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Meeting between Shimon PERES, President of Israel and Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria: - in the framework of the Righteous Among the Nations

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Presidents Shimon PERES, of Israel; and Rosen PLEVNELIEV, of Bulgaria, met today in the European Parliament. This meeting was held in the framework of the Righteous Among the Nations and in the context of the 70th Anniversary of the Rescue of the Bulgarian Jews during World War II. The Righteous Among the Nations is an honorific used by the State of Israel to describe non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save Jews from extermination by the Nazis. This meeting takes place after the inquiry into the terror attack in Bulgaria on July last year in which six people were killed, five of them Israelis. The Shiite militia Hezbollah was finally accused of this bombing and this has created several pressures on the EU to formally design Hezbollah, in control of Libano's government, as a terrorist group.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the EP, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Delegation arrival official cars; Shimon PERES, Israeli President handshake with head of protocol and with Vladimir Andreev URUTCHEV (EPP, BG) (3 shots)	00:00:28
00:00:38	Arrival of Shimon PERES, Israeli President to the exhibition ; handshake	00:00:20
00:00:58	Children singing	00:00:13
00:01:11	SOUNDBITE (English) Nickolay Mladenov Bulgarian Foreign Minister 1 minute of silence in the memory of Plamen Goranov. NOTE: A 36-year-old Bulgarian artist who set himself alight at the city hall in the Black Sea port of Varna on Feb. 20. Goranov has become a symbol for the hundreds of thousands of protesters who first took to the streets last month in anger over high utility bills, triggering the right-of-centre cabinet's resignation and the calling of a new election in May.	00:00:12

00:01:23	SOUNDBITE (English) Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria: "Today we pay tribute to the memory of millions of innocent victims of the holocaust. Today here at the heart of the United Europe we do not just remember those who died in those dark pages of our history but we stand behind our common future and our share goals for democracy, human rights and justice. The EU is a project of peace there has been so many sings about that but we also received the Nobel Price for peace and that is such a significant moment for all of us".	00:00:46
00:02:09	Delivery of Medals	00:00:19
00:02:28	SOUNDBITE (English) Shimon PERES, President of Israel "Rarely you can see people that at one hand is very modest, almost quiet. On that hand is very heroic. Silently heroic deeply modest and otherwise a great example of courage and humanity can be. I want to thank your people, the union leaders, the simple people in the streets who took the risk, because it was a risk to save the Jewish community most of them in Bulgaria".	00:00:56
00:03:24	SOUNDBITE (English) Shimon PERES, President of Israel "I know that Bulgaria is going trough an economic crisis. Better an economic crisis, a historical shame. Better worried than death in wars or in gas camps. It is a great lesson".	00:00:28
00:03:52	SOUNDBITE (English) Shimon PERES, President of Israel "You know many people are criticising you and saying the Union is not perfect and the crisis is worrying. All these people compare Europe to what they would like to see in a perfect way. They forget to compare Europe with the actual past that Europe has experienced in thousand years. Thousand years of hate, of impatience, of killing each other. And now, even the present occasion is not perfect. It is right, it is the best alternative. It is worth fighting for it, it is worth teaching it for prosperity".	00:01:04
00:04:56	END	00:00:00