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Following the seizure of the terrorist base, thorough searches were conducted by the combatants, revealing valuable intelligence materials. Lieutenant Colonel "Z.", the commander of the Givati Reconnaissance Battalion, stated, "The Givati Brigade operated within the Gaza city. During this operation, in conjunction with the 196th Armored Battalion, the unit penetrated the very heart of the base, engaging in fierce battles with

terrorists. We eliminated a significant number of threats, destroyed tunnels, and brought back vital intelligence materials."

He also addressed the Hamas terrorists, saying, "We will persist in rooting you out from your bases and eliminating you amidst the tunnels, subterranean passages, and wherever you hide."

Meanwhile, on Friday Defense Minister Yoav Gallant held a situation assessment in the Southern Command, where he was briefed on the ground operations and the readiness for further combat in the Gaza Strip.

"The forces are continuing to advance according to the plan and striking the enemy with force," said Gallant. "Systematically targeting Hamas terrorists deepens our achievements, and it will only further strengthen."

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IDF says ambulance attacked in Gaza transported Hamas terrorists and weapons

IDF says several terrorists were killed and that it holds information that Hamas the uses ambulance for transport; The military also reports that intelligence was recovered from a captured Hamas base inside the Gaza Strip

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The IDF Spokesperson's Unit said Friday that an aircraft struck an ambulance in the Gaza Strip, which, according to intelligence was being used by a specific Hamas unit closely positioned to the combat zone.

It was further reported that several Hamas terrorists were killed in the attack, and the IDF has information suggesting that the terrorist organization utilized the ambulance for transporting terrorists and weaponry.

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The White House said on Friday that 100 US citizens and family members left Gaza on Thursday and said another large group of Americans were expected to leave on Friday.

Speaking to reporters, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said negotiations are intense on getting foreign nationals out of Gaza and that it is a fluid situation. In a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Tel Aviv, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant asserted that the war Cabinet unanimously agreed there would be no cease-fire in the Gaza Strip until the Israeli hostages were returned.

Gallant emphasized the point by showing Blinken a photograph of three-year-old Abigail Edan, an Israeli American from Kibbutz Kfar Aza who lost her parents in Hamas's October 7 attack, declaring, "Our children's safety is paramount. We will not agree to a cease-fire without the return of the captives."

He further noted that this stance is backed by the collective resolve of over 250,000 soldiers and their families, amounting to a million people.

Blinken queried about the next political phase post-war, particularly the establishment of an alternative governance in Gaza. He acknowledged the heightened pressure on the United States stemming from its unwavering support for Israel.

Speaking from his hideout in Lebanon, Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah provided a hot-air speech in which he seemingly tried to justify his terrorist group's hesitation to launch a full-scale war against Israel, stating that the ongoing Israel-Hamas war was a Palestinian affair rather than a regional one.

"The war is 100% Palestinian, not regional. The battle is completely Palestinian, for the Palestinians, and has no relation to other regional affairs," he said at a ceremony honoring members of his terrorist group killed in border skirmishes with Israel since October 7.

He also stressed that Hezbollah became actively involved in the fighting since October 8. "What is happening on the Lebanese border may seem modest, but it is very important," Nasrallah said, claiming that such exchanges of fire at the border have not been seen since 1948, the year of Israel's independence.

As Nasrallah was speaking in Lebanon, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned the Shiite cleric and military commander against opening a second front on Israel's northern border.

"I say again to our enemies, do not miscalculate—any mistake will cost you dearly, a price beyond your belief," he said.

"Our victory will be decisive and clear—it will send a message to our enemies that will resonate for generations. We will not relent until we have achieved our defined goals: the dismantling of Hamas, the return of the captives and the restoration of security for our citizens."

The IDF spokesperson reported successful joint operations between ground and air units in the Gaza Strip, leading to the elimination of scores of terrorists who had engaged Israeli forces through an attack tunnel.

"A terrorist cell was spotted by IDF reservists as it exited a tunnel. An aircraft was called in to target and eliminate the threat. Additionally, terrorists fired upon our forces from within a residential building. The troops responded decisively, resulting in the elimination of the attackers," the report stated.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said in his daily briefing Friday ahead of Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah's speech that "in the north, we are on alert, and we will continue to respond to any aggression."

"We are on high alert to respond to any scenario, both today and in the days to come. **Iran continues to engage in subversive** negative **activities** and incites proxies to distract us from the conflict in Gaza, just as it has done in Ukraine, **Yemen and Iraq against U.S. forces.**"

Meanwhile, the United States' top diplomat Antony **Blinken** landed **in Tel Aviv on Friday** to push for humanitarian pauses in the Gaza war as Israel said it had surrounded the Palestinian enclave's biggest city and the focus of its drive to annihilate Hamas.

Blinken, on his second trip to Israel in a month, met with Prime Minister Benjamin **Netanyahu** and other Israeli leaders to **discuss concrete steps to minimize harm to civilians in besieged Gaza**, where food, fuel, water and medicine are scarce.

CNN reported on Friday that U.S. President Joe Biden and his top advisers are "warning Israel with growing force that it will become increasingly difficult for it to pursue its military goals in Gaza as global outcry intensifies about the scale of humanitarian suffering there."

