

Tributes to Michael Jackson flow on 10th death anniversary

Michael Jackson's estate paid tribute to his artistry and charity Tuesday as fans make final preparations for gatherings to celebrate his memory on the 10th anniversary of the King of Pop's death. **P14**

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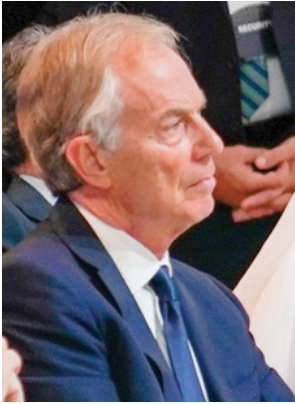
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Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will speak today at the 'Peace to Prosperity Workshop' being held in the Kingdom.

Blair served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1997 to 2007 and Leader of the Labour Party from 1994 to 2007.

He was Leader of the Opposition from 1994 to 1997. As of 2017, Blair is the last British Labour Party leader to have won a general election.

On the day that Blair resigned as Prime Minister, he was appointed the official Special Envoy of the Quartet on the Middle East, an office which he held until May 2015. He currently runs the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.



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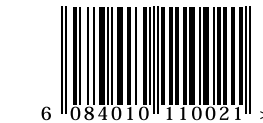
Blair joined the Labour Party shortly after graduating from Oxford in 1975. In the early 1980s, he was involved in Labour politics in Hackney South and Shoreditch, where he aligned himself with the "soft left" of the party.



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Mr Kushner details the plan at the workshop attended by HRH the Crown Prince and other dignitaries.

Kushner says US has not 'given up' on Palestine; unveils 'Peace to Prosperity' plan

● Mr Kushner said that the new plan could help double Palestine's GDP and create a million new jobs, cutting down poverty.

● The workshop was attended by HRH the Crown Prince, senior government officials, experts and dignitaries from across the world.

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Speaking at the start of a two-day workshop here yesterday, US President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, set out a plan that he said would offer the Palestinians a "more

prosperous future".

He described the proposals, which envisions \$50 billion being invested in the region over 10 years, as "the opportunity of the century".

"We wouldn't shy away from problems as there is a spring in the end. It is good to see investment coming from all over the world.

"Let us focus on peace, security and prosperity. Palestinians need freedom for worship and a better life. We have reached to this point after numerous stud-

10 years is the time of transition sought under the plan to empower the Palestinian economy and create millions of new jobs.

ies. This is a concrete plan for building tourism so that West Bank can become a blooming economy," Mr Kushner said.

Highlighting that the aim of the Trump administration is to keep people safe across the globe, he said: "Mr Trump's vision is to keep people safe in the US and throughout the world. We had the best economy ever during this period. Dignity, prosperity and security and peace is the pathway to the people."

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Singapore South Korea, Japan, Peru, Poland, China and America. We took the elements that we thought could apply and we tried to avoid the areas where we've seen mistakes and other attempts that people took over the years to try to implement these reforms.

"What we have developed is the most comprehensive economic plan that has ever been created specifically for the Palestinians and for the broader Middle East. We can turn this region from a victim of past conflicts into a model for commerce

advancement throughout the world.

"The United States and President Trump are committed to finding a better future for the Palestinians for the Israelis and for the entire Middle East. By working together we can reach our ultimate goal, which is a real peace that leads to prosperity," Mr Kushner said.

Mr Kushner urged investors from across the world to invest in the region and Palestine. "Right now the entrepreneurs have to see this region as a centre of opportunity. With a right plan, right environment along with a constructive discussion and support from the IMF this change can be made. Should we stay with a broken system or come up with new solutions?" he asked.

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Project

The most ambitious of the proposed projects is a new transportation channel between the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



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The plan allocates \$27bn for those two territories, and the remaining \$23bn for Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.