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## US 'Strongly Opposes' China-Brokered Deal to Form Palestinian Unity Government With Terrorist Groups

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The US on Tuesday said it "strongly opposes" a Beijing-brokered declaration signed earlier in the day by the Palestinian Authority's Fatah movement and the Hamas terror group, aimed at reconciling their longstanding divisions and establishing a unity government to manage Gaza after the war.

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Tuvia Gering, a China and Middle East analyst at the Institute for National Security Studies, said the move is part of China's effort to rival the US by building alliances with developing nations as well as the Arab and Muslim world to prioritize its interests and stifle Western dominance.

China is "challenging America in every space possible as a new type of major power that takes in the considerations of the Global South and [what China calls] the coalitions of those oppressed by imperialism and Western hegemony" to create "a new global order," he told *The Algemeiner*.

Gering condemned Beijing's move, saying it "normalized terrorism" and will embolden the Palestinians into further intransigence in talks for any future peace accord.

"Until today, China failed to criticize [the Palestinians] and put all the onus onto Israel. This means effectively that the Palestinians will only adhere to the most maximalist positions in negotiations for the two state solution [which] will become even more of a distant reality," Gering told *The Algemeiner*.

Gering also predicted that the "golden age" of <u>China-Israel relations</u>, which burgeoned over the last decade with the inking of major bilateral deals, was over because of China's decision to "legitimize terror" since Oct. 7. Gering warned that moving

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