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Summit of evil: Hamas meets Iran, Saudi, US & UN to oppose Israel

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Summit of evil: Hamas leader meets Iranian FM

Terrorist organization's leader Ismail Haniyeh arrives in Qatar for talks with Iranian official following country's wide support of Hamas' attack on Israel Ynet, Reuters|Yesterday|21:34

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian met with the leader of the Palestinian Islamist terrorist group Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Qatar's Doha, Al Jazeera TV reported on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Iran warned in a social media post that if Israel's "war crimes and genocide" are not stopped then the situation could spiral out of control with "far-reaching consequences."

The post on X by Iran's mission to the United Nations came after Axios reported Tehran warned Israel - in a message sent via the UN - that it would have to respond if Israel carried out a ground offensive in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

"If the Israeli apartheid's war crimes & genocide are not halted immediately, the situation could spiral out of control & ricochet far-reaching consequences - the responsibility of which lies with the UN, the Security Council & the states steering the Council toward a dead end," Iran's UN mission posted.

Iran's political activity in the Arab world has ramped up since Israel's war against Hamas began last week, while the country isn't concealing its efforts to push Arab countries to join the conflict against Israel.

Last week, Amirabdollahian, who arrived in Beirut, said he had met Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah as well as Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati and caretaker Foreign Minister Abdallah Bouhabib.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia is putting U.S.-backed plans to normalize ties with Israel on ice, two sources familiar with Riyadh's thinking said, signaling a rapid rethinking of its foreign policy priorities as war escalates between Israel and Palestinian terror group Hamas.

The conflict has also pushed the kingdom to engage with Iran. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman took his first phone call from Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi as Riyadh tries to prevent a broader surge in violence across the region. This comes despite the tension between the two countries, which has been going on for decades. In addition, bin Salman stressed in a phone call with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan last week that the kingdom is "making unremitting efforts" regionally and internationally to stop the intensification of the Israeli-Hamas war.

On Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal Bin Farhan in Riyadh as the top American diplomat works with regional allies to prevent the war between Israel and Hamas from spiraling into a bigger conflict, and help secure the release of hostages kidnapped by the Islamist terrorist group.

10.13.23 - Fr

Gazans have 24 hours to move south of Gaza River; UN should focus on hostages

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IDF to UN: Gazans should relocate to the south within 24 hours

UN spokesperson: It impossible for such a movement to take place without humanitarian consequences. Meanwhile, IDF strikes on Gaza continue.

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The United Nations said early on Friday that it has been told by the IDF that some 1.1 million Palestinian Arabs in Gaza should relocate to the south within the next 24 hours.

"The United Nations considers it impossible for such a movement to take place without devastating humanitarian consequences," UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement quoted by Reuters.

"The United Nations strongly appeals for any such order, if confirmed, to be rescinded avoiding what could transform what is already a tragedy into a calamitous situation," he added.

"The UN response to Israel's early warning to the residents of Gaza is a disgrace! For many years, the United Nations has turned a blind eye to the arming of Hamas and its use of the population and civilian infrastructure in the Gaza Strip as a hiding place for its weapons and murder, and now, instead of standing by Israel, whose citizens were slaughtered by Hamas terrorists and which tries to minimize harm to those not involved, it preaches to Israel," Erdan said.

"It would be better for the UN to focus now on returning the abductees, condemning Hamas, and supporting Israel's right to defend itself," added the Ambassador.

In the meantime, Palestinian Arab sources reported continued Israeli air strikes in the Gaza Strip overnight. Al Jazeera reported at least 17 deaths in an IDF air strike in the central Gaza Strip.

Shortly after 1:00 a.m., after several hours of calm, sirens were sounded in Netiv HaAsara, located near Israel's border with the Gaza Strip. There were no reports of rockets exploding in the area.

On Thursday, IDF fighter jets struck five residences operationally used by Hamas terror operatives, including the residence of a "Nukhba" (Naval Commando) operative, a terror operative of the "resistance committee", and an additional Hamas operations residence, where Yahya Sinwar's brother was presumably present.

The Hamas terrorist organization responded to the warning by calling on Gazans "not to fall for IDF propaganda" to evacuate.

"The IDF calls on all residents of Gaza City to evacuate their homes, move south for their protection, and settle in the area south of the Gaza River, as described on the map. The terrorist organization Hamas started a war against the State of Israel, and Gaza City is an area where military activity is taking place.

