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Jenin terrorists set to carry out Hamas-like attack, military says

The air force bombs the Al-Ansar mosque in the Jenin refugee camp in the first such strike on the West Bank since the early 2000s; 5-man terror squad hiding under the mosque, previously used as a command center for attacks, were heavily armed
Yoav Zitun|03:20

The IDF conducted an air raid on a Jenin mosque after a 5-man terror squad took shelter in a tunnel beneath it, the military said on Sunday. This was the first time since the early 2000s that the air force bombed targets in the West Bank.

According to the security forces, the heavily armed squad was preparing to launch an attack like the massacres conducted by Hamas on border communities in the South. Two of the terrorists were killed and the rest were wounded or captured.

Members of the terror squad were affiliated with Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and had been involved in attacks carried out in the West Bank over recent months.

The Al-Ansar mosque had sheltered terrorists in the past and was used as a command center for attacks against Israelis. Forces found infrastructure and weapons used by terrorists under the mosque during their incursion into the Jenin refugee camp last July.

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Syria strikes meant to prevent arrival of Iran, Iraq forces, weapons

Both airports were put out of commission after IDF strike included more munitions than used against 100 Hamas targets in Gaza overnight

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|02:08

Israel on Sunday attacked the airports in Damascus and Aleppo amid real concern that forces and precision weaponry from Iran and Iraq were set to arrive and be deployed in Syria and Lebanon. The coordinated attacks caused damage to runways and put both airports out of commission.

The Lebanese Al Mayadeen network said Aleppo was struck by four missiles and in Damascus at least one man was killed and another wounded. The amount of munitions used in the strikes exceeded the amount used against 100 Hamas targets in Gaza in overnight bombing raids.

It was the **second** time that Israel **attacked** the **airports**. Syrian media said a similar strike targeting a number of areas **simultaneously**, was carried out by Israel 10 days prior, against transports of advanced weapons to Lebanon. The UK-based Observatory for Human Rights, a Syria opposition group, said the **airports** had been **rendered out of commission**.

A **Syrian official** then said Israel was attempting to distract from the crimes it was committing in Gaza and the casualties it had sustained by the Palestinian resistance. **Another attack on Aleppo came two days later after projectiles fired** in Syria, landed **in** the Golan Heights.

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Tens of thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters march in London as Israel-Hamas war roils the world

The **demonstrators demand Israel stop** its **bombardment of Gaza**, similar calls heard in cities around the world as the Israel-Hamas **war entered its third week**

Associated Press | 23:07

Tens of thousands of **pro-Palestinian demonstrators marched** through a rainy **London** on **Saturday** to demand Israel **stop** its **bombardment of Gaza**, and similar calls were heard in cities around the world as the Israel-Hamas war entered its third week.

On the day a trickle of **aid entered Gaza**, where more than 1 million people have left their homes because of the conflict, **protesters gathered in** at Marble Arch near **London's** Hyde Park before marching to the government district, Whitehall.

Police estimated the **crowd** that wound its way through the city for three hours at **“up to 100,000.”** **Waving Palestinian flags and chanting “Stop bombing Gaza,”** participants called for an **end to Israel's blockade and airstrikes** launched in the wake of a brutal incursion into southern Israel by the Hamas militant group that controls Gaza.

Israel continued to bombard targets in Gaza on **Saturday** ahead of an expected ground offensive. A small measure of relief came when **20 trucks carrying humanitarian aid** were **allowed to enter Gaza** across the southern Rafah border crossing with Egypt.

The war has raised **tensions around the world**, with both Jewish and Muslim communities feeling under threat. The British Transport Police force said it was investigating after footage was posted online that appears to show a **London Underground driver leading passengers in a chant of “Free, free Palestine” over the subway intercom.** **British authorities urged demonstrators to be mindful of the pain and anxiety felt by the Jewish community.** **London's Metropolitan Police Force** says it has seen a **13-fold**

upsurge in reports of antisemitic offenses in October compared to last year. Reports of anti-Muslim crimes have more than doubled.

Police said there had been “pockets of disorder and some instances of hate speech” during protests over the war, but “the majority of the protest activity has been lawful and has taken place without incident.”

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters also gathered in Belfast and in Northern Ireland’s second city, Londonderry, where speakers included lawmaker Colum Eastwood of the Irish nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party.

“The murder of children is wrong,” he told the crowd, calling for an immediate cease-fire in the conflict. “I don’t know how that is so difficult for some of our world leaders to actually utter. It doesn’t matter whether they are Israeli children or Palestinian children.” Across the border in the Republic of Ireland, thousands marched through the capital, Dublin, calling for an end to Israel’s bombardment.

