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Security agencies say two residents of east Jerusalem in custody after planning to prepare explosive devices to be used against security forces

Liran Tamari|03:02

The Israel Police and the Shin Bet said on Thursday that they foiled an attack planned by two ISIS supporters from East Jerusalem against security forces. The two from the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood, were arrested separately last month and an indictments are expected to be filed against them soon. The two were arrested because they "planned to prepare explosives and explosive devices aimed at the security forces," only to be foiled by the police and the Shin Bet.

The investigation began a few weeks ago in the Shin Bet and the Israel Police Jerusalem District, under the suspicion of the two were planning to carry out attacks against the security forces in Eastern Jerusalem.

The investigation revealed that the two terrorists were supporters of ISIS and consumed the organization's content online and via Telegram, including graphic violent content. The videos were of the organizations' operations and killings abroad, and more. In addition to the terror suspicions, pedophilia material was found in one of the cellphones after a search was conducted.

"During the past year, the Jerusalem District Police and the Shin Bet thwarted dozens of attacks and attempted attacks in the Jerusalem area, in a variety of ways, thanks both to intelligence and investigations as well as to the vigilance, professionalism and quick response of the Jerusalem District police officers and security forces operating in the various sectors. The Israel Police and the Shin Bet will continue to work with all security forces to thwart terrorism and arrest terrorists, with the aim of protecting the citizens of the State of Israel," they said in a joint statement.

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Hamas leaders in Gaza ignore political leadership abroad, report Saudi paper claims leadership in Gaza making unilateral decisions on fighting, hostages, senior members of the terror group begin sending families out of Strip to Egypt, name brother of Yahya Sinwar as most important decision maker

Einav Halabi, Itamar Eichner|01:25

Hamas leaders in Gaza, have begun making unilateral decisions on the fighting in the Strip and the possible release of Israeli captives, while ignoring the political leadership of the terror group that resides abroad, according to a report on Thursday, in the Saudi Arabian Elaph newspaper.

The report describes Yahya Sinwar's brother Mohammed as the most important person in Gaza along with the commander of the Hamas military wing Mohammed Deif.

Officials in Israel said on Wednesday that they were aware that there were contradicting responses from Hamas in and outside Gaza, in the negotiations for a new hostage release deal.

The officials also said the proposal put forth by Qatar, was a non-starter because it included Israel's withdrawal of its troops from Gaza and an end to the war, in exchange for the release of the Israeli captives. The war cabinet met on Wednesday to discuss the negotiations.

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'The war shifted a stage,' IDF chief spokesman tells NYT

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari says Israeli campaign had already started transition to campaign that would involve fewer ground troops and airstrikes, asserts Israel's efforts to minimize civilian harm and increase aid

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The IDF has begun a less intense phase of ground operations in the Gaza Strip, IDF Spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari told the New York Times on Monday, following weeks of international pressure to reduce an offensive that led to extensive destruction and civilian casualties.

Hagari told the newspaper that the Israeli campaign had already started the transition to a campaign that would involve fewer ground troops and airstrikes.

“The war shifted a stage,” he said. “But the transition will be with no ceremony,” he added. “It’s not about dramatic announcements.”

Hagari’s comments echoed similar statements by Defense Minister Yoav Gallant who told the Wall Street Journal on Monday that Israel would be shifting from an “intense maneuvering phase of the war” toward “different types of special operations.”

Their comments come just hours before U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was set to visit Israel as part of a multi-pronged Middle East tour in a bid to prevent the Gaza war from spilling over to other fronts.

This also comes against the backdrop of a complaint filed with the International Court of Justice which is set to hear a case accusing Israel of genocide against Palestinians.

Israel has begun reducing troops in Gaza, focusing on targeted raids in northern areas and shifting attention to Hamas's southern and central strongholds. Israel aims to facilitate more humanitarian aid into Gaza, where nearly 85% of the population has been displaced. Hagari denied accusations of genocide, asserting Israel's efforts to minimize civilian harm and increase aid, while highlighting the endangerment of civilians due to Hamas embedding military infrastructure in civilian areas.

He pointed out that the war started with a Hamas-led raid killing around 1,200 people, prompting Israel's response.

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Hamas is using North Korean-made weapons in Gaza, South Korea confirms South Korea's intelligence agency confirms report indicating Hamas used North Korean-made F-7 grenade launcher; image shows fuse bearing Korean letters  
Ynetnews|03:21

South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) released a new image on Monday of a component of a North Korean-made grenade launcher allegedly used by Hamas in its ongoing war against Israel.

According to South Korean news agency Yonhap, the NIS's announcement corroborates a Voice of America (VOA) report released last Friday. The VOA report featured a photo of a fuse purportedly belonging to a North Korean-made F-7 rocket-propelled grenade launcher allegedly used by Hamas and bearing Korean writing. The NIS said that its evaluation aligns with the findings presented in the VOA report.