"This evacuation is for your personal safety. It will be possible to return to Gaza City only after a notification confirming that it is possible. Do not approach the area of the fence with the State of Israel. Hamas terrorists are hiding in Gaza City in tunnels under houses in Gaza City, and inside buildings with many innocent civilians.

"Gaza residents must move south for your personal safety and the safety of your families, Distance yourselves from the Hamas terrorists who are using you as human shields. The IDF will continue to perform significant operations in Gaza City in the coming days, and wishes to avoid harming civilians."

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Jewish schools in US & Europe shut as Hamas calls for worldwide Friday 'Day of Rage'

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Security stepped up for Jewish institutions and communities throughout US; National
Security Council advises Israelis abroad to be alert
Itamar Eichner | 16:48

The leadership of the Hamas terror organization has called on all of its supporters around the world to hold a "Day of Rage" on Friday and attack Israelis and Jews in reaction to Operation Swords of Iron.

Horrors unraveling: Hamas terrorists cold-bloodedly execute 90-year-old Israeli woman In the wake of the announcement, some Jewish schools around the world will be closed on Friday, and Israelis living abroad have been warned to take precautions.

Israel's National Security Council and the Foreign Ministry recommended that Israelis abroad "be alert, keep away from the demonstrations and protests and — if necessary—check with local security forces regarding possible protests and disturbances in the area." Following the call for the Day of Rage, security has been stepped up for Jewish institutions and communities in the United States. U.S. President Joe Biden met on Thursday with senior members of his National Security Council and received updates on increased security for Jewish and Muslim educational institutions.

Also on Thursday, the Netherlands announced that Jewish schools in the country will be shuttered on Friday. Meanwhile, Britain closed its Jewish schools until at least Monday. Two Jewish schools in London - Torah Vodaas Primary School in Edgware and Atres Beit Yaakov Primary School in Colindale – announced that they would be closed until Monday due to fears of antisemitism, after there had been 89 antisemitic incidents recorded across the UK during the four days since the start of Swords of Iron, a tripling of such incidents, according to the British antisemitism watchdog Community Security Trust.

Three Jewish schools in Amsterdam announced that they would be closed on Friday as a precaution due to fear for the safety of schoolchildren. It is the first time that such school closures have taken place there.

A spokeswoman for Amsterdam Mayor Pemka Halsma said in response to the closure that the municipality, together with the National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV), raised the level of alertness due to the current events in Israel and are prepared to take additional overt and covert security measures.

NBC News reported that law enforcement officials have been monitoring "a lot of chatter" on social media about retaliatory attacks against Israelis and Jews due to Israel's strikes on Gaza.

Police Departments in major cities including New York and Los Angeles have ordered their entire forces to be in uniform and on patrol on the city streets on Friday. In Washington DC, the Metropolitan Police Department, FBI, Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Secret Service are increasing their monitoring for such activity and have added more security officers around the Israeli Embassy and other potential flashpoints, according to the report.

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CEO's demand names of Harvard students who's letters justify horrific Hamas attack

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Calls to expose, blacklist Harvard students who justified horrific Hamas attack Dozens of pro-Palestinian organizations have signed a letter blaming Israel for the murderous attack, without condemning Hamas. Business CEO's have demanded names of the students who signed the letter: 'I would like to know so I know never to hire these people'

Ynet | 16:25

American media outlets have been reporting about the outrageous letter published by pro-Palestinian organizations at Harvard University, one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the United States, in which they completely blamed Israel for the war in the south and its consequences, without even mentioning or condemning the murderous terrorist attack by Hamas. Many prominent people in the American business sector have demanded that the names of the students behind the statement be published so that they know to avoid hiring them, and there are also initiatives to stop funding academic institutions infected with antisemitism.

The New York Post dedicated its front page to this issue on Thursday, with the headline "Schooled to Hate," above a photo of students from the Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee, who signed the letter.

In an opinion column published in the newspaper, Jacob Howland writes: "Hamas love exposes the moral rot at the center of Harvard and higher education in America. Progressive liberals have now given birth to a generation of demonic ideologues who

excuse sheer evil. Reading the "Joint Statement by Harvard Palestine Solidarity Groups on the Situation in Palestine," I can only hope that many Harvard faculty are appalled at the little monsters they've helped to create."

