Armenia announces recognition of Palestinian statehood

Armenia has become the latest country to recognize a Palestinian state and said it was against "violence against the civilian population."

Armenia's Foreign Ministry on Friday announced that it was recognizing Palestine as a state.

Yerevan becomes the latest government to recognize Palestinian statehood as the war in Gazacontinues, ongoing for over eight months.

Yerevan calls for 'peaceful coexistence'

In a statement, Armenia cited the "catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and the ongoing military conflict" as being "among the primary issues on the international political agenda that require settlement."

Armenia said that it "categorically rejects the targeting of civilian infrastructure, violence against the civilian population" and also rejected "the hostage-taking of civilians during armed conflict, joining the international community's demands for their unconditional release."

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