

Israel and UAE reach historic peace deal



Abraham Accord – the peace agreement between Israel and the UAE with the help of the US (which means that the three parties represent the three Abrahamic religions – Islam, Christianity and Judaism)

Before listening

a testament–	to stop something happening for a short time
tension –	to start to rule or control an area next to your own territory (often by force or without permission)
to annex–	an important event or discovery that helps to improve the situation
to suspend –	not afraid of danger (very brave)
a betrayal –	special connections, or friendly feelings that people have
bold–	a proof of something
a breakthrough –	a feeling of fear or anger between groups of people who do not trust each other
ties –	the act of not being loyal when other people believe you are loyal.

Complete the sentences with the words above

1. The plan to escape was _____ and simple.
2. The US _____ parts of Texas and New Mexico, which belonged to Mexico.
3. Researchers reported another important _____ in cancer research.
4. I felt a sense of _____ when my friends refused to support me.
5. Family _____ are weaker if you move a long way away.
6. Many social workers are in the front line of racial _____.
7. These positive results are a _____ to the strength of the technology sector.
8. They had to _____ a semifinal because of the bad weather.

Match the sentences halves

1. Israel and the UAE agreed
2. annex parts
3. The breakthrough was
4. advance peace
5. diplomatic
6. no relationships with
7. focus its efforts on
8. the Arab and

- a. in the Middle East
- b. Gulf Arab states
- c. Muslim world
- d. announced yesterday
- e. expanding ties
- f. to normalise relations
- g. of the West Bank
- h. relations

1. The three leaders behind the
2. bold
3. vision
4. unlock great potential
5. a historic
6. lower
7. a "betrayal" of the
8. sold out

- a. in the region
- b. by friends
- c. tensions
- d. and courage
- e. diplomacy
- f. Palestinian cause
- g. Abraham Accord
- h. day

Listen and complete the missing words

Israel and the UAE agreed to normalize relations. Israel _____ (1) plans to _____ (2) parts of the West Bank. The _____ (3) was announced yesterday by leaders of Israel, the UAE and the USA. They hope it _____ (4) peace in the Middle East. Israel has had diplomatic _____ (5) with Egypt and Jordan for decades. It has had no _____ (6) with Gulf Arab states. Israel will now focus its efforts on expanding _____ (7) with nations in the Arab and Muslim world.

The three leaders behind the Abraham Accord called it a "_____ (8) to the _____ (9) diplomacy... vision and courage of the UAE and Israel". They hope it will "unlock great potential in the region". Mr. Netanyahu called it a "historic day". The UAE called the _____ (10) a "win for diplomacy" that would lower _____ (11) and create "new energy for positive change". Palestinians called it a "_____ (12) of the Palestinian cause and equivalent of being "sold out by friends".

Listen to the news again and answer the questions

What did the UAE and Israel decide to do?

When did the news about the agreement become official? Who did it?

What might be the positive effects of the deal?

What do ordinary Muslim people think about the Accord?