The report stated that behind the scenes, U.S. officials believe there is "limited time" for Israel to try to accomplish its stated objective of taking out Hamas in its current operation before uproar over the humanitarian suffering and civilian casualties – and calls for a cease-fire – reaches a tipping point.

There's a growing understanding within the **Biden** administration that that decisive action may be needed soon. According to sources that spoke with CNN, several of the president's key advisers **think it may be only a matter of weeks, and not months** as previously believed, before the U.S. government can no longer justify resisting the mounting calls to **advocate publicly for a cease-fire.**

The IDF Friday morning named four more soldiers who have been killed in battles against Hamas terrorists in the northern Gaza Strip.

Captain Beni Wais, 22, from Haifa, a platoon commander in the 460th Brigade; Master Sergeant (Res.) Uriah Mash, 41, from Talmon, a 401st Brigade soldier; Master Sergeant (Res.) Yehonatan Yosef Brand, 28, from Jerusalem, a 401st Brigade soldier; Sergeant Major (Res.) Gil Pishitz, 39, from Harish, a tank driver in the 401st Brigade. Two other soldiers were seriously wounded in battle.

The army later reported that Staff Sergeant Itay Saadon, 22 from Har Haluts, a tank commander in the 401st Brigade, was also killed in action in the northern Gaza Strip. **The IDF's death toll has reached 24 since launching its ground offensive** in the Palestinian enclave last **Friday.**

The army also announced that Mustafa Dalul, commander of Hamas's Sabra Tel al-Hawa Battalion, was killed in an Israeli airstrike.

Dalul, who has been actively involved in the war since its onset, played a pivotal role in leading the combat against IDF forces in the Gaza Strip. Over the past few years, Dalul has served in various capacities within Hamas's battalion and brigade structures in Gaza City.

U.S. officials have confirmed that U.S. surveillance drones have been flying over Gaza in search of hostages taken by Hamas when the Palestinian terror organization attacked Israel.

The two U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the U.S. was flying intelligence-gathering drones over Gaza to assist with hostage location efforts. One of the officials said they had been carrying out the drone flights for over a week.

According to the New York Times, the surveillance drones are mainly focused over the southern part of the Gaza Strip and relay information to the IDF which is operating on the ground in the north.

Pentagon sources confirmed to the Times that this is the first time U.S. drones have operated over Gaza. They clarified that the drones are unarmed and do not support the IDF's offensive operations on the ground.

Elite IDF reconnaissance units, including Haruv, Duchifat, Duvdevan, the Engineering Corps and the Border Police, carried out operations in the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank overnight on Friday.

During these operations, an aircraft struck an armed group that had hurled explosives at the troops. Meanwhile, in another clash, terrorists opened fire and lobbed explosives at the forces, who responded with gunfire. Palestinian sources report that these exchanges resulted in four fatalities.

Elsewhere, in the Al-Fawwar camp near Hebron, Israeli forces conducted raids on workshops used as weapon manufacturing sites, where two rioters were shot dead. Additional reports from Palestinian sources indicate that another individual was fatally wounded by IDF gunfire in the Qalandia refugee camp, located to the north of Jerusalem.

Overnight Friday, the IDF struck a Hezbollah terrorist cell in Lebanon and targeted the group's infrastructure following attacks directed at Israeli soil.

An IDF tank fired at a terrorist cell that was attempting to fire anti-tank missiles from Lebanon into the Mount Dov region of Israel. In the incident, one IDF soldier was moderately wounded and a reservist was lightly wounded by an unmanned aerial vehicle. Both soldiers have been evacuated for medical care and their families have been notified. Hezbollah has released the names of five additional terrorists who were killed in Lebanon, bringing the organization's confirmed number of fatalities to at least 55.

Katai'b Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed militia in Iraq, issued a threat to U.S. forces whose bases in the region have been attacked in recent weeks.

"In support of our people in Palestine and as retribution for the martyrs, a new phase in the confrontation with the enemy and its bases in the area will commence next week, a phase that is broader and more severe," the armed group claimed.

Gulf Arab power the United Arab Emirates warned on Friday that there was a real risk of a regional spillover from the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, adding that it was working "relentlessly" to secure a humanitarian cease-fire.

The UAE was the most prominent Arab country to sign the 2020 Abraham Accords, a series of pacts with Israel, which the latter hoped would pave the way to normalization of ties with Muslim superpower Saudi Arabia, but the war dealt those plans a blow.

"As we continue working to stop this war we cannot ignore the wider context and the necessity to turn down the regional temperature that is approaching a boiling point," Noura al-Kaabi, a minister of state for foreign affairs, told a policy conference in the capital, Abu Dhabi.

"The risk of regional spillover and further escalation is real, as well as the risk that extremist groups will take advantage of the situation to advance ideologies that will keep us locked in cycles of violence."

Thailand's Foreign Ministry said on Friday it is in touch with Iran and other regional governments that can make contact with Hamas for the safe release of nearly two dozen Thai hostages it is holding.

Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara, Thailand's top diplomat who was in the Middle East earlier this week, said Iran was close to Hamas and has promised to help with negotiations. At least 23 Thai nationals were among more than 240 people taken hostage when Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7 in the deadliest day of the country's 75-year history. Of the more than 1,400 people Israel says were killed in the rampage, at least 32 were Thai.

Qatar, Iran and Egypt have agreed to send Thailand's request to free the hostages to Hamas immediately, Thailand's foreign ministry said.