In France, pro-Palestinian demonstrators gathered in several cities including Rennes, Montpellier, Dijon and Lyon, where thousands of people could be seen chanting “we all are Palestinians” in the central square.

In Marseille, the country’s second-largest city, some people took to the streets, waving Palestinian flags and shouting “Free Gaza,” despite the protest being banned by local police. A pro-Palestinian gathering scheduled for Sunday in Paris has been allowed by police.

German police said almost 7,000 people took part in a peaceful pro-Palestinian demonstration in Düsseldorf on Saturday. The demonstrators carried Palestinian flags or banners calling for an end to “violence and aggression in Gaza.”

Police in Berlin banned a pro-Palestinian demonstration that was scheduled for Sunday in the center of the city, German news agency dpa reported. Police in the German capital have stopped several similar events in recent weeks, citing the potential of violence and antisemitic hate speech. Some pro-Palestinian demonstrators have taken to the streets anyway, resulting in clashes with police.

Authorities allowed a pro-Israel demonstration scheduled for Sunday that was expected to draw together thousands of people in central Berlin.

Elsewhere, several hundred people marched through Rome on Saturday, some holding signs saying “Palestine, Rome is with you,” and “No peace until we get freedom.” “Israel carries out war crimes there, crimes against humanity there, and the international community has never acted,” said Maya Issa, president of the Movement of Palestinian Students in Italy, which organized the demonstration.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators waving Palestinian flags flooded the streets of downtown Barcelona to demand an end to the Israeli airstrikes.

In Muslim-majority Kosovo, several hundred people walked from mosques to Pristina’s Zahir Pajaziti square after lunchtime prayers to express support for Palestinians.

In Australia, thousands marched through central Sydney on Saturday, shouting “Shame, shame Israel” and “Palestine will never die.”

The war sparked protests across the Arab world and beyond on Friday, including in the occupied West Bank, where Palestinians burned tires and threw stones at Israeli military checkpoints. Israeli security forces responded firing tear gas and live rounds.

Crowds gathered in Israel’s northern neighbor Lebanon; in Iraq at the country’s border crossing with Jordan; in Jordan itself; in cities and towns across Egypt; in Turkey’s capital Ankara and its most populous city of Istanbul; and in Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco and South Africa.

In New York, hundreds of protesters from Muslim, Jewish and other groups marched to U.S. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand’s Manhattan office, many shouting “cease-fire now.” Police later arrested dozens of protesters who blocked Third Avenue outside Gillibrand’s office by sitting in the road.

Thousands of demonstrators also marched through the streets of downtown Los Angeles demanding an immediate cease-fire.

Pro-Israel demonstrations and vigils have also been held around the world, many focused on securing the return of hostages captured by Hamas.

Rome’s Jewish community on Friday remembered the more than 200 people believed held by Hamas by setting a long Shabbat table for them outside the capital’s main synagogue and empty chairs for each of the hostages.

On the back of each chair was a flyer featuring the name, age and photo of each missing person. On the table were candles, wine and loaves of challah, the braided bread typically eaten during the Friday night meal.

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First Gaza humanitarian aid convoy not inspected for weapons, NYT reports

Despite Israel’s requests, 20-truck convoy reportedly rolls into Gaza without checking for contraband that can be used by Hamas terrorists; report taken down after IDF issues denial

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Despite Israel’s demands, the first convoy of humanitarian aid that rolled into the Gaza Strip was not inspected for weapons, the New York Times reported on Saturday. The report was later taken down after the IDF denied the claim.

The 20-truck convoy, loaded with aid passed through the Rafah border crossing from Egypt into Gaza, was allowed to enter the territory after days of diplomatic negotiations as it remains under siege by Israel after terrorists from the ruling Hamas faction stormed Israeli border towns, massacring over 1,400 people. The move came as the blockaded

Palestinian enclave faced dwindling supplies, with hospitals on the brink of shutdown and essential resources like food, water and medicine in short supply.

The IDF liaison to the Palestinians later denied the claims. "At the request of the U.S. government, humanitarian aid containing only water, food and medical equipment was introduced today to the southern part of the Strip through the Rafah crossing. All the equipment was inspected before entering Gaza. We emphasize that Israel has the capability to ensure that nothing other than the aforementioned items was introduced or extracted," read a statement from the army's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT).

Stéphane Dujarric, a spokesman for the United Nations secretary general, said future aid convoys into Gaza will need to be inspected, according to the report. There are scores of aid trucks still waiting on the Egyptian side of the border.