In the open letter, signed by 31 student organizations at Harvard, including students studying law, medicine and business administration, they state: "The apartheid regime is the only one to blame," referring to Israel and without mentioning Hamas in any way. In his column, Howland writes that "the Harvard students characterize the Palestinians as hapless victims of 'colonial retaliation,' academic cant as tiresome as it is crude." He then lists a few scenes from the horrific videos that Hamas posted online, and wonders if those students watched them. "More than a national scandal, the Joint Statement exposes the profound moral and intellectual rot at the heart of American higher education," he concludes.

Countless senior executives in the business world, including billionaire and hedge fund CEO Bill Ackman, are now demanding that Harvard reveal the names of the students who are members of the organizations that signed the statement, so that they can be blacklisted and prevented from being hired by top companies.

"One should not be able to hide behind a corporate shield when issuing statements supporting the actions of terrorists," Ackman stated. "If, in fact, their members support the letter they have released, the names of the signatories should be made public so their views are publicly known." The CEO of salad chain Sweetgreen, Jonathan Newman, wrote: "I would like to know so I know never to hire these people."

Anti-Defamation League Director Jonathan Greenblatt told CNN on Wednesday that the Harvard students' statement is "an outrageously offensive piece and anyone who signed it should either stand behind it and face the consequences in life or step up and apologize and explain themselves," Greenblatt said. "This is what we learn to do in elementary school. It's hard for me to understand why it's complicated for people at Harvard University."

Harvard President Claudine Gay issued a statement on Tuesday in which she sought to clarify the university's position. "Let me also state, on this matter as on others, that while our students have the right to speak for themselves, no student group — not even 30 student groups — speaks for Harvard University or its leadership," condemning "terrorist atrocities perpetrated by Hamas." She adds that: "Such inhumanity is abhorrent, whatever one's individual views of the origins of longstanding conflicts in the region."

Along with the calls to reveal the names of those involved, there are those who ask for leniency. The Jewish economist Larry Summers, who served as U.S Treasury Secretary in 1999-2001, expressed his outrage.

"I yield to no one in my revulsion at the statement apparently made on behalf of 30-plus Harvard student groups. But please everybody take a deep breath. Many in these groups never saw the statement before it went out. In some cases those approving did not understand exactly what they were approving," he said.

There are others who hope, along with their disbelief at the announcement, that the names of students would not be published to avoid harming them, assuming that they did not understand the meaning of the statement.

Since the publication of the letter, some of the students who are members of the organizations that signed it have renounced the statement. For example, the Nepali student group retracted its signature. "To ensure that our stance on the condemnation of violence by Hamas and support for a just peace remains clear, we retract our signature from the statement," they wrote.

Also catching the attention of the media is Winston & Strawn law firm which rescinded a job offer to Harvard Law student Ryna Workman after she shared comments holding Israel responsible for the atrocities committed by Hamas. At her failure to condemn the terror organization, Winston & Strawn issued a statement: "Winston stands in solidarity with Israel's right to exist in peace and condemns Hamas and the violence and destruction it has ignited in the strongest terms possible."

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Iran president touring to rally Arab-Western alliance amid Israel-Hamas war

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Iran tries to rally Arab support amid Israel-Hamas war
Iranian president speaks with Assad, Saudi crown prince, calling 'stop crimes of Zionist regime' as Tehran's top diplomat embarks on Mideast tour
Ynet | 15:23

The mullah regime in Iran has been ramping up its diplomatic activities, making no secret of its intentions to rally the Arab world in support of Hamas' ongoing conflict with Israel, and potentially future Hezbollah involvement as well.

Tehran announced Wednesday that President Ebrahim Raisi spoke to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman — a first since the two nations restored relations in March after seven years. Saudi state media reported that the crown prince emphasized the kingdom's dedication to collaborating with all international and regional parties to de-escalate the current situation. Additionally, he underscored Saudi Arabia's opposition to any deliberate harm to civilians.

Saudi Arabia is regarded as the leader of the Sunni world, while Iran is viewed similarly within the Shiite world. Their tension, spanning decades, encompasses support for opposing factions in the conflicts in Syria and Yemen.

Although the restoration of diplomatic relations is seen as a drawback for Israel, the U.S. and the West—who have advocated for Saudi Arabia to lead the Arab-Western alliance in the Middle East—recent reports indicate that Israel and Saudi Arabia are gradually moving toward normalizing their own relations.