About 30,000 Thai laborers work in Israel, mainly in the farm sector, and 7,200 of those have since been repatriated, according to the foreign ministry

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Hamas hoards massive fuel reserves as Gazans languish

IDF releases recording of call with Gaza health official who confirms terror group holding as much as a million liters of diesel under Shifa Hospital

Yoav Zitun|04:00

The IDF released on Friday a recording of a call with a healthcare official in the Gaza Strip who admitted that Hamas was hoarding massive fuel reserves under the Shifa Hospital which it uses for its terrorist activities.

Golani Brigade and Armored Corps troops in close-range battle with Hamas in Gaza "In a call that took place yesterday, on November 2, with an official in the healthcare system in Gaza, it was revealed again that Hamas is holding the fuel reserves in the Gaza Strip and is using it," a statement attached to the recording read.

In the recording, the two men are heard saying there are between half a million and a million liters (roughly 132,000-265,000 gallons) of diesel stockpiled under the hospital.

“The hospital official states that Hamas’ fuel reserves of over half a million liters are under the Shifa Hospital. The call confirms that Hamas controls the energy and fuel resources in the Gaza Strip and chooses to direct them for terrorism,” the IDF statement continued.

The release comes after a statement by IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi that did not rule out the possibility of the transfer of fuel to the Gaza Strip sparked political controversy.

The army emphasized that “if fuel is allowed to enter the Gaza Strip, Hamas plans to seize those resources. The IDF will continue to expose information that proves that the Hamas terrorist organization uses the resources of the civilian population of the Gaza Strip for terrorism.”

Israel maintains a firm stance that it will not provide fuel to Gaza as part of routine humanitarian assistance provided to the territory, citing that such resources are likely to be appropriated by Hamas for its terrorist activities. The recording that was disclosed appears to corroborate these concerns.

On Wednesday, the IDF revealed a recording of an intercepted phone call between a Hamas commander and the head of a hospital in the Gaza Strip, suggesting that the terrorist group has been diverting resources, particularly fuel, from hospitals for its military activities, leaving Gazan civilians without access to basic resources.

In the recording, a commander from Hamas's Western Jabaliya Battalion is heard speaking to a Gazan resident, with the director of the Indonesian Hospital in Gaza's Beit Lahia also on the line, and the commander repeatedly alludes to Hamas taking fuel from the hospital's stocks, “working as a government for the sake of the country.”

Hamas commando: Terror group using hospitals as shelter

Last week, the IDF and Shin Bet released footage from interrogations of two terrorists who infiltrated Israel on October 7 and provided further evidence of Hamas operatives using hospitals in the Gaza Strip, and particularly Shifa, to shield themselves from IDF strikes.

During his interrogation, Omar Abu Rusha, a member of Hamas's elite Nukhba force, was asked about the connection between hospitals in Gaza and the Palestinian enclave's vast system of subterranean tunnels, to which he responded, “most of them are hidden in the hospitals. (At) Shifa for example (the hospital), there are underground levels... Shifa is not small, it is a big place that can be used to hide things.”

Abu Rusha is then asked by the interrogator about why Hamas was using medical institutions, such as hospitals and clinics, for protection, to which he answered, “you won't strike them.”

He explains that Hamas is taking advantage of the fact that Israel won't strike hospitals to smuggle “explosives, weapons, food, medical equipment” for their operatives. “I told you, Shifa is a safe place, it will not be struck. To them it is safe, that's what we know.”

Abu Rusha also expressed criticism of Hamas when asked about the fuel situation in Gaza. “First, they take care of their own cars and jeeps and then distribute them to the people. They refuel from full containers for themselves,” he said.



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Hezbollah & Russian Wagner Group SA-22 anti-aircraft missiles combined in Syria

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Hezbollah teams up with Wagner Group, acquires air defense systems to counter Israeli Air Force

Wary of the Israeli Air Force's might, terror group discussing purchase of medium-range surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery systems from Russian paramilitary group | ynet correspondents | 13:58

American intelligence said there were indications that the Wagner Group might provide Hezbollah with air defense systems, specifically the SA-22 that incorporates anti-aircraft missiles, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday.

While the U.S. has not verified the delivery of such a system, it is closely monitoring discussions between the Russian paramilitary outfit and Hezbollah. The potential transfer of this system would be considered a "significant concern".

Syria has had the Russian SA-22 ("Pantsir") system, an integrated aircraft, helicopter, and cruise missile interception system, for over 15 years. This system, which combines radars, cannons, and anti-aircraft missiles on a single combat vehicle, could potentially pose a new threat to the Air Force's aircraft. The WSJ said Wagner Group members were currently in Syria, where Hezbollah forces are also present.

The publication of the report coincided with a warning from IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi to Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah. "Make no mistake: our operations in the Gaza Strip utilize less than half of the Air Force's capacity. A majority of our force stands ready, with bombs loaded and personnel prepared to take to the skies at a moment's notice, ever willing to strike in other areas as required," he said.

In the initial stages of the conflict, as reported by the Wall Street Journal, the U.S. dispatched an aircraft carrier to the Eastern Mediterranean, supplemented by more naval forces and followed by a second aircraft carrier. This strategy, among others, was aimed at preventing Hezbollah from initiating a new battleground against Israel.

