

## China-Muslim States Summit Told 'Israel Seeks to End Palestinians' Presence'

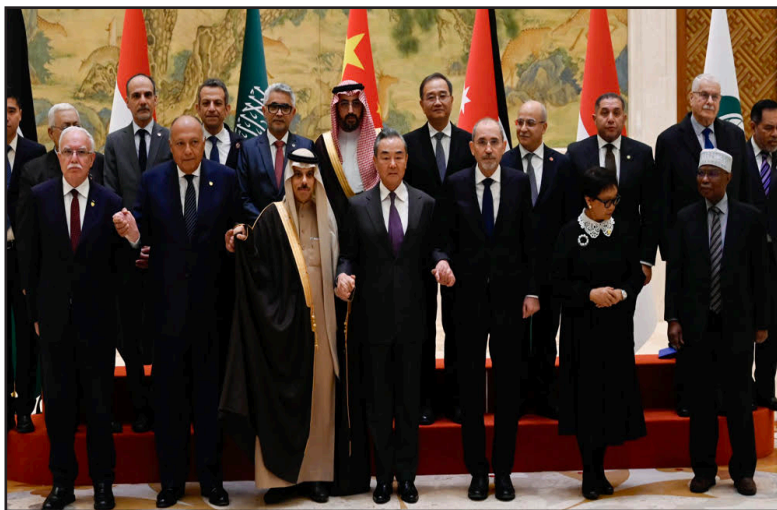
BEIJING (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime seeks to end the Palestinian people's presence on their "historical land," Palestine's foreign minister has said.

Riyad al-Maliki's comments came as diplomats from Arab and Muslim-majority nations met their Chinese counterparts in Beijing on Monday.

Beijing was hosting a delegation of foreign ministers from the Palestinian Authority, Indonesia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan for talks aimed at finding a solution to end the war in the Gaza Strip.

The summit, during which China pledged to work to "restore peace in the Middle East," is seen as part of a push by Beijing to step up its international role.

The Palestinian Authority's al-Maliki accused the Zionist regime of seeking to "bring to an end the Palestinian



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, center, poses for a group photo with delegates from Arab and Muslim majority nations at the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing on November 20, 2023.

people's presence on what remains of its historical land," AFP reports.

A spokesperson for Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the displacement of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip will threaten peace, security and stability in the region and the world.

"Egypt is making every

effort to bring aid into the Gaza Strip through the Rafah crossing, but the Zionist regime's policy of obstructing the entry of aid is a systematic policy aimed at pushing the Palestinians to leave the strip under the weight of bombing and siege," the spokesperson said.

China, the host of the sum-

mit, has historically been sympathetic to the Palestinians. Foreign Minister Wang Yi told the visiting diplomats that his country could see that "a humanitarian disaster is unfolding in Gaza" and that it must be stopped.

"The situation in Gaza affects all countries around the world, questioning the human sense of right and wrong and humanity's bottom line," he said, before urging the international community to "act urgently" to prevent the war from spreading.

Following the outbreak of the war last month, Wang reportedly told his Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud in a phone call that "Israel's actions have gone beyond self-defense".

Wang and other Chinese officials called for an immediate ceasefire and a "cooling down" of the situation.

## Israeli Children Sing for 'Annihilation' of Everyone in Gaza



One out of every 200 children in Gaza has been killed in Israeli attacks over the past six weeks.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Israel's public broadcaster has published a song featuring a group of children promising to "annihilate everyone" in Gaza.

The video, entitled Friendship Song 2023, was posted by Kan News on 19 November and features "nationalistic" lyrics co-written by campaigner Ofer Rosenbaum.

The lyrics reference the ongoing Zionist assault in the Gaza Strip and talk of the Israeli army crossing into the besieged enclave to "annihilate the swastika-bearers".

"In another year there will be nothing there. And we will safely return to our homes," the children sing. "Within a year we will annihilate everyone. And then we will return to plow our fields."

Following accusations that the song was advocating "genocide", the video was removed from Kan's website and social media accounts without an explanation.

The occupying regime has launched

an unprecedented campaign of siege and bombardment in the Gaza Strip since 7 October.

In six weeks, Israeli fighter jets have killed at least 13,000 Palestinians, including 5,500 children. The bombing has devastated the small enclave's civilian population, with attacks mostly hitting residential homes, hospitals, schools, universities, mosques and other public infrastructure.

Rosenbaum, the song's writer, is the chairman of the Civil Front, was also responsible last month for a billboard campaign throughout Israel depicting the leaders of various Palestinian organizations being defeated and captured by the Israeli army.

Through his public relations firm Rosenbaum Communications, he was involved in a campaign to prevent the extradition of Malka Leifer, an Israeli-Australian woman who was accused of involvement in widespread sexual abuse of children at a religious school in Victoria.

