

An Egyptian Undertaking

The Egyptian government has **agreed** to secure its side of the Egypt-Gaza border after the Israelis leave under Prime Minister Sharon's unilateral disengagement plan.

"We agreed on several steps to ensure the border from our side and to make sure that there is no weapon smuggling. I hope there will be no violation," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told Israeli reporters

He *hopes*? What seems to have escaped the attention of the entire fawning press corps is that this constitutes a public admission, at long last, that Egypt has been flagrantly violating the terms of its peace treaty with Israel in 1979:

[Article 2]: Each Party undertakes to ensure that acts or threats of belligerency, hostility, or violence do not originate from and are not committed from within its territory [...] against the population, citizens or property of the other Party [...] and undertakes to ensure that perpetrators of such acts are brought to justice.

By permitting terrorists to smuggle weapons at will across its border for a quarter of a century, in violation of the promises for which it has been lavishly rewarded, the Egyptian government has been complicit in the hundreds of murders committed with those weapons.

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