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Belgium announces sanctions against Israel

Brussels will blacklist two “extremist ministers” and boycott settler goods



Israeli soldiers operate tanks near the northern borders of Gaza on August 18, 2025.
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Belgium will recognize Palestinian statehood and impose sanctions on Israel over its war in Gaza, the country's Foreign Ministry has announced.

The Western European country, which hosts the headquarters of both the EU and NATO, unveiled the measures on Tuesday as pressure grows on Israel to reach a ceasefire with Hamas and allow more humanitarian aid into the besieged Palestinian enclave.

In light of the “*humanitarian tragedy in Gaza*,” Belgium has decided to

“*increase pressure on the Israeli government and Hamas terrorists*,” Belgian Foreign Minister Maxime

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Prevot wrote on X. *“This is not about punishing the Israeli people, but about ensuring that their government respects international and humanitarian law and takes action to change the situation on the ground,”* he added.



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drawing strong criticism from Israel.

Last month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused France and Australia of failing to tackle anti-Semitism, arguing that recognition of Palestine would only embolden Hamas.

Israel has rejected UN warnings of famine in Gaza, where more than 63,500 people have been killed since October 2023, according to local health authorities. West Jerusalem has pledged to allow the delivery of aid, but not through distribution points it claims are controlled by Hamas.

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The sanctions include a ban on imports of products from Jewish settlements in the West Bank and restrictions on consular assistance for Belgian nationals living in settlements considered illegal under international law.

Brussels will also review procurement involving Israeli companies and blacklist *“two extremist Israeli ministers, several violent settlers, and Hamas leaders,”* Prevot said. He added that Belgium would push for the suspension of the EU’s trade agreement with Israel.

Several countries, including France, plan to recognize Palestine at the UN General Assembly later this month,

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Personally I think that the world community, i.e.: the majority of the human species so to speak should totally isolate these fake Jews (Ashkenazi's) along with their American and British accomplices and bring them all down together!

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Covert 9/2/2025 at 10:12 AM

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About time. At least Turkey and Belgium have actually done something. Instead of just words of condemnation. Let's hope this waterfalls around the globe. Full sanctions on the Zionist regime ASAP

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p paul 9/2/2025 at 11:16 AM ↕

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Turkey is about 80 years late! Palestine was in the Ottaman empire but Turkey recognised so Called Israel in 1949, some kind of short term memory lapse perhaps. They have been trading ever since Turkey likes a boot in many camps and is as trustworthy as a rattler down your pants.

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I agree entirely!!!! And there should be a rousing cheer for every country that follows suite/

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Bo Bo Tchi 9/2/2025 at 11:26 AM ↕

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That doesnt change anything, BS.

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