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International court Gaza probe 'no risk to Israeli citizens or IDF officers'
Amid South Africa's 'genocide' claim against Israel in Gaza and appeal to The Hague,
legal expert discusses potential impacts on Israeli politicians, IDF officers and
international standing

Itamar Eichner|05:44

Ever since the Gaza offensive began, Israel knew that when it comes to the realm of public opinion, it was always living on borrowed time, and last week, it was showcased through South Africa's appeal to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), alleging so-called genocide in Israel's response to October 7.

Its exact words were "Israel's actions are genocidal in character because they are intended to bring about the destruction of a substantial part of the Palestinians in Gaza."

The request to the ICJ, also known as the World Court, seeks a series of legally binding rulings. It asks the court to declare that Israel "has breached and continues to breach its obligations under the Genocide Convention," and to order Israel to cease hostilities in Gaza that could amount to breaches of the convention, to offer reparations, and to provide for reconstruction of what it's destroyed in Gaza.

Israel has responded by announcing it will stand up to these allegations in front of the ICJ, a somewhat uncharacteristic move. Additionally, Israel is considering appointing one of the judges on the panel, which is allowed under the rules for any nation accused of such deeds.

Nick Kaufman, an Israeli attorney with vast experience when it comes to procedures in front of the Hague, has answered some questions on this complex issue.

What are the perils Israel faces due to South Africa's appeal, and can it translate to actual risk for Israeli statesmen or IDF officers?

"The proceedings in the International Court of Justice do not pose any danger to Israeli citizens or IDF officers that goes beyond the existing risks associated with the investigation conducted by the International Criminal Court. It's important to note that the court does not have the power to issue arrest warrants or pass judgments on individual suspects.

"Its role is to resolve disputes between countries. During the discussions on interim measures, the court will not determine whether Israel is committing genocide. Instead, it will examine whether the right of the Palestinian people to be protected from genocide is a reasonable claim given the circumstances, and whether the actions complained of by South Africa, if proven true, could be considered genocide.

"Interestingly, the proceedings in the International Court of Justice offer Israeli citizens a form of insurance against prosecution for genocide, as the plaintiff in the International Criminal Court would likely prefer to hear the opinions of the judges in the International Court of Justice before deciding the direction of their investigation."

How long will this go on?

"Years, potentially. South Africa will make its case on January 11 and Israel will counter a day later. It will be another month before full arguments are heard, at which point the subject of whether to issue an interim order that will bar Israel from attacking in Gaza, will be decided. Once a final verdict is given, it cannot be appealed."

What happens if the interim order to halt aggression in Gaza is issued and Israel resumes the offensive anyway?

"Despite South Africa's request, I find it difficult to believe that a broad order will be issued to compel Israel to cease fighting in Gaza. International law requires a contextual and proportionate connection between the rights that South Africa aims to protect and the relief sought.

"Issuing an order that obligates Israel to refrain from harming Gaza civilians who are not involved in the conflict could be a feasible way to safeguard the Palestinians' right not to be subjected to genocide. However, should Israel disregard an order for cessation of hostilities, it could result in increased isolation among nations and have implications for its foreign relations."

Who do you believe should represent Israel, and isn't the mere appearance before the tribunal grant it legitimacy?

"The main representative for the defendant is usually the Foreign Minister or the Israeli ambassador to the Netherlands, accompanied by several litigators. Proceedings are usually conducted in either English or French, so it's important Israel sends someone who is proficient in either one. Attendance isn't mandatory, but should Israel forego its chance to make its case, the verdict will rest entirely upon the plaintiff's claim."

What do you think of South Africa's claims?

"The claim being made is outrageous, both factually and legally. A substantial portion of the lawsuit focuses on interpreting regrettable and populist statements made by Israeli politicians and IDF officers. South Africa attempts to attribute to the decision-makers in operations an intention to commit genocide, meaning an intention to completely destroy the Palestinian people in any way possible.

"Exploiting the term 'genocide' in such a cynical manner touches upon the most sensitive aspect of Jewish consciousness, the sanctity of the Holocaust victims, which was the foundation for the treaty under which the petition was established."

What gives South Africa the right to approach the ICJ in the first place?

