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Israel nabs 9 Palestinian terror suspects as Yom Kippur tensions run high  
IDF bolsters presence along West Bank barrier with thousands of troops ahead of Yom  
Kippur curfew on territory; settlers protest deterioration of security situation in  
settlements

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Israeli security forces arrested nine Palestinian terror suspects in a series of overnight  
raids as the IDF prepares Tuesday to impose a lockdown on the West Bank for Yom  
Kippur as tensions run high.

Thousands of IDF troops from 25 battalions will bolster the region during the holiday until the curfew is lifted at midnight Wednesday.

The soldiers will be deployed along the West Bank security barrier, and efforts will be focused on protecting nearby settlements and preventing infiltrations into Israeli territory. In the past few days, there have been a large number of clashes between Palestinians and Jewish settlers, especially in the Nablus area, and the IDF is particularly concerned about losing control over the conflicts which could become a daily occurrence.

Footage that surfaced online shows students at a school in the village of Huwara fleeing from a soccer field, apparently due to clashes between settlers and Palestinians nearby.

Meanwhile, Palestinians set tires on fire in response to protests by settlers near Beit Furik. IDF troops deployed riot control measures to break up the crowd.

Meanwhile, hundreds of residents from the settlements in the eastern region of the West Bank, including far-right lawmaker Bezalel Smotrich and other settler leaders, arrived at various entrances to Nablus for the second day in a row to protest against recent terror attacks.

Smotrich called for a military operation and said that "as settlers and public leaders we can't stand still. The escalation is dangerous and the government must order the IDF to embark on an extensive operation in Nablus and Jenin to uproot terrorist cells."

The settlers also protested outside the house of Defense Minister Benny Gantz, convened a press conference, and protested against the deterioration of the security situation in West Bank settlements.

Settlement leaders accused the government of not acting aggressively enough on the issue, adding that if such attempted and successful terror attacks were carried out in Tel Aviv, Israel would have declared a military operation long ago

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Lebanese leaders voice misgivings over Israel maritime border deal, report says  
Hezbollah rag Al Akhbar details objections surrounding core issues in upcoming agreement with Israel, including refusal to establish maritime security zone and hold joint signing ceremony at UN headquarters in Naqura

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Lebanese leaders have voiced several misgivings regarding a U.S.-brokered agreement proposal to delineate its maritime border with Israel, Lebanese daily Al Akhbar reported on Tuesday.

According to the paper, which is affiliated with the terrorist group Hezbollah, some Lebanese officials refuse to create an offshore security strip under Israeli control and recognize a line of buoys demarcating the final border between the two.

Also, Lebanon will refuse to include any talks about land borders in the agreement but will work with the UN to determine its international borders.

Moreover, Beirut has also refused to condition its work with French energy firm TotalEnergies in a contested offshore gas field on agreements with Israel. The preference is for the company to act in accordance with Lebanon's needs and not be obligated in discussions with Israel to start drilling on the Lebanese side.

The newspaper also stated that Lebanon would not agree to hold an official signing ceremony in the border town of Naqoura as Israel and the U.S. wanted.

"Lebanon will not agree to hold an official signing ceremony at the UN headquarters in Nakoura as the Israelis and Americans want. If there is an agreement, Lebanon will sign a missive that will go to the UN representative in the presence of the American mediator," the report said.

"All this will be done separately and in a separate room from the room where the Israeli delegation is located, which will do the same."

However, the report stated that the agreement will enter into force as soon as the U.S. announces its completion.

The Lebanese side will submit its comments on the draft agreement to U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein on Wednesday.

In response to the report, a source in Prime Minister Yair Lapid's orbit said that "the prime minister will not agree to compromise on the security and economic interests of the State of Israel."

A senior Israeli source said, "we are waiting to receive the comments officially from authorized parties so that we know if and how to move forward."

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Israel, EU renew dialogue for first time in over a decade

In a virtual address, Lapid reiterates commitment to a two-state solution, but says 'Jerusalem would remain Israel's undivided capital'; EU foreign policy chief Joseph Borrell attended meeting alongside foreign ministers of bloc's member states

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Prime Minister Yair Lapid spoke Monday with delegates from the European Union, renewing economic and political dialogue with the bloc for the first time in over a decade.

