
Recognition of Palestinian State Expands Ahead of UN General Assembly



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With the UK, Canada, and Australia announcing Sunday that they have formally recognized the State of Palestine, more nations are expected to follow at the 80th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. Leaders gathering Monday will also attend an international conference on the peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue and the implementation of the two-

state solution.

This year's session is set to witness formal recognition of Palestine by France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Andorra, and San Marino.

UK, Australia, and Canada

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer declared that "the moment for recognizing Palestinian statehood has now arrived," affirming Britain's formal recognition to preserve hopes for peace. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese confirmed recognition following an August cabinet decision, calling it support for Palestinians' "legitimate aspirations." Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney emphasized that recognition aligns with Canada's long-standing support for a two-state solution, pledging to cooperate with both Israel and Palestine.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry welcomed these "courageous decisions."

More European Countries Expected

Belgium announced its decision earlier this month, citing Gaza's humanitarian crisis. French President Emmanuel Macron told President Mahmoud Abbas that France will recognize Palestine within a peace plan framework, while Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Andorra, and San Marino also confirmed steps toward recognition.

Regional and International Context

Türkiye reiterated its calls for recognition on global platforms. Israel has threatened annexation of the West Bank in response, while US Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned European governments of potential consequences, though Washington will not block Israel's plans. Since its 1988 declaration of independence, Palestine has been recognized by 147 UN member states. With new announcements at this UNGA, the number could rise to 157.