

Why declaring Jerusalem as Israel's capital may upend peace in Middle East

WASHINGTON — President Trump will announce Wednesday that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and will begin the lengthy process of moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Although the Israeli government would welcome the acknowledgement, Palestinians and other world leaders say the move would unhinge prospects for a Middle East peace accord.

The U.S. policy has long been that the ancient city's status should be settled through negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Here's how it could cause furor in the region and with U.S. allies:

Peace process

The Arab League and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas warned the United States against recognizing Jerusalem, saying that could spark violence and set back future peace negotiations.

Abbas and others urged the White House to drop the proposal.