



UN says ready for  
Gaza aid surge set  
out in Trump plan  
Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations said yesterday it remains ready to increase aid flows into the Gaza Strip once conditions allow, following the unveiling of US President Donald Trump's peace plan for the Palestinian territory.

The UN declared a famine in Gaza last month, blaming "systematic obstruction" of humanitarian deliveries by Israel.

Trump's wide-ranging 20-point plan, outlined Monday, says "full aid will be immediately sent into the Gaza Strip".

The proposal says the entry and distribution of aid will proceed "without interference", via the United Nations, its agencies and the Red Crescent, among others.

Qatar says meeting  
on Gaza plan to be  
held with Hamas,  
Turkey later  
Tuesday

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatar said it was set to hold talks with Hamas negotiators, Egypt and Turkey yesterday to discuss US President Donald Trump's Gaza plan, adding that Hamas would study it "responsibly".

Qatar and Egypt handed the proposal to Hamas on Monday, and "the (Hamas) negotiating delegation promised to study it responsibly," foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari told a press conference.

"There will also be another meeting today, also attended by the Turkish side, with the negotiating delegation."

The head of Egyptian intelligence and his Turkish counterpart were in Doha he said, to take part in negotiations. "It is still too early to speak about responses, but we are truly optimistic that this plan, as we said, is a comprehensive one," Ansari added.

Kremlin backs  
Trump's Gaza plan

Moscow, Russia

The Kremlin said yesterday it supported US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan to end the war in Gaza.

"Russia always supports and welcomes any efforts by President Trump aimed at ending this ongoing tragedy," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including AFP, on a daily briefing call. "Of course, we want this plan to be implemented and for it to help bring events in the Middle East to a peaceful conclusion," he added.

# Muslim states join European powers in backing Trump Gaza plan

● Israel's Netanyahu says army 'will remain in most of Gaza'

● Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz calls Trump plan 'best chance' to end Gaza war

● China says backs all Gaza de-escalation efforts after Trump plan

● Israel far-right minister Bezalel Smotrich calls Trump Gaza plan 'resounding diplomatic failure'

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Key Muslim nations have thrown their weight behind a plan by US President Donald Trump to end the war in Gaza, even as some Palestinians decried the proposal as a "farce".

Eight Arab or Muslim-majority nations said they "welcome the role of the American president and his sincere efforts aimed at ending the war in Gaza".

In a joint statement, they said they "affirm their readiness to engage positively and constructively with the United States and the parties toward finalising the agreement and ensuring its implementation".

The countries include Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey -- which all recognise Israel, although some have turbulent relationships.

Another signatory was Qatar, which has played a key mediatory role, and Saudi Arabia, whose future normalisation with Israel is a key goal for Trump and Netanyahu.

Indonesia and Pakistan, the world's two most populous Muslim-majority countries, also signed.

However, Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian armed group fighting alongside Hamas in Gaza, called the plan "a recipe for continued aggression against the Palestinian people".

"Through this, Israel is attempting -- via the United States -- to impose what it could not achieve through war," it said.

Residents in Gaza expressed scepticism, dismissing the plan as a trick to release hostages that would not end the war.

"We as a people will not accept this farce," said Abu Mazen Nassar, 52.

Foreign backing

Several European leaders voiced support Tuesday for Trump's Gaza plan, with Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz calling it the "best chance" to end the war as he met relatives of German-Israeli hostages held by Hamas.

In Russia, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the situation in Gaza an "ongoing

## Gaza civil defence says 41 killed in Israeli attacks

Nuseirat, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency and hospitals said yesterday that Israeli forces killed at least 41 people across the territory, including 17 near an aid distribution centre.

The Israeli military has pressed on with its offensive even as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu voiced support for US President Donald Trump's plan to end the war.

Officials from Gaza's civil defence agency -- a rescue force operating under Ha-

mas authority -- said 17 people were shot dead by Israeli forces near an aid distribution site near the Wadi Gaza bridge in central Gaza.

Al-Awda hospital confirmed receiving 17 bodies and said 33 people were wounded.

The civil defence added that 15 more people were killed in several strikes in Gaza City, from where hundreds of thousands have been forced to flee due to Israeli air and ground assaults. Nine others were killed elsewhere in the territory, it said.