The NIS reported they are "collecting and storing" data on North Korea's arms transfers to Hamas, detailing weapon quantities and transaction timings. Yet, revealing this information is currently difficult due to the need to protect intelligence sources and consider diplomatic ties, as stated by the intelligence agency. South Korea's military has previously acknowledged the North's connections to Hamas and cautioned that North Korea might employ tactics similar to those used by Hamas against Israel, including surprise attacks on South Korea through tunnels.

In a November briefing, South Korea's intelligence agency reported to the parliamentary intelligence committee in Seoul that it had acquired intelligence suggesting that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had instructed senior officials to provide comprehensive assistance to Palestinians.

North Korea has denied providing Hamas with weapons, dismissing such claims as "baseless" and accused the United States of fabricating false accusations against it.

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Israel seeks more security on Egyptian border with Gaza, WSJ reports

Talks underway over security measures to prevent Hamas using tunnels under Egyptian border to rebuild military capabilities after war; Israel asks for sensors, real-time alert if digging found and right to fly drones in area  
Ynet | 10:08

Israel is requesting to have sensors installed on the Egyptian border with Gaza to prevent Hamas from digging tunnels from which it would be able to smuggle weapons into the Strip and which may be used by Hamas leaders to escape capture amid the Israeli ground offensive, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday.

An Egyptian official told the paper that Israel requested direct notification if the sensors are triggered and the right to dispatch surveillance drones to the area if that occurs.

The official said that Egypt would consider adding sensors to the border but would not agree to notify the Israelis or allow them to use drones which would be considered a violation of Egyptian sovereignty. He also said negotiations had been underway in the past two weeks but were stuck over those matters.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last month that the control over the Gaza border with Egypt must be in the hands of Israel in order to ensure that Hamas is not able to rebuild its military capabilities after the war and that hostages who are held captive by Hamas in Gaza would not be smuggled out of the strip and taken elsewhere in the world.

“It must be closed,” he said. “It’s clear that any other arrangement won’t guarantee the disarmament that we want.”

Egypt had rejected Israel's position and had claimed it had taken measures to destroy Hamas tunnels dug under its border and leading into the Sinai Desert but a retired general told the WSJ that that claim was evidently wrong.

“It’s clear that the Egyptians failed to stop the flow of munitions and weapons into Gaza in the past 18 years, they can’t deny it,” Giora Eiland said.

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U.S. concerned Netanyahu to use Hezbollah conflict to remain in power, report  
Sources say U.S. intelligence analysis indicates IDF would struggle to succeed in fight against Iran-backed group while military spread thin while fighting in Gaza; Biden instructs officials to prevent war spread

Saar Haas | 03:51

The U.S. was concerned that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would use the Lebanon front as a means to ensure his political survival, the Washington Post reported on Sunday. According to the report, U.S. President Joe Biden tasked his administration

officials with preventing a full-blown war from breaking out between Israel and Hezbollah.

The post quoted two sources who said that American officials had warned Israel in private conversations against escalating the fight on the Lebanon border after Defense Intelligence Agency's assessment that Israel would struggle to succeed in a war against Hezbollah while forces spread thin amid Gaza war, the report said.

"It is in no one's interest — not Israel's, not the region's, not the world's — for this conflict to spread beyond Gaza," State Department Spokesperson Mathew Miller said before Blinken's departure from Washington on Thursday. But that view is not uniformly held within Israel's government.

The Post said that U.S. officials thought a full-blown war could "surpass the bloodshed of the 2006 Israel-Lebanon war on account of Hezbollah's substantially larger arsenal of long-range and precision weaponry."

"The number of casualties in Lebanon could be anywhere from 300,000 to 500,000 and entail a massive evacuation of all of northern Israel," Bilal Saab, a Lebanon expert at the Middle East Institute, a Washington think tank, told the paper.

In the report, the Post noted that the conflict between Israel and the Iran-Backed group was continuing to grow after Hezbollah fired 40 rockets at Israel on Saturday in what they claimed was a retaliation for the assassination in Beirut of Senior Hamas member Saleh al-Arouri last week.

Tens of thousands of Israelis have been displaced from their homes in northern Israel amid Hezbollah fire that began on October 8, soon after the Hamas massacre in southern Israel.

According to the report, some in the administration say that Netanyahu's statements that there must be "fundamental change," along Lebanon's border with Israel is mere bluster aimed at extracting concessions from the Islamist terror group, while others that Netanyahu's political career could come to an end after the war in Gaza which would incentivize him to broaden the conflict in the north.

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Watch: Israel launches advanced surveillance balloon in the north

The surveillance balloon is designed to detect various threats in the north; Weighing several tons, it is equipped with dozens of specialized cameras, along with small computers and large data processors

Yoav Zitun|01.06.24 | 10:29

The Israeli Air Force launched on Saturday an advanced surveillance balloon designed to detect and alert against various threats in the north – from aircraft to cruise missiles and ballistic missiles.

