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China and Russia Claim Moral High Ground Over Palestinian Deaths

The U.S. rivals are tapping outrage over Israel's war in Gaza to gain support in the developing world

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DUBAI—The bloody war in Gaza is providing America's main geopolitical rivals China and Russia with a valuable opportunity to garner support around the world, enabling the two repressive autocracies to harness a wave of sympathy for the Palestinians and to position themselves as champions of humanitarian values and peace.

[...]

The current crisis, and the support provided by the Biden administration so far, makes it evident that only a solid alliance with the U.S. can protect Israel, said **Tuvia Gering, a China expert at the Institute for National Security Studies of Tel Aviv University.**

“There is no alternative for Israel,” he said. “China is not neutral. It's against Israel and is providing wind to the sails of those who wish to annihilate us. It's been indifferent to our suffering and it is exploiting it for its own geopolitical gains.”

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