

**REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF INDIA
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Representative Office of India Celebrates 77th Independence Day of India

To mark the 77th Independence Day of India, Representative Office of India organized a Flag Hoisting ceremony at its premises. At the event, excerpts from the address of Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu were read by Representative of India Ms. Renu Yadav. The pledge of Panch Pran was also administered by Embassy officials.

A grand reception was also hosted at Millennium Hotel, Ramallah. Prime Minister of State of Palestine H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh graced the event as chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, Representative of India stated that India's Independence is a glorious and auspicious occasion for every Indian on the face of Earth, and is a celebration of India's freedom, diversity, its spirit of secularism, multiculturalism and ethnicity. On Indo-Palestinian friendly and deep-rooted relations, Representative of India stated "The friendship between our two countries is time tested. Presence of H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh here today is the embodiment of this friendship".

Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh extended the congratulations of Palestine to India on its 77th Independence Day. Addressing the gathering, PM Shtayyeh underlined that the friendship between India and Palestine is not new and that "India remains in the heart of every Palestinian. For Indians, Palestine means justice, peace, the right to self-determination, and confronting injustice and occupation". Concerning India's national movement for independence and historic relations between the two friendly nations, PM Dr. Shtayyeh affirmed that "Palestine has learned a lot from India, and the Indian-Palestinian friendship is a source of pride for us".

Cabinet Ministers, Palestinian officials, Representatives of diplomatic missions, military commanders, Indian nationals in Palestine, representatives of business sectors, and friends of India in Palestine attended the celebration.

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