Earlier Saturday, a senior Israeli defense official said there was no humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip despite Israel's tight blockade on the territory.

The official noted that 700,000 civilians have so far evacuated northern areas of Gaza and moved southward as Israel prepares for a ground incursion into the territory to uproot Hamas's presence there. However, 350,000 people still remain in Gaza City and the surrounding refugee camps.

"There is no shortage of water or food or medicine, for the next few weeks," the senior official said. "Many of those who remain in the northern part of the Strip, have left their homes and relocated to shelters. Hamas continues to work to keep civilians in the northern areas." The official said the humanitarian corridor defined by the IDF and communicated to Gazans, will remain free of attack.

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Starbucks sues workers' union following Hamas support

American coffeehouse chain takes legal action against Starbucks Workers United claiming they harmed the company's reputation after outcry for boycott; 'Drinking a cup of Starbucks is drinking a cup of Jewish blood'

Daniel Edelson, New York|03:16

After the workers union of American coffee chain Starbucks' shared posts on social media in which they aim to show "solidarity with Palestine" in the wake of Hamas' attack against Israel on October 7, as reported by Ynet, the company has pressed charges against the union following online outrage at its workers' actions.

According to the lawsuit filed in the Iowa District Court on Wednesday, Starbucks alleges that the posts made by the union angered many customers and harmed its reputation. Additionally, the company claims a violation of trademark rights and demands the union cease using the name "Starbucks Workers United" and its round green logo similar to Starbucks' own.

The workers' union pushed back and responded with its own lawsuit against the company filed in a Pennsylvania court, where it claimed Starbucks was trying to tarnish the union's reputation and imply it supports terrorism and violence.

The union demands to continue using its existing name and logo and said that "all Israelis and Palestinians deserve security, freedom from violence and an opportunity to thrive." It noted that its members have friends and families on both sides of the conflict.

This controversy came to light shortly after the deadly attack in Israel. The Starbucks Workers United, which represents over 9,000 baristas across the United States, shared a post with an image of a bulldozer breaking through the Gaza border and accused the Israeli "occupation," of turning Gaza into a "mass prison." Above that, the union wrote: "Solidarity with Palestine."

Local workers' unions of the chain in Chicago, Boston and Iowa also published posts on their official social media pages accusing Israel of attacking Hamas, of being an apartheid state, and oppressing Palestinians. "We stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and condemn the IDF for senselessly and viciously bombing, murdering and injuring innocent Palestinians, as well as for creating and funding Hamas in the 80s to discourage Palestinian solidarity."

Starbucks Workers United founder Jaz Brisack has become a symbol of social justice in America over the years and joined in the tweets. Brisack published additional posts condemning Israel, such as "There are no two sides to apartheid."

Starbucks issued a statement clarifying that "the posts do not represent the company's position Starbucks unequivocally condemns acts of terrorism, hate and violence, and we strongly disagree with the views expressed by Workers United. None of these groups speak for Starbucks Coffee Company and do not represent our company's views, positions or beliefs."

This, however, did not prevent the subsequent outrage on social media, with boycotts declared against the coffeehouse chain.

The outcry reached the doorstep of Republican Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, who slammed the workers' union in an official statement: "This is disgusting. Every American should condemn the atrocities that Iran-backed Hamas terrorists committed in Israel. Boycott Starbucks until its leadership strongly denounces and takes action against this horrific support of terrorism."

The Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce (OJC) launched a campaign with the slogan "Drinking a cup of Starbucks is drinking a cup of Jewish blood." The OJC's head approached former Starbucks CEO, Jewish businessman Howard Schultz, with a request to sue the workers' union.

On Wednesday, Starbucks' Vice President Sara Kelly issued a statement to shareholders and employees directly addressing the lawsuit: "In addition to the heartache we are all feeling during this moment, like many of you, I am also deeply troubled by the spread of misinformation and inflammatory headlines stemming from images used and **statements made last week by Workers United.**"

"Unfortunately, as violence against the innocent in the region continues to escalate, some people are mistakenly tying these remarks to us, because **Workers United and its affiliates and members continue to use our name, logo, and intellectual property,**" the statement read.

"Starbucks **unequivocally condemns** acts of terrorism, hate and violence committed by **Hamas**, and we strongly **disagree with** the views expressed by **Workers United**, including its local affiliates, union organizers and those who **identify as members of Starbucks Workers United** — **none** of these groups **speak for Starbucks Coffee Company** and do not represent our company's views, positions or beliefs. Their **words and actions belong to them, and them alone.**"

According to Kelly, the "ongoing confusion" within the company **has led to violent incidents where angry customers clashed with employees** at branches and company offices, and sent graphic and violent messages showing the war's atrocities.

