

ADDRESS BY ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER SHIMON PERES SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

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Your Majesty, The President of the United States, the President of the State of Israel, the Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Jordan Majali, my colleagues, foreign ministers, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

In addition to expressing my thanks to the President of the United States for his tremendous support, to King Hussein for his outstanding leadership, I shall do something improper and tell about my own Prime Minister he did a great job, with great courage and wisdom.

We were born as sons of Abraham. Now we have to become brothers in the family of Abraham. Not our birth, but our outlook should be different. Where a person to a person will be a host, not a hostage. That we shall mutually help each other, understand each other and permit me to say, to pray for each other. It is not just a peace of the braves, permit me to say, this is a peace of mothers with their children, born and unborn. A peace for today and a peace for tomorrow.

I see the desert here, too. Nature made it brown science will make it green. War made it dead peace will make it alive. And we shall see an entirely new landscape for us and for our neighbors.

This is the third time that we are making steps towards peace. It is not the end of the road. I hope what has happened today under the brilliant leadership of King Hussein and Yitzhak Rabin will go on, will walk on, will march on until the whole Middle East will be a region of peace, of promise and prosperity.

Now please don't forget that I am a foreign minister, so I shall take this occasion to thank our friend, the Foreign Minister of Egypt first to make peace, and supporting peace all the time.

I would like to thank the foreign ministers of Europe, and their head today, Dr. Kinkel, for their ongoing support to make this peace not just a matter of policy, but an issue of a new reality. Thank you very much.

We want to thank the United States for the Middle East it's a God-sent support. No other power has ever supported other nations who need peace as the United States did.

It is a pleasure to see the United States and Russia working together. It wasn't always the case in the Middle East. This is a new addition and we welcome it with our full heart.

We see here among us some other candidates for peace. Welcome to the club, the sooner, the better.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a great day, it is a great hope, it is a moving occasion for many of us who dreamt it. Now it became a reality. It is not just the end of war, it is the beginning of a new cooperation. Let's dream together, we got the license.

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