Speculation emerged this week suggesting that one of Hamas' objectives in initiating its deadly attack was to draw Israel into a war, thereby derailing normalization talks with Saudi Arabia, a scenario beneficial to the Islamic Republic.

On Thursday, Nournews, an Iranian news agency with close ties to Iranian intelligence, reported that Raisi spoke with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, with both leaders urging Arab and Muslim nations, along with all "free nations worldwide," to establish a unified stance to halt what they termed as "the crimes of the Zionist regime against the oppressed Palestinian people" during his conversation with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Similar to Hamas and Hezbollah, Assad maintains a close alliance with Iran. The IDF is also prepared for the potential threat of Iranian-backed militias trying to launch attacks on Israel from Syrian territory.

Iranian media reported on Thursday morning that Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian is set to embark on a Middle East tour, with a primary focus on discussing the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. His itinerary includes stops in Iraq and Lebanon among other countries.

His scheduled visits come amid threats from Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Iraqi Katai'b Hezbollah—both Tehran-backed organizations—to engage in the ongoing conflict. Iran's ambassador to Lebanon announced, "Given the current Palestinian situation, the crimes against humanity being committed in Gaza, and their dangerous repercussions, the foreign minister's regional tour will commence today."

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In editorial, UK public broadcaster argues 'it's simply not the BBC's job to tell people who to support and who to condemn'
Matan Shor|14:15

As the world still watches in shock at the aftermath of Hamas' barbaric offensive against Israel in which over 1,300 Israelis were murdered, including women, the elderly and even children and infants, UK-based public broadcaster BBC published an article on Wednesday explaining why the network refrains from condemning these inhumane acts and address those who committed them as terrorists.

In an article titled "Why BBC doesn't call Hamas militants 'terrorists'," BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson admits that even "[UK] Government ministers, newspaper columnists, ordinary people - they're all asking why the BBC doesn't say the Hamas gunmen who carried out appalling atrocities in southern Israel are terrorists."

The answer, he wrote, had to do with "the BBC's founding principles". "Terrorism is a loaded word, which people use about an outfit they disapprove of morally. It's simply not the BBC's job to tell people who to support and who to condemn - who are the good guys and who are the bad guys."

Simpson, appallingly, also added that despite governments all over the world condemning Hamas as a terrorist organization, including that of the UK, "that's their business"

"The key point is that we don't say it in our voice. Our business is to present our audiences with the facts, and let them make up their own minds," Simpson wrote, implying the people who watch the network should think for themselves about whether the act of raping helpless women and beheading infants should be defined as terrorism. Simpson further explained that although there is no denying that these acts have been committed, "this doesn't mean that we should start saying that the organization whose supporters have carried them out is a terrorist organization, because that would mean we were abandoning our duty to stay objective."

Keeping in line with the BBC's journalistic traditions, Simpson added the network has also steered clear from calling the Nazis "evil or wicked," during World War II and was satisfied with calling them the "enemy," despite the atrocities and systematic murdering of millions of Jews which took place under Hitler's regime.

"We don't take sides. We don't use loaded words like 'evil' or 'cowardly'. We don't talk about 'terrorists'. And we're not the only ones to follow this line," Simpson concluded, saying many of the world's "most respected," news outlets follow the same guidelines. Meanwhile, other broadcast channels and news outlets have condemned the loathsome attack against Israel as terrorism, and agreed to refer to Hamas' "militants" as terrorists. These include news agencies like AFP, the New York Times, ABC News, CNN and many others.

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Shayetet 13 commandos eliminated over 60 Hamas & rescued 250 hostages alive

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Watch: Israeli commandos lock horns with Hamas terrorists in daring operation Shayetet 13 forces eliminate over 60 terrorists and rescue hundreds of hostages alive in numerous battles around Gaza border; 'Shayetet 13 has defended you and will continue to defend you, at all times and under any circumstances,' says commander who led fighting

Yoav Zitun|13:00

On Saturday, the first day of the Swords of Iron War, both regular and reserve units of Shayetet 13 commandos were rapidly airlifted in response to reports of infiltration at the Gaza border, joining ground forces engaged in combat with terrorists in Gaza border towns and at sea.

Regular forces arrived first, followed not long after by reservists, who arrived from home at their base in Atlit within hours. They organized for combat and reached the border region shortly after that.

The forces operated in numerous locations, with the main focal points being at Kibbutz Be'eri, Sufa Outpost, Kfar Aza, Sa'ad, Mefalsim and Nir Oz. Throughout the battles, Shayetet 13 commandos eliminated over 60 Hamas terrorists and rescued some 250 hostages alive.