"We contacted Workers United demanding they **immediately stop using our company name, logo and intellectual property**, and issue an immediate correction. **They rejected that request.** As a result, Starbucks will file **litigation against the union in federal court**, and we **intend to pursue all legal options** in defense of our partners and our company," she wrote.

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Israeli professor stands against Bill Gates Foundation supporting Hamas

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Israeli professor takes lone stand against Columbia University in viral video

Watch: Columbia U. professor **Shai Davidai slams New York higher education institution for not standing against pro-Palestinian bodies in the university overtly supporting**

Hamas' attack against Israel

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Protesters against the judicial overhaul may remember Professor Shai Davidai, who in July participated in the widespread demonstrations against the government's proposed legislation in which tens of thousands of Israelis took to the streets. Davidai is a social psychology professor at Columbia University's Business School in New York.

Davidai was in New York when war broke out with Hamas two weeks ago and shifted his social activism to the university's New York campus, where he's **condemning the refusal of many presidents of prestigious American universities to publicly oppose pro-Palestinian student bodies that openly support Hamas' terrorism.**

Prof. Davidai took advantage of the university campus to make his voice heard against its employers, whom he calls “cowards.” Davidai is mainly directing his words against Minouche Shafik, who in July became the university’s 20th president, and the first woman to hold the position since Columbia University’s founding in 1754. She also serves on the board of directors of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Minouche previously served as the Bank of England’s deputy governor and moved on to serve in the same position for the World Bank.

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US State Department official resigns in protest of arms to Israel

Josh Paul, who oversaw arms transfers to foreign countries, resigns after 11 years due to disagreements with ‘continued provision of lethal arms to Israel’; Paul calls Hamas’ terrorist attack ‘monstrosity,’ but Gaza war will only bring suffering to both sides
Ynet | 19:32

U.S. State Department official Josh Paul resigned from his position following the transfer of military aid to Israel as part of its war against Hamas.

Paul, who had worked for 11 years in the State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs which oversees arms transfers to foreign countries, represents a rare instance of overt protest by a government official against the longstanding U.S. support for Israel and its right to self-defense.

Paul announced his resignation from the State Department due to disagreements over “the continued... provision of lethal arms to Israel.” In his resignation letter, Paul stated that President Joe Biden’s administration “rushing more arms to one side of the conflict,” and that such support has led to “destructive” decisions.

Paul stated that he currently cannot support the continued U.S. military assistance to Israel, calling the administration’s response “an impulsive reaction” based on “intellectual bankruptcy.”

In his statement, Paul underscored that Hamas's terror attacks against Israel are "a monstrosity of monstrosities." He voiced concerns that Iran-affiliated groups, including Hezbollah, might cynically exploit the tragedy to escalate tensions in the region. However, he emphasized that the conflict in Gaza would only bring harm to all parties involved.

Paul acknowledged Israel's right to respond and defend itself. "I guess I question how many Palestinian children have to die in that process," said Paul.

“The response Israel is taking, and with it the American support both for that response and for the status quo of the occupation, will only lead to more and deeper suffering for both the Israeli and the Palestinian people.”

An American official told Reuters that the Pentagon has informed Congress members that the U.S. plans to send Israel two Iron Dome battery systems soon. Both were previously purchased from Israel.

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North Korea is arming Iran, Hamas & Russia since at least 2009

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Is North Korea arming Hamas to take on Israel?

Not known to be particularly attentive to world demands, it appears the Kim Jong Un regime is making shady deals with Hamas and selling them increasingly advanced weaponry, such as the shoulder-fired F-7 rocket-propelled grenade launcher

Associated Press | 14:35

Hamas fighters likely fired North Korean weapons during their Oct 7 assault on Israel, a terrorist video and weapons seized by Israel show, despite Pyongyang's denials that it arms the terrorist group.

South Korean officials, two experts on North Korean arms and an Associated Press analysis of weapons captured on the battlefield by Israel point toward Hamas using Pyongyang's F-7 rocket-propelled grenade, a shoulder-fired weapon that fighters typically use against armored vehicles.

The evidence shines a light on the murky world of the illicit arms shipments that sanction-battered North Korea uses as a way to fund its own conventional and nuclear weapons programs.

