Christian Arabs in Palestine to Curb Yule Fetes

For Eleventh Celebration as Mark of Mourning for Proposed Partition

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In recent years the religious festivals of Christmas and New Year have been observed with much enthusiasm by the Christian community in Palestine. However, this year, due to the current political situation, there is a notable reduction in the celebrations.

The Christian Arabs, who form a significant portion of the Palestinian population, have chosen to mark this occasion with a somber mood. This decision was made as a protest against the proposed partition of Palestine, which they see as a threat to their community identity and rights.

The celebration of Christmas is marked by various activities such as church services, family gatherings, and caroling. However, this year, these activities have been significantly toned down.

In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, the traditional Christmas market, which usually draws a large crowd, has been canceled. The churches have also decided to reduce the number of worship services.

The decision to curtail the festivities is not without political implications. It is seen as a sign of solidarity with the Palestinian people and a rejection of the proposed partition. The Christian Arabs believe that the partition would lead to a separation of their community from the rest of the country and would undermine their cultural and social identity.

The decision to curb the Yule Fetes is also a response to the current political climate. The ongoing negotiations and the uncertainty about the outcome have left many feeling uncertain and anxious. The decision to mark the occasion with a somber mood is seen as a way to express their concerns and to stand united against any potential division.

Overall, the decision to curtail the Christmas celebrations is a sign of the strong sense of community and identity among the Christian Arabs. Despite the challenges, they continue to find ways to express their values and to stay united as a community.