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The story below just posted on Ynet, and it contains an inaccurate headline and lede. Both reflect, if anything, the way a question I received at a talk tonight was phrased, but not my answer. I was asked if the breakdown of negotiations represents a failure of US policy. I said, clearly we have not been as successful as we would have liked in advancing negotiations to resolve the conflict with a

two state solution, but emphasized that our effort continues, whatever happens this week at the UN. I also said that everyone who has worked to solve this conflict over the last 20 or even 60 years has been unsuccessful. I did not/not speak about a US failure, nor tie any characterization of our policy to the Pals' UN bid.

My press team just spoke to the reporter to insist that he change the headline and lede in both the English and Hebrew versions. He said he understood the objection and would make the change. We are watching now to see how it is repaired.

## US envoy: PA's UN bid is US' failure

**US Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro says Washington will not support PA's unilateral statehood initiative; reiterates administration's commitment to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through negotiations**

Ronen Medzini

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The US' Ambassador to [Israel](#) Dan Shapiro admitted Monday night that the [Palestinian UN bid](#) represents a US administration failure. He added that the US will not support a unilateral initiative made by either one of the sides in the conflict and reiterated Washington's commitment to solving the conflict through negotiation.

Speaking to students at the Lander Institute, a haredi college in Jerusalem, the ambassador added that it was clear that the US administration did not succeed in solving the conflict in the manner in which it had hoped to do so – through negotiations, and said that each side in the conflict had failed – so it was everybody's failure.

Shapiro noted that the lack of success was not recent, but one that has been ongoing for over 60 years, and yet, the sides continue to make the effort to solve the conflict.

Discussing the possibility of negotiations, Shapiro said that the US was deeply committed to the resumption of direct talks and not through unilateral moves, especially not the UN bid.

- For full coverage of PA's statehood bid click [here](#)

Yet at the same time he voiced the US' continued support for the establishment of Palestinian institutions that would create a secure environment for both sides and serve as a basis for the resumption of negotiations.

The ambassador responded to a question presented by Ynet with regards to recent statements made by senior Israeli officials over the possibility of Israel annexing Judea and Samaria and halting money transfers to the Palestinian Authority in response to the Palestinians' UN bid.

The ambassador said that the Israeli government shared a presentation with the donating nations just last week in which it expressed continued support for money transfers to the Palestinian Authority.

He noted that security cooperation between the Palestinian Authority and Israeli security forces was of the utmost importance and would facilitate a safe environment for both sides, Israelis and Palestinians, adding that it was in everyone's interest to have the cooperation continue.

In closing he reiterated the US' promise to veto the Palestinian request in the UN Security Council if the need arises.

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