

Rice: 'There will be a Palestinian state'

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WASHINGTON -- Prior to her visit to the Middle East next week, U.S. Secretary Condoleezza Rice told an Arabic broadcaster in Washington "There will be a Palestinian state." In an interview with the Al Hurra satellite television network, Rice said the conflict between Israel and Palestinians had gone on too long for both sides. "The Palestinian people have waited too long for the state," Rice said. "The Israelis have waited too long for the security that will come from having a viable and democratic neighbor. "I can't tell you that it will all be done when we are finished here, but I can tell you that there will be a Palestinian state." She went on to say Israel needed to alter its thinking on existing borders "because the future of Israel is not under the continued occupation of the West Bank. "The future of Israel is in building a strong Israeli state in places like the Negev and Galilee," Rice said.

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