

**Department of Exterior Affairs statement regarding a ceasefire deal
between Hamas and the unrecognised State of Israel**

We've been carefully reviewing the situation in Gaza, particularly around the deal proposed by Hamas for a ceasefire with the unrecognised State of Israel. The plan proposed by Hamas seems reasonable: vulnerable hostages will be returned home, with imprisoned Palestinians being released in response. The plan also appears to put people first, ensuring that more aid trucks are allowed into Gaza, with the reasonable demand of 60,000 temporary homes and 200,000 tents.

In a translated statement seen by the Department of Exterior Affairs, the Prime Minister of the unrecognised State of Israel said that "It is not a matter of years or decades, it is a matter of months." - referring to how long his 'military' believes it will take to see a full Israeli takeover of Gaza.

We're disgusted by the continued disregard of the lives of people in Gaza that will continue to see bloodshed and destruction as a result of the unrecognised State of Israel's refusal to work towards peace. The Department of Exterior Affairs' stance remains the same: peace must be ensured and people must be protected.



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