During his virtual address at the 12th meeting of the EU-Israel Association Council, Lapid reiterated his commitment to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but noted that Jerusalem would remain Israel's "undivided capital."

"Over the past year, there has also been a positive change in our work with the Palestinian Authority," Lapid told the gathering of EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium. "We are working with them and helping their economy develop." He referenced his September speech at the United Nations General Assembly, saying he expressed "once more my commitment to the two-state solution," adding: "but the Palestinians need to put an end to terrorism and incitement." The High Representative for Foreign Affairs of the European Union, Joseph Borrell, attended the meeting alongside foreign ministers of the bloc's member states.

Lapid also noted that the council had not convened for more than a decade due to "improper reasons." "The fact that we are convening it now is the correction of a historical mistake," he continued. "This is an important milestone in our improving relations. The last year has been a year of extensive progress in our relations, and there are many more things we can do." The meeting promoted a series of projects between the Jewish state and the European Union, including support for Israeli companies and their collaboration in European-funded ventures, the signing of a "data roaming" agreement that will dramatically reduce communication costs, and agreements that will allow the export of organic agricultural products to Europe and the adoption of standards that will lower the cost of products.

09.30.22

Putin ceremony at Moscow annexed four Ukraine regions; UN cites no legal value

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Putin signs treaties to annex Ukrainian lands

Russians gather at Moscow's Red Square to attend events marking the annexation of the Russian-controlled territories of four Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, condemned by Kyiv and governments worldwide

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Russian President Vladimir Putin signed treaties on Friday to annex four Ukrainian regions partly occupied by his forces, escalating his seven-month war and taking it into an unpredictable new phase.

"This is the will of millions of people," he said in a speech before hundreds of dignitaries in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin. "People living in Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson region and Zaporizhzhia region are becoming our compatriots forever."

At a ceremony that Kyiv called a "Kremlin freak show" devoid of legal meaning, Putin delivered a 37-minute diatribe against the West, accusing it of "sheer Satanism", before signing the treaty documents with the Russian-backed heads of the four entities.

They then all clasped hands and chanted "Russia! Russia!" in unison with hundreds of dignitaries, who rose in a standing ovation.

The ceremony took place three days after the completion of hastily staged so-called referendums in which Moscow's proxies in the occupied regions claimed majorities of up to 99% in favor of joining Russia.

Ukraine and Western governments said the votes, announced only 10 days ago, had been conducted at gunpoint and were bogus and illegitimate.

Ukraine, the United States and the head of the United Nations had all said the annexation ceremony would have no legal value.

Putin urged Ukraine to cease military action and return to the negotiating table. Kyiv has vowed to recapture all the lands seized by Russia and said that Russia's decision to annex the territories has destroyed any prospect of talks.

The annexations mean that Russia, which had already seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, now lays claim to some 22% of Ukraine's territory, including parts that it does not control.

The Kremlin leader kept hundreds of assembled dignitaries waiting for 18 minutes before entering the imposing columned hall through a pair of golden doors opened by high-stepping guards, as a fanfare blared.

In his speech, he evoked the memory of Russian heroes from the 18th century to World War Two and repeated familiar accusations against the West, accusing it of colonial practices and recalling the use of nuclear weapons by the United States against Japan, which he called a "precedent", at the end of World War Two.

The hurried annexations mean that the front lines of the war will now run through territory that Russia is declaring as its own and that Putin has said he is ready to defend with nuclear weapons if necessary.

Some Western politicians called that a bluff - something Putin explicitly denied. The United States says it has warned Russia of catastrophic consequences if it does use a nuclear weapon.

09.29.22

Arab Balad party disqualified from elections For not accepting Israel as a Jewish state

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Arab Balad party disqualified from running in upcoming elections

Central Election Commission disqualifies Balad party with a vote of 9-5, as the Arab party expected to appeal to Supreme Court; chairman says no grounds for disqualification; right-wing and religious bloc members absent from vote

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The Central Election Commission (CEC) on Thursday ruled to disqualify the Arab Balad party from running in the upcoming Knesset vote with a 9-5 vote.

