Ex-Commander of UK Forces Warns of 'Another Anti-Israel Resolution' at UN

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Retired British Army Colonel Richard Kemp on Sunday warned that "there is another anti-Israel resolution in the pipeline being planned" at the United Nations Security Council as he addressed some 200 people gathered before the Houses of Parliament in London to protest of the government’s vote in favor of the recent resolution condemning Israeli as illegal.

Kemp, Jonathan Arkush, head of board of deputies of British Jews, as well as other notable names from the UK Jewish community joined the demonstrators standing in solidarity with Israel.

UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which states that Israeli settlements have "no legal validity" and are "dangerously imperiling the viability of the two-state solution", was passed by a 14-0 vote after a rare and momentous abstention by the United States.

Kemp told the audience that the resolution was part of "nothing less than an international conspiracy against Israel," in which he said he was "ashamed to say the United Kingdom is playing a leading role."

He also predicted that the upcoming conference on Mideast peace scheduled to take place in Paris on January 15 would lead to the creation of a Palestinian state based on the borders before the 1967 Six Day War.

The long-serving military commander further stated that the UNSC Resolution 2334 was itself illegal, arguing that it contravened Article 80 of the UN Charter -- and that he would be happy to personally debate anyone about the legality of the settlements.

The demonstration was organized by the Zionist Federation of the UK to “stand against UK endorsement of UN bias.”

“The Jewish community is feeling rattled,” Mandy Blumenthal told i24news after the rally. “Theresa May always says she is a friend of Israel and the Jewish people but if you treat your friends like this by stabbing them in the back voting for the resolution it gives the word 'friend' a new definition.”

"The government will hear about the demo. They will hear that the Jewish community is angry about the vote. I think it will very importantly make them think about which way they vote at the next (because there will be another) hate resolution at the UN," Blumenthal further added.

"I always go to these events, I believe it's so important to stand up for Israel. Even when you live outside of Israel we are so lucky to have Israel and it's very important to make our voices heard."

The passing of the resolution drew a swift and fierce response from Israel, which proceeded to temporarily scale back working ties with the countries that voted for the measure, and pared down its annual contribution to the United Nations by six million dollars.

Some 430,000 Israeli settlers currently live in the West Bank and a further 200,000 Israelis live in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians see as the capital of their future state.

The Middle East peace process has been comatose since a US initiative to re-launch peace talks collapsed in April 2014.