

Jordan's Parliament Votes To Expel Israeli Envoy Amid Tension

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The vote continues the fallout from far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich's speech in Paris while standing behind a podium with a map showing 'Greater Israel,' with borders including the Hashemite Kingdom and West Bank land

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Dr. **Oded Eran**, senior researcher at the **Institute for National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv, and former ambassador of Israel to Jordan, told The Media Line that this latest incident between the two countries is “damaging to the relationship.”

“I think it's very regretful that relations between the two states have deteriorated and is a serious damage to the interests of the two states,” Eran said.

In a speech in Paris on Sunday, Smotrich denied the existence of the Palestinian people, saying the Palestinians were “an invention” from the last century and that people like himself and his grandparents – including his 13th-generation Jerusalemite grandfather, are the “real Palestinians.” He also used a map of Israel during the speech which showed sovereign Jordanian and Palestinian territory as being inside Israel's borders.

In a statement, Jordanian Parliament Speaker Ahmad al-Safadi called on the government “to take effective measures” over the use of a map of Israel that included sovereign Jordanian and Palestinian territory. “This constitutes a violation of the peace treaty and international norms,” he added.

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