

LIVE BLOG: Western Countries Recognize Palestine as Israel Intensifies Its Airstrikes on Gaza – Day 718

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Israel has continued to use starvation of civilians as a weapon of war against Palestinians in Gaza.(Photo: via QNN)

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Britain, Australia, Portugal, and Canada formally recognized the State of Palestine on Sunday, bringing the total number of recognizing states to 148 out of 193 UN members.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces continued heavy bombardment across Gaza on Sunday, killing at least 20 Palestinians as UN agencies warned of mass displacement, famine, and an escalating humanitarian catastrophe.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 65,344 and injured 166,795 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Tue, Sep 23, 12:09 AM (Palestine Time)

‘Gaza Is Burning’: How Zionist Hate Fuels Genocide

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel’s war minister, Israel Katz, declared with characteristic Zionist hubris: “Gaza is burning.” His words were not a battlefield report or a measured account of military progress.

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Mon, Sep 22, 11:52 PM (Palestine Time)

How Transmission of Indigenous Foodways Provide a Powerful Path of Resistance

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Al-Qassam Brigades released a video of Israeli captive Alon Oham denouncing Netanyahu and Ben-Gvir, accusing the government of seeking to kill prisoners as the group warned of a looming war of attrition in Gaza City.

Mon, Sep 22, 11:43 PM (Palestine Time)

Abbas: We Want a Demilitarized Palestinian State

UNITED NATIONS: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called for an immediate end to the war, lifting the siege, and releasing hostages. He said Hamas and other factions must hand over weapons to the Palestinian Authority and declared his vision for a demilitarized Palestinian state. Abbas also committed to holding elections within a year after the war and reiterated recognition of Israel's right to exist, while urging Israel to halt settlement expansion and sit at the negotiating table.

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UNGA President: Gaza's Children Have Been Living in Terror for 700 Days

UNITED NATIONS: UN General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock said Gaza's children have lived in terror for over 700 days, citing the cases of Hind Rajab and Israeli child Kfir Bibas as symbols of the world's failure. She warned against settlement expansion in the West Bank and stressed that Resolution 181 laid the foundation for the two-state solution, which remains the only path to peace. She said the New York Declaration was supported by 142 member states and affirmed the need for a sovereign Palestinian state within recognized borders.

Mon, Sep 22, 11:43 PM (Palestine Time)

How Transmission of Indigenous Foodways Provide a Powerful Path of Resistance

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Despite Israel's escalating violence that it hopes will drive out remaining Palestinians from their land, the Gaza Soup Kitchen refuses to give up.

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Kallas: EU to Discuss Sanctions on Israel

AL-JAZEERA: EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said that all European countries support the two-state solution, while stressing that recognition of a Palestinian state is an individual decision for each country. She added that the EU is working to improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and will discuss the possibility of imposing sanctions on Israel next month. Kallas also said the EU supports sanctions on Hamas leaders as a means of pressure.

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Gaza Death Toll Rises as Israeli Attacks Force Shutdown of Children's Hospital

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Sixty-one Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks in the last 24 hours, raising the death toll to 65,344 since October 2023, Gaza's Health Ministry announced on Monday.

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Channel 12: Trump May Present Plan to End Gaza War Tomorrow

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 quoted American officials as saying that President Donald Trump and his envoy Steve Witkoff may present a plan tomorrow, Tuesday, to Arab and Muslim leaders to end the war in Gaza. The report cited an Israeli official who said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu already knows some details of Trump's plan and that Israel may be forced to accept parts of it. Netanyahu is expected to discuss the plan with Trump during their meeting at the White House. Earlier, the White House announced that Trump will hold a "multilateral meeting" with Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Turkey, Pakistan, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, and Jordan.

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Heavy Shelling on Al-Shati Refugee Camp

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces carried out heavy artillery shelling on Al-Shati refugee camp, west of Gaza City.

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France, 10 Other Countries, to Recognize Palestine ahead of UN Summit

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The wave of international recognition of a Palestinian state continues, as France, along with 10 other countries, prepares to officially announce its recognition during a summit held on Monday at the United Nations headquarters in New York to discuss the future of the two-state solution in light of Israel's ongoing genocidal war in the Gaza Strip.

