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Israeli tanks fire at Syrian positions on Golan Heights in first since '73 war
IDF claims to be responding to violation by Syria in positioning military structures in the
area in violation of disengagement agreements
Yoav Zitun|Updated:10:26

The IDF on Thursday, fired on Syrian military positions on the Golan Heights for the first time since the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The IDF said it was responding to a clear violation by Syria, of the 1974 disengagement agreement after the new military posts were identified. The military said it regards the Syrian government as responsible for all events within its territory.

The new Syrian positions were constructed east of the Israel-Syria border and according to the IDF, the Syrian military began storing weapons in them on Wednesday. They structures were believed to be empty of soldiers when they were shelled.

Earlier on Thursday, a Syrian news outlet affiliated with the opposition said on Thursday, that that two motorcyclists were killed in an Israeli drone strike in the town of Beit Jinn west of Damascus. The Israeli military had no comment.

The attack comes one week after a strike on the Syrian port city of Tartus, in which at least two soldiers were killed and some six others wounded.

It took place unusually during daylight hours, at approximately 5:20 pm. Syrian state TV reported that it was launched from the Mediterranean Sea and resulted in significant damage. Hours later, another strike was reported on the Shayrat air base.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant hinted one day later, at Israel's involvement in two strikes. "Last night we received further proof that the thunderous sound of planes is stronger than background noise and deeds count more than words."

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9.20.23 – We Day-7

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Israeli UN envoy Gilad Erdan removed from UN General Assembly for interrupting Iranian President speech, holding up image of Masha Amini, whose death sparked widespread unrest in Iran: 'It's a disgrace that ambassadors are staying to listen to this mass murderer' |

Itamar Eichner|03:50

Israeli ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, was removed from the General Assembly plenum and briefly detained by UN security after holding a sign in protest during a speech by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi.

Amini, the slain Iranian woman who became the symbol of the "Hijab protest" that swept the Islamic Republic in September of last year, eventually quelled with a brutal display of force by the Ayatollah regime. Upon displaying the sign, security force fully escorted Erdan outside, at some point pushing him against the wall.

"The fact that a mass murderer who calls for the destruction of Israel receives a platform in the UN is unacceptable. The UN has reached a new low. While the butcher of Tehran is giving a speech and is recognized by the international community, hundreds of Iranians are protesting outside and calling for help! It's a disgrace that ambassadors are staying to listen to this mass murderer. I left in order to make it clear the state of Israel stands with the Iranian people," Erdan said.

This incident follows a trolling campaign instigated by the Israeli government against President Raisi, portrayed in a life-size cardboard cutout holding a noose, in places like

Manhattan, the New York National Library, Rockefeller Center, the Metropolitan Museum and the Brooklyn Bridge. The cutout contained writing that said: "Open to everyone except for this murderer."

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Israeli consulate wrote: "While Iran tries to normalize its reputation by having Raisi attend some events at his hotel and embassy, we wanted to remind them that no amount of PR can hide Raisi's crimes against humanity."

In a separate X post, ambassador Erdan wrote: "While the UN rolls out the red carpet for the Butcher of Tehran, President Raisi, Iranians in New York are here to show the true face of the Ayatollah regime. The leaders in Iran only seek to oppress, starve, and murder their own people, while exporting terror and racing toward nuclear weapons. The world must wake up and listen to the voices of innocent Iranians! The Ayatollah regime must be held accountable for their crimes and pay the price!"

President Raisi blamed the United States for the derailment of the nuclear deal signed by the Obama administration, saying: "The United States must show goodwill and commitment to go back to the 2015 agreement, which they have deserted in 2018. They're the ones who walked away from it."

9.19.23 – Tu Day-6

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IDF raids Jenin using attack drones, 4 Palestinians killed in exchange of fire
Palestinian Health Ministry reports 4 dead and over 20 wounded; IDF continues to operate in the area, arresting 2 suspects, and surrounding the compound of a terror official while using aerial strike drones

Yoav Zitun, Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi | 13:26

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported Tuesday that "security forces are operating in the Jenin refugee camp," where intense exchanges of heavy gunfire has erupted.

