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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States continues to press for Israeli-Palestinian direct peace talks to advance despite Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to allow a temporary freeze on settlement construction to expire, the U.S. State Department said September 26.

"We keep pushing for the talks to continue," said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley in a brief statement, adding that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had spoken to Netanyahu twice on September 26.