**‘The UN is no longer the Palestinians’ playground’**

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Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, told Arutz Sheva on Sunday that in order to achieve peace, the Palestinian Authority (PA) must return to the negotiating table.

“The Palestinians are lying all the time. Abu Mazen lied to President Trump when he told him that he’s educating Palestinian kids towards peace. They are inciting. They promote terrorism. They pay salaries to terrorists who sit in our prisons,” said Danon.

“I know that the President of the United States is committed to the peace process. We appreciate the fact that he’s coming to Israel, but in order to change the reality on the ground, the Palestinians need to come back to the negotiating room and negotiate directly with us,” he added.

The fact that Trump is a businessman “is an advantage”, Danon opined. “Maybe the approach will be a better one than the one that we experienced in the past, but still it’s the Palestinians who need to change. They need to stop the incitement. They need to come back to the negotiating room.”

Danon also noted a “new spirit” towards Israel at the UN since [**U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley**](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/228618) took office.

“There's a new spirit in Washington which is coming to the UN headquarters. You feel this change in the discussions as well. They no longer focus only on Israel. The UN is no longer the Palestinian playground. Something is changing here,” he said.

As for Trump’s upcoming visit to Israel, Danon added, “We are very optimistic that it will be a successful visit that will convey a message to the world that the U.S. stands with Israel."

Since taking office, Haley has made it a priority to stop the anti-Israel bias at the UN. Most recently, [**she urged the UN Security Council**](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/228359) to devote less attention to the Arab-Israeli conflict and make Iran's "incredibly destructive" activities a priority in the Middle East.