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In battle for Gaza stronghold, 100 women and children pushed forward by Hamas to act as human barrier

IDF troops met with a disturbing tactic at base of Hamas's Force 17 near Jabaliya; 'We stand ready to face more instances of such cynical and brutal use of civilians,' Israeli officer says

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IDF troops who engaged in fierce combat with Hamas terrorists for control over an operations base in the Gaza Strip were met with a disturbing tactic: roughly 100 women and children were pushed forward by Hamas to act as a human barrier.

Soldiers of the Givati Infantry Brigade encountered the shocking scenario during the battle for the base of Hamas's elite Force 17 near Jabaliya in the Gaza Strip. "We stand ready to face more instances of such cynical and brutal use of civilians," an IDF officer said.

Two reconnaissance soldiers were killed in the fighting. A preliminary probe indicates that the tragedy unfolded during their withdrawal from the combat zone after successfully capturing the base.

A fatal missile strike hit one of the walls just as they were leaving the building. The commanders on the ground laid down heavy suppressing fire and completed a heroic rescue operation for the casualties under enemy fire.

The IDF reports that valuable intelligence gathered from the base is contributing to ongoing combat efforts. Amid extensive aerial and ground operations, the military is exercising caution to prevent strikes on areas where Israeli hostages are believed to be held underground.

The Givati Brigade lost 13 troops in total in the early days of the ground operation in Gaza after 11 soldiers of the Tzabar Battalion were killed on Tuesday after their armored personnel carrier was hit by an anti-tank missile in the northern part of the territory.

The investigation into the APC incident is still underway. However, it has been established that the Trophy active protection system equipped on the advanced and heavily armored vehicle malfunctioned and failed to intercept the missile.

The Givati Brigade notes that their carriers' Trophy systems have effectively intercepted a number of anti-tank missiles in recent operations but they also rely on other countermeasures, such as mutual covering fire, operational maneuvering techniques and layers of reactive armor that encase the vehicle, based on the Merkava Mark 4 tank.

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After Qatar mediated deal Hamas allows foreign passport holders and 80 severely injured out but does not include Americans; Hamas official says 4,000 more require medical evacuation; Israel says approved identity of wounded  
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Foreign Nationals were allowed by Hamas to leave the Gaza strip for the first time on Wednesday in a deal mediated by Qatar, and included the removal of dozens of injured Palestinians from the Strip, to Egypt where they are to be treated in a field hospital built on the Egyptian side of the border.

International media outlets said the border opening to allow residents from the strip to escape the fighting was achieved in an agreement between Qatar, Egypt, Israel and Hamas. An unnamed official who was close to the deal told Reuters that it was not linked to other issues, such as the release the 240 hostages held by Hamas and a "humanitarian pause" in the fighting which many countries have called for but which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected.

The U.S. has been attempting to facilitate the removal of American passport holder from Gaza and accused Hamas of making unspecified demands while preventing their departure.

The agreement that was reached would according to reports, ultimately allow 500 foreign passport holders and foreign nationals to leave but not all would be able to do so on Wednesday. Hamas officials on the border said thus far 281 Jordanians have been allowed to leave along with others from Japan, Finland, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, and Indonesia, as well as seven employees of the ICRC and 35 members of human rights groups.

CNN said Americans were not expected to be included in the first group of foreign nationals allowed to leave Gaza. A Western source told the network that it was unclear if and when the 400 American passport holders and their 600 family members would be allowed by Hamas to leave.

Many gathered at the border crossing in Gaza in the early morning hours as word spread that an agreement had been agreed. At the same time a convoy of Egyptian ambulances entered Gaza and returned later with 80 severely injured Palestinians, the number that Egypt had agreed to take in and treat.

"The identity of the wounded is known to Israel, and approved by security services," and Israeli official said adding no Hamas terrorists were among the evacuated wounded. The French news agency AFP reported that 88 people including 40 children were on the list of wounded to be evacuated and that where they would be treated was unclear. The field hospital established by the Egyptians is located in the Sinai, 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from the Gaza border. Israel said it had asked the international community for hospital ships to be deployed off the Gaza coast.

A health official in the Hamas government told AFP that the terror group submitted a list of a further 4,000 wounded that he said would not be able to receive adequate treatment in Gaza. "We hope they would be able to leave in the coming days because they require surgery that was not possible in the Strip," he said.

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Speaking to students in Tehran, cleric says oil and food exports to 'Zionist regime' must be stopped; Iran backed proxies in Yemen fire missiles, launch attack drones at Israel via Red Sea in recent days

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Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called on Muslim states to cease oil and food exports to Israel, demanding an end to its bombardment of the Gaza Strip, state media reported. "The bombings on Gaza must stop immediately ... the path of oil and food exports to the Zionist regime should be stopped," Khamenei told a group of students in Tehran, according to Iranian state media.

Senior Hamas official: 'Tunnels are for us, the UN can take care of Palestinian citizens' Elderly released hostage on those she left behind in Gaza: 'The kidnapped are alive, we must bring them back'

Israel has vowed to wipe out Tehran-backed Hamas, which rules Gaza, in retaliation for an Oct. 7 attack that killed 1,400 people and saw hundreds taken hostage.

Iran's clerical rulers have warned Israel of an escalation if it failed to end aggressions against Palestinians, with authorities indicating Tehran-backed proxies in the Middle East were ready to act.