The Palestinian Health Ministry reported that four Palestinians who were believed to be armed were killed and 20 others were injured in the exchanges of gunfire. According to Palestinian sources, the IDF surrounded the house of an official of the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the military wing of Fatah.

Additionally, as part of the operation, the IDF conducted an aerial strike using a Spike Firefly miniature tactical loitering drone dubbed "Maoz" against a group of Palestinian terrorists.

Security officials reported intense heavy gunfire exchange from the forces operating in the area, but there are no reports of casualties among the forces currently operating in the refugee camp.

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met this Tuesday evening with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in a meeting that opens his round of political meetings there. Later Tuesday evening he will also meet with Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelensky and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. His meeting US President Joe Biden is scheduled for Wednesday. At the same time, the protest against Netanyahu continues - as hundreds gathered carrying Israeli flags to protest in Times Square.

The meeting with Scholtz began at 6:45 p.m. and lasted about an hour. The head of the Mossad, David Barnea, also attended the meeting, and he will also accompany Netanyahu to his subsequent meetings at the United Nations, including with Zelensky and Erdogan. Netanyahu invited him to provide an intelligence review on the extensive Iranian assistance to Russia's war efforts in the area of UAVs, as well as on the Iranian nuclear program and the negotiations for an agreement with Saudi Arabia. Netanyahu thanked Scholz for his commitment to Israel and Germany's commitment to national security and the preservation of the special relationship. The two leaders discussed Iran's defiant actions in spreading global terrorism and striving for nuclear weapons, and the prime minister stressed to the chancellor that Tehran's announcement regarding the removal of some of the inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from its nuclear facilities should not be accepted. In addition, the two discussed the tightening of security cooperation between the countries, led by the agreement for the supply of the Arrow 3 air defense system that was recently concluded. This is the continuation of the strategic dialogue between Israel and Germany, which took place recently under the leadership of the national security advisors of the two countries.

After the meeting with Sholtz, the prime minister is scheduled to meet with Paraguayan President Santiago Peña, who promised to return his country's embassy to Jerusalem. At

10:25 p.m. Netanyahu is also expected to meet with Zelensky for about half an hour, and finally at midnight he will meet with Erdogan.

Hundreds of Israelis began protesting in Times Square waving Israeli flags, singing, shouting and chanting "shame" and "democracy stands." Next to the protesters is a truck on which videos of Netanyahu speaking at the United Nations are screened showing his nose is as long as Pinocchio. Shani Louboutin-Granot, one of the protest organizers in New York, said: "We came here to tell what is really happening in Israel, and the truth about the determined fight for democracy The Israeli, the struggle of the people of Israel who are not willing to give up and will not bow down to those who try to dismantle it from within."

Some of the protesters said that he is afraid that "Israel will turn into Tehran, it's time to come." An Israeli woman passing by the demonstration attacked the protestors and asked: "Where is the money? The economy is booming, why are you shaming us?" Vice President of the Reform Movement Josh Weinberg, who is participating in the demonstration, said that he does not believe a word that Netanyahu says. "Liberals who are committed to democracy, freedom, equality and pluralism, we stand here together and say that if Israel is not a democracy - it cannot be Jewish either," he said. "We are here to protect human rights, political rights, women's and LGBT rights."

The meeting with Zelensky is the first meeting of an Israeli prime minister with the president of Ukraine since the outbreak of the war with Russia. Zelensky hopes to hear news from Netanyahu regarding the Ukrainian request to receive defense systems and technologies to intercept Iranian drones. He also expects to receive a promise from Netanyahu to pay a solidarity visit to Kiev, as most world leaders have already done. Netanyahu is the only Western leader in the world, apart from Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who has not come to Kyiv. So far, the Prime Minister's Office has avoided the visit for security reasons, but the Ukrainians say that if US President Joe Biden was able to come there is no reason why Netanyahu should not come. The Israeli Foreign Ministry also strongly recommended Netanyahu to make this visit.