"The status of South Africa's appeal to the court is not clear-cut. The Gambia v. Myanmar case established that the obligations protected under the crime of genocide apply to all states, and each state has the ability to enforce these protected rights within its jurisdiction. It is intriguing to consider why the Palestinian Authority, despite being a member of this institution and even becoming a party to the crime of genocide in 2014, did not appeal to the court.

"There is a definite indication that South Africa is acting as a Palestinian proxy, driven not only by the animosity it has displayed towards Israel in recent years but also by a desire to bypass Israeli allegations regarding the status of Palestine as a state entitled to appeal to the court. As a result, the United States chose not to participate in the discussions concerning the Palestinian Authority's appeal in 2018 regarding the location of the American embassy in East Jerusalem."

01.03.24 – We

Lebanon warns of War after Beirut assassination of Hamas by Israel

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Nasrallah says group would not remain silent after Beirut assassination

In television address Iran-backed terror group's leader says killing of Saleh al-Arouri is a crime; warns there would be 'no ceilings' and 'no rules' if Israel launches war on Lebanon
Lior Ben Ari | 12:48

Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said on Wednesday that Israel's killing of the deputy chief of allied Palestinian faction Hamas in Beirut was "a major, dangerous crime about which we cannot be silent."

Nasrallah spoke in a televised speech planned earlier to mark four years since the killing of Qasem Soleimani, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, Quds' force, in an American strike.

The Hezbollah leader cross-border shelling of Israel starting on Oct. 8 had prevented a broader bombing campaign by Israel, warning Israel that there would be "no ceilings" and "no rules" to his group's fighting if Israel chose to launch a war on Lebanon. "Whoever thinks of war with us - in one word, he will regret it." He said his forces were undeterred when they joined Hamas in attacking Israel on October 7 but were today more emboldened and ready for action. "Palestine from the River to the Sea belongs only to the Palestinian people," he said. "What has happened in Gaza was proof that international institutions, the international community and international law cannot defend anyone. Gaza's experience shows that if you are strong, you impose your respect," he said adding that by opening the front against Israel from Lebanon, the Israelis lost their element of surprise, to attack.

Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi visited troops on the northern border hours before Nasrallah's speech. "The war began at a low point but creates amid the difficulties, opportunities to substantially change the situation in the north and in the south and in terms of regional stability," he said.

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US Intelligence finds evidence corroborating account of Al-Shifa used as terror center
Hamas and PIJ used Al-Shifa Hospital to store munitions, avoid IDF strikes and hold hostages; despite initial skepticism over Israeli claims, US reports confirm the hospital's dual use, leaving little doubt about its role beyond healthcare
ynet correspondents | 02:35

The New York Times published information revealing that American intelligence agencies believe Hamas and Islamic Jihad utilized the Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City as a military command center and a site for holding captives.

This conclusion was supported by a senior figure in the American intelligence community who stated the Biden administration believes Hamas made use of the hospital facilities and underground sites for managing command and control activities, storing weapons, and holding captives. The intelligence agencies also possess information indicating the terrorists vacated the premises several days before the extensive Israeli operation in November. Upon departure, they destroyed documents and electronic equipment in an attempt to conceal evidence, which made the world raise doubts about the veracity of Israeli claims.

The White House has expressed support for Israel's claims that the hospital served as a terrorist command center. On November 14, John Kirby, the National Security Council Coordinator, stated, "We have information that confirms Hamas uses the hospital in question as a command and control center." However, no specifics were shared. Following the IDF's extensive operation at the hospital, numerous terror infrastructures, including tunnels and underground facilities, were exposed in the weeks that followed. Health and humanitarian organizations visited the site, and a team from the World Health Organization described Al-Shifa Hospital as a "death zone" following the IDF's departure. The main criticism centered on Israel's assertion that Al-Shifa was a central command center for Hamas, despite the absence of captives or active command centers.

Now, the assessment of American intelligence confirms Israel's claims that terror organizations commandeered the hospital and left before the Israeli operation. Although relief agencies did not provide visual evidence or videos as backup, an official American source stated their personnel are convinced of the accuracy of the assessments, as they are based on information independently collected by Israeli and U.S. intelligence sources.