Backing the Palestinian cause has been a political pillar of the Islamic Republic since the 1979 Islamic Revolution and a way in which its Shi'ite Muslim theocracy has fashioned Iran as a leader in the Muslim world.

Khamenei, Iran's top authority, said the United States was complicit in Israel's "recent crimes against Palestinians". "The Islamic world should not forget that in the crucial issue of Gaza, those standing against the oppressed Palestinian nation were the United States, France and Britain," Khamenei said to chants of "Death to Israel" and "Death to America".

Israel, which Tehran refuses to recognize, has long accused Iran's clerical rulers of stoking violence by supplying arms to Hamas. Tehran says it gives moral and financial support to the group, which controls the Gaza Strip. "One of the shameless acts of the West is accusing Palestinian fighters of terrorism," Khamenei said.

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IDF intercepts second 'aerial threat' over Eilat; Blinken to visit Israel again to press Gaza humanitarian aid

Heavy rocket fire on Tel Aviv and central Israel for third time in one day; IDF kills senior Hamas commander and a leader of the October 7 massacre; 2 soldiers killed amid heavy fighting in Gaza

Lior Ben Ari, Elisha Ben Kimon, Yoav Zitun, Itamar Eichner, Matan Tzuri,

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After midnight on Tuesday night, the IDF Aerial Defense Array intercepted an aerial threat that was identified in the area of the Red Sea, south of the city of Eilat, according to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, which added that no threat was posed to civilians and no infiltration into Israeli territory was identified. It is believed to be another attack by the Houthis from Yemen, who are supported by Iran.

Also very late on Tuesday night, the IDF intercepted a surface-to-air missile that was launched from Lebanese territory toward an IDF UAV, according to the IDF Spokesperson's unit. In response, IAF aircraft struck the origin of the missile launch, as well as the terrorists who carried out the launch.

Late on Tuesday night, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began holding a security assessment at the Kirya defense headquarters in Tel Aviv, according to his office.

U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken will visit Israel on Friday, against the backdrop of the pressure the U.S. is exerting on Jerusalem to increase humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, including fuel. This will be Blinken's third visit since the outbreak of the war. On Tuesday night, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf, arrived in the country to start talking to senior officials in Israel.

The General Authority for Crossings and Borders in Gaza said late on Tuesday that Egyptian authorities told it that 81 Gazans who were severely wounded will be allowed to enter Egypt on Wednesday for treatment.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will arrive in Israel on Friday (Photo: Reuters)  
The US Senate approved the appointment of Jack Lew to the post of US ambassador to Israel on Tuesday. The appointment, whose confirmation process was accelerated following the start of the Gaza war, met with opposition from Republicans mainly due to Lew's part in the signing of former President Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran in 2015. Lew, who is Jewish, previously served as US Treasury Secretary and as Obama's White House Chief of Staff. He replaces Tom Nides who left the position after two years due to "personal reasons."

A third barrage of rockets were fired on Tel Aviv and central Israeli cities on Tuesday evening; no damage or injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, Hamas told mediators it will release a number of foreign captives in the coming days, Abu Ubaida, the spokesman of the group's armed wing said in a video on its Telegram account on Tuesday.

A senior **Hamas commander** who was one of the leaders of the October 7 massacre in southern Israel was **killed**, the Israel Defense Forces announced. Ibrahim Biari, the commander of Hamas' Central Jabaliya Battalion, was killed on Tuesday afternoon by IDF fighter jets, acting on intelligence provided by the Shin Bet.

The IDF announced on Tuesday evening that two soldiers of the Givati Brigade were killed in the morning in the fierce battles that took place in the ground operation, which is approaching Gaza City. The **soldiers were killed by an RPG missile** that hit the building where the Givati soldiers was staying. The dead are Sergeant Roei Wolf, 20, from Ramat Gan, and Sergeant Lavi Lipshitz, 20, from Modi'in-Maccabim-Reut. Two other soldiers were seriously injured in the incident.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant commented on the fall of the two soldiers during a visit on Tuesday afternoon to the Palmachim base. "We are deploying forces on a large scale, deep in the Strip, there are battles against the forces that are operating and the results and achievements on the battlefield are very high. Unfortunately, war also has a price, and the prices in the last day were heavy ones."

He emphasized that despite the heavy price, "we are also determined to continue and win. I believe in you, I see your faces, the faces of warriors, in your case, warriors who have gone through difficult battles in the last few days." The defense minister added: "We trust you, because we know we can win this war thanks to you, it won't be easy, it won't be short, there will be prices, but we will win."

A heavy barrage of **rockets** were **fired on Tel Aviv** and cities in central Israel early Tuesday evening, the second attack on the center of the day; all of the rockets were **intercepted** and there were **no injuries**.

The attack by Hamas on Israel will inspire the most significant terror threat to the U.S. since the rise of ISIS nearly a decade ago, FBI Director Christopher Wray said at a congressional hearing on Tuesday. Wray said that since the start of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Gaza earlier this month, multiple foreign terrorist organizations have called for **attacks against Americans** and the West, significantly **raising** the threat **posed by** homegrown U.S. violent **extremists**. "The actions of Hamas and its allies will serve as an inspiration the likes of which we haven't seen since ISIS launched its so-called caliphate several years ago," Wray said.