The meeting with Erdogan is also important. The last time Netanyahu met him was in 2016 - and since then there has been bad blood between the two. It seems that now Erdogan is ready to turn a new page with Netanyahu, but expects news regarding the gas pipeline from Israel to Turkey.

A full hour was scheduled for Wednesday's meeting with Biden. For Biden, the main issue will be the judicial overhaul. He expects to hear from Netanyahu a commitment to reach as broad an agreement as possible on changes to the judicial system. Netanyahu will make it clear to Biden that he is indeed trying to reach such an agreement, but will claim that he encountered resistance from the opposition. A hint of this could be heard in what he said to Elon Musk Monday, when he admitted that Levin's original reform was bad - and he corrected and balanced it. But it is not clear that this will be enough to calm Biden.

Those around Netanyahu hope that the prime minister will be able to get Biden to commit to a date for another meeting later this year at the White House. In response to Ynet's question before takeoff on whether he is not disappointed that Biden did not invite him to the White House, Netanyahu replied: "What is important is not the place, but what we will talk about."

Another and central issue that will come up is Saudi Arabia. It is very important for Netanyahu to understand if Biden intends to go all out on reaching a normalization agreement, because this is a big bet for him in the run-up to an election year. Netanyahu will also raise the Iranian threat. For Netanyahu, the International Atomic Energy Agency's announcement that Iran canceled visas for a third of its inspectors is important and serves the Israeli message. Netanyahu will try to coordinate with Biden regarding the steps to be taken against Iran in light of its violations, and how to create deterrence against a country that is close to having a nuclear bomb.

Another issue that will surely come up in the talks is the issue of the visa exemption for Israelis. It is likely that Biden will inform Netanyahu if it indeed appears that Israel will join the program - and the official announcement of this is expected at the end of September.

US national security adviser Jake Sullivan commented a few days ago on the expected meeting and said that "President Biden will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss a variety of bilateral and regional issues that focus on the common democratic values shared by the two countries and the vision to make the region stable, more prosperous and integrated. In addition, they will discuss effective ways to oppose Iran and deter it."

Israel's ambassador to the US Mike Herzog and Israel's ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan welcomed the Netanyahus when they landed earlier Wednesday in New York - and around the hotel dozens of protesters were waiting for the prime minister and his wife with flags that read "shame" and waved protest signs.

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9.19.23 – Tu Day-6

Palestinian killed on Gaza border, as riots intensify

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Fatality identified as Muhammad Redwan, as the Palestinian Health Ministry reports nine more injured, one in critical condition; Some 200 residents of Gaza spotted rioting at various locations along the border, with some breaching an internal fence after deploying explosive devices nearby and setting tires on fire

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi, Elisha Ben Kimon|| 12:58

The Palestinians reported Tuesday on the first casualty from IDF fire in the riots along the Gaza Strip border.

The young man who was killed was 25-year-old Muhammad Redwan of the Khan Yunis area, where the unrest occurred.

Since the escalation of the **clashes in the past month**, following about three years of relative calm, other Palestinian rioters also have been **killed**, though it was **by explosive devices they themselves planted near the border**, and not by Israeli fire.

Some **200** residents of Gaza participated **in riots Tuesday** evening at various locations along the Gaza Strip border, with about half of them gathering near the old Karni Crossing in the northern part of the enclave. They **ignited tires** and deployed **four explosive devices**, one of which **breached the internal fence**. However, they **did not breach the border** separating Israel from the coastal strip.

The **Gaza** Health Ministry **reported** that, in addition to the Palestinian fatality, **nine** more Palestinians were **injured** due to "Israeli occupation forces' fire" in the eastern part of the strip, with one of them in critical condition. These disturbances come **after the decision** by the political echelon on **Monday to extend the closure of the Erez Crossing** for another day, **affecting** around **17,000** Palestinian workers, despite a decrease in violence along the border.

The IDF sees **Hamas** as responsible for these riots since they **turn a blind eye and allow them to take place**, even though it is not in charge of the organization or initiative stemming from them this time.

