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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu telephoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday night to clarify Israel's stance on a [Middle East peace](#) agreement, according to a report on Egyptian television.

It came after Mubarak blasted the prime minister for Sunday night's policy speech, saying that "Netanyahu's demand that Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish state is ruining the chance for peace."

According to Egyptian news agencies, Mubarak further added that "not Egypt, nor any other Arab country would [support](#) Netanyahu's approach" to the peace process.

Earlier Monday, a Syrian government newspaper slammed Netanyahu's speech and likened Israel's policies towards Palestinians to those of the apartheid government in South Africa towards blacks.



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Syria's state-controlled *Tishrin* published an editorial claiming that the prime minister's foreign policy address proved that Israel's interest is to allow Palestinians to live only in isolated areas, similarly to blacks in apartheid [South Africa](#).

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"The Zionist government, according to Netanyahu's speech last night, is willing to establish Palestinian cantons reminiscent of the black people's cantons in South Africa when the racist regime was in power," the editorial stated.

In his speech on Sunday evening, Netanyahu did not mention the Golan Heights, but said he wants to meet all Arab leaders and make peace, stressing that he is "willing to go to Damascus, to Riyadh, to Beirut, to any place," for this purpose.

On Saturday, US President Barack Obama's special Mideast envoy said that Syria had a key role to play in forging peace in the region, during a visit that marked the strongest US push yet to improve relations with that country.

Syria and the US share an obligation "to create conditions for negotiations to begin promptly and end successfully," George Mitchell told reporters, after a 90-minute meeting with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus.

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220. Hose-me Mubarak

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219. Amazing

Rafael - France/US (06/15/2009 22:50)

218. One of the best and thoroughly researched books on the history of Israel is:

LN - Canada (06/15/2009 22:41)

217. Perhaps the biggest problem is ignorance of this land's history - or is it selective amnesia

Nechama - USA (06/15/2009 22:36)

216. Response to #149

Laine - (06/15/2009 22:25)

215. Apartheid, S. Africa?

ACortez - USA (06/15/2009 22:21)

214. To #149 Theyaregreedy - try reading your history books about middle east history

Nechama - USA (06/15/2009 22:18)

213. To H.Ali, #152: Are you really so stupid? (Of course not. You're just a liar.)

Arnold - Canada (06/15/2009 22:11)

212. Answer to #80

James - (06/15/2009 22:03)

211. HAHHAHAHA

Joe - USA (06/15/2009 22:02)

210. #173 What are you blathering about sir?

Rose - USA (06/15/2009 21:59)

209. Netanyahu

Commander - Canada (06/15/2009 21:53)

208. The real Apartheid is in the Muslim world where no other religions are tolerated unlike Israel...

DC - USA (06/15/2009 21:52)

207. Why is it impossible to call Israel a "Jewish state"? Everyone know that Egypt is basically a Muslim state with some other minorities.

Donna - Israel (06/15/2009 21:50)

206. Hahaha, this is hilarious! The Arabs admit they don't recognise the Jewish state.

Jon - England (06/15/2009 21:42)

205. Isreal belongs to the jews Only

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203. depends on your idea of 'peace'

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202. Apartheid Syria is called the Syrian ARAB Republic although the Syrian Kurds are not Arabs

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