RELEASE IN FULL

From:

Abedin, Huma < AbedinH@state.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 8:53 AM

To:

Н

Subject:

Fw: Moscow reaffirms Soviet recognition of Palestine (Reuters)

From: OpsNewsTicker@state.gov < OpsNewsTicker@state.gov >

To: NEWS-Mahogany; NEWS-NEA

Cc: SES-O_Shift-II; SES-O_OS; SES-O_SWO

Sent: Tue Jan 18 08:51:22 2011

Subject: Moscow reaffirms Soviet recognition of Palestine (Reuters)

JERICHO (Reuters) - Russian President Medvedev on January 18 said Russia had recognized an independent Palestinian state in 1988 and was not changing that position. Speaking at a news conference with Palestinian President Abbas in Jericho, Medvedev said in Russia: "We made our decision then and we have not changed it today."

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This product reflects the gist of the stories as presented in their original publications and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.