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Relocating Embassy to Jerusalem a Destructive Step

The Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA), in no uncertain terms, condemns the proposed move by Prime Minister Morrison to relocate the Australian Embassy to Jerusalem.

The LMA urges the government to think carefully and reconsider its position on the issue of recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel as it will do nothing but amplify tensions, not only in the region, but around the world and will have devastating ramifications to Australia's international standing.

"It is deeply concerning to see our new Prime Minister even entertain the idea of following Trump in any form of policy, political ideology and or decision making process. It is a foolhardy endeavor and casts questionable assumptions as to the ethics being employed within our leadership."

"It is of the utmost importance that our leadership corrects its moral compass on its position on Israel, not only to safeguard the international legal frameworks that have been painstakingly created to help bring about peace and prosperity in the region, but to also set itself apart as a nation of shepherds, not sheep." Said Samier Dandan, President of the LMA.

Moving the Embassy and recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel will further legitimise and condone the ongoing illegal expansion of Israeli settlements on Palestinian land, the continued discrimination, displacement and vilification of the Palestinian people and the enduring sanctions on Gaza and the West Bank. All of which are deplorable and illegal under international law.

The LMA asks that the government reassess its ongoing role in international politics and become a global leader in the struggle for advocating peace and justice for all of humanity and be on the right side of history.

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