## Hamas will 'pay in hell' unless it accepts plan within days: Trump

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that Hamas will face severe consequences if it does not accept within a few days his Gaza peace deal that calls for the disarmament of the Palestinian militant group.

"We have one signature that

we need, and that signature will pay in hell if they don't sign. I hope they sign for their own good and create something really great," Trump told US generals and admirals in Quantico, Virginia.

He earlier told reporters he was giving Hamas "three or four days" to respond to the proposed deal.



Protesters shout slogans against the visit to the US of Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Lafayette Square in Washington, DC

## Spain to probe firms tied to occupied Palestinian territories

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spain's leftist government said yesterday it will investigate companies that advertise products or services in the country that originate in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories.

The measure follows the approval of a decree last week that bans the promotion of such goods and services in Spain to prevent firms from benefiting from the occupation, the consumer ministry said in a statement.

The decree is part of a pack-

age of measures that includes an arms embargo on Israel aimed at halting what Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called "the genocide in Gaza".

Consumer Affairs Minister Pablo Bustinduy said earlier this year his office would use "all necessary resources" to ensure no company operating in Spain profits from the occupation.

"No firm should have its balance sheet stained with the blood of the Palestinian people," the statement quoted him as saying at an event in July.

## Assailant killed after West Bank ramming attack injures two: Israeli military, medics

Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said security forces killed an assailant who carried out a ramming attack in the occupied West Bank yesterday, which medics said injured two people.

Israel's Magen David Adom (MDA) emergency services said it received a report of a ramming attack near the Al-Khader junction near Bethlehem at 2:25 pm (1125 GMT).

"We quickly arrived at the scene with large forces and saw two teenagers who had been hit by a vehicle," MDA said in a statement.

"A boy of about 15 was lying on the ground, semi-conscious, and the other was fully conscious," it said, adding that the teenagers were suffering from head and limb injuries and were taken to hospitals.

The two were students in a Jewish religious seminary in Jerusalem, according to the Gush Etzion regional council where the attack took place.

tragedy".

"We want this plan to be implemented and for it to help bring events in the Middle East to a peaceful conclusion," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said Beijing "supports all efforts conducive to easing tensions between Palestine and Israel".

Trump also won UK and French backing from Prime Minister Keir Starmer and President Emmanuel Macron for his plan, which includes a call for a transitional body in Gaza involving former British premier Tony Blair.

Blair, a former envoy for the diplomatic Middle East Quartet of the UN, United States, EU and Russia, called it a "bold and intelligent plan" that could bring "immediate relief" to Gaza and a "brighter and better future" if agreed.

European Council chief Antonio Costa urged all parties to "seize this moment to give peace a genuine chance", adding that the situation in Gaza was "intolerable".

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez -- who has accused Israel of committing "genocide" in Gaza -- said Madrid "welcomes the peace proposal", adding that a two-state solution was "the only one possible".

Army will remain

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Israeli military would stay in most of Gaza, after he gave his backing to a peace plan for the Palestinian territory unveiled by US President Donald Trump.



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Welcome the announcement yesterday by @POTUS, intended to achieve a ceasefire & sustainable peace for Gaza & for the region. I further appreciate the important role of Arab & Muslim states in working to this end. It is now crucial that all parties commit to an agreement and its implementation.

@antonio gutierrez

02



Today, on the auspicious occasion of Maha Ashtami, I went to Delhi's Chittaranjan Park to take part in the Durga Puja celebrations. Chittaranjan Park is known for its strong association with Bengali culture. The celebrations truly reflect the spirit of unity and cultural vibrancy in our society. Prayed for everyone's happiness and wellbeing.

@narendramodi

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Chuck Schumer once recognized that it was disastrous to give illegal aliens rewards for breaking the law. Now he wants to shut down the government unless we... reward illegal aliens for breaking the law.

@VP

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@POTUS has always been clear regarding his priorities regarding the Gaza conflict: bring the hostages home and end the war. His visionary plan for peace makes both goals attainable. It is not only bold and comprehensive, but a means to securing lasting peace in the Middle East.

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