The UAE and Israel: A Warm Peace

The historic normalization agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Israel is transforming the Middle East. As two of the region’s most dynamic economies and vibrant societies, closer UAE-Israel ties are accelerating growth and innovation, expanding opportunities for young people, and building bonds of trust. With strong bipartisan US support, diplomatic normalization is fostering increased trade, investment, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people ties.

Weeks after the Abraham Accords announcement, the first-ever Israeli government delegation to the UAE lands in Abu Dhabi on August 31, 2020.

Key Highlights

- UAE-Israel trade is expected to reach $6.5 billion annually.
- The UAE and Israel have reached preliminary agreements to encourage bilateral investment.
- Emirati and Israeli companies are cooperating on COVID-19 research and testing.
- The UAE’s Masdar and Israel’s EDF Renewables are exploring renewable energy opportunities.
- Emirati and Israeli universities are working together on the development and ethical use of A.I.
## Key Dates and Milestones

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<td>2019</td>
<td>The UAE announced the establishment of the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi where a mosque, church, and synagogue would be co-located in the same complex.</td>
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<td>August 13, 2020</td>
<td>The US, UAE, and Israel announce a historic normalization agreement.</td>
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<td>September–December, 2020</td>
<td>Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco join the UAE in this effort, entering into normalization agreements with Israel in September, October, and December.</td>
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<td>June 12, 2020</td>
<td>Writing in an Israeli newspaper in Hebrew, UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba outlines the benefits to Israelis of pursuing peace and normalization with the UAE. A poll taken days after this article was published revealed nearly 80% of Israelis preferred normalization to annexation.</td>
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<td>September 15, 2020</td>
<td>Abraham Accords are officially signed at the White House.</td>
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<td>February, 2021</td>
<td>Mohamed Al Khaja appointed as the first UAE ambassador to Israel.</td>
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### US Support for the UAE-Israel Accord

The UAE-Israel accord has received broad bipartisan backing.

**President Joe Biden**

“The UAE’s offer to publicly recognize the State of Israel is a welcome, brave, and badly-needed act of statesmanship.”

**Former President Donald Trump**

“By uniting two of America’s closest and most capable partners in the region... this deal is a significant step towards building a more peaceful, secure, and prosperous Middle East.”

**US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ)**

“I congratulate the leaders and people of Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain for taking the courageous and historical step towards peace and cooperation.”

**Former US Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro**

“It has been a long-term, bipartisan goal to pursue normalization between Israel and Arab states. The UAE-Israel announcement is good news and breaks an important barrier. Everyone should welcome it.”

For more statements and reactions to the UAE-Israel Accord, visit [https://www.uae-embassy.org/](https://www.uae-embassy.org/)