

US ambassador to Israel says — 'It would be fine if they took it all'

The US ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, is a Christian Zionist and Baptist minister. He recently declared that, in line with Genesis, it would be “fine” if Israel took control of the Middle East from the Nile to the Euphrates. He quickly added “but I don’t think that’s what we’re talking about here today.”

As for the Palestinian West Bank, Huckabee stated “Area C is Israel.” Sixty percent of the Palestinian West Bank is in **Area C** under military rule.

The International Court of Justice confirms all of the West Bank is **illegally occupied Palestinian territory**.

In February Israel agreed new measures which cement Israeli control. The changes will make it far easier for **settlers to purchase Palestinian land**.



A Palestinian woman with a baby walks past Israeli soldiers as they storm the Old City of Hebron in the southern West Bank during a weekly settler invasion that forces shopkeepers to close. (Mosab Shawer ActiveStills 24 Jan 2026)

A Jordanian-era law preventing the **sale of West Bank land** to anyone except Palestinians and other Arabs will be repealed. Israel will confiscate unregistered or “abandoned” land by reclassifying it as “**state property**”. In **Hebron** the military will control building permits and construction approvals. Israel will make and enforce decisions on civilian matters in **Areas A and B**, undermining the Palestinian Authority. In reality, it all adds up to **annexing the West Bank**, which breaks international law.

Strategy to expand the ‘Jewish State’

Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich is driving the changes with a long-term strategy. In 2017 he declared “*there is room for only one expression of national self-determination west of the Jordan River: that of the Jewish nation. It requires... establishing new cities and settlements deep inside the territory and bringing hundreds of thousands of additional settlers to live therein.*”

Smotrich leads the Religious Zionism party. He says Israel should take control of 82% of the West Bank after the next election, and “encourage migration” of Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank. He opposes the Gaza “ceasefire” and calls for a renewed war and direct Israeli control of the Strip. During the Gaza genocide at least 1,094 West Bank Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops and settlers, according to the UN.

Extreme right-wing settlers and their leaders Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir are allied with the Christian Zionist wing of Trump’s “Make America Great Again” movement. The US and Britain claim to oppose annexation, but do nothing to stop the legal changes or the reality on the ground.



Nour Abu Ghneim at the Aida refugee camp near Bethlehem. Worldwide protests reached FIFA / UEFA and froze Army plans to demolish the stadium. (Mosab Shawer ActiveStills)