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UK to reportedly recognize a Palestinian state as early as this weekend

September 18, 2025 jpost.com reported: “Britain will reportedly recognize a Palestinian state as early as this weekend, British news site *The Times* reported Wednesday.

It is estimated that this will occur after US President Donald Trump completes his visit to the UK. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer reportedly waited to announce the recognition out of concern that it would overshadow a joint press conference between the two leaders.

Starmer’s announcement would come before several European nations are set to recognize a Palestinian State at the UN General Assembly next week...”

Arab, Islamic leaders express solidarity with Qatar, seek to deter Israel

September 18, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Arab and Islamic leaders expressed solidarity with Qatar on Monday, strongly condemning Israel for its attack last week on the oil-rich Gulf state and calling for deterrent measures while opposing Israel’s plans to impose a new reality in the region.

The leaders, who gathered in Doha for an emergency Arab-Islamic summit, firmly rejected any threat to the ‘security of any of our nations,’ reaffirming their shared responsibility to confront acts of aggression and to defend their ‘collective security.’

The summit convened after Israel carried out unprecedented air strikes Tuesday on the Qatari capital, Doha, targeting residential buildings in which Hamas political leaders were set to meet to discuss U.S. President Donald Trump’s new proposal to end the nearly 23-month war in Gaza...”

North Korea condemns ‘reckless’ US, Japan, South Korea drills

September 18, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s powerful sister condemned upcoming joint military drills by South Korea, the United States and Japan as a ‘reckless show of strength’ that would bring ‘bad results’, state media said Sunday.

The allies are set to hold joint military drills from Monday through Friday off the South’s Jeju Island, combining naval, air and missile defence exercises to better prepare against threats from the nuclear-armed North.

Seoul and Washington, which stations around 28,500 troops in South Korea, will also stage a tabletop military exercise, aimed at integrating their military assets.

Kim Yo Jong slammed the drills as a ‘dangerous idea’, in a statement carried by state news outlet KCNA. ‘The reckless show of strength made by them (the allies) in real action in the vicinity of the DPRK, which is the wrong place, will inevitably bring bad results to themselves,’ she said, using the acronym for North Korea.

Pyongyang has long baulked at such joint military drills involving the allies, calling them rehearsals for an invasion...”

IDF Spokesperson: Hamas turned Gaza City into the largest human shield in history

September 17, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin delivered a statement this evening (Tuesday) regarding the expansion of the operation in Gaza City/

‘Last night, the IDF expanded ground activity in Gaza City, marking the start of the new phase of the operation,’ Gen. Defrin stated. ‘Working together in coordinated and precise strikes, air, ground, and intelligence forces are targeting Hamas military targets that threaten Israel’s security.’

‘Gaza City is the central hub of Hamas’ military and governing power – their main stronghold,’ he declared. ‘Hamas has turned Gaza City into the largest human shield in history.’



Kim Jong Un with sister Kim Yo Jong

He explained that ‘beneath the streets runs a vast network of tunnels, connecting command centers, rocket launchers, and weapons storage facilities – all deliberately hidden under civilians and civilian infrastructure.’ ‘We continue to urge civilians to distance themselves away from the combat zones in Gaza City so they can reach safer areas,’ he added...“

China urges US, Japan to withdraw Typhon missile system

September 16, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “China urged Tokyo and Washington on Tuesday to withdraw the US-developed Typhon missile system, after it was unveiled in Japan for the first time during joint military exercises.

Japan and the United States began the ‘Resolute Dragon’ military drills on Thursday, and they will last until September 25, Tokyo’s defence ministry said on X.

Japan’s Self-Defense Forces confirmed to *AFP* that the missile system had been showcased for the first time in the country over the course of the exercises, though it said the weapon would not be fired.

Beijing’s foreign ministry on Tuesday called on the United States and Japan to ‘promptly withdraw’ the missile system.

‘The United States and Japan, disregarding China’s solemn concerns, have insisted on deploying the Typhon mid-range missile system in Japan under the pretext of joint exercises,’ spokesman Lin Jian told reporters at a regular briefing...”

Hamas shifts hostages above ground in Gaza City to hinder IDF offensive

September 15, 2025 jpost.com reported: “Hamas has begun moving some hostages above ground in the Gaza Strip in an attempt to hinder the IDF’s ground operations in Gaza City, *Kan News* reported Monday morning.

Palestinian sources said that some hostages are being held in houses while others are in tents. *Kan News* also reported that Hamas is preparing a so-called ‘legitimacy ambush’ in Gaza City. This strategy aims to exploit civilian casualties to increase international pressure on Israel to halt its offensive.

According to the report, Hamas is working to keep residents in the northern Gaza Strip and block their evacuation southward. The group has used threats, media campaigns urging residents to remain in their homes, and violence against those trying to leave, including threats of execution...”



Romania becomes second NATO country to report Russian

September 15, 2025 bbc.com reported: “Romania says a Russian drone has breached its airspace – the second NATO country to report such an incursion. Romanian fighter jets were in the air monitoring a Russian attack in Ukraine on Saturday and were able to track the drone near Ukraine’s southern border, the defence ministry said in a statement.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the incursion could not be a mistake – it was ‘an obvious expansion of the war by Russia’. Moscow has not commented on the Romanian claims. On Wednesday, Poland said it had shot down at least three Russian drones which had entered its airspace...”

PM Netanyahu signs West Bank settlement expansion plan, rules out Palestinian state

September 12, 2025 jpost.com reported: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed a ‘umbrella agreement’ on Thursday to push ahead with a controversial settlement expansion plan that would cut across land in the West Bank that the Palestinians seek for a state.

‘There will never be a Palestinian state. This place is ours,’ Netanyahu said during a visit to Ma’aleh Adumim in the West Bank, where thousands of new housing units would be added to an already sprawling city of some 37,000 inhabitants. ‘We will safeguard our heritage, our land, and our security.’...”