Rocket-propelled grenade launchers fire a single warhead and can be quickly reloaded, making them valuable weapons for guerrilla forces in running skirmishes with heavy vehicles. The F-7 has been documented in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, said N.R. Jenzen-Jones, a weapons expert who works as the director of the consultancy Armament Research Services.

"North Korea has long supported Palestinian militant groups, and North Korean arms have previously been documented among interdicted supplies," Jenzen-Jones told the Associated Press.

Hamas has published images of their fighters with a launcher with a rocket-propelled grenade with a distinctive red stripe across its warhead, and other design elements matching the F-7, said Matt Schroeder, a senior researcher with Small Arms Survey who wrote a guide to Pyongyang's light weapons.

"It is not a surprise to see North Korean weapons with Hamas," Schroeder said.

The North Korean F-7 resembles the more widely distributed Soviet-era RPG-7 rocket-propelled grenade, with a few noticeable differences. Jenzen-Jones described the F-7 rocket-propelled grenade as "intended to offer a lethal effect against personnel" given its shape and payload, rather than armored vehicles.

Weapons seized by the Israeli military and shown to journalists also included that red stripe and other design elements matching the F-7.

In a background briefing with journalists Tuesday, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff specifically identified the F-7 as one of the North Korean weapons it believed Hamas used in the attack. The Israeli military declined to answer questions from the AP about the origin and the manufacturer of those rocket-propelled grenades, saying the ongoing war with Hamas prevented it from responding.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations did not respond to a request for comment from the AP. However, Pyongyang last week through its state-run KCNA news agency dismissed claims that Hamas used its weapons as "a groundless and false rumor" orchestrated by the United States.

Hamas propaganda videos and photos previously have shown its fighters with North Korea's Bulsae guided anti-tank missile. Jenzen-Jones said he believed, based on imagery of the weapons wielded by Hamas fighters in the Oct. 7 attack, they also used North Korea's Type 58 self-loading rifle, a variant of the Kalashnikov assault rifle.

"Many North Korean weapons have been provided by Iran to militant groups, and this is believed to be the primary way by which Palestinian militants have come to possess North Korean weapons," Jenzen-Jones said.

Iran also has modeled some of its ballistic missiles after North Korean variants.

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not respond to a request for comment. Officials in Iran long have supported Hamas and have praised their assault on Israel.

In December 2009, Thai authorities grounded a North Korean cargo plane reportedly carrying 35 tons of conventional arms, including rockets and rocket-propelled grenades, as it made a refueling stop at a Bangkok airport. Thai officials then said the weapons were headed to Iran. The United States later said in 2012 the shipments interdicted by the Thais had been bound for Hamas.

North Korea also faces Western suspicions that it supplies ammunition, artillery shells and rockets to Russia to support its war on Ukraine. The White House said last week that North Korea recently delivered more than 1,000 containers of military equipment and munitions to Russia.

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Rockets fired by Houthis in Yemen meant for Israel; 30 children among Gaza hostages; IDF says hits 800 Gaza targets

Barrage of rockets from Lebanon fired by Hamas; Knesset members want to declare 30th day from Hamas massacre a day of national mourning; rocket hits building in Kiryat Shemona, injuring 3

Yair Kraus, Ilan Levinsohn, Reuters, Itamar Eichner|Updated: | 08:17

A U.S. Navy warship on Thursday intercepted three cruise missiles and several drones launched by the Iran-aligned Houthi movement from Yemen potentially toward Israel, the Pentagon said. The missiles, one of which was reportedly intercepted by Saudi Arabia, are believed to have been meant for Israel. The interceptions come in the shadow of the war in Gaza, and the fear that Iran will use the war to cause a regional escalation and fighting on several fronts.

The IDF announced Thursday evening that 30 children are among the hostages in Gaza, and there are still 100-200 missing people whose fate is unknown. Meanwhile, 26 members of Knesset from the coalition and opposition parties, led by lawmaker Naama Lazimi of the Labor Party, sent a letter to the government ministers in which they called for declaring the 30th day from the massacre in the Gaza Strip on October 7 a day of national mourning.

Former Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal said on Thursday that the group has a number of Israeli soldiers, held as hostages, which are enough to negotiate releasing all the Palestinian prisoners in Israel. Meshaal, who heads Hamas' diaspora office, made the remarks during an exclusive interview to Al Arabiya TV. Earlier, Meshaal said Hamas's Israeli captives include high-ranking officers from the Gaza Division.

An unclassified U.S. intelligence report, seen by Reuters on Thursday, estimated that the death toll from a blast at a Gaza hospital was "probably at the low end of the 100 to 300 spectrum," but added that the assessment may evolve.