U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said at a Senate hearing in Washington that the **U.S. is working to rescue 400 American citizens** and their families **from** the **Gaza Strip**, a total of 1,000 people. Blinken said the Biden administration is working in "a variety of ways" to allow them to leave the Gaza Strip through the Rafah crossing into Egypt, and said that Hamas is preventing them from doing so. Hamas reportedly has set various demands on the US in exchange for allowing them to leave.

At least four people were hurt when **two rockets landed in Ashdod in a heavy barrage** targeting the city hours after rockets were fired at central Israel. One man in his 50s was badly hurt from shrapnel and three more men suffered lighter wounds caused by broken

glass. They were all transferred to the Asuta hospital in the city while emergency teams were searching for any more wounded.

The military said that combined forces led by IDF ground troops struck a Hamas outpost in northern Gaza. Dozens of terrorists were killed, anti-tank missile firing squads were hit as well as other Hamas positions. A large cache of weapons was seized including firearms and explosives.

Meanwhile, air raid sirens blared across central Israel, including in Tel Aviv and neighboring cities. Alarms also sounded in the Gaza border communities of Holit, Sufa and Kissufim.

Earlier, a 29-year-old was lightly injured after his vehicle was hit by shrapnel from an interceptor that shot down a Gaza rocket over unrecognized Bedouin villages in southern Israel. The Magen David Adom ambulance service said he was transported to Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva.

Meanwhile, the IDF said it struck a Hezbollah anti-tank missile squad that targeted two Israeli border outposts. The army added that it detected two failed rocket launches that fell short in Lebanese territory. The launches triggered sirens in the northern border community of Metula. Israeli forces fired back at the source of the launches.

The IDF said on Tuesday it intercepted a fresh aerial assault launched from Yemen toward Israel as blasts were heard in the southern resort town of Eilat.

Two cruise missiles and one surface-to-surface missile were launched at Israel from the Red Sea area, and at least one of them was successfully intercepted by the Arrow long-range air defense system. The IDF said it "tracked the trajectory of the missile" which was successfully intercepted at the "optimal operational moment and location." The military spokesperson for the Iran-backed Houthis, Yahya Saree, said in a televised statement that they have launched a "large number" of ballistic missiles and drones toward Israel. He said that this was the third operation targeting Israel with more to come.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said on Tuesday that Israeli forces continued to advance ground operations in the Gaza Strip.

"Over the course of integrated and coordinated air and ground strikes, terrorists and hundreds of targets of the murderous Hamas terrorist organization were and continue to be struck," he said in his daily briefing.

He noted that the number of hostages held in Gaza has risen to 240 due to the complex identification process.

He also addressed recurring border skirmishes between Israeli forces and Lebanese terrorist groups, chiefly Hezbollah. "Over the past few weeks, thousands of Lebanese civilians have and continue to evacuate southern Lebanon - on their own initiative - out of fear that Hezbollah will bring war upon them," he said.

RDML Hagari also stated that Israeli forces were engaging in "fierce, close-quarters battles" in Gaza, adding that "this type of combat endangers our forces and carries a heavy price," which will demand "a great deal of resilience and patience" from the Israeli public in the coming weeks.

A rocket from the Gaza Strip directly struck a house in Kibbutz Nir Am near the Gaza border Tuesday morning. The property sustained significant damage, but no one was inside at the time, and there were no casualties.

The Defense Ministry reported Tuesday morning that dozens of tanks, as well as new Namer and Eitan armored personnel carriers, have been supplied to IDF forces since the beginning of the war against Hamas, along with additional engineering solutions. Earlier, the IDF said that Israeli forces have struck some 300 targets in the Gaza Strip, including anti-tank missile sites, rocket launch points and military facilities within Hamas' underground tunnels, as the army continues to expand its ground offensive.

During ground operations, soldiers confronted anti-tank missile squads and machine gun fire that were eliminated. Troops also coordinated with the Air Force for immediate strikes on strategic targets and terrorist infrastructure.

The army is intensifying its operations, deploying additional combat brigades toward Gaza City. Armored and infantry units are advancing with robust artillery and aerial support. Each maneuver is preceded by concentrated bombardment to provide cover to forces and inflict damage on terrorists in hiding.

Additionally, the army said that Nasim Abu Ajina, the commander of the Beit Lahia Battalion of Hamas' Northern Brigade, was killed in an IDF airstrike on Monday.

Abu Ajina was responsible for the attack on October 7th in Kibbutz Erez and Moshav Netiv HaAsara. Previously, he led Hamas' aerial units and contributed to the development of the organization's UAVs and paragliders.

The IDF demolished overnight Tuesday the northern West Bank home of Salah al-Arouri, the deputy chief of the terror organization's politburo and the head of its military wing in the West Bank. Following the demolition, a sign was placed on the rubble displaying a split Hamas-ISIS flag with the inscription "Hamas = ISIS" in Arabic.

Israel has approached international leaders, seeking their help in persuading Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to allow Palestinian refugees into Sinai.

However, El-Sisi opposes this idea and recently suggested that Israel should accommodate them in the Negev instead. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has asked various leaders to try and convince Egypt to admit these refugees, believing it to be the best solution.

One proposal suggests that the World Bank could forgive a significant part of Egypt's debt in return for accepting the refugees. Egypt is concerned about the potential influx of refugees attempting to breach the Rafah border. Another suggestion on the table is to transport injured Palestinians via ships and set up a field hospital in Egypt.

