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1st PALESTINIAN: It's a famous day. It's- everybody is happy because we will take our wives and we will establish our state here in Palestine. It will be a peace here.

2nd PALESTINIAN: We think that Arafat, he made a big disaster against the Palestinian people.

ANNOUNCER: Live from Washington, Crossfire. On the left, Mike Kinsley. On the right, John Sununu. Tonight, Through Palestinian Eyes. In the crossfire, Bishara Bahbah, member of the Palestinian delegation at the multilateral peace talks; Naseer Aruri, member of the Palestinian parliament in exile. And in Dallas, Nihad Awad of the Islamic Association for Palestine.

MIKE KINSLEY: Good evening. Welcome to Crossfire. At a White House ceremony on Monday, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization will sign their historic peace agreement, but that doesn't mean there will be peace. Some Israeli Jews and some Palestinian Arabs bitterly oppose this deal, and whether through politics or move violent means, they may be able to block it. On Wednesday, Crossfire presented the debate among Israelis. Tonight we will look at the debate among the Palestinians. Did Yasir Arafat sell out too cheap? He got limited autonomy, not a real Palestinian state, at least for now. He got nothing on Jerusalem, which Jews and Arabs both claim as their capital. More fundamentally, by recognizing Israel's right to exist, he gave up forever the Palestinian claim on all the territory they lost with the founding of the Jewish state in their midst 45 years ago. For some Palestinians, that is still too bitter a pill to swallow. John?