The system is still in the deployment phase and is not considered operational. In Lebanon, the balloon was spotted from a considerable distance, with claims that it rose to the northern skies facing Bint Jbeil.

The system, housed within a massive balloon, has been developed for years in collaboration between Israel and the United States. According to the Israeli Air Force, it is considered the largest of its kind in the world and is equipped with dozens of specialized cameras, small computers, and large data processors. It measures 117 meters in length and weighs several tons.

The transportation and deployment of the balloon were no simple tasks, constituting one of the most complex logistical operations undertaken by the Air Force in the past decade. The balloon arrived disassembled in containers and was assembled and deployed by specially arriving American teams. Inside the balloon, the teams embedded the most advanced detection sensors developed by the Israeli aerospace industry.

This marks a significant step in enhancing Israel's aerial surveillance capabilities, providing an additional layer of defense against potential threats in the northern region. The balloon is strategically positioned parallel to the border triangle with Syria and Jordan, and it is no coincidence. It surveils and observes extensively to the east – covering hundreds of kilometers deep into enemy territory. To enhance its surveillance angle, it can ascend to a considerable height, allowing it to monitor from a much greater distance. This new balloon complements an existing one that safeguards the Dimona nuclear reactor.

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Itamar Eichner|01.06.24 | 08:51

The U.S. Department of State has announced a reward of up to \$10 million as part of its Rewards for Justice program for information leading to the disruption of Hamas' financial networks.

The State Department is actively seeking information on five key financial facilitators of Hamas: Adbelbasit Hamza Elhassan Mohamed Khair, Ahmed Sadu Jahleb, Amer Kamal

Sharif Alshawa, Muhammad Ahmad Abd al-Dayim Nasrallah, and Walid Mohammed Mustafā Jadallah. These individuals are believed to be supporting the terror organization by financing its attacks, without providing any benefit to the residents of Gaza.

In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed four additional sanctions on Hamas since the October 7 terror attack. Hamas was designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States in October 1997.

Brian Nelson, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes at the U.S. Treasury, emphasized that Hamas relies heavily on networks of functionaries and proxies, manipulating seemingly innocent judicial areas to channel funds for the organization's military activities in Gaza.

The State Department hopes to obtain vital information that will disrupt the flow of funds by identifying the income sources of Hamas and entities enabling the organization to conduct transactions or hold its main financial mechanisms. The department encourages the public to contact them through various means, including phone numbers, Telegram, WhatsApp, and Signal. All calls and information will be kept strictly confidential.

The announcement reassures that rewards will be offered for information leading to the identification and disruption of any source of income for Hamas, large financial contributors to the organization, financial institutions or exchange houses facilitating Hamas transactions, businesses or investments owned or controlled by the organization, international technology procurement companies dealing with Hamas, and individuals involved in criminal activities with ties to Hamas.

Since its establishment in 1984, the Rewards for Justice program has paid over \$250 million to more than 125 individuals worldwide who provided actionable information aiding in the resolution of threats to the United States' national security.

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Six Families of Gaza hostages in Qatar with US envoy for hostage negotiation

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Families of Gaza hostages land in Qatar in bid to kickstart deal talks

Relatives of to meet with US envoy in Doha and Qatari PM to push for release of loved ones; Israel believes al-Arouri assassination might boost long-term deal prospects

Sivan Hilaie|01.05.24 | 14:11

More than a month after the completion of the first hostage deal with Hamas, six families of hostages still held in the Gaza Strip landed on Friday in Qatar in an attempt to advance negotiations for an additional deal.

This is the first time since the October 7 massacre that Israeli families have arrived in the hostile country to facilitate the release of the hostages.

The families will meet with the U.S. ambassador to Qatar and Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed Al Thani in an effort to raise awareness and further the release of their loved ones.

There are currently about 136 hostages being held in the Gaza Strip, some of whom are no longer alive. In the previous deal, 105 hostages were released, the majority being women, minors and foreign nationals. In exchange for the hostages' release, Israel agreed to several days of cease-fire and to release Palestinian female and minor prisoners held in Israeli prisons.

Still held by Hamas are two children, siblings Ariel, 4, and Kfir, 1, Bibas, their parents Shiri and Yarden, along with many other civilians including women, senior citizens and soldiers.

After the assassination of Saleh al-Aroui, Hamas's deputy leader in Beirut, the group announced a pause in hostage negotiation talks. However, Israeli officials remain optimistic that removing al-Aroui might expedite a future agreement. Al-Aroui's strong opposition to such deals suggests his absence could shift Hamas's long-term position. Jerusalem is pleased that Qatar, the mediator in the hostage negotiations with Gaza Strip terrorist groups, has not declared a suspension of the talks.

