

# Hamas being pressed by Arab, Muslim states to accept Trump’s Gaza plan

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Arab and Muslim national leaders are pushing Hamas to accept the Gaza plan unveiled by President Donald Trump this week, saying the need to end the fighting surpasses concern about the finer details.

While some aspects of the 20-point proposal differ from what Trump agreed with those leaders at a recent meeting in New York, they are united behind the goal of ending Israel’s military offensive in the shattered territory, according to people with knowledge of the situation.

The leaders see Israel’s campaign in Gaza since the October 2023 Hamas attacks and the assertion of military hegemony over the Middle East as a threat to their own national security, said the people, who asked not to be identified in order to speak freely. Israel has been seeking to destroy Hamas for almost two years, devastating Gaza in the process and precipitating a humanitarian crisis, with scenes of dying and starving Palestinians broadcast around the world.

The conflict has expanded over that time to include Israeli campaigns in Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, as well as direct exchanges of missile fire with Iran. Israel last month struck Qatar in an attempt to kill Hamas officials present there.

One senior regional official, who was in New York last week and was fully briefed on Trump’s meeting with Arab and Muslim leaders at the United Nations General Assembly, said it was expected that the plan announced by Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would diverge in some ways from what they had agreed with the Americans. The official de-



Palestinians carrying belongings arrive on a coastal path northwest of Nuseirat refugee camp as they are displaced southward from Wadi Gaza following an Israeli announcement of closing Al-Rashid road toward the north of the besieged Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

clined to elaborate, stressing that it’s important not to lose sight of what he called wins for Palestinians and Arab and Muslim nations, including an end to the idea of displacing Gazans from the territory.

The document doesn’t answer a number of questions, particularly those associated with transitional governance of Gaza and the deployment of a so-called International Stabilization Force to train and support Palestinian police forces. But the fact it stops the fighting, states Palestinians will stay and help rebuild Gaza and that Israel will fully withdraw from the strip are significant achievements, according to the official.

These are the reasons the plan was swiftly endorsed on Monday night by foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Qatar and Egypt, according to a person with knowledge of Saudi thinking.

Hamas therefore has, in theory, little choice but to

accept the deal and begin to engage, particularly as that’s the desire of the states closest to it — namely Egypt, Qatar and Turkey — said the official. That would require the group to disarm, a demand it has long refused, though the plan does offer amnesty to those “who commit to peaceful co-existence” and safe passage to leave.

Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said his country and Egypt handed the plan to Hamas on Monday night. A delegation from the Iran-backed group told officials from Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey in Doha on Tuesday they are carefully reviewing the proposal and seeking clarity on some technical aspects, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Hamas is preparing its response once it’s consulted with other Palestinian factions about the plan, the person said. On Tuesday, Trump said Hamas — designated a terrorist organization by the U.S., European Union and others — has “about three

or four days” to decide.

There are goals “that are starting to be realized, namely ending the war,” Sheikh Mohammed said in an interview with Qatari news outlet Al-Jazeera this week. “There are matters that need clarification and others for sure require discussion and negotiation.”

Qatar’s leader said his country and representatives of fellow Arab and Muslim states “worked with the American side” following the meeting with Trump in New York to incorporate their comments into the Gaza plan and that some “were taken into account.” Others “were not, of course,” Sheikh Mohammed said. The Qatari leader provided no specifics but added that he hoped everyone would view and engage with the plan “constructively” to “seek a solution that stops the bloodshed.”

Parts of the proposal are “vague” and “can’t afford to be obtuse,” such as who will run the ISF, how its duties will be defined and how long it will stay in



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President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed to a plan to end the war in Gaza and secure the release of the remaining Israeli hostages held by Hamas during Netanyahu’s visit to the White House on Monday.

Gaza, according to H. A. Hellyer, senior associate fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London. In the proposal, the ISF is described as “a long-term internal security solution.”

Other issues are the timing of Israel’s military withdrawal and who gets to decide when the Palestinian Authority is sufficiently reformed to take over controlling Gaza, he said, not to mention the fuzzy language around Palestinian statehood, a key Arab and Muslim goal. The PA controls parts of the West Bank, but has no current sway over Gaza.

“This conglomerate of Arab and Muslim nations will endorse it anyway, simply because they’ll see any plan that even reduces the scale of the crisis to be better than Netanyahu continuing his devastating war,” said Hellyer.

The proposal states that “full aid” should be sent into Gaza and distribution handled by United Nations agencies “without interference from the two parties.”

