

Hamas proposes end to war with Israel in talks in Egypt

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The Palestinian militant group Hamas announced Saturday a proposal to end the 2½-year-old war that includes full Israeli withdrawal and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.

Top Hamas officials met with Egyptian negotiators in Cairo, a meeting that did not include Israel or the United States, although an Egyptian official told CNN that Israel has been invited to meet with negotiators on Monday.

“The delegation began meetings with Egyptian officials to discuss Hamas’ vision for a cease-fire and an end to the war and a prisoner exchange based on a comprehensive deal,” Hamas said in a written statement.

CNN reported that an Israeli source said that “Israel only reacts to offers passed on by the mediators.” Although the negotiation has been mediated by officials from Qatar, Egypt also has been trying to broker a deal along with the United States.

Before the meeting, Hamas said it planned to discuss “the impact of



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A Palestinian girl stands as she plays on the streets of Gaza City, northern Gaza Strip, on April 14. Militant Hamas’ peace proposal includes a total withdrawal by Israel and reconstruction of Gaza.

Israel’s starvation policy in Gaza and stress the urgent need to deliver humanitarian aid, including food and medicine, to the territory.”

The Hamas-run Health Ministry has said that more than 51,000 Palestinians have been killed and more than 117,000 injured in Gaza. Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing more than 1,200, which started the

war.

The delegation was led by Muhammad Darwish, chairman of the Hamas Leadership Council, and included other top leaders, Khaled Meshaal, Khalil al-Hayya, Zaher Jabarin and Nizar Awadallah.

On March 29, Hamas’ leader in Gaza, Khalil al-Hayya, said the terrorist group agreed to release five hostages, including

the American-Israeli Edan Alexander, as part of a 50-day cease-fire proposal from Egypt and Qatar during Ramadan.

Israel “conveyed to the mediators a counter-proposal in full coordination with the U.S.,” the office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that day.

Earlier this month, Israel’s six-week ceasefire proposal called for the

disarmament of Gaza without guaranteeing an end to the war. Hamas has not agreed to either of those.

“We will not accept partial deals that serve Netanyahu’s political agenda. Netanyahu and his government use partial agreements as a cover for their political agenda, which is based on continuing the war of extermination and starvation, even if the price is sacrificing all his prisoners [hostages],” Hamas negotiator Khalil al-Hayya said in a video statement.

President Donald Trump has been pushing to end the war.

“We’ve got to be good to Gaza,” Trump said Friday while flying to Italy for Prince Francis’ funeral. “There’s a very big need for medicine, food and medicine. We’re taking care of it.”

Trump, who has been a strong supporter of Israel, gave no details about humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Netanyahu has defended the blockade of humanitarian aid as part of a pressure campaign against Hamas. Israel also wants the return of the remaining 59 hostages. Just 24 of the remaining hostages are believed to be alive.

After a first 41-day cease-fire ended on March 1, including the exchange of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, Israel later resumed airstrikes in Gaza.

Israel said that in the past 48 hours 120 targets have been hit.

Since March 18 when the war resumed, Israel Defense Forces estimates that it has killed more than 400 members of terror groups, including senior Hamas political officials and mid-level military wing commanders.

A total of 2,111 Palestinians have died since the end of the cease-fire, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

At least 13 Palestinians died since dawn Saturday and dozens others were buried under the rubble of a building destroyed in an Israeli air attack on Gaza City. At least four people were killed in a strike on a home in the city’s Sabra neighbourhood, Al Jazeera reported.

As cease-fire talks stall, the IDF said it is preparing to significantly expand its offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, noting that it will call up a large number of reservists and go into new areas of Gaza.

An IDF soldier and a police officer were killed during fighting in Gaza City’s Shejaiya neighbourhood on Friday afternoon, the military and police announced.

At least 11 dead in Vancouver after driver plows into street party

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A driver plowed into a group of partygoers attending a Filipino street festival on Saturday evening in Vancouver, British Columbia, killing at least 11 people, the city’s interim police chief said, adding that there may be deaths among the “dozens” of people who were injured.

The interim chief, Steve Rai, said Sunday that a 30-year-old man from Vancouver was in custody, and that police had previously had “substantive contact with him over mental health issues.” He declined to attribute any motive to the festival attack.

Investigators had ruled out terrorism as a motive, Vancouver police said in an email early Sunday, but they did not offer further details. Prime Minister Mark Carney, who described the incident as a “car-ramming attack,” said federal national security officials “do not believe that there is any active threat to Canadians.”

Photographs published by news agencies showed what appeared to be a black SUV with significant damage to the front of the vehicle, and its air bags deployed.

“At approximately 8:14 p.m. on April 26, a man drove into a large crowd of people attending the Lapu Lapu Day Festival near East 43rd Avenue

and Fraser Street,” Vancouver police said in a post on social media. The annual event celebrates Datu Lapu Lapu, a national hero in the Philippines.