Hamas said Thursday afternoon that its Az ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades military arm in Lebanon is responsible for at least 30 rockets fired from southern Lebanon toward Israeli communities in the Galilee. One of the rockets scored a direct hit on a building in the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shemona, moderately injuring one and lightly injuring two, including a five-year-old girl.

Earlier on Thursday afternoon six rockets were fired from Lebanon at communities in northern Israel on Thursday afternoon; five of the rockets landed in open areas and one was intercepted. The IDF responded by firing at the source of the rocket fire. Also on Thursday afternoon, two rockets landed in the northern Israeli city of Sderot, one of them hit a car and the other in an open area in a residential neighborhood. There were no injuries, but there was damage.

The Israel Defense Forces announced that some 800 Hamas and Islamic Jihad targets have been attacked in the first 12 days of the war, including weapons, operational

infrastructure and rocket launchers from which rockets were launched into Israeli territory in real time - as well as terrorists.

Hamas fired a rocket barrage at central Israel on Thursday while rockets to the south continued in the late morning and early afternoon. No casualties were reported.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during statements following his meeting with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak that just as Britain fought the Nazis in WWII, Israel was now fighting the new Nazis.

Sunak said he was aware that Israel was attempting to avoid civilian casualties in Gaza and that the residents of the Strip were also victims of Hamas. He thanked Netanyahu for his support of families of the British nationals among the hostages held in Gaza.

President Issac Herzog asked visiting British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to intervene in the BBC's refusal to name Hamas a terror group even after its horrific attack on civilians in the southern border area on Oct. 7.

“We are dealing with one of the worst terrorist organizations in the world. And I know that in modern democracies, like ours and yours, you can't interfere per se, but since the BBC has a certain linkage and as is known as British all over the world, there has to be an outcry for it to be corrected, and that Hamas will be defined as a terrorist organization there as well. What else do they need to see to understand that this is an atrocious terror organization?”

Sunak said in response: You have suffered something unspeakable, a barbaric act of terrorism, as you said, we should call it what it is: an act of terrorism perpetrated by an evil terrorist organization, Hamas. That's what I believe. And that's what we will continue to say. And in that vein, we will stand with Israel, we will stand with you in solidarity with your people and your right to defend yourself, to bring security back to your country, to your people, to ensure the safe return of the hostages that have been taken. You have not just a right to do that, I think you have a duty to do that, to restore that security to your country.”

Earlier, Sunak met with family members of hostages held in Gaza and said the UK was determined to secure the release of the hostages taken by Hamas terrorists.

To have a child taken from you is a parent's worst nightmare.

The IDF said on Thursday that a senior Hamas official, the head of Gaza's National Security Force was killed along with his family in a strike on his home while the Air Force continues to attack targets of the terror group in Gaza.

The military said that currently it can confirm the death of 306 members of its force since Saturday, Oct. 7 and that 203 people were currently confirmed held by Hamas as hostages in Gaza. At least 11 more bodies were uncovered near Kibbutz Be'eri on the Israeli border with Gaza, among them a little boy and a woman whose bodies were burned after they were murdered. Israeli officials said the work to identify all those who died was expected to take a long time, leaving many families in uncertainty over the fate of their loved ones.

Earlier, the IDF said the head of the Rafah military branch of the Popular Resistance Committees, Harb Hussein Abu Hilal was killed in an Israeli strike. "Overnight IDF struck hundreds of Hamas terror structures, including anti-tank missile launching posts,

terror tunnel shafts, intelligence infrastructure, and additional command centers," the military spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said Hezbollah targets were struck in attacks on south Lebanon overnight. Earlier the names of three more people confirmed killed were released. "I did it," U.S. President Joe Biden told CNN's Kevin Liptak on Wednesday regarding his Israel visit and the facilitation of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

Speaking aboard Air Force One after leaving Israel, Biden recognized he faced potential criticism for his Middle East trip, particularly after the cancellation of a regional summit in Jordan. However, he remarked that the risk was worth it despite his many doubters. Earlier, Biden said that Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has agreed to open the Rafah crossing to allow the passage of 20 trucks carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. The two leaders have committed to working together to promote a robust international response to the UN's call for assistance to the residents of the Palestinian enclave.

Air raid sirens sounded across central Israel four times within three hours after Biden concluded his brief seven-and-a-half-hour visit to Israel and departed from Ben-Gurion Airport.