Mon, Sep 22, 8:23 PM (Palestine Time)

US Considers Sanctioning the International Criminal Court

REUTERS: According to sources cited by Reuters, the United States is considering imposing sanctions on the entire International Criminal Court (ICC) in response to its ongoing investigation into Israeli war crimes.

Mon, Sep 22, 8:21 PM (Palestine Time)

News Roundup: Massacres in Gaza, Escalation in West Bank, Heightened International Pressure

Gaza Genocide Updates:

Hospital sources in Gaza report that 37 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since dawn today, with 30 of the casualties in Gaza City alone.

Separate reports detail a series of airstrikes and artillery attacks, including an Israeli strike that killed 7 people in a residential building in central Gaza City and another that targeted the Tal al-Hawa neighborhood.

The Israeli army has demolished buildings in southern Khan Yunis.

Palestinian resistance groups report continued fighting, with the Qassam Brigades targeting an Israeli tank with a powerful explosive device in southern Gaza City.

The Israeli army acknowledged intercepting a rocket fired from Gaza today, and earlier, a rocket aimed at Nahal Oz.

The Gaza Ministry of Health announced that Al-Rantisi Children's Hospital and the Al-Oyun Eye Hospital are now out of service due to continuous shelling. The ministry accused Israel of systematically targeting the health system in the Gaza governorate.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that Israel is "determined to achieve all the goals of our war," not just in Gaza but on other fronts, to provide security and victory. This comes as demonstrations continue outside his home in Jerusalem, with protesters demanding an end to the war and the return of hostages.

The Qassam Brigades released a video of an Israeli captive, Alon Ohayon, who called on the US government to stop supporting Netanyahu's decisions and urged the American envoy to not let Netanyahu "kill us."

The Israeli army confirmed that a Givati Brigade officer was seriously injured in a clash in Gaza City and that an officer was moderately wounded in a separate incident in northern Gaza.

European Response to Palestine Recognition:

A European official told The Washington Post that they are prepared to respond with "harsh" measures if Israel retaliates against recent recognitions of a Palestinian state by annexing the West Bank. The European Commission may consider imposing trade sanctions on West Bank settlement exports.

The UK's Foreign Secretary confirmed that a Palestinian state is a fundamental right and that Britain has now officially recognized it, calling it a step towards a two-state solution. She noted that the UK has placed restrictions on arms exports to Israel and sanctioned individuals in the Israeli government.

The Foreign Minister of Ireland said that while recognition is important, it is "not enough," and real action is needed to stop the genocide and famine in Gaza.

The Prime Minister of Scotland welcomed the recognition, urging the UK government to use it to pressure Israel and immediately stop the "genocide."

The government of Germany stated there is "no alternative" to a two-state solution.

The UN Secretary-General's spokesperson, Stéphane Dujarric, told Al-Jazeera that the upcoming New York conference is more than symbolic and that the international community must "overcome Israel's approach of intimidation."

The Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson warned that the Israeli attack on Qatar puts all agreements in the region at risk, as it targeted the very principle of peaceful mediation.

Human Rights Watch called on world leaders to take urgent action to stop Israel's genocide and crimes against Palestinians in Gaza.

Flotilla Statement:

The “Flotilla of Resilience” group condemned Israel’s attempts to “criminalize” their humanitarian mission, calling it an effort to “delegitimize aid and justify aggression.”

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Gaza Health Ministry: 61 Killed by Israeli Fire in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health reported that hospitals in the Strip received 61 bodies and 220 wounded over the past 24 hours. It added that the overall death toll from the Israeli aggression since October 7, 2023, has risen to 65,344, with 166,795 injured.

Mon, Sep 22, 1:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Kremlin: Two-State Solution the Only Path to Middle East Settlement

REUTERS: The Kremlin, as reported by Reuters, said that Russia continues to believe that the two-state solution is the only way to resolve the conflict in the Middle East.

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Netanyahu Vows to Continue Until War Goals Achieved

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel will continue to act firmly until it achieves all the goals of the war to secure its future in what he called its land.