American intelligence believes Israel's claims that some captives were held on site, were at least partially on the nose, even if they were later evacuated. From the war's onset, the IDF has placed focus on proving Al-Shifa was more than a mere hospital and resting place for civilians but in fact a terrorist command center with all that entails. That would explain the discovery of an subterranean tunnel beneath the hospital itself. Coincidentally, this is also where the bodies of Yehudit Weiss and IDF soldier Noa Marciano were located, along with munitions and captives' personal belongings. While Weiss and Marciano were found just outside the hospital, a pathology report indicates Marciano was killed inside the Al-Shifa compound.

With enough evidence and findings corroborating Israel's hypothesis regarding Al-Shifa nefarious uses, hospital director Muhammad Abu-Salmiya was detained by the IDF, charging him as an unlawful combatant. This was considered a high-profile arrest, after Abu-Salmiya became somewhat of a symbol of Palestinian resilience, regularly updating the media about the number of dead and the humanitarian and sanitary conditions within Al-Shifa.

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Saleh al-Aroui, Hamas No. 2 killed in Hamas offices blast in Beirut

Hamas officially confirms death of Deputy chairman of Hamas's political bureau dubbed architect of the October 7 attack; was 1 of 4 killed in alleged Israeli drone strike

Lior Ben Ari | 01.02.24 | 10:49

Saleh al-Aroui, deputy chairman of Hamas's political bureau and a founder of the terror group's military wing was killed in a blast in the Hamas offices in Beirut's Dahieh quarter, a stronghold of the Iran-backed Hezbollah group, Hamas and Hezbollah said on Tuesday. Earlier reports said at least four people died in the blast.

According to the reports from Beirut, explosions were heard in the Southern sector of the city and images from the scene show a house and car that were badly damaged.

Lebanese state media said the blast was caused by an Israeli drone strike.

Al-Aroui was commander of the military wing of Hamas in the West Bank and considered to have great influence in that area which he saw as a launch pad to disrupt Israeli security and where terror activity could divert attention from Gaza, a strategy he put into action successfully.

The 57-year old senior member of Hamas used his position over the West Bank to forge close ties with the radical Shi'ite groups and Iran.

01.01.24 – Mo

Supreme Court voted authority to intervene reasonableness over Knesset laws

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In historic 1st, Supreme Court strikes down Basic Law amendment

In 8-7 ruling, court reverses government's attempt to annul reasonableness clause, stating it could hinder judicial review 'even in extreme and unreasonable governmental decisions.' Justice Minister Levin contends decision 'undermines balance of power'

Gilad Morag, Moran Azulay, Tova Tzimuki | 14:43

The Supreme Court on Monday evening ruled to annul an amendment to a Basic Law that restricts its oversight of the government which was passed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government last July.

The ruling reinstates the so-called reasonableness clause which grants the court oversight of government decisions. This marks the first time the court has ruled on one of Israel's quasi-constitutional Basic Laws.

The majority opinion, passing by a narrow margin of 8 to 7, affirmed that the Basic Law annulling the clause "exceeds the Knesset's authority and therefore must be reversed."

According to recently retired Chief Justice Esther Hayut, "The Knesset's phrasing of the annulment is radical and extraordinary. It refers to the reasonableness clause's full measure, thereby preventing judicial review even in extreme and unreasonable governmental decisions."

The majority judges are: Former Chief Justice Esther Hayut, Justice Yitzhak Amit, Acting Chief Justice Uzi Fogelman, Justice Dafna Barak-Erez, retired Justice Anat Baron, Justice Khaled Kabub, Justice Ruth Ronen and Justice Ofer Grosskopf.

Invoking its authority to act, the majority opinion said, "Under extreme circumstances, the Supreme Court is authorized, under its mandate as the highest judicial authority in the land, to announce the annulment of a Basic Law when the Knesset exceeds its legislative authority."

Justices Noam Sohlberg and David Mintz affirmed that "this court has the authority to exact judicial review upon basic laws and intervene in extraordinary cases where the Knesset ventures outside its mandate."

Judge Yosef Elron, who was in the minority, wrote that "there is a certain window that allows for judicial review upon Basic Laws only in the most extreme of cases and only as a last resort. However, future Supreme Court cases will truly determine if the reasonableness clause has been completely annulled, or whether its remnants live within the framework of a reduced clause. This is a point where the executive branch has failed to articulate a consistent position."

