

Trump Pressed by Evangelical Leaders to Affirm Israel's Biblical Homeland

As Israel celebrates Yom Kippur, there's still no response from Hamas on the peace proposal offered by President Trump. But Christian leaders in the U.S. are voicing fresh support for Israel's right to the biblical lands at the heart of ongoing disputes in the region.

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Israeli forces are tightening their grip on Hamas in Gaza amid word from Arab mediators that the terror group may be warming to the ceasefire deal, but they're asking for more time to go over the terms.

"We look forward to a political solution of importance," said Hamza Al-Ajla, a Gaza resident. "Whether it is a 'two-state solution' or a similar proposal, it should be based on the simplest things we desire most – freedom, dignity, justice and equality."

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Hamas is pushing back on demands to disarm and turn over all its weapons. The plan also calls for the release of 48 hostages within 72 hours. Hamas says they don't even know where all of them are.

They're also skeptical that the plan offers Palestinians a path to statehood.

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Meanwhile, tens of thousands are still fleeing Gaza City. Israel's defense minister says those who stay will be seen as supporting terror.

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