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Birzeit University: Campus Assault Targets Palestinian Education

BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY: Birzeit University said that Israeli occupation forces stormed the university campus at dawn, damaging property and distributing threatening leaflets. The forces also assaulted campus guards, injuring two of them. The university described the incident as part of an organized policy targeting Palestinian higher education.

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West Bank Raids Continue: Israeli Forces Storm Cities, Birzeit University

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli occupation army has carried out a widespread arrest campaign in several cities in the West Bank, including the storming of Birzeit University, Ramallah.

Mon, Sep 22, 12:39 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Drone Strike Wipes Out Family in South Lebanon, Three Children Killed

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: An Israeli drone strike targeted a motorcycle in the southern Lebanese town of Bint Jbeil on Sunday, killing five people, including three children, with several others wounded, according to a preliminary toll released by the Health Emergency Operations Center at Lebanon’s Ministry of Public Health.

Mon, Sep 22, 12:39 PM (Palestine Time)

300 Settlers Storm Al-Aqsa Mosque

AL-JAZEERA: Sources told Al Jazeera that around 300 settlers stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from Israeli occupation forces.

Mon, Sep 22, 12:39 PM (Palestine Time)

18 Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 18 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire since dawn today, including 14 in Gaza City.

Mon, Sep 22, 11:15 AM (Palestine Time)

‘Let’s Block Everything’: Italy’s General Strike Demands End to Genocide in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Workers and students across Italy joined an unprecedented general strike and mass demonstrations on Monday to demand an end to the genocide in Gaza and to cut ties with Israel.

Mon, Sep 22, 10:45 AM (Palestine Time)

China Calls on International Community to Push for Gaza Ceasefire

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY: China’s Foreign Ministry stressed that the international community must urgently push forward toward a comprehensive ceasefire in the Gaza Strip as quickly as possible.

Mon, Sep 22, 10:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Ben Gvir: If I Were Prime Minister I Would Arrest Mahmoud Abbas

ISRAELI NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER ITAMAR BEN GVIR: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said that if he were prime minister, he would immediately arrest Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

Mon, Sep 22, 10:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Continue

Two Palestinians Killed by Israeli Drone Fire in Tel Al-Hawa

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Emergency and ambulance sources reported that two young Palestinians were killed by Israeli drone fire in the Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, southwest Gaza City.

Two Killed in Israeli Strike on Displaced Persons’ Tent West of Nuseirat

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital reported that two Palestinians were killed and others wounded in an Israeli airstrike on a displaced persons’ tent in the Al-Sawarha area, southwest of Nuseirat in central Gaza.

Gaza Death Toll Since Dawn Rises to 15

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli army fire since dawn on Monday has risen to 15, including 7 in Gaza City.

Mon, Sep 22, 6:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestine Hails Recognition as a 'Historic Moment'

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestine’s permanent representative to the UN, Riyad Mansour, described the growing number of countries recognizing a Palestinian state as a “historic moment” to be built upon.

He called the recognition by Britain a “step in the right direction” toward correcting the course and achieving justice for the Palestinian people’s rights, including their right to self-determination.

Mon, Sep 22, 3:44 AM (Palestine Time)

News Round up: Israeli Military Raids in West Bank and Flotilla Monitored by Drones

Birzeit University Raid:

The Israeli army raided the Palestinian Birzeit University north of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank early Monday.

According to state-run Palestine TV, Israeli forces stormed the university. Social media users also shared video clips that showed Israeli military vehicles inside and at the gates of the university.

Raids Near Jerusalem:

Palestinian media sources report that Israeli forces also raided the towns of Qatanna and Al-Qubeiba in the northwestern part of occupied Jerusalem.

Reconnaissance Drones:

An Al-Jazeera correspondent reports that reconnaissance drones have been seen flying over several ships belonging to the “Flotilla of Resilience,” which is attempting to break the blockade on Gaza.

Mon, Sep 22, 1:00 AM (Palestine Time)

News Roundup: Israeli Raids and International Reactions to Palestine Recognition

Attacks on Northern Gaza:

An Al-Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli warships opened fire on areas in northwestern Gaza City.

