

# Trump and the Middle East Peace Process: Assessing His Meeting With Abbas

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**The atmospherics surrounding the summit could not have gone better for the Palestinian leader, but reviving substantive peace discussions will require more-concrete follow-on measures.**

Only recently consigned to the margins of regional priorities, the peace process once again seems high on the White House agenda. Yet the Abbas-Trump meeting only represents the final scene of the opening act of the new U.S.-led drive for Middle East peace, preceded by White House meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, and Jordanian King Abdullah. Although a full strategy is yet to emerge, the readouts of these meetings indicate the broad contours of the immediate next steps in Washington's approach. There will be two parallel tracks of U.S. engagement...

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