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Egypt slams global response to Gaza crisis, urges pressure on Israel

August 7, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: "Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, during a visit to Greece on Wednesday, criticized the international community's response to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, calling it shameful and urging Western powers to increase pressure on Israel, *The Associated Press* reported.

'The international community should be ashamed of the tragic situation unfolding in Gaza and the devastating actions being carried out by Israel,' Abdelatty was quoted as having said.

'What is unfolding is a human tragedy, and the suffering witnessed is a stain on the conscience of the international community,' he added.



Badr Abdlatty Egypt Foreign Minister

The Egyptian minister referred to Israel's military actions in Gaza as 'systematic genocide,' while reaffirming his government's stance against any forced displacement of Palestinian Arab people from what he described as their 'ancestral lands'..."

Russian, Chinese navies to conduct joint patrols in Asia-Pacific, Interfax reports

August 6, 2025 **jpost.com** reported: "Russian and Chinese naval vessels will conduct joint patrols in the Asia-Pacific following recent exercises in the Sea of Japan, Russia's Interfax reported on Wednesday.

'Crews of the Russian Navy and China's PLA Navy will form a new task group to carry out joint patrol missions in the Asia-Pacific region,' Interfax said, citing a statement from the Russian Pacific Fleet's press service.

The two navies held joint drills in the Sea of Japan over August 1-5 that included artillery firing, practicing antisubmarine and air defense missions, and improving joint search and rescue operations at sea..."

Dogs of war: China touts killer robot 'wolves'

August 6, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "China's latest gun-toting quadruped military 'wolf' robots are designed to stealthily approach enemies, fire precise shots on targets and work in rough terrain, state media said on Wednesday.

State broadcaster *CCTV* said the robots, an upgrade from earlier robotic dog iterations, can replace human soldiers in dangerous conditions to reduce combat casualties.

China has poured support into robotics, an area in which some experts say it might already have the upper hand over the United States.

Its military has been keen to showcase its defence innovation — including weapons incorporating advanced technology like robodogs — during drills with countries like Cambodia..."

UK, Australia, and France No Longer Majority Christian, New Report Finds

August 5, 2025 crosswalk.com reported: "A recent Pew Research report found that the number of countries with Christian majorities declined between 2010 and 2020...

In 2020, the Christian population constituted the majority in 120 of the 201 analyzed countries and territories in the report, a decrease from 124 in 2010...

The report also found that the most significant changes took place in the United Kingdom, Australia, France, and Uruguay, with a 50% drop in the number of professing Christians in that 10-year span. Meanwhile, Uruguay stood out as the only country in the Americas (as of 2020) without a Christian majority, with 52% of people who are unaffiliated and 44% identifying as Christian.

During that same period, New Zealand and the Netherlands joined a group of seven countries with religiously unaffiliated majorities, including China, North Korea, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Macao, and Japan..."

Iran refuses to allow inspectors into nuclear facilities

August 5, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: "Ebrahim Azizi, Chairman of the National Security Committee in Iran's Parliament, has reiterated that international bodies, including the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), will not be granted access to the country's nuclear facilities under any circumstances.

Speaking to the Iranian news agency *Tasnim*, Azizi dismissed reports suggesting that IAEA inspections would resume. He clarified that the agency's delegation, expected in Iran next week, is only permitted to engage in technical discussions with Iranian experts and officials.

Azizi emphasized that legislation passed by the Islamic Shura Council strictly prohibits any foreign delegation from entering or inspecting nuclear sites. He described the restrictions as 'permanent and unchangeable,' leaving no room for negotiation or compromise..."

Russia urges caution in nuclear 'rhetoric' after Trump comments

August 4, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "Russia urged caution on Monday after US President Donald Trump said he would deploy two nuclear submarines following an online row with former Russian president Dmitry Medvedey.

Trump said he had ordered the deployment in response to what he alleged were highly provocative comments by Medvedev, saying the submarines would be positioned in 'appropriate regions'.

Trump did not say whether he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines.

He also did not elaborate on the locations, which are kept secret by the US military.

'Russia is very attentive to the topic of nuclear non-proliferation. And we believe that everyone should be very, very cautious with nuclear rhetoric,' Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including from AFP, on Monday.

The row between Medvedev and Trump erupted against the backdrop of the US leader's ultimatum for Russia to end its military offensive in Ukraine or face fresh economic sanctions, including on its remaining trading partners..."

Macron: Hostage videos show Hamas's abject cruelty, limitless inhumanity'

August 4, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: "French President Emmanuel Macron, who has promised to recognize a Palestinian state next month, accused Hamas of 'abject cruelty' and 'limitless inhumanity' following the recent publication of videos showing Israeli hostages in captivity by Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

- 'Abject cruelty, limitless inhumanity: this is what Hamas embodies,' Macron wrote in a post to X. 'The unbearable images released this morning, showing Israeli hostages held in Gaza, remind us of this with horror.'
- 'We think with emotion of Evyatar David, of Rom Braslavski, of all the hostages still held, as well as their families and loved ones plunged into hell for over 660 days,' he said. 'The absolute priority and imperative for France is the immediate release of all hostages.'

He continued: 'We continue to act relentlessly to this end, to secure this unconditional release, to reestablish an immediate ceasefire, and to enable the massive delivery of humanitarian aid, still blocked at the gates of Gaza.'..."

Rubio: 'Nations that recognize Palestine can't even say where it is'

August 1, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: "US Secretary of State Marco Rubio dismissed the recent moves by the governments of Canada, France, and the United Kingdom to recognize a Palestinian state, stating that those who seek to recognize such a state 'can't even tell you where this Palestinian state is' or who would rule it.

'They can't tell you who will govern it,' Rubio told *Fox News*' Brian Kilmeade yesterday. 'It's counterproductive,' he said of the recognition of Palestine, adding that such recognition is 'counterproductive.'



U.S. Secretary of State

'First of all, none of these countries has the ability to create a Palestinian state. There can be no Palestinian state unless Israel agrees to it,' he said. He added: 'At the end of the day, the Hamas side is the Palestinian statehood side.'..."