



UK May Recognize Palestine as State Before UN Meet: Starmer



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British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has hinted that the United Kingdom may formally recognize Palestine as an independent state before the upcoming United Nations General Assembly in September, should Israel fail to halt its ongoing aggression in Gaza and meet certain key conditions. Starmer emphasized that a two-state solution remains the only viable path to lasting peace in the region.

Starmer warned that if Israel's occupation, military assaults in Gaza, and land seizures in the West Bank continue without concrete commitments towards a ceasefire, the UK will move to recognize Palestine as a sovereign state. He indicated that the British government will assess the situation ahead of the UN session and revisit the matter in September.

Clarifying the UK's stance, Starmer stated that it is not appropriate to equate Hamas with Israel. The UK does not regard Hamas as a legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. However, he urged Hamas to release Israeli hostages and to agree to a ceasefire agreement.

Starmer also made it clear that Hamas will not be allowed any role in Gaza's governance after the war concludes. The UK's position, he reiterated, is to ensure the coexistence of a free and independent State of Palestine alongside a secure and sustainable State of Israel.

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