



His Royal Highness King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein Of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Remarks to The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Honoring Reuven Rivlin, President of the State of Israel

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Bismillah al-Rahman al-Rahim, [in the name of God, the merciful and compassionate.]

Dear friends,

My thanks to Rob [Satloff, executive director of The Washington Institute] and the Washington Institute team for inviting me to be a part of this special event.

My greetings to all attendees at this virtual gathering. I still fondly remember the wonderful evening we spent in New York last year when I was humbled to receive the Scholar-Statesman Award. And today, I extend my congratulations to this year's recipient of the honor, President Rivlin.

At a time when not only our region but our world is plagued by illness and strife, it is courage, leadership, and partnerships that are needed now more than ever to overcome differences and to bring us all closer to healthier, safer, and more peaceful shores.

Jordan has always believed in peace for the Palestinians and the Israelis as the only way forward for the region. We will never give up on this hope for our neighbors or for our neighborhood. And it is in this vein, and using this occasion and form of dialogue, that I pledge once again to continue to do everything possible to achieve the just and lasting peace that fulfills the aspirations of all sides on the basis of a two-state solution.

Congratulations, once again, to President Rivlin and my best wishes to my friends at the Washington Institute.