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## **Archaeologists Affirm Israel's Rights**

It is extremely unfortunate that Jerusalem's mayor has succumbed to threats of violence and discontinued archaeological digs near the Temple Mount. First, giving in to blackmail is of course a counter-productive policy. More importantly, however, the work being undertaken in Jerusalem is expected to reaffirm that Jewish holy sites - and hence settlement of the Holy Land - preceded Muslim occupation by many centuries. This has huge implications for the political debate about ownership of the land. Hence it is no surprise that the Muslim world is resisting the digs tooth and nail.

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