



Middle East heats up after the killing of Hamas (leader): Can China continue to play the role of ‘peacemaker’?

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The recent assassination of Hamas political bureau chairman Ismail Haniyeh in Iran has escalated tensions in the Middle East. With China inviting Palestinian factions to Beijing and signing the Beijing Declaration just recently, there are doubts as to how China will continue to play its role as a "peacemaker" in the wake of the escalation of tensions.

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However, Tao Wenya (**Tuvia Gering**), a researcher at **The Institute for National Security Studies**, told this reporter in an interview that the Israeli side would obviously not accept the ‘three-step initiative’ proposed by China. Tuvia Gering explained that China has never been concerned about Israel's territorial integrity and sovereignty violations by Hamas.

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Gering spoke of his belief that the Chinese government's courteous treatment of Hamas in Beijing only sends the wrong signal of support for terrorism, saying, "China is not playing the role of peacemaker, China is dancing on our blood. The root cause of this war is not the inability of the Palestinians to have a state, the root cause is that Hamas is a terrorist organization that is growing in the Palestinian community."

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