

US Singlehandedly Blocks Palestine From Full UN Membership, \$26 Billion to Israel Reaches House Floor

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U.S. Vetoes Palestinian Bid for Recognition as Full U.N. Member State

The New York Times [reports](#):

The United States blocked the U.N. Security Council on Thursday from moving forward on a Palestinian bid to be recognized as a full member state at the United Nations, quashing an effort by Palestinian allies to get the world body to back the effort.

The vote was 12 in favor of the resolution and one — the United States — opposed, with abstentions from Britain and Switzerland.

The Palestinian envoy to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, had described the bid for full-member status as an effort “to take our rightful place among the community of nations.”

After the vote, Mr. Mansour, visibly upset, delivered a passionate address:

“Our right to self determination is a natural right — a historical right — to live in our homeland Palestine as an independent state that is free and that is sovereign,” he said.

US State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel said,

“It remains the U.S. view that the most expeditious path toward statehood for the Palestinian people is through direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian

Authority with the support of the United States and other partners.”

Al Jazeera [adds](#):

The Palestinian group [Hamas](#) has [accused](#) the US of standing “in the face of international will” by exercising its veto power at the UN Security Council and denying Palestinians full membership in the world body.

Israel Katz, the Israeli minister of foreign affairs, [said](#),

“I commend the United States for vetoing this shameful proposal.”

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Russia’s Permanent Representative to the UN Vasily Nebenzya said, “Every American veto on Gaza is not just a voting statistic in the UN Security Council. We must not forget that it also had a specific terrible price — the lives of thousands of civilians in Gaza.”

He added, “The Israeli military is attacking humanitarian convoys, blocking their access, and slowing down the passage of cargo. Western countries harshly criticize them for this only if Western citizens die as a result.”

House Dems Vote to Advance \$26 Billion for Israel to House Floor Despite a Rebellion from Republicans’ Right Flank

Jewish Insider reports:

“Democrats’ support in the Rules Committee was a highly unusual step, and effectively a signal that House Democratic leadership is backing the legislation. It’s unprecedented in at least the last 29 years for a House majority party to require minority party support to advance legislation out of the Rules Committee. But three conservative Republicans, Reps. Thomas Massie (R-KY), Ralph Norman (R-SC) and Chip Roy (R-TX), bucked Johnson and voted against advancing the package....”

A major question as the legislation moves ahead will be how many lawmakers ultimately vote against the package providing aid to Israel. More than 50 Democrats called to suspend and condition aid to Israel, but at least a few of them have publicly committed to voting for the bill. On the right, 14 Republicans voted earlier this year against providing aid to Israel, demanding it be paired with other budget cuts....

ABC [reports](#):

The The legislation provides roughly \$26 billion for Israel. The measure is similar to legislation passed by a bipartisan group in the Senate back in February. (Trump had [suggested](#) changing the payment to a loan.)

Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, said:

“This was all precooked,” Roy said. “It’s why President Biden and Chuck Schumer are praising it.”

Democrats, meanwhile, criticized Republicans for bringing dysfunction to the chamber...

Final votes are set for Saturday.

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