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Canada follows France and UK with plan to recognise Palestinian state

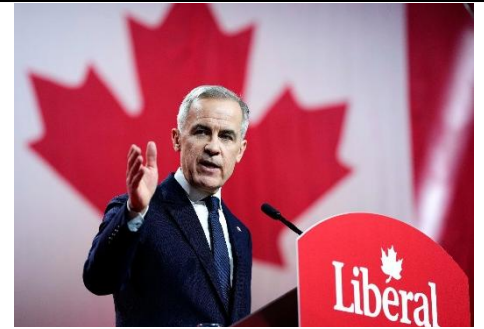
July 31, 2025 [bbc.com](#) reported: “Prime Minister Mark Carney has said Canada plans to recognise a Palestinian state in September, becoming the third G7 nation to make such an announcement in recent days.

Carney said the move depends on democratic reforms, including the Palestinian Authority holding elections next year without Hamas.

His remarks come a day after the UK announced it would recognise a Palestinian state in September unless Israel agreed to a ceasefire and other conditions and a week after France unveiled a similar plan.

Israel’s foreign ministry rejected Canada’s announcement, calling it ‘a reward for Hamas’. Most countries – 147 of the UN’s 193 member states – formally recognise a Palestinian state.

Carney said Canada would formally recognise the state of Palestine at the upcoming UN General Assembly. He cited the expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza, and the 7 October 2023 attacks on Israel by Hamas as reasons behind Canada’s dramatic shift in foreign policy...”



Canada Prime Minister Mark Carney

Russian Earthquake the Sixth Largest in Seismic History

July 31, 2025 [breitbart.com](#) reported: “The massive 8.8 earthquake off Russia’s coast, which prompted tsunami warnings that sent coastal dwellers as far away as Southern California inland late Tuesday night, is one of the largest ever recorded.

The quake hit an area about 85 miles east of Kamchatsky, on the southeastern coast of the Kamchatka peninsula. So far, there have been no reports of deaths or serious injuries, according to news outlets.

It is the largest seismic event to occur globally since the 9.0 Tohoku, Japan, earthquake in 2011, and among the top ten largest earthquakes to occur globally since 1900, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

It struck Wednesday morning local Russian time, which was still Tuesday in the United States...”

Trump Rejects Starmer’s Decision to Recognize Palestinian

July 30, 2025 [breitbart.com](#) reported: “President Donald Trump disagreed Tuesday with United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer’s announcement that he would recognize a Palestinian state in September, calling it a ‘reward for Hamas.’

Trump responded to Starmer while on Air Force One en route back to the United States after a visit to Scotland, during which he sealed a trade deal with the European Union and brokered peace, from a distance, between Thailand and Cambodia.

Though the two leaders had seemed to be on the same page at a Monday press conference regarding Gaza, Starmer took an extra step — one he had not signaled in advance, Trump said...

Trump’s language paralleled that of Israel’s foreign ministry, which likewise called Starmer’s announcement a ‘reward for Hamas.’ Starmer followed in the wake of French President Emmanuel Macron, who made a similar announcement last week. The UK prime minister also said that he expected Hamas to release all of its hostages, to disarm, and to accept that it could not participate in any future Palestinian government...”

Kremlin says ‘committed’ to peace in Ukraine after Trump’s new deadline

July 30, 2025 [spacewar.com](#) reported: “Russia is still committed to achieving peace in Ukraine, the Kremlin said Tuesday, in the first reaction to US President Donald Trump cutting his deadline for Moscow to cease fire in the conflict.

The US president earlier said he would slash his initial 50-day deadline to ‘about 10 or 12 days’ and that he was not interested in talking to Russian President Vladimir Putin anymore.

‘We have taken note of President Trump’s statement yesterday. The SVO (special military operation) continues,’ spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, using Russia’s term for its offensive...”

Report: UK mulls recognition of Palestinian state, new initiative to end war

July 29, 2025 ynetnews.com reports: “British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is expected to unveil a U.K.-led initiative in the coming days aimed at ending the war between Israel and Hamas. The proposal, which includes a framework for recognizing a Palestinian state, will be shared with key allies, including President Donald Trump and several Arab nations. The plan seeks to map out steps for transforming a ceasefire into a durable peace.

On Monday, Starmer met Trump in Scotland at one of the president’s golf courses. During their meeting, Trump addressed the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the ongoing talks: ‘I hope the food going in is reaching those in need, but Hamas is taking it. It’s a very difficult situation. It’s hard to deal with Hamas, but we have to meet humanitarian needs. Israel has to ensure the food gets to the people — it has that responsibility.’

...Ahead of their meeting, Trump said he would not object if Starmer advocated for recognizing a Palestinian state, though he would not do so himself. ‘Right now, I’m focused on feeding people,’ he said. ‘That’s the top priority because there are a lot of hungry people.’

Starmer is facing growing pressure from within his Labour Party to follow French President Emmanuel Macron’s lead and formally recognize Palestinian statehood...”

Iran vows stronger response if attacked again by US, Israel



Iran Foreign Minister

July 29, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Iran’s foreign minister warned on Monday that it would respond to the United States and Israel in a ‘more decisive manner’ should they attack Iran again.

The comments appeared to be in response to remarks by US President Donald Trump, who had threatened earlier in the day to ‘wipe out’ the Islamic republic’s nuclear programme if it resumed atomic activities following a round of US strikes last month.

‘If aggression is repeated, we will not hesitate to react in a more decisive manner and in a way that will be IMPOSSIBLE to cover up,’ Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a post on X.

‘If there are concerns about the possible diversion of our nuclear program into non-peaceful purposes, the ‘military option’ proved incapable — but a negotiated solution may work,’ he added...”

Islamic State-Backed Militant Group Attacks Catholic Church in Congo, Nearly Three Dozen Dead

July 28, 2025 Breitbart.com reported: “The death toll has risen to at least 34 people in a savage attack by Islamic State-backed rebels on a Catholic church in the eastern Congo on Sunday, according to a local leader.

Dieudonne Duranthabo, a civil society coordinator in Komanda, in the Ituri province, told *The Associated Press (AP)* that the attackers, armed with guns and machetes, stormed the church in Komanda town at around 1 a.m. The rampage also extended to several houses and shops that were torched.

‘The bodies of the victims are still at the scene of the tragedy, and volunteers are preparing how to bury them in a mass grave that we are preparing in a compound of the Catholic church,’ Duranthabo told *AP*. Video footage from the scene posted on *Aljazeera* shows burning structures and bodies on the floor of the church...”

‘Terrorism pays off’: Israeli leaders slam Macron for recognizing Palestinian state

July 25, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Israeli leaders on Thursday blasted French President Emmanuel Macron after he announced that France will officially recognize the ‘State of Palestine’.

‘Macron just awarded Hamas a prize for committing the October 7 massacre. This shameful act is nothing less than a betrayal by one of the so-called ‘leaders’ of the free world. It sends a chilling message: terrorism pays off,’ said Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana.

‘Emmanuel Macron will be remembered as a collaborator with evil – on the wrong side of history. I’m ashamed to have met this man. I love France. It deserves more courageous leadership,’ he added.

Defense Minister Israel Katz said, ‘Macron’s announcement of his intention to recognize a Palestinian state is a disgrace and a surrender to terrorism, rewarding and emboldening the murderers and rapists of Hamas, who committed the most horrific massacre of the Jewish people since the Holocaust. Instead of standing with Israel at this critical moment, the French president is acting to weaken it.’...”

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