9.18.23 – Mo Day-5

Border closed, IDF braces for rockets: 100 to 200 PA burn tires, hurl rocks & explosives

9.18.23 – Mo

Border closed, IDF braces for rockets: What triggers latest round of Gaza border riots? Amid rising poverty in Gaza, Hamas renews calls for so-called 'March of Return,' leading Palestinians to organize weekly riots along border fence; While IDF not currently taking proactive measures to address issue, preparations in place should situation escalate
Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi|| 02:58

Riots have returned to the Gaza-Israel border, leading to the closure of the Erez Border Crossing at the enclave's northern tip. This has disrupted the daily commute for 17,000 Palestinian laborers.

IDF officials suspect that although **Hamas is not directly organizing the riots**, the group is enabling them. On a **daily** basis, around 100 to 200 Palestinians gather at **four separate locations**, where they **burn tires and hurl rocks and explosive devices at the border barrier**. Israeli authorities fear that the closure of the Erez Border Crossing **could lead to Hamas rocket attacks** on nearby Israeli border communities.

The **weekly protests**, which had **ceased three years ago**, have **reemerged** over the **past month**. Faced with a severe **financial crisis in Gaza**, Hamas has threatened to revive the so-called "March of Return." Saleh al-Arouri, a high-ranking Hamas member often referred to as "the military commander of the West Bank," has been particularly vocal in

advocating for increased protests. His calls have gained momentum in the wake of frequent IDF operations in West Bank areas like Jenin and Nablus, as well as ongoing tensions with Hezbollah along Israel's northern border.

About a month ago, an organization known as The Supreme National Authority for the Great March of Return and Breaking of Siege, primarily responsible for protests and riots along the Gaza-Israel border, established a host of encampments along the border.

Bulldozers and other heavy machinery have been employed to construct new roads and level nearby terrain, aimed at facilitating the recurring Friday protests.

Although Hamas ultimately chose to cease activities, this decision led to the emergence of various independent groups in Gaza who started rioting spontaneously. These groups used tenuous justifications for their actions, such as the sound of the shofar on Temple Mount. Even though Hamas is not directly orchestrating these events, the IDF continues to hold the Palestinian organization accountable.

At present, participation remains limited, with no more than a few hundred individuals actually engaging in the riots. Many Palestinians are hesitant to join in, fearing the risk of being shot by the IDF. The general sentiment is that the high risk of life-threatening injury outweighs the rewards of merely participating in a riot, leading many to stay home.

Nevertheless, the IDF is operating under the assumption that the situation could escalate at any moment. This is due to incidents of individuals throwing explosive devices and approaching the fence with firearms loaded with live ammunition. The IDF Gaza Division is making the necessary preparations for such an escalation, as the number of rioters could potentially surge into the thousands.

To enhance security, additional ground sensors have been installed along the border, providing an extra layer of protection for IDF soldiers stationed near the enclave.

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Ynet-News, Sept 18, 2023 – Monday

9.18.23 – Mo- - - News Placed in September 18 spot – Monday

Concerns over German envoy presence & conduct in Israel Supreme Court debates

9.17.23 – Su- - - News Placed in September 17 spot – Sunday

Netanyahu eight-day visit in US to speak at UN; protests teamed up with PLO, Iran

9.14.23 – Th- - - News Placed in September 14 spot – Thursday Rosh Hashanna

Israel air attack at Syria air defense in Tartus, then Iranian equipment warehouses

9.12.23 – Tu- - - News Placed in September 12 spot – Tuesday

TV News – Libya Storm broke 2 Reservoir Dams. Killing 20,000+ downstream

9.07.23 – Th- - - News Placed in September 07 spot – Thursday

EU condemns Abbas fueling anti-Semitism & commending PA terrorism

9.07.23 – Th- - - News – Wednesday

Supreme Court will gag IDF judicial defenses if reasonability law is revoked

9.07.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday

Ramaswamy joins antisemitic podcaster who says: Jews ‘own almost everything’

9.07.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday

Officials using inflammatory statements are used as proof in international courts