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A 'Golden Girls' friendship? Bibi, Obama bond to theme tune in Israeli video



The Israeli embassy in the United States has posted a quirky video depicting paper cut-outs of U.S. President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu high fiving each other, in an attempt to show the two officials bonding ahead of Obama's trip to Israel.

The paper puppets champion the "unbreakable alliance" between the two countries before laughing over damning news headlines about their shaky personal relationship.

The video is set to the theme tune of the U.S. hit sitcom "Golden Girls" and is part of a larger media push by the Israeli government to portray relations as nothing less than rosy.

The amusing clip ends with a link to a web page that highlights the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, which is described as "unbreakable."

Obama kick-started his visit to Israel on Wednesday; the video was named by the embassy as the visit's "Official trailer."

Icy relationship

It is no secret that prior to Obama's reelection, his personal relationship with Israel's prime minister was cool at best.

Disagreements over Israeli settlement growth, the borders of a two-state solution and the manner in which these countries should deal with Iran have caused tension in the relationship.

A less-than-stellar bond does not bode well for Israel, maintaining a happy relationship with Washington is considered crucial in the Knesset. The U.S. remains Israel's main backer in terms of regional security

This is not the first time the Israeli embassy has created cartoon videos. In November 2012, it posted an animation clip of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas driving a bus, on a path to the United Nations. It came ahead Abbas traveling to New York to seek the U.N.'s approval for upgrading the Palestinian Authority's status to non-member observer, which was granted.

But the animation attempted to show obstacles Abbas has met on his way to the United Nations. While he drives, he is met with road blocks; quotes from Obama and Netanyahu, in their previous attempts to obstruct his U.N. destination.

But an adamant-looking Abbas is persistent and carries on, mimicking Abbas' actual disregard for previous warnings from Israeli and Western officials.