

## **“King [Abdullah II] Meets UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process”**

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Amman, 14 Oct. (Petra) - His Majesty King Abdullah II on Tuesday discussed with visiting UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East peace process, Robert Serry, developments in the peace process and current efforts to ensure momentum to reach a comprehensive settlement to Palestinian-Israeli conflict leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

During the meeting, which was attended by Foreign Minister Salaheddin Al Bashir [Salah-al-Din al-Bashir], King Abdullah stressed the need to advance Mideast peace talks despite the regional developments that include the formation of a new Israeli government as well as the upcoming US presidential elections.

His Majesty reiterated the need for the UN to help create the appropriate environment in coordination with concerned parties to help Palestinians and Israelis achieve tangible progress in the Middle East peace process.

King Abdullah said it was necessary to avoid any steps that could undermine confidence and impede peace efforts. "Halting all Israeli settlement activities in the Palestinian territories is crucial," His Majesty said.

The UN envoy, on his part, hailed the King's relentless support to the peace negotiations. He also outlined UN efforts to help realize progress in peace talks and enhance security and stability in the region.