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## **PRESIDENT MACRON SAYS HIMSELF “READY” TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINE “BUT NOT EMOTIONALLY**

### **HE TALKED MAHMOUD ABBAS ON THE PHONE**

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**USPA NEWS** - It has been three days since demonstrations, of 4,500 people yesterday, 1,000 today, Pro-Palestinian, have taken place in France and especially in Paris, starting from Place Saint Augustin in the direction of the Israeli embassy. The first demonstration of the week began this Monday, May 27, with 10,000 people who protested, in Paris, as in other cities in France, in support of the Palestinians after the Israeli strike which killed at least 45 people in a refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip the day before. President Macron spoke on the telephone today and reassured him of "France's support and asked President Mahmoud Abbas to "implement the essential reforms" with "the perspective of recognition of the State of Palestine." French President Emmanuel Macron reiterated yesterday that the recognition of a Palestinian state was not a "taboo subject" but that it must intervene "at a useful moment" and not under the influence of "emotion", "I will not make an acknowledgment of emotion." Germany where he was on an official three-day trip.

These demonstrations have been repeated to express anger and demand "Free GAZA", since on May 27, the attack perpetrated by Israel against the Barkasat displaced persons camp in Rafah took place, killing civilians, in the south of the Gaza strip.

This strike killed at least 45 people, the majority of them women and children, according to the Gazan authorities, and shocked the whole world.

Protesters chant "Gaza! Gaza! Paris is with you!" "Children of Gaza, children of Palestine! It's humanity that we're murdering!" "We are all Palestinians"

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French President Macron wished, today, "to mark France's commitment to working to build with its European and Arab partners a common vision of peace which offers security guarantees for Palestinians and Israelis."

During this exchange, the President of the French Republic recalled "wanting the prospect of recognition of the State of Palestine in a useful dynamic." In France, the question surrounding Palestine continues to electrify the political debate. This Wednesday, Emmanuel Macron "recalled France's support for a reformed and strengthened Palestinian Authority, capable of exercising its responsibilities throughout the Palestinian Territories. Source: Elysee, French Presidency

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#### NORWAY, SPAIN & IRELAND HAVE RECOGNIZED THE STATE OF PALESTINE

In the meantime, yesterday, Tuesday 28 May, Spain, Norway and Ireland announced their recognition of the Palestinian State.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said "it is a necessity" to "achieve peace." This decision is not taken "against anyone, and even less against Israel," he added.

His Irish counterpart Simon Harris, for his part, estimated that it was a matter of "keeping hope alive" in the Middle East, where the war provoked by the unprecedented attack by the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas on October 7 in southern Israel is the deadliest in more than 70 years of Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"I once again call on Prime Minister (Israeli Benjamin) Netanyahu to listen to the world and stop the humanitarian catastrophe" in the Gaza Strip, he added.

On the Norwegian side, Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide said it was "regrettable that the Israeli government shows no sign of constructive engagement."

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