### 50 Soldiers Buried Over 48 Hours

## Anger at Netanyahu as Zionist Troop Deaths Rise

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The director of the Israeli military cemetery on Mount Herzl, west of Al-Quds, David Oren Baruch, revealed on Monday that as many as 50 Zionist troops have been buried within the past 48 hours.

Baruch said, in a statement issued by the Zionist war ministry: "We are now going through a period every hour there is a funeral, every hour and a half a funeral."

"Only in the Mount Herzl cemetery did we bury 50 soldiers in 48 hours," he added.

On Sunday, the occupying regime's army said 380 sol-

diers and officers had been killed since 7 October, claiming a majority of them were killed on that day.

The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation reported on Sunday that 60 soldiers were killed in the ground aggression in the northern Gaza Strip since 7 October.

Israeli writers expressed their dissatisfaction and anger at the cabinet of prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in the wake of the increasing number of officers and soldiers killed in the ongoing battles with the Palestinian resistance in the Gaza Strip.

Activist Dan Adin said on X: "For 43 days since the start of the war, the heavy price in blood is rising, and no one – but absolutely no one – is wondering what the political goal is: who will rule Gaza. Netanyahu and his disastrous cabinet only inform us who is not – no one asks who is (perhaps the Tooth Fairy would agree). A chronicle of an unfolding disaster – of sinking into the mud without an exit strategy."

He warned that the Zionist regime's war on the Gaza Strip would end in "disaster – of sinking into the mud with-

out an exit strategy."

As for writer Tamar Meital, she wrote, "How many days and weeks can we bear the loss of life for the sake of a goal that does not seem achievable, which is the elimination of the Hamas movement?"

For his part, writer Oren Simon linked the increase in deaths in the ranks of the army to the approaches and performance of Netanyahu, saying, "What Netanyahu is looking for is to stay in the same place, in order to remain prime minister. He is afraid that he will lose the keys to cabinet."

## NGO: 880 Palestinian Children Detained by Israel This Year

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's army has detained 880 Palestinian children since the start of this year, a local nongovernmental organization said Monday.

"More than 200 children are still in custody, including 26 held under Israel's policy of administrative detention" without charge or trial, the Palestinian Prisoners Society said in a statement marking World Children's Day.

According to the statement, some 145 Palestinian children were detained by Zionist troops last month.

The occupying regime has launched relentless air and ground attacks in the Gaza Strip following a cross-border operation by Hamas on Oct. 7.

At least 13,000 Palestinians have been killed, including over 9,000 women and children, and more than 30,000 others injured ever since, according to the latest figures.

The regime has also imposed a crippling blockade on the Palestinian territory, cutting Gaza off from fuel, electricity, and water supplies, and reducing aid deliveries to a small trickle.

### 'Shocks of Destruction, Attacks, Displacement'

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in the Middle East and North Africa region said Sunday that "children in the Gaza Strip

are exposed to the shocks of continuous destruction, attacks, displacement, and severe shortages of food, water, and medicine."

On the eve of World Children's Day, UNICEF called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and sustainable access to aid without obstacles.

The UN agency stressed that children in Gaza are exposed to the shocks of continuous destruction, attacks, displacement, and severe shortage of food, water and medicine.

The world marks World Children's Day annually on 20 November, which was declared in 1954 as "an occasion to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide and to improve their welfare."

## Turkey Searches Black Sea for Lost Sailors Following Deadly Storms

ISTANBUL (Reuters) – Turkish rescue teams searched on Monday for 11 missing crew members of a cargo ship which sunk off the Black Sea coast amid storms that claimed the lives of at least nine people, including one from the ship, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said.

He said the Turkish-flagged Kafkametler, with 12 crew on board, had sunk off the coast of Eregli in northwest Turkey's Zonguldak province and that the body of one crew member had been retrieved.

The ship's captain had reported on Sunday morning that the ship was drifting toward a breakwater at Eregli and Yerlikaya. The vessel possibly hit the structure after that.

The region was hit by powerful storms on Sunday, and inclement weather prevented air and sea vessels from carrying out searches until Monday morning.

Yerlikaya told reporters that storms and flooding across Turkey over the weekend had resulted in the deaths of four people in the southeastern prov-

ince of Batman, three people in Zonguldak and another person in Diyarbakir, also in the south-east.

The storms that broke out in northwestern Turkey caused havoc over the weekend, destroying another cargo ship, forcing the evacuation of a prison, and killing at least nine people.

A Cameroon-flagged vessel split into two due to the treacherous conditions after weathering 5-metre (16-foot) waves near the coastal city of Eregli, the Maritime General Directorate said. All 13 crew members were rescued.

At Eregli's prison, rising water levels pushed authorities to transfer inmates to surrounding facilities, Justice Minister Yilmaz Tunc said.

The turbulent weather followed an especially dry summer that brought Istanbul's dams to their lowest levels in nine years.

Much of Turkey has been suffering from an extended drought that scientists attribute to climate change and poor water management.