

## **Seeking a Fatah-Hamas deal, Beijing carves its way through the Middle East**

For the first time, China hosted negotiations between the main Palestinian factions, aiming to become a key player in the region.

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China “firmly supports internal reconciliation among different factions of Palestine through dialogue,” as part of Beijing’s measures seeking an immediate cease-fire in Gaza.

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“The US media described Khalil al-Hayya’s statement as a ‘major change in Hamas’ position’,” namely in its willingness to make concessions on issues including reconciliation with Fatah and negotiations with Israel, wrote Shao Yongling, a military strategy specialist at a Chinese army school, on the Phoenix News website, quoted by **Israeli researcher Tuvia Gering**. If Hamas’ position is softened, “it is not impossible for China to mediate a reconciliation between Palestinian factions.”

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