During the operations, 26 terrorists were detained, including deputy commander of Hamas's southern naval brigade Muhammad Abu Ali. Two members of the unit, Lt. Col. Eli Ginzburg and Staff Sergeant Ofek Russo, were killed during the operations in the Gaza border area.

At Sufa Outpost, Shayetet 13 forces arrived significantly outnumbered, facing dozens of well-armed terrorists who had managed to organize and fortify themselves with numerous hostages, some of whom were injured.

The Shayetet force took position and received fire support from armored and air forces, initiating an intense battle that lasted several hours. In the end, the commandos eliminated or captured all Hamas forces, totaling 40 terrorists, and successfully rescued the hostages.

"A Shayetet force arrived at Sufa Outpost with the aim to liberate the position from Hamas control and neutralize the terrorists," says Major H., the commander who led the fighting at the outpost.

"We killed dozens of terrorists and took prisoners, among them a senior commander in Hamas's naval force. Shayetet 13 has defended you and will continue to defend you, at all times and under any circumstances."

Concurrently with the ground operations in the Gaza Strip, Shayetet 13 commando forces, alongside the unit's vessels, joined combat units in the southern maritime sector and launched maritime strikes against terrorist targets in the region. Throughout these engagements, the soldiers successfully neutralized dozens of terrorists and successfully struck multiple targets.

Even now, Shayetet 13 forces continue clearing Israeli territory of terrorists and executing additional strikes from the sea, along with the unit's covert operations.

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Herzi Halevi said the responsibility for Israel's security lies on the IDF's shoulders and the military failed but now the forces are prepared for the fight and understand the magnitude of the moment 08:43

Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi said <mark>Israel would pursue</mark> Yahiya Sinwar and the entire leadership of the Hamas organization.

Speaking in his first press availability, on the Gaza border, Herzi Halevi said the military understands the magnitude of the hour and will strike all of those responsible for the terror organization's actions when they launched their murderous attack on the residents of southern Israel.

Halevi said the IDF is strong, made up of excellent soldiers and has capabilities and will fulfill its mission to ensure that Gaza will not be the same. He also said the military would do all in its power to bring the Israeli hostages who were taken to Gaza, home. Southern Israel came under attack soon after Halevi ended his press conference. Israel's Home Front Command says there is a clear reduction in the number of rockets launched from Gaza in the past day. He said they have an arsenal at their disposal but likely understand that they are facing a prolonged war and are considering its size.

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Two Aircraft Carriers, dozens of fighter planes & four Destroyers add US support

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4,539 soldiers, dozens of fighter planes: The USS Gerald R. Ford arrives in Israel
The nuclear carrier sent to bolster American deterrence boasts a full-fledged hospital, a barbecue station in the dining area, advanced weapon systems and cutting-edge missile launchers accompanied by 4 destroyers
Daniel Edelson, New York | 06:01

In the unprecedented American support of Israel amid its war with the Hamas terror group, the navy's largest and most advanced aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Gerald Ford arrived in the eastern Mediterranean, complete with all of its 4,539 soldiers. The move serves only as a deterrent as the Americans, as National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said, have no intention of setting foot in either Israeli or PA territory or intervening in the fighting.

Blinken says U.S. support to continue; Sderot mayor calls for evacuation of residents after four hurt in rocket attack

The move holds practical significance for the White House, in light of the growing number of American casualties in the Hamas attack and the possible need to evacuate American citizens from the region. As well as the aircraft carrier, the Americans are also bringing the "Normandy" guided-missile cruiser closer to Israel, along with four further missile destroyers. What do we find when we unwrap this unprecedented American military gift? Could it increase in size following yesterday's announcement of plans to bring the Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier and its escort ships into the region?

USS Gerald R. Ford, named after the 38th President of the United States, is regarded as the U.S. Navy's most advanced aircraft carrier. It holds thousands of naval personnel and carries on board over 75 F-35, F-15, and F-16 fighter jets, A-10 attack aircraft, two anti-

aircraft missile launchers, two RAM surface-to-air missiles and two separate radar systems directing its missiles and aircraft and detecting enemy aircraft and missile fire. It also has onboard three phalanx weapon systems, i.e. an active cannon-based defense system to destroy missiles, rockets, and artillery fired towards her at close range, four 25 mm machine gun systems (MGS) designed to protect her from small vessels, as well as four old 0.5-inch caliber M25 Browning .5 MGSs.