Meanwhile, Egypt has invited Hamas for a meeting in Cairo in the coming days to discuss the prisoner issue and the situation in the Gaza Strip, the Al-Araby Al-Jadeed newspaper reported on Tuesday, citing a senior Egyptian official.

According to the report, Cairo's initiative to address the crisis goes beyond just inviting a Hamas delegation; invitations will also be extended to leaders of other Palestinian factions, such as Islamic Jihad.



The official added that Cairo is considering having a permanent representative of the Hamas politburo in Egypt to facilitate communication in the near future. This comes, as per the official, "within the framework of Egypt's changing stance toward Hamas, in light of Hamas' clear position refusing migration to Sinai and in view of Israel's attempts to push Gaza residents toward the Egyptian border."

The official emphasized that it's not in Egypt's interest to adopt the Israeli and American narrative regarding Hamas and other Palestinian factions at this stage. During its meetings with Western officials, Cairo has highlighted that there are "resistance movements" in Gaza, not "terrorist organizations."

According to the official, Cairo has expanded its engagements concerning the situation in the Gaza Strip to avoid Israeli and American pressures regarding the relocation of Gaza residents.

The official revealed that recently, Egyptian security officials have been in contact with Hezbollah in Lebanon to consult about Gaza and to assess Hezbollah's intentions regarding a full-scale war against Israel in the north and its implications for the Hamas-ruled Palestinian enclave.

The official added that the engagements with Hezbollah were accompanied by contacts with Iran, stating, "Currently, there are high-level engagements between Cairo and Tehran due to the crisis in Gaza. Egypt realized it needs to broaden its alliances to cope with American and Israeli pressures on relocating Gazans to Sinai."

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West Bank settlers clash with PA; Harvest during war is a terrorist opportunity

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Settlers hurt in clash with Palestinians in West Bank

Youths from West Bank Rimonim settlement say rocks hurled at them wounding one, seriously; suspects flee to Palestinian village amid claims the settlers first attacked farmers harvesting olives

Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi|07:54

Two Jewish youths sustained injuries, one of them suffering serious wounds, on Thursday morning following an altercation with Palestinians on an agricultural farm near the West Bank settlement of Rimonim. They said they were assaulted with rocks and stones and that the Palestinian suspects managed to escape to one of the neighboring villages.

Emergency MDA teams provided initial medical treatment and transported the two a Jerusalem hospital.

The Palestinians alleged that a family was attacked ear Ramallah when armed settlers interfered with their olive harvest. There have been multiple instances of clashes between settlers and farmers on the West Bank over the years, especially during the harvest season.

During the olive harvest, Palestinians are given access to their olive trees including in areas that they are barred from entering in other times of the year, including in close proximity to settlements and illegal outposts, where tensions have been high. Settlers have claimed that allowing Palestinians to harvest olives during times of war jeopardizes their security.

"Permitting the harvest to proceed as usual during times of war is simply unjust, an official in a nearby settlement said. "This provides an opportunity for planning future attacks and undermines security in the most obvious manner. We are not opposed to the tradition itself, but we are currently in extraordinary times, experiencing war, and we must adjust our behavior accordingly."

Since the beginning of the war in the south, more than 100 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank in clashes with IDF forces. Security forces arrest dozens of terror suspects in nightly raids many of whom are Hamas operatives.

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Hamas are shooting people; preventing Gaza civilian evacuation to safety

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'They are shooting at people,' Gazan says Hamas preventing evacuation to safety  
IDF releases recording of call urging civilians to move southward to safety ahead of Israeli strike as part of military intelligence effort to minimize civilian casualties  
Yoav Zitun|05:03

The IDF on Thursday, revealed a recording of a resident of Gaza explaining how the Hamas terror group was preventing civilians from evacuating to the south of the Strip to escape Israeli attacks. The man spoke on the phone with an IDF officer who called to urge him to leave.

Dozens of similar calls were being made by the IDF to homes in Gaza, telling residents that they must leave for their own safety.

Palestinians claimed tens of thousands of Gaza residents were missing and that basic equipment to pull survivors of bombings, out of rubble, was missing. They said hundreds were killed in the past day and at least 10 buildings leveled in the air strikes on Gaza city.

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Hamas religious scholars decree; kill Zionist soldiers & settlers in & out of Palestine

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Hamas religious scholars: 'Spill the blood of Israeli soldiers and settlers'  
In decree published in Gaza, clerics permitting and encouraging the killing of 'Zionist soldiers and settlers both within and outside of Palestine'; Hamas official: 'guide their strikes and gunfire upon the Jews' throats'  
Itamar Eichner|04:18

Officials in the Religious Scholars Association of Palestine in Gaza issued a decree calling for the killing of Israeli soldiers and "settlers," inside and outside the Gaza Strip.

The association is the central governing body that is affiliated with Hamas and functions from inside the enclave. They are charged with publishing religious and moral guidelines, including those issued to the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the military arm of Hamas. Since the war's second day, on October 8, while skirmishes and firefights were still raging inside Israeli territory, the decree called for the taking of lives.

Signed on behalf of "The Islamic nation's Religious scholars", it read: "Religious scholars make it unequivocally clear that any soldier and Zionist settler are to be killed, wherever they are found in all Muslim lands, both within and outside of Palestine."