“As of now, we can confirm nine people have died after a man drove through a crowd at last night’s Lapu Lapu Festival,” police said in another post on social media early Sunday. “Our thoughts are with all those affected by this tragic incident.”

The incident occurred less than 48 hours before federal elections were set to take place in Canada. When asked by reporters whether the incident was related to the elections, Rai said, “I don’t know anything about that.”

Underscoring the police’s initial assessment that the attack was an isolated event, police were to allow a 10-kilometer run that drew more than 45,000 entrants last year to go ahead Sunday.

The incident occurred just as Apl.de.ap, a Filipino American rapper and a founding member of the Black Eyed Peas, had finished a concert performance at the festival on the grounds of a high school.

Alan Kane, a witness, told CBC Radio that just before the attack, the crowd on the street where it occurred was “wall to wall” and lined up for food trucks. He said that it appeared that the street was blocked to traffic only by plastic barriers.

Several witnesses told

Canadian news outlets that those barriers had been pulled back before the incident. Kris Pangilinan, who was selling clothing at a booth, said that some cars and trucks had been allowed into the crowded street to allow vendors to pack up their stands. The Audi SUV, he said, had initially moved cautiously into the crowd before rapidly accelerating, knocking down victims.

“It looked like we literally in a war zone,” Pangilinan told the CBC.

Other witnesses said the driver tried to run away before being subdued by bystanders.

This was the first mass killing involving a vehicle in Canada since 2021, when a far-right extremist drove a pickup truck into five members of a Muslim family in London, Ontario, killing four of them. A judge ruled that the man was motivated by white supremacist ideology and deemed the killings to be an act of terrorism.

In 2018, a man in Toronto used a rented van to run down and kill 11 pedestrians, injuring 15 other people. Most of the victims were women.

In recent years, police forces in Canada have regularly blocked roads leading to venues hosting large crowds with snowplows or gravel-filled dump trucks, a measure that did not appear to have been taken in Vancouver.

“Last night, families

lost a sister, a brother, a mother, a father, a son or a daughter,” Carney told reporters in Hamilton, Ontario. “Those families are living every family’s nightmare.”

Addressing Filipino Canadians, he added: “I join all Canadians in mourning with you. I know Canadians are united with you.”

Carney canceled the largest of his events scheduled for the final day of campaigning Sunday, and it was unclear if he would follow a plan to conclude his campaign in the evening in Vancouver.

Jagmeet Singh, the leader of the New Democratic Party and a member of Parliament from British Columbia, canceled all of his final campaign events except one. Singh had left the festival not long before the attack.

Vancouver’s mayor, Ken Sim, said he was “shocked and deeply saddened by the horrific incident.”

Vancouver prides itself on being a diverse, multicultural city, with more than half of its residents identifying themselves as a “visible minority,” according to 2021 census.

Lapu Lapu Day is an annual celebration in the Philippines, marking the memory of Datu Lapu Lapu, who stood up against Spanish colonization. In Vancouver, the festival was established as an annual event in 2023.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. of the Philippines said in a statement Sunday that he was “completely shattered to hear about the terrible incident” in Vancouver, and he expressed his “deepest sympathies” to the families of the victims.

US-born child of ‘illegal immigrant mother’ deported to Honduras

BY MIKE HEUER
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A federal judge wants to straighten out the deportation to Honduras on Friday of a 2-year-old U.S. citizen with her mother and sister.

U.S. District Court of Western Louisiana Judge Terry Doughty scheduled a May 16 hearing at the Monroe (La.) Federal Courthouse after the child, who is identified as “VML,” was deported.

“The government contends that this is all okay because the mother wishes that the child be deported with her,” Doughty wrote Friday in a memorandum order scheduling a hearing on the matter.

“The court doesn’t know that,” Doughty said. “Seeking the path of least resistance, the court called counsel for the government at 12:19 p.m. CDT, so that we could speak with VML’s mother and survey her consent and custodial

rights.”

Doughty said he was aware the plane carrying VML and the child’s mother was above the “Gulf of America” when he placed the call and referred to the mother as an “illegal immigrant.”

An attorney for the federal government called at 1:06 p.m. and told Doughty it would be impossible to arrange a phone conversation because the mother and child already had been released into Honduras.

Doughty said prior federal court rulings affirm it is illegal and unconstitutional to deport a U.S. citizen, and the court on Thursday received a writ of habeas corpus and an emergency petition for a restraining order to halt the deportation of VML.

He scheduled the May 16 hearing “in the interest of dispelling our strong suspicion that the government just deported a U.S. citizen with no meaningful process.”

BIRTHDAYS: APRIL 28



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Penélope Cruz, Spanish actress (b. 1974).

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