'It robs millions of citizens of their voice'

Justice Minister Yariv Levin was displeased with the court's decision, saying: "The concentration of power in the hands of judges during court rulings undermines the balance of power among the three branches of government in a democratic system.

"When even the enactment of basic laws or decision-making in the Knesset and government requires the consent of Supreme Court judges, it robs millions of citizens of their voice and the essential right to participate equally in decision-making processes. This lack of equivalent checks and balances is uncommon in Western democracies. As the struggle persists on multiple fronts, we will remain committed to acting with caution and responsibility."

Chairman of the opposition and former Prime Minister Yair Lapid was more upbeat about the ruling, stating: "The court's ruling is the final act of a difficult year that tore Israeli society apart and led to our greatest disaster. Israeli strength stems from the fact that we're a Jewish, Democratic and law-abiding state. The Supreme Court fulfilled its duty to safeguard our democracy and it has our full backing."

Anticipating a possible governmental backlash, he added: "Should the Israeli government initiate another dispute regarding the Supreme Court, it would be evidence of a failure to learn from past experiences. It reflects a lack of lessons learned from the events of October 7 and the 87-day war fought to protect our homeland."

The government's legislative campaign to curb the Supreme Court's authority has caused an unprecedented rift within Israeli society and triggered a massive wave of protests around the country for the better part of 2023. The most prominent among those were the ones heavily criticizing the Netanyahu government. While those took place in countless locations nationwide, the one that drew the biggest crowds was the weekly protest in central Tel Aviv, which routinely drew hundreds of thousands every weekend.

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Israel pessimistic over possible hostage deal; Iran moves warship to Red Sea

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Israeli officials pessimistic over possible hostage deal; Iran moves warship to Red Sea
Officials say Hamas making outrageous demands Israel cannot accept following Saudi reports Israeli delegation heading to Cairo for talks
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"It is more complicated than we thought," the officials said. "There are too many outrageous demands from Hamas pertaining to a cease-fire which we cannot accept."

IDF reported on Monday that Sergeant First Class (res.) Amichai Yisrael Yehoshua Oster was killed in northern Gaza on Monday. Four others were badly hurt.

Oster, 24, from the West Bank settlement of Karnei Shomron, was traveling in the U.S. when the war broke out. He immediately cut his trip short to return to Israel, determined to join the war effort. He is survived by his parents and four siblings.

Israeli officials said on Monday that they were not hopeful that a hostage deal would be reached soon after Hamas released its terms which are unacceptable to Israel.

The Saudi Al Arabiya network reported earlier that an Israeli delegation was expected to arrive in Cairo for talks on a possible hostage deal. According to the television channel, a delegation of senior members of Hamas were also in the Egyptian capital for discussion on a cease-fire. A Hamas source told the media outlet that there was no change in the group's demand to reject any talk of a hostage exchange before an end to the fighting.

According to the report, the deal would include the release of up to 40 hostages, among them women, the elderly and infirmed in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners convicted and jailed in Israel and a cease-fire that would last between 21 to 30 days.

The IDF on Monday revealed a clip filmed by Hamas fighters, showing one who hid an RPG under an innocuous-looking blanket, using it to target Israeli armored vehicles and troops. On camera, the terrorist claims that he had destroyed three IDF Merkava tanks with his weapon.

The footage was found by an IDF force after they had killed the terrorist on tape and uncovered his camera. The force commander said the images prove that Hamas was hiding among civilians in their war against Israel.

Israeli authorities told the family of Kibbutz Be'eri resident Ilan Weiss who had been missing since the Hamas massacre of October 7, that he was now confirmed to have been killed during the terrorist attack.

Iran on Monday said it had deployed its Alborz warship to the Red Sea. the move comes amid growing tensions in the area of the Bab Al Mandab straits after Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, have been targeting commercial shipping with missiles and drones in what they claim to be an act of support of Hamas in its war against Israel.

A senior Hamas delegation arrived in Cairo for talks on a possible cease-fire in the war in Gaza, the Saudi Al Arabiya network reported on Monday. A Hamas source told the paper that there was no change in the group's demand to reject any talk of a hostage exchange before an end to the fighting.

Senior defense officials said on Monday that they believe Hamas would be able to maintain a stockpile of rockets and its military capability to fire them in the coming two to three years due to its massive military build-up over the past 14 years. As a result, Israel began preparing additional shelters and barriers to protect the area along the border.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said in a statement on Monday that there can be no happy new year until all hostages, abducted by Hamas during its assault and massacre on October 7, are returned safely.

