

## **Blaze in the Holly Land**

The situation in Jerusalem and elsewhere in and around Israel is sad and critical. It shows that the present policy of settlements in the Palestinian territories is unproductive and that the departure from the two-state solution in the biblical lands is unsustainable. This last policy must be reversed. Facing the current mayhem all parties involved should exercise utmost restraint.

The crisis highlights the inherent volatility of the affairs pertaining to the Palestinians, is linked with the governmental vacuum in Israel, causes uneasiness to several Arab countries and to countries well intentioned vis a vis Israel, risks disrupting efforts by the US to iron out differences pertaining to the nuclear deal (JCPOA) with Iran. One chief beneficiary stands out; Turkey's leader, taking advantage of the turmoil to pose anew as the world protector of Moslem shrines and rights, more Arab than the Arabs themselves.

Greece, staying faithful to its humanitarian traditions, should vigorously engage with the European Union partners and her regional friends with a view to stop the bloodletting and reviving the Palestinian-Israeli peace process. It is high time!

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