The petition presented by a non-parliamentarian group argued that the party should be blocked from participating in the elections. "Balad does not accept the the state of Israel as a Jewish state and undermines its Jewish heritage," the petition said.

"The Supreme Court has already deliberated these arguments in the past and determined that there were no grounds for disqualification," Balad chairman Sami Abu Shehadeh said.

"This is a political discussion. I cannot understand how Jews who have been fighting for equality in Europe and the United States in the 19th century, are so concerned with the idea of equality. Balad supports a country with equality among all of its citizens - Jews and Arabs," he said.

The party is expected to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court claiming there is no ground for the ruling.

All committee members representing the right-wing and religious bloc led by Benjamin Netanyahu, were absent from the proceedings, despite their ideological objection to the Balad party.

Members of Netanyahu's Likud party said they preferred to see Arab votes for the party, lost after Balad was seen to have little chance of winning the required seats to pass the Knesset threshold.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz's National Unity Party did support the committee's decision.

"Balad stands against the Jewish and democratic nature of the State of Israel, and therefore does not belong in the Knesset," Gantz said. "There is no place in the Israeli parliament for members who take extreme positions against Israel," he said.

The predominately Arab Joint List alliance, which Balad has split from earlier this month, slammed the committee's decision claiming it was racist.

09.25.22

US will not restrict Israel's retaliation on Lebanon if Hezbollah attacks Karish gas field

09.25.22

U.S. won't stop Israel if Hezbollah attacks - Blinken

After only last week Hezbollah's chief Hassan Nasrallah threatens Israel not to extract gas from the offshore field, Blinken tells Lebanese PM U.S. would not get involved in Israel's potential military retaliations

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U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken reportedly told Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati that Washington would not be able to stop Israel from using force if Lebanon based Hezbollah attacks it over the disputed Karish gas field.

Blinken told Mikati that even a small show of force by the Iran-backed militant group could lead to Israel's retaliation, which the United States would not prevent, according to Saudi media.

Last week, Hezbollah's chief Hassan Nasrallah warned Israel against extracting gas from the offshore gas field, saying that "our missiles are locked on Karish." Despite the repeated threats from Hezbollah, the maritime border talks between Lebanon and Israel - mediated by the US, are "in final stages," according to Lebanon's President Michel Aoun, who told the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Joanna Wroncka that the agreement would guarantee Lebanon's rights to explore gas and oil in specified fields in its exclusive economic zone.

Israel also said last week that the deal was "possible and necessary," adding, however, that the production of gas from the Karish rig was not related to the negotiations and that gas production there, would start "without delays as soon as it is possible." Earlier this month, Lebanese media reported that Washington was rushing Jerusalem to seal the maritime border deal, due to Hezbollah preparing for military action. Reprinted with permission from i24NEWS.

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09.28.22 – We- - - News   Placed in September 27 spot – Tuesday  
Two blasts Tuesday on Russian gas pipelines in Baltic Sea; suspected sabotage

09.22.22 – Th- - - News   Placed in September 23 spot – Friday Equinox  
High Court unanimous to freeze appointments made by interim government

09.22.22 – Th- - - News   Placed in September 22 spot – Thursday Equinox  
On UN stage, Lapid expresses support for two-state solution, bashes Iran

09.22.22 – Th- - - News   – Thursday Equinox  
Gantz dangles 1,500 PA work permits for a peaceful Rosh Hashanah

09.22.22 – Th- - - News   Placed in September 21 spot – Wednesday  
Security tells on public radio; will not limit Jewish visits to Jerusalem holy site

09.22.22 – Th- - - News   Placed in September 20 spot – Tuesday

Russian authorities organize annex region votes to defend with nuclear weapons

09.21.22 – We- - - News Placed in September 19 spot – Monday  
Putin losing ground, mobilizes 300,000 draft troops to counter the West

09.21.22 – We- - - News – Wednesday  
West Bank PA militants agreed to truce Wednesday if forces cease raids

09.21.22 – We- - - News – Wednesday  
Putin mobilizes more troops for Ukraine, says West wants to destroy Russia

09.20.22 – Tu- - - News Placed in September 18 spot – Sunday  
Israel population near 10 million, 7,069,000 are Jews, 74% at end of 5782 in 2022