Even without all this surplus weight, the USS Gerald R. Ford weighs in at 100,000 tons, spanning 78 meters (over 1000 feet) in length and 56 meters (180 feet) in width. And even at this weight, it sails at 30 km/h(20 miles/h) (2 knots), powered by two nuclear reactors. Initially American cost estimate for building the vessel stood at \$5.1 billion, but over the years this budget soared to \$12.8 billion. For scale: this figure is only about \$3 billion under Israel's total 2024 defense budget. And that's without the \$3 billion annual maintenance cost and the R&D (\$40 billion) needed to create this marine monster.

The ship can operate independently at sea for three consecutive months in terms of food, fuel supply, and aircraft equipment. What's needed to maintain it? Well, an entire hospital, a pharmacy, operating theaters and intensive care units, laboratories, and a fleet of dozens of paramedics medical, and officers. There are also four gyms for various muscle groups: the lower body, upper body, and chest, and one for aerobic exercise containing a boxing ring. What else is on the giant aircraft carrier? Elevators connect all ship floors, a chapel, a souvenir shop for tourists and collectors of military and memorabilia, a supermarket that looks like the Israeli dream of the American dream, a cafeteria serving four meals a day with a BBQ station, juice stand, and a 24-hour fruit and salad bar. You can enjoy Wi-Fi in various lounges and throughout the ship. There are video game monitors, billiards tables, giant TV screens broadcasting to the oceans the very best American TV shows and Hollywood movies

This term applies to warships whose order predates 1978. USS Normandy was launched in 1989 and is usually docked in Norfolk, Virginia. She was the first American warship since 1945 to go to war, crossing the Suez Canal during the Gulf War en route to the Persian Gulf. In 1998, she was awarded the title "Most Tomahawks shot by a U.S. Navy Cruiser" – one of many titles she and her crew have accrued over the years.

Holding a crew of 330 men and women, she weighs 9,800 tons and spans 173 meters (568 feet) in length, and is powered by four General Electric gas turbines, driving her to speeds of approximately 60 km/h (40 miles/h) (32.5 knots). Two Seahawk helicopters and six radar systems are permanently positioned on board, each serving different functions including fire control, air search, and underwater anti-submarine warfare. On board are also two vertical launch systems (MK 41) each holding 61 compartments containing 122 surface-to-air missiles, air warfare missiles, Tomahawks, and VLA anti-submarine missiles.

She also has eight Harpoon anti-ship radar-guided missiles, two 127 mm (5")/54 caliber (Mk 45) lightweight guns, two 25 mm MGSs, 2-4 heavy 0.5-inch caliber M25

Browning .5 MGSs, two phalanx weapon systems, and two submarine water torpedo launch systems.

The further four destroyers are all Arleigh Burke class of guided-missile destroyers named after the American World War II admiral. The cost of each is estimated at \$2 billion. The youngest and largest in this group, the USS Thomas Hudner, is named after Navy pilot Thomas Hudner, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his attempts to save the life of his wingman during the Korean War.

She took the seas in 2017 and is usually docked in Mayport, Florida, and waded into Mediterranean waters during training. She weighs 9,217 tons, is 513 meters (1683 feet) long and, like the USS Normandy, is powered by four General Electric gas turbines. She can reach 57 km/h (35 miles/h)(31 knots), carries about 380 crew members, and has one phalanx system, a Mark 45 lightweight gun, two M242 Bushmaster chain guns, and four M25 Browning .5 MGSs.

In addition to two Seahawk helicopters and a landing pad, the ship also has a vertical launching system (MK41) containing seven different types of missiles: two types of surface-to-air missiles, short and medium-range ballistic interceptor missiles, an SM-6 missile for intercepting unmanned aerial vehicles, anti-ship missiles, a vertically launched anti-submarine missile, a Tomahawk cruise missile and the evolved ESSM to counter supersonic maneuvering anti-ship missiles. There are also two triple-tube sets (Mark 32) containing three types of lightweight torpedo missiles.

Holding a similar ammunition inventory, we have the USS Roosevelt, named after the presidential couple, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. She's anchored at Naval Station Rota, a mostly American naval base on Spain's Atlantic coast. Setting sail in 1999, she boasts a long history in Mediterranean waters, including anti-pirate chases in Somalia and seizing the impostor oil tanker "Morning Glory" south of Cyprus en route to Libya. Weighing in at 9,300 tons, and holding 380 crew members and two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters, she measures 155 meters (500 feet) in length and sails at a speed of 56 km/h (35 miles/h) (30 knots).

