
AUSTRALIA'S PARLIAMENT RESUMES WITH PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTS AND CALLS FOR ISRAEL SANCTIONS

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Australias Parliament resumed Tuesday for the first time since the center-left Labor Party won one of the nations largest-ever majorities in the May elections. The day was largely ceremonial, with reminders of conflict in the Middle East.

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian demonstrators gathered outside Parliament House on Tuesday, calling for the government to impose sanctions on Israel after Australia joined another 27 countries in issuing a joint statement, saying the war in Gaza must end now.

Security guards prevented 15 demonstrators from entering the public gallery of the Senate while Attorney-General Sam Mostyn, who represents Australias head of state King Charles III, was giving a speech to lawmakers on Tuesday afternoon, Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

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