One diplomatic source said this week "I haven't seen a statement from Qatar following the incident in Beirut. I saw what Hamas said, but the main actor through which the first deal was negotiated – and was very effective at the time – is Qatar. If they aren't announcing anything, then there is room for optimism."

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Four-man investigative team to review IDF failures ahead of Hamas massacre, during the attack and in the fighting that followed when military launched ground offensive

Yoav Zitun|15:31

IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi on Thursday, established a panel to probe the military's failings leading up to and during the October 7 massacre. Ynet has learned that the four-man team would also review the IDF's preparedness for the fighting in the Strip.

The panel is expected to be officially named and authorized to carry out the investigation in the coming days. Former Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz will head the inquiries along with Maj. Gen. (Res.) Yoav Har-Even who served as head of the military's Operations Directorate, Maj. Gen. (Res.) Shlomo "Sami" Turgeman a former commander of the IDF Southern Command and Maj. Gen. (Res.) Aharon Ze'evi-Farkash, who was head of military intelligence.

Mofaz was IDF Chief of Staff in the early 2000s when Israel pulled out of South Lebanon and during the second intifada. Soon after the October 7 Hamas massacre he said he was in favor of a quick deal to release all hostages in exchange for all Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jail. "take all 6,000 of them," he said, "but bring back all the hostages."

The panel's investigation is to be conducted separately from the IDF's internal probe. Military sources said that the decision to establish the panel at this time, was not connected to the charges of genocide being leveled against Israel in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Hague.

It is likely that the panel would be assisted by subcommittees tasked to inquire specific matters, to coincide with investigations already underway in some of the fighting units, including those who fought the Hamas terrorists on October 7 and are participating in the ground offensive in Gaza.

The IDF said its investigations into events leading to October 7 and the war have not begun. "The General Staff is formulating the planned probe including the selection of the investigating panel," the military said. "When the matter is finalized, it will be made public."

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Forces scan hundreds of buildings and detain numerous terror suspects, seize many weapons, military equipment and destroys hundreds of explosive charges  
Elisha Ben Kimon, Yoav Zitun|12:56

Israeli security forces on Thursday completed a 40-hour counterterrorism operation in the Noor Al-Sham refugee camp near Tulkarm arresting 11 terror suspects out of hundreds investigated.

During the operation, the forces scanned hundreds of buildings and detained numerous suspects for interrogation. Weapons were confiscated, military equipment was seized, and hundreds of explosive charges were destroyed.

During the searches, the forces located a multi-story building housing a booby-trapped UNRWA kindergarten on the ground floor. An operational system connected to explosive charges surrounding the building and access roads was found. The forces destroyed the kindergarten, a vehicle parked outside and the identified explosives in the area. In addition, the forces located and destroyed two bomb-making laboratories in the camp.

At the start of the operation, the IDF's UAV unit 636 targeted and struck terrorists who hurled explosive devices at the forces. The soldiers fired back at the terrorists, causing injuries. Two IDF reserve soldiers suffered light to moderate injuries from shrapnel during the exchanges of fire. They were evacuated to a hospital for treatment, and their families were notified.

Amid concerns about escalating tensions in the West Bank, with four terror attacks since last weekend, security officials said that approximately 2,600 arrests were made in the West Bank since the beginning of the war. Among them are round 1,300 Hamas activists. Many of those detained in the past two months were senior members of Hamas who had been wanted by authorities. Some were suspected of carrying out terror attacks against the IDF.

"The operations are designed to suppress the activities of terror cells in the West Bank, which in recent months have begun operating in coordination with Hamas in the Gaza Strip and abroad, as well as with the Islamic Jihad and with the assistance of Iranian elements, to execute terror attacks," a senior security official told Ynet.

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Lebanon warns of War after Beirut assassination of Hamas by Israel

01.03.24 – We- - - News Placed in January 03 spot – Wednesday  
US & WHO corroborating evidence of Gaza hospital used as terror center

01.02.24 – Tu- - - News Placed in January 02 spot – Tuesday  
Hamas architect of the October 7 killed in Beirut drone strike on Hezbollah

01.01.24 – Mo- - - News Placed in January 01 spot – Monday  
Supreme Court voted authority to intervene reasonableness over Knesset laws

01.01.24 – Mo- - - News Placed in December 31 spot – Monday  
Israel pessimistic over possible hostage deal; Iran moves warship to Red Sea

01.01.24 – Mo- - - News – Monday  
US Mediterranean fleet reaching end of tour, replacements will arrive Feb.

12.29.23 – Fr- - - News – Friday  
Rumor; Egyptian-Qatari deal for prisoner & hostage exchange includes 20 day cease fire

12.29.23 – Fr- - - News Placed in December 29 spot – Friday  
Thousand protest for PA in Manhattan & Times Square carrying Flags & chanting