During his visit, the Democratic leader met with Israel's wartime cabinet to discuss the ongoing conflict with Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip. In his closing remarks from Tel Aviv, he reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring Israel will "again be a safe place for the Jewish people". He also confirmed an agreement with the Israeli government to provide essential humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza. Rockets were also fired into Gaza border towns during his visit. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will arrive on a solidarity visit of his own on Thursday.

Meanwhile, an IDF drone Wednesday evening eliminated a terrorist squad that launched mortar shells toward the Upper Galilee region near the Lebanon border, according to the military.

Earlier, the army said it had identified an anti-tank missile squad in Lebanon aiming at Israel, targeting two Hezbollah military positions with tank fire in response. Additionally, the IDF retaliated against a military post near the border town of Metula from which an anti-tank missile had been launched earlier. Gunfire was also directed at Israel's Har Dov military outpost along the Lebanese border, prompting IDF soldiers to return fire.

Earlier Wednesday, two rockets fired from Lebanon crashed in the city of Kiryat Shmona near the northern border. There were no reports of injuries.

Meanwhile, the U.S. and Israeli embassies in Argentina were evacuated on Wednesday following two bomb threats received via email, local media sites Clarin and La Nacion reported. Anti-bomb squads were reported on the scene.

Around 11:00 local time (14:00 GMT), authorities said a first search of one of the embassies turned up negative, La Nacion reported.

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IDF says 63 Hamas terror operatives among 80 terror suspects detained in West Bank Military says since Oct. 7 Hamas attack 524 terror suspects detained in West Bank; forces find hundreds of Gazans stranded in Israel amid war, in Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem

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The IDF said on Thursday that security forces arrested some 63 Hamas operatives including Ramallah-based Hamas chief Hassan Yousef were among 80 terror suspects detained in overnight West Bank raids bringing the number of suspects in custody since the Hamas attack on October 7, to 524.

IDF Special Forces began an intricate operation, surrounding the Nur Shams refugee camp in the Tulkarm Governorate, with the objective of arresting Hamas militants and destroying their infrastructure, including uncovering specific locations where the militants had planned to set off explosive charges.

Palestinian sources have reported 120 people taken into custody, including six Hamas operatives, 62 released convicts and three journalists. This tally stands as the highest since October 7.

With cautious optimism, it's fair to say the West Bank faction of Hamas have not yet mobilized for a major attack on Israeli forces or civilians, despite the calls of Hamas stalwarts Yahya Sinwar and Mohammed Deif to enflame tensions as much as possible. Still, some violent clashes were noted along the way.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health claims a 21-year-old Palestinian man by the name of Mohammed Fuwaqa was shot dead by settlers near Ramallah. Over 60 Palestinians have been killed while trying to carry out attacks by hurling explosive charges and burning tires.

IDF additionally arrested 200 Gaza-based laborers inside the Dheisheh refugee camp, who used to work in Israel and stayed when the war broke out. Thousands had already been spotted in the past 12 days, and have been moved into holding facilities. Many were also questioned by Shin Bet in an effort to uncover whether they facilitated the transfer of critical information to Hamas.

IDF Engineering Corps demolished to terrorist's home in the village of Qibya, who carried out a shooting attack on July 6, resulting in the death of IDF officer Sgt. First

Shortly after Hamas launched its October 7 offensive, IDF galvanized more troops both in Central Command and the West Bank Division to foil any further attacks. "Over 30 battalions now operate in the West Bank," the IDF had relayed at the time. "Forces are

spread out in major junctions, settlements and the border fence, operating 24/7 and ready for any scenario."

IDF incursions have resulted in hundreds of arrests, primarily comprising of Hamas naval commandos called Nukhba, who had attempted to galvanize the Lion's Den militants operating primarily inside the Jenin refugee camp to commit further terrorist attacks against Israel.

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IDF Home Front Command establish 347 alert squads for community first defense

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Israelis rush to volunteer for local alert squads

Hundreds of new alert squads are expected to be established throughout the country with residents training and patrolling to protect their local communities

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Residents of many Israeli cities have decided to volunteer for local alert squads present in their communities in order to protect their homes and neighbors. As a result, many civilians across the country were recruited to the IDF Home Front Command, received firearms, and began training and patrols.

Alert squads, which were initially established only in cities situated on or in close proximity to Israel's borders have recently expanded to other cities throughout the country, with efforts undergoing to establish 347 new squads in the coming weeks.