Damage to Hospital:

Al-Quds Hospital was damaged by a series of intense Israeli airstrikes on the Tal al-Hawa neighborhood in southern Gaza City.

Raids Near Jerusalem:

Israeli forces raided the towns of Qatanna and al-Qubeiba, northwest of occupied Jerusalem.

Settler Takeover in Hebron:

Wafa, the official Palestinian news agency, reported that dozens of extremist Israeli settlers seized a Palestinian home in the Al-Ja’bary neighborhood of the Old City of Hebron, raising Israeli flags on it.

Israel Condemns Recognition:

The Israeli Embassy in London expressed its rejection of Britain’s recognition of a Palestinian state, alongside Australia, Canada, and Portugal. The embassy claimed that such recognition is a “reward for terrorism” and “harms the chances for peace in the region.”

Hamas Welcomes Recognition:

A leader of the Hamas movement, Mahmoud Mardawi, welcomed the recognition of a Palestinian state by the Western countries, calling it a “victory for the Palestinian right and the justice of our cause.”

Threats Against France:

An unnamed Israeli minister told the UK’s Telegraph newspaper that France will pay a “heavy price” for its efforts to pressure Israel to stop its genocide in Gaza.

The minister claimed that this is in response to French President Emmanuel Macron’s “maneuvers” to impose new pressure on Israel.

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Continuous Strikes on Tel Al-Hawa Neighborhood in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: An Al Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli warplanes are currently carrying out continuous airstrikes on the Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood in southwest Gaza City.

Sun, Sep 21, 11:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Portugal Officially Recognizes the State of Palestine

PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY: Portugal’s foreign minister announced that Portugal has formally recognized the State of Palestine, following a series of similar recognitions by Britain, Canada and Australia today.

Sun, Sep 21, 11:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Channel: US Secretary of State Rubio Gave Green Light to Expand West Bank Control

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 15 quoted a political source claiming that US Secretary of State Marco Rubio gave Israel a green light to impose sovereignty in the West Bank.

Sun, Sep 21, 8:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Recognition of Palestine Affirms Our People’s Right to Statehood

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said recent international recognitions of Palestine are an important step in affirming the Palestinian people’s right to their land and statehood with Jerusalem as its capital, stressing that such recognition must be accompanied by urgent measures to stop Israel’s ongoing genocide in Gaza.

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Netanyahu: There Will Be No Palestinian State

REUTERS: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared there will never be a Palestinian state, vowing to respond to recognition efforts after returning from the United States. He accused world leaders of rewarding terrorism by recognizing Palestine after October 7.

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Heavy Israeli Bombardment on Al-Shati Refugee Camp

AL-JAZEERA: Intense Israeli airstrikes targeted Al-Shati refugee camp in western Gaza City, causing widespread destruction.

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US State Department: Rubio Discusses Gaza with Saudi FM

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The State Department said US Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke with his Saudi counterpart about efforts to release Israeli captives and facilitate humanitarian aid into Gaza, while reaffirming US commitment to Gulf security.

Sun, Sep 21, 8:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Wave of Recognition: Britain, Australia, and Canada Formally Acknowledge Palestine

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Britain, Australia, and Canada formally recognized the State of Palestine on Sunday, with Portugal set to follow, bringing the total number of recognizing states to 147 out of 193 UN members.

Sun, Sep 21, 1:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Four More Deaths from Starvation in Gaza

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health announced that four Palestinians died in the past 24 hours due to starvation and malnutrition, raising the total number of such deaths to 440, including 147 children, amid Israel's ongoing suffocating blockade of the devastated Strip.

Sun, Sep 21, 12:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Hospitals Report Rising Death Toll as UNRWA Confirms 1.9 Million Displaced

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces continued heavy bombardment across Gaza on Sunday, killing at least 20 Palestinians as UN agencies warned of mass displacement, famine, and an escalating humanitarian catastrophe.

Sun, Sep 21, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Ten Israeli Soldiers Injured in Gaza Vehicle Incident as Rocket Fire Reported

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ten Israeli soldiers were injured when a military jeep overturned near Gaza City, as Israeli forces continue their large-scale invasion of the Strip.