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**ARAB/ISRAELI CONFERENCE  
A SUCCESS**

A conference on the Israeli/Arab conflict sponsored by the Fred J. Hansen Institute for World Peace of San Diego State University took place at the Belmont Conference Center in Maryland from May 12 to May 16, 1987.

Participants included:

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| - Tahseen Basheer      | - Abdel Aziz Ramadan |
| - Benjamin Ben-Eliezer | - Emile Sahliyah     |
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The participants discussed the outlines of a possible settlement of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, based on the principle of the mutual recognition of the right of self-determination of the two peoples. Also discussed were various steps that could serve as confidence-building measures aimed at preparing the political climate for a settlement. Participants also called for an end to all acts of violence and for respect of human rights.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation and the mounting cycle of violence, the participants called upon all parties concerned, to continue in the genuine pursuit of peace, so as to ensure justice and security for all people in the area.

The participants underlined the need to continue and broaden the dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.