"A new year with the same Hamas terror. while 129 Israelis are still being held captive by Hamas in Gaza, the terror group decided to begin 2024 with a barrage of rockets at Israel, the military spokesperson said. "There is no happy new year until everyone is home."

An incoming air raid siren was heard in Sderot at precisely midnight, marking the start of 2024. Barrages to the central lowlands activated alerts in Rehovot, Ness Ziona, Be'er Yaakov, Rishon Lezion, Ramla, Lod, Holon, Bat Yam and Mikveh Israel. Alarms were also activated in the communities of Sha'ar HaNegev, Gezer, Brenner, Sdot Dan, Gan Raveh, and Mateh Yehuda regional councils, Holon, Azor, Gedera, and Modi'in.

Israel was exerting pressure on Egypt to allow its military to operate along the Egyptian border with Gaza by economic means, the Qatari-owned Al-Araby Al-Jadeed newspaper reported on Monday. Sources told the paper that Egypt would struggle to allow Israeli military operations on the Philadelphi Corridor where it hopes to thwart the smuggling of weapons to Hamas. The economic incentives would be considerable amid Egypt's current financial difficulties, the sources said.

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U.S. to remove aircraft carrier fleet from Mediterranean, report

The USS Gerald Ford and accompanying five warships to return state-side after being sent to region in wake of Hamas massacre; Biden - Netanyahu relations said to be increasingly tense over next phase of war and future of Gaza
Ynet|00:13

The USS Gerald Ford carrier fleet, the newest and largest in the U.S. Navy, is due to leave the Eastern Mediterranean in the coming days, on its way back to the United States, according to two officials who spoke to ABC News late on Sunday.

The carrier and the five warships in its fleet, were sent to the region, nearing the end of its first deployment, one day after the Hamas carried out its massacre on Israeli communities near the Gaza border, on October 7.

A senior American official said that the return of the USS Gerald Ford to its base in Norfolk, Virginia is consistent with its deployment schedule and even after it departs the area, the U.S. would still have a multitude of military capabilities and the flexibility to respond to any need, including with its warships and missiles deployed to the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf to deter any aggression from Iran.

According to a report in the New York Times, the relations between U.S. President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have become increasingly strained. Biden spoke with the prime minister 14 times recently. "Every call is tense and sometimes sharp," U.S. officials told the Times, often describing them as difficult but constructive. The tone insiders used was along the lines "Look, man, you've got to do more about this or take this more seriously."

The administration believes Israel has a right to self-defense, the threat from Hamas must be removed, humanitarian aid to Gaza must be increased and civilian casualty numbers decreased. Although Biden's officials have been highlighting the latter points, the president publicly at least, spoke more of the first two. The paper said there were "hints that Mr. Netanyahu could ultimately accept a role for a reformed Palestinian Authority in Gaza," after the war, "recognizing there needs to be a Palestinian administration of sorts even as they hope to persuade Gulf Arab states to pay for reconstruction.

12.29.23 – Fr

Rumor; Egyptian-Qatari deal for prisoner & hostage exchange includes 20 day cease fire

12.29.23 – Fr

IDF Spokesperson declares massive IDF strikes on Hezbollah, Sinwar ready for hostage deal

Rear Admiral Hagari says that after recent IDF strikes in southern Lebanon, the layout of the land 'bears little resemblance to its state on October 6'; Al-Arabiya reports Sinwar

agrees to hostage-prisoner swap deal that includes 20 days of cease fire, deal organized by Egypt and Qatar

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Commenting on the escalating tensions along the Lebanese border, IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari emphasized the Israeli military's continued efforts to conduct vigorous attacks and disrupt Hezbollah's presence near the northern border. He stated that "the current layout of the area bears little resemblance to its state on October 6, and it will not revert back to that state again." Hagari firmly declared that South Lebanon will undergo significant changes, emphasizing the Israeli determination to prevent a return to the previous situation.

Regarding the situation of hostages in the Gaza Strip, Hagari expressed concern over the proliferation of rumors and misinformation on social media platforms. He highlighted the distress experienced by the families, friends, and loved ones of the abductees, urging against the spread of unfounded information that only adds to their already immense pain. Hagari called for empathy and urged people to refrain from contributing to the anguish of the hostages' families.