USS Ramage, named after Vice Admiral Lawson "Red" Ramage, was decorated with the Medal of Honor during World War II. Like USS Normandy, she's usually anchored in Norfolk and has some serious history: Taking to the waters in 1995, she took part in various operations including in Albania in 1997 and off the coast of Montenegro two years later.

Following 9/11, she was commissioned to of the American East Coast to provide expanded radar to New York City and the surrounding area following the terrorist attacks. She then set sail to the Arabian Sea for the Afghan War. She carried on to fight Somali maritime terrorism and pirates around the Horn of Africa. In 2010, she was sent to assist in search and rescue efforts following the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines plane in the Mediterranean. She even docked for a time in Haifa Port. After returning to her mother port, she came back to the Mediterranean during the Syrian Civil War to act as a threat to Bashar al-Assad amid accusations of his use of chemical weapons in the Damascus suburbs. She also numbers among the ships operating in the Mediterranean during the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. This year it was decided to extend the ship's life until at least 2035.

Holding a crew of 280 and weighing 900 tons, the USS Ramage is similar to her younger sister ships – but there's just one Seahawk helicopter parked on her deck. In terms of rifle and missile ammunition, she's quite comparable to her sisters but has the cutting edge of electronic warfare designed to disrupt anti-ship missiles at great distances from their targets.

The ship holds "electronic warfare suites" including elements operated with infrared disruptors designed to lure enemy radars, which include simulated ship noise, simulated flying bait, and reflective buoys. She also has extremely impressive radar systems including a computerized search radar utilizing four complementary antennas providing 360° aerial coverage. She also has a further ten different radar systems for surface search and navigation, mine avoidance, electro-optical optical vision, fire control, and antisubmarine warfare using sonar and helicopters.

The oldest of the four, USS Carney, is named after Admiral Robert Carney, who served as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy during the Eisenhower administration. Originally from Mayport, Florida, she was launched in 1994 and also took part in the Afghan War and docked for a time in Bahrain. After fleeing Hurricane Charlie in 2004, she was happily received as guest of honor when she was sent to the Caribbean to express the United States' commitment to her regional partners. She fought ISIS in Libya, in 2018, and was caught up in the tensions between Russia and the United States following the US announcement of indictments against Russian citizens on suspicion of interference in the 2016 US election campaign.

Her scale and ammunition are similar to that of USS Ramage, but she boasts a number of unique elements and even more radar systems – albeit neither more innovative nor sophisticated. The USS Carney, for example, has the small, lightweight SeaRAM (CIWS) Rolling Airframe surface-to-air missile that uses infrared and rolls as it flies.

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Egypt says Israel ignored warnings Hamas planned major offensive
An Egyptian official tells the Associated Press that the Israelis were concentrated on the tension in the West Bank and did not take the Egyptians seriously
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Egypt warned Israel of a pending Hamas attack ten days before terrorists breached the border and took control of military bases, and communities, killing more than 700 and taking 150 captive including women and children.

"We have warned them an explosion of the situation is coming, and very soon, and it would be big. But they underestimated such warnings," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the content of sensitive intelligence discussions with the media, told The Associated Press.

The Egyptian official said the Israelis were concentrated on the tension on the West Bank and did not consider the Gaza ruling terror group to be a threat despite repeated warning that the Egyptians though were not being taken seriously.

Israel denied reports of efforts by Qatar and Egypt to bring about a prisoner swap that would see the Israeli woman and children held by Hamas in Gaza freed in exchange for 36 Palestinian women held in Israel.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Sunday he has ordered the Ford carrier strike group to sail to the Eastern Mediterranean to be ready to assist Israel. The USS Gerald R. Ford, the Navy's newest and most advanced aircraft carrier, and its approximately 5,000 sailors and deck of warplanes will be accompanied by cruisers and destroyers in a show of force that is meant to be ready to respond to anything, from possibly interdicting additional weapons from reaching Hamas and conducting surveillance.

The large deployment reflects a U.S. desire to deter any regional expansion of the conflict. But the Israeli government formally declared war Sunday and gave the green light for "significant military steps" to retaliate against Hamas.

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