Since last week, alert squads have been established in cities including Ramla, Nof Hagalil, Elad, Acre, Nahariya, Karmiel, Ma'alot Tarshiha, Ashkelon, Eilat, Rosh HaAyin, Harish, Dimona, Kiryat Gat, Shoham, and Modi'in, with more expected to be established throughout the country.

In Ganei Tikva located in central Israel, over 140 residents volunteered for new alert squads established in the city following Hamas' murderous attack against the country. The alert squad, which serves as a special force under the command of the IDF Home Front Command, began its operation as a reinforcement for security forces, while also working with the police. The armed volunteers patrol the area and contribute to the residents' personal security, while coordinating with a municipal security center that receives reports about incidents from the local community.

Attorney Omer Shalomovich, who usually works in a large law firm, decided to volunteer as well, bringing with him the knowledge he gained over decades in the IDF as a division commander. "I was discharged at 51 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel," he said. "And now I've decided to volunteer alongside others from my community."

Yaniv Angel, 54, who served as a police officer for decades and currently serves as Ganei Tikva's deputy mayor, was recruited to lead the alert squad. "You don't forget what's in your DNA," he said.

"We're here and are prepared for any incidents that may occur. My daughter serves in the IDF in southern Israel, and she couldn't believe it when my wife sent a photo of me in the family group chat wearing a military uniform and carrying a weapon," he added.

Angel's neighbor and squad member, Attorney Eli Shimon, was recruited to the alert squad on Tuesday. "Everyone who joined the squad has previous combat experience from the military," he said. "Once the IDF Home Front Command approved the squad's establishment, each of us was called to be equipped with a weapon. We're here for the sake of our community."

Ganei Tikva isn't the only city where an alert squad was recently established, as Modi'in's squad also began training on Sunday. "My main mission as mayor is to take care of my residents. The municipalities were the first to take action when the war started, and we'll continue supporting the country as needed," Haim Bibas, Modi'in's mayor, said.

Bibas added, "It's important for the IDF Home Front to function to enable the army to carry out its mission. The alert squads offer a significant force in helping security forces in the city, while keeping the residents of our community feeling safe and secure."

The missions of Modi'in's alert squad include locating and rescuing trapped civilians, providing first aid, identifying and neutralizing threats, signaling and keeping citizens away from incidents, extinguishing minor fires, guiding citizens, assisting emergency services, and gathering information.

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Proposal to remove Al Jazeera broadcasting from Israel as a security risk

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Government to discuss removal of Al Jazeera from Israel

Communications Ministry and Attorney General reach agreement on emergency regulation asking to remove Qatari network from Israel citing security risks

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Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara and Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi reached an agreement on Wednesday regarding the minister's proposal to the security cabinet asking to close down the offices of Qatar-based news agency Al Jazeera in Israel. The two's agreed upon steps will be presented for the government's approval on Sunday.

It was also reported the attorney general ceded her requirement saying a judge must approve the proposal in three days, or have it dismissed. Now, the parties are finalizing the details of the agreement. Security officials are also expected to add their opinions on the matter.

Several days ago, Karhi proposed emergency regulations before the security cabinet in order to enable the closure of Al Jazeera's offices in Israel, claiming its broadcasts from the country pose a security risk and incite violence. Al Jazeera's television network employs 30 workers in Israel, most of whom are Israeli citizens, with some being Qatari citizens. The network broadcasts in English and Arabic.

If the request is approved, Communications Ministry inspectors and police will shut down Al Jazeera's offices in Israel, confiscate their cameras, and seize any equipment relevant to their broadcasts.

In another regulatory action, their channels will be immediately removed from Israeli broadcasting networks. None of Al Jazeera's employees will be arrested, although the employees' press passes will likely be revoked. It's unclear whether there's an intention to ask the station's Qatari workers to leave Israel.

Prior to the discussion in the security cabinet, Karhi's request was reviewed by all security agencies, including the Mossad, the Shin Bet, the IDF, and the attorney general. Security officials expressed support for the move, but the Shin Bet indicated that it is difficult to prove the network poses a true threat to Israel's security.

Following the report, Al Jazeera issued a statement against the emergency regulations that would enable the closure of its offices in Israel. Walid Al-Omari, bureau chief of Al Jazeera's Jerusalem offices, said "Israel is accusing us of being what we're not. Since the beginning of the war, we've been broadcasting Israeli press conferences live with simultaneous translation."

"Our network presented IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari, Avichay Adraee, as well as the Foreign Ministry spokesman. The images we're broadcasting are the same ones Israel is broadcasting, including all the Israeli channels and the military statements. We have never acted against the Israeli Military Censor, and we have always maintained communication with the military," he added.

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