A top priority for oil-rich Gulf states is to move away from conflict and focus instead on ambitious economic and investment plans. Regional leaders also believe endorsing and helping to realize a Gaza peace deal that’s being championed by Trump will strengthen their personal relationship with the U.S. leader and advance

their interests in Washington.

“You could call it a Trump plan but it all started in Abu Dhabi,” said Dubai-based Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, senior fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, referring to what he described as the crucial role played by UAE diplomats in formulating the 20-point plan and building consensus from other states in the region.

UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed met with Netanyahu in New York before the plan’s unveiling. The ministry didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Another potential big winner if the Gaza plan is agreed and executed is Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Ankara’s involvement nurtures the “bromance” between him and Trump and gives Turkey leverage over Palestinian affairs and a prominent role in Gaza reconstruction. It also advances its interests, particularly in neighboring Syria, according to Aslı Aydıntaşbaş, director of the Turkey Project at the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

“Trump’s special relationship with Erdogan makes it very obvious that he sees Turkey as a key security partner in the region,” she said.

# U.S., Mexico reach deal to combat arms trafficking

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Mexico announced a new bilateral cooperation agreement with the United States to curb the flow of illegal weapons into Mexican territory, negotiated during the early September visit of Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

The agreement, announced Saturday and described as a breakthrough in security cooperation between the two countries, includes real-time information sharing, coordinated operations and forensic technology to trace firearms.

President Claudia Shein-

baum emphasized that, for the first time, the U.S. government has committed to carrying out operations inside its own territory to prevent high-powered weapons from crossing the southern border, addressing a longstanding demand from Mexico.

“Normally they ask Mexico to conduct operations to stop drugs from entering the United States. For the first time, the United States recognizes that it must carry out operations to control the illegal flow of weapons into Mexico,” Sheinbaum said.

She said that, according to official figures, about 75% of the weapons seized in Mexico come from the

U.S. market, making the agreement a crucial step in addressing gun violence and weakening organized crime networks.

The initiative, “Mission Firewall: United Against Arms Trafficking,” aims to cut the flow of weapons into Mexico through increased U.S. inspections and southbound operations, joint investigations and prosecutions, real-time information sharing and expanded use of forensic tracing tools, including eTrace and ballistic identification systems, across the country.

The initiative was launched after the inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Security Imple-

mentation Group on Sept. 26 in McAllen, Texas. The group’s goal is to “coordinate bilateral actions against narco-terrorism, fentanyl trafficking, firearms and illicit fuel, in addition to strengthening border security.”

In addition to targeting arms trafficking, both countries agreed to expand cooperation into other security areas, including cross-border illicit finance.

To that end, the two countries agreed to create a special team to coordinate the civil seizure of assets tied to criminal activity, prevent fuel theft and strengthen interagency cooperation to cut off funding sources for criminal

organizations.

“Mission Firewall” is not the first joint effort against arms trafficking.

From 2007 to 2021, the Mérida Initiative was in effect, which included measures to curb the flow of weapons and money from the United States into Mexico. Under that program, U.S. officials carried out “straw purchaser” operations, in which intermediaries illegally bought firearms so authorities could track them and identify major traffickers supplying Mexican cartels.

However, the strategy backfired. During the administration of President Felipe Calderón, more than 2,000 weapons crossed

into Mexico unchecked and were lost. Many later appeared at violent crime scenes, including the 2010 killing of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry, which sparked a scandal.

In 2021, the two governments signed the Bicentennial Framework for Security, Public Health, and Safe Communities, elevating arms trafficking to a priority alongside synthetic drugs and criminal networks.

Since then, the United States has expanded joint investigations, prosecutions and tracing. In 2025, that framework led to “Mission Firewall,” described as a new level of ambition and coordination.



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**City Clerk, City of Doral**

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Pursuant to CRA-R-24-0071, whenever a scheduled SEOPW CRA meeting is cancelled or is not held due to a lack of a quorum or other emergency, a special SEOPW CRA meeting will be automatically scheduled for the Tuesday immediately following the cancelled meeting. In the event of one of the aforementioned circumstances, the special meeting would be held on October 14th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Commission chambers located at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133. All of the scheduled agenda items from that cancelled meeting shall automatically be scheduled as an agenda item at the special SEOPW CRA meeting. The Clerk of the Board shall notify the public of the special meeting that is to take place by placing a notice of the special SEOPW CRA meeting at the entrance of City Hall and the City of Miami’s main administrative building, placing a notice on the SEOPW CRA’s website, and, if feasible, placing an ad in a newspaper of general circulation before the special meeting on the immediately following Tuesday. There shall be no additional notice by publication required for any such scheduled agenda item that is moved to the special SEOPW CRA meeting.

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