANTZ**

Fmr. IDF Chief of Staff

### **POPULATION BREAKDOWN<sup>4</sup>**

<b>2015</b>	52% JEWISH
<b>2020</b>	49% JEWISH
<b>2030</b>	44% JEWISH

The inescapable truth is that the creation of a demilitarized Palestinian state is not a gift to the Palestinians. The only way Israel can remain a Jewish, democratic state is if the Palestinians have a Palestinian state. Otherwise, in 2020, the population from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River will be only 49% Jewish.<sup>5</sup> It’s time for two states for two people, with a demilitarized Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace and security with the democratic Jewish homeland of Israel.

## *Israel & the Palestinians, One state or two?*



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