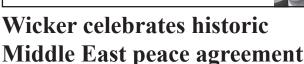
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THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Formal ties established between Israel and two Arab states

It is always an important 15 was something truly mo-

day when the Israeli Prime mentous. Hosted by Presi-Minister visits our nation's dent Trump, the Prime Mincapital, but his arrival at the ister signed a historic peace White House on September deal with leaders from two

Arab nations – the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain. This agreement, known as the Abraham Accords, is the first Arab-Israeli peace deal to be signed in more than 25 years. It is especially significant given that only two Arab countries had previously recognized the Jewish state. This agreement strengthens Israel's standing among Arab nations and gives Israel new economic partners in the region.

This landmark achievement makes possible a new

era of Arab-Israeli cooperation. It paves the way for other countries, like Saudi Arabia and Oman, to follow suit and recognize Israel. Such a development would have been impossible to imagine a generation ago, when memories of the Six-Day War and Yom Kippur War were still fresh. In both conflicts, Israel was surrounded by enemies but emerged victorious. Even in recent years, most Arab nations have refused to acknowledge Israel's legitimacy. The signing of the

Abraham Accords signals a become the world's leading strong desire to turn the page state sponsor of terror. Iran on old hostilities.

Conventional Thinking

praise for bucking the conventional wisdom and brokering this deal. For decades, about its nuclear activities. many analysts argued that a deal with Palestinian leaders before peace could be cede land to the Palestin- Iran has plotted to assassiian Authority, which is con- nate the American ambas-Hamas. This naïve approach would be a brazen act of war. ignored the fact that Palesdeal, having rejected generous offers in the past.

Israel, he boosted Israel by bassy to Jerusalem and recognizing the Golan Heights as strengthened Israel's position in the region. and sent a message that the Jewish state was not going negotiate a durable peace.

Iran Poses a **Common Threat**

in Tehran in 1979, Iran has lent region.

has also continued working President Trump Set Aside to develop nuclear weapons A treasure trove of docu-President Trump deserves ments captured by Israeli intelligence in 2018 showed that Iran lied to the world

recently, More Israel would have to strike launched an attack on Saudi oil fields in 2019 and shot down an American drone in achieved in the region. This international airspace. New meant Israel would have to reports have surfaced that trolled by the terrorist group sador to South Africa, which

The Abraham Accords tinian leaders showed little could spark a power shift in interest in striking a peace the Middle East that will create a bulwark against Iran Arab countries are realizing President Trump brought a that Iran is the greatest threat fresh approach to the situa- to regional stability and that tion. Instead of undermining cooperation with Israel is in their interest. Such partnermoving the American Em- ships would boost Israel's security and would serve American interests by reduc-Israeli territory. These actions ing the need for U.S. troops

I continue to support President Trump's sanctions on anywhere. This signal en- Iran to put pressure on the couraged the UAE and Bah- regime to change its malirain to come to the table and cious behavior. Even as we continue to exert influence in the Middle East, I hope these budding partnerships be-One of the most danger- tween Israel and more Arab ous threats to Israel contin- nations will counter Iran's ues to be Iran. Since Islamic influence and bring muchrevolutionaries seized power needed stability to a turbu-

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*Election Ballot

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Bennie G. Democrat: Thompson.

Supreme Court Justice District 1 (Central) Position 1

Kenny Griffis and Latrice Westbrooks.

Supreme Court Justice District 1 (Central) Position 2 Leslie D. King.

School Board C

Elizah J. Brooks and Earsie Lee Simpson

Election Commissioners Districts 1 - 5

Each unopposed: Elnora Johnson Patton, Loretta Tidwell, Henry L. Simpson, Augustine Winstead and Kahaliah Hogan-Cook.

Ballots Measures

Ballot Measure 1: Initiative Measure No. 65, Should Mississippi allow qualified patients with debilitating medical conditions, as certi-

fied by Mississippi licensed physicians, to use medical marijuana?

Alternative Measure No. 65 A, Shall Mississippi establish a program to allow the medical use of marijuana products by qualified persons with debilitating medical conditions?

Ballot Measure 2: House Concurrent Resolution No. 47, This amendment provides that to be elected Governor, or to any other statewide office, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes in the general election. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, then a runoff election shall be held as provided by general law. The requirement of receiving the most votes in a majority of Mississippi House of Representative's districts is removed.

Ballot Measure 3: House Bill 1796 - Flag Referendum, vote yes or no on the new state flag design.



Voters will decide on November 3, Election Day, for or against House Bill 1796 - Flag Referendum, granting a new state flag to Mississippi. (Courtesy Photo)