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FRENCH PRES. MACRON TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF PALESTINE AT UNGA IN SEPTEMBRE

AMID DIPLOMATIC DEADLOCK & GAZA STARVING

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USPA NEWS - Paris, 25 July 25, 2025 : Today In a landmark decision, French President Emmanuel Macron announced on Thursday via his official X (formerly Twitter) account that France will officially recognize the State of Palestine this September during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. "In September, France will proceed with the full recognition of Palestine as a State," wrote French President Emmanuel Macron in a letter personally delivered to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas by French Consul General in Jerusalem, Nicolas Kassianides, on July 24.

According to Agence France-Presse (AFP), over 142 countries, including many Global South nations, have already recognized Palestinian statehood. France's move, while symbolic, is expected to carry significant diplomatic weight within the European Union, where member states remain divided on the issue.

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS's RESPONSE & PRECONDITIONS

President Mahmood Abbas, who had previously written to his counterpart Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on June 10, condemned the Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023, pledged to reform the Palestinian Authority, and called for the demilitarization of Hamas as a condition for peace.

In response, Macron's letter affirms that France's recognition aims to provide a "decisive contribution to peace in the Middle East." The official announcement will take place in September 2025 at the UNGA, potentially encouraging other hesitant nations to follow suit.

SOME POSITIVE ENCOURAGING REACTIONS FROM THE ARAB WORLD

The move was welcomed by key Arab nations. Saudi Arabia, a longtime supporter of a two-state solution, praised France's stance. President Abbas also expressed gratitude, describing it as a "step toward justice and historical correction." "The recognition of the State of Palestine is long overdue," said a spokesperson for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). "We hope this courageous gesture will inspire other EU countries to act." He continues.

MOUNTING HUMANITARIAN TRAGEDY IN GAZA AND HUNGER CRSIS

The announcement comes amid a growing humanitarian disaster in Gaza. According to the Gaza Ministry of Health via Telegram, nine more people, including children, died of malnutrition in the past 24 hours, bringing the total to 122 deaths, including 83 children, since the beginning of the crisis. International aid has been severely restricted. The UN and several NGOs have called for unimpeded humanitarian access, citing violations of international law.

HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE IN GAZA : STARVATION AMID BLOCKED AID ACCESS

The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has reached unprecedented levels of devastation. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), entire communities including children, doctors, surgeons, and journalists are facing acute starvation, with no access to food, clean water, or electricity. Medical staff are reportedly operating without anesthesia, and humanitarian workers have warned of the total collapse of the health system.

As of July 25, 2025, the Gaza Ministry of Health confirmed that 122 people, including 83 children, have died of malnutrition, a number that continues to rise daily.

Despite repeated calls from the international community, Israeli military authorities continue to block or restrict the entry of humanitarian aid, including food, fuel, and medical supplies. Several major aid convoys, financed and prepared by UN agencies and international donors such as Canada, remain stalled at border crossings.

"The situation in Gaza is beyond catastrophic," stated UN Secretary-General António Guterres, calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and the unconditional release of all hostages. "The denial of humanitarian access constitutes a violation of international humanitarian law," he added in a speech to the Security Council in July 2025.

Multiple NGOs, including Medecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), the Norwegian Refugee Council, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), have issued urgent appeals for a full, unimpeded, and sustained humanitarian corridor.

The WHO has further declared parts of Gaza in a "famine-like condition", with entire hospitals no longer functioning and both staff and patients suffering from severe undernutrition. "What we are witnessing is not only a humanitarian crisis it is a moral failure of the international system," said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the WHO.

France, in line with its commitment to international law and human dignity, reiterates its call for full humanitarian access and urges all parties to work toward a durable ceasefire and long-term political solution.

MARK CARNEY PRIME MINISTER CANADA 's BOLD STANCE

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney added to the international pressure by accusing the Israeli government of violating international law by blocking humanitarian aid into Gaza.

"Israel must immediately allow full humanitarian access. Canada calls for an immediate ceasefire and good-faith negotiations from all parties," Carney posted on X.

"Canada supports a two-state solution, and our Minister of Foreign Affairs, Anita Anand, will attend next week's UN conference on this matter."

Carney emphasized that large quantities of Canadian-funded aid remain undelivered, withheld at border crossings controlled by Israel.

SARCASM & CONTROVERSY FROM THE US RIGHT WING

Not all reactions have been positive. Former Arkansas Governor and Trump ally Mike Huckabee, now U.S. Ambassador to Israel, ridiculed Macron's announcement.

"France's unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state didn't mention where this new country would be," Huckabee mocked on X. "I can now exclusively reveal it will be on the French Riviera, and the nation will be called 'Franc-en-Stine'."

In a May interview with Fox News, Huckabee had already suggested:

"If France is serious about creating a Palestinian state, they should carve out a piece of the Côte d'Azur."

This sarcastic rhetoric highlights the divide between American conservative factions and European diplomatic efforts.

TOWARD A DEFINING SEPTEMBER AT THE UNGA, E. MACRON SAID

President Macron's upcoming speech at the 2025 United Nations General Assembly will mark a pivotal moment in France's Middle East policy and its attempt to rekindle international efforts toward a two-state solution, as envisioned in UN Security Council Resolution 242 and other frameworks.

Whether this recognition sparks a new wave of global acknowledgment or exacerbates geopolitical rifts remains to be seen but it is already a turning point in Europe's Middle East diplomacy.

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