The Saudi television network Al-Arabiya reported, citing sources, that Hamas leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, will accept the Egyptian-Qatari initiative for a prisoner exchange. The initiative stipulates the release of Israeli captives in exchange for the release of prisoners from Israeli prisons and a 20-day cease fire.

According to a report in Saudi Arabia, 11 senior members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps were killed in one of the two strikes on Syria on Thursday, attributed to Israel, and the commander of the guards in Syria was wounded.

According to the Al Hadath channel, the attacks on the Damascus airport where a high level delegation from Iran was met by the IIRCG members, may have a greater impact on the organization than the targeted killing of Qasem Suleimani in a U.S. strike in 2018.

Northern Israel comes under repeated rocket fire from Hezbollah in South Lebanon on Friday. The IDF struck targets across the border including launching a drone strike on a car although no details about the passengers who may have been hurt, was available. At least four people were hurt in a suspected terrorists car ramming attack near the West Bank city of Hebron on Friday.

One of the four, all men in their 20s, was described by emergency medical teams as moderately hurt, while the other three sustained light injuries and all were receiving medical attention on the scene. The assailant was shot and killed.

12.29.23 – Fr

Thousand protest for PA in Manhattan & Times Square carrying Flags & chanting

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Thousand protest for Palestine in New York carrying Palestinian Flags and chanting "There is only one solution: Intifada, Revolution"

Protesters also hold mock funeral for children killed in Gaza holding 500 dolls representing children, marching dressed in black to the beat of a drum and laying the dolls in Times Square

Daniel Edelson, New York|05:19

Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters marched in Manhattan late on Thursday chanting "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," and "Israel you can't hide, we charge you with genocide. Israel what do you say? How many kids did you kill today?" The protesters blocked the front entrance to the World Trade Center's Oculus, and other lower Manhattan sites.

The demonstrated also targeted U.S. President Joe Biden for his position in support of Israel and the military aid delivered to it, since the outbreak of the war. One sign carried in the march read "Genocide Joe has got 2 go."

Without US backing, without US support politically, financially, in the media and so many other ways, the Palestinian resistance would have defeated Israel a long time ago," said Nerdeen Kswadi, one of the organizers of the March to the New York Post.

A separate group of some 1,500 people marched in a "funeral procession for children who were killed in Gaza." They dressed in black and marched silently to a drum beat carrying 500 dolls representing dead children and placing them in the middle of Times Square, to illustrate children killed by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

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12.28.23 – Th- - - News Placed in December 28 spot – Thursday

Croatian, German, Italian & Lithuanian parliamentarians toured once-vibrant Kibbutz

12.27.23 – We- - - News Placed in December 27 spot – Wednesday

IDF's objective in Gaza: Clearing 70% of enemy territory & move to targeted raids

12.25.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday

Biden calls Emir of Qatar to discuss Gaza war and jump-start a new hostage deal

12.24.23 – Su- - - News Placed in December 24 spot – Sunday

Al-Jazeera group would not grant permits to Bethlehem Catholic festivities

12.24.23 – Su- - - News – Sunday

Hamas police killed a man who stopped an aid truck; large clan demands revenge

12.24.23 – Su- - - News – Sunday

School raid in Gaza uncovered a trove of hundreds of weapons & munitions

12.24.23 – Su- - - News Placed in December 24 spot – Sunday

US say Abbas too weak to lead PA; Top 5 candidates chosen

12.24.23 – Su- - - News – Sunday

PA WB Officer video says Iran is ruining PA; shot by Jihad, Iran wants his head

12.23.23 – Sa- - - News Placed in December 23 spot – Saturday

Israel vessel hit by UAV off India & Iran may close Mediterranean Sea at Gibraltar

12.22.23 – Fr- - - News Placed in December 22 spot – Friday

Iran militia in Iraq claim drone attack on Israel's Karish natural gas rig in Mediterranean

12.21.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday

IDF Hezbollah strikes intensify to clear 32 kilometer zone north of Israel border

12.21.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday

IDF & engineering units deploy another division to clear western Gaza

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Iran plot to enlist Israelis for terrorism uncovered by Shin Bet