Association senior official, Saleh al-Raqab, published an article on October 8 called "Oh Jihad warriors in Palestine", in which he wrote: "Allah, grant victory to Jihad warriors in Palestine, guide their strikes and gunfire upon the Jews' throats, stabilize the warriors' legs and bring forth their stabbing blades into their hearts.  
"Allah, instill them into your soldiers' arms and enable them to kill the army of Jews, destroy the Jews' weapons, capture Jewish soldiers and destroy the Jews. Allah, paralyze their organs and freeze the blood in their arteries, give them a brutal defeat. Allah is great and victory is to Islam. Praise Allah."

Officials in the Center for State Studies within the Israeli Foreign Ministry say these sort of texts showcase how strongly Hamas galvanize their military arm personnel to perform their ruthless acts inside Israeli territory, backed by religious scholars affiliated with Hamas.

10.25.23 – We

Hamas communicated using Telephone lines; avoiding mobile phones & computers

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Land lines and terror tunnels: This is how Hamas hid preparations for its attack  
Two years of preparation by a small cell of activists who avoided using mobile phones and computers to evade Israeli intelligence - CNN reveals new details about how Hamas planned the October 7 massacre  
Ynet|02:08

CNN revealed late Tuesday night new details about how Hamas prepared for its murderous surprise attack on October 7 while hiding it from Israel. According to the report, the planning lasted two whole years and was done by a small cell of operatives in the terrorist organization, who communicated with each other through telephone landlines installed in the extensive network of Hamas tunnels in the Gaza Strip that is nicknamed the "Metro of Gaza."

Loyalty beyond the grave: Dog of Israeli man slain by Hamas stays by owner's grave  
The Hamas operatives, according to the report, made sure to avoid using computers and other means of communication, such as mobile phones, which Israeli intelligence can more easily track. The CNN report is based on two sources who are familiar with intelligence information that Israel passed on to the US, and it reports that the activities of the cell that was responsible for the preparations for the terrorist attack were kept a secret even from the majority of the terrorists who took part in the invasion of Israel. Although those terrorists underwent a variety of training by Hamas, they were exposed to the specific plan only a few days before its implementation.

The Palestinian terrorists' use of "outdated" communication technology to evade Israeli intelligence is not surprising, and CNN quotes an Israeli source who says that even in Operation Home and Garden operation in the Jenin refugee camp in July, a communication system based on telephone lines was exposed. According to the source, the forces that then raided the refugee camp uncovered a network of closed-circuit surveillance cameras, which were designed to provide early warning of the movements of the security forces, in addition to secure phone lines.

The CNN report is one of several from numerous outlets in the past two weeks that have reported on the intelligence and operational failure that enabled the deadliest terrorist attack in Israel's history, in which 1,400 people were murdered - including babies, children, women and the elderly, and more than 200 were kidnapped to Gaza. Alongside the "conception" under which both the political and military levels were convinced that Hamas was "deterred" and interested in continuing to receive the economic benefits that were agreed upon with it after Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021, the public training carried out by Hamas and Islamic Jihad were not seen as significant as far as Israel was concerned.

Hamas and Jihad did not at all hide these training sessions, in which they practiced more than once taking over Israeli communities, and they even set up bases to simulate them, but Israeli officials did not take this seriously. "They always train their people this way, it didn't seem different," one of the officials told CNN in describing how these trainings were perceived in Israel.

The Hamas terrorists also had, according to a report published last week in the New York Times, surprising information about how the IDF operates. Among other things, they knew where specific military units were stationed, and how long it would take for reinforcements to arrive to assist the forces in the field upon the start of the attack. A senior military official in Israel told The Times that in several of the military bases that

were attacked, the terrorists knew exactly where the communication servers were located and destroyed them in a way that made it very difficult for the IDF to identify the extent of the infiltration, call for help and formulate a faster response.

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35 Gaza hospitals refuse to evacuate; Israel refuses UN fuel aid for generators

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Gaza hospitals facing collapse in fuel shortage, UN officials say

Lynn Hastings, Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process says aid delivered would not be able to reach civilians unless fuel is allowed into Gaza, IDF says no fuel to be allowed

Einav Halabi 00:23

Gaza hospitals reported that they were struggling to remain operational amid fuel shortages after Israel refused to allow supplies to enter Gaza. " Hamas can return the fuel it stole from UNRWA IDF spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said late on Tuesday.

The UN relief agency said its fuel supplies were running out and warned that without it Hospitals and bakeries would have trouble functioning and that the desperately needed services would not be available to many civilians. UNRWA called on the world to ensure the supply of fuel to Gaza warning that without it, aid and water would no longer be delivered by it.

Fuel is expected to run out on Wednesday and along with the destruction caused by Israeli air strikes, 25 of the 35 working hospitals in the Strip will collapse," Gazan officials said.

Israel, which had cut off its supply of electricity since the start of the war, prevented fuel from being delivered to Gaza with the humanitarian aid convoys, thus far. UNRWA warned that the aid would not be able to be delivered, without it.

With American and international pressure to bring aid into Gaza, amid concerns of a humanitarian crisis, a fourth convoy of aid entered the Strip from Egypt's Rafah border. According to UNRWA, eight trucks carrying water, food and medicine arrived although there should have been 20 trucks. The UN agency did not say why 12 of the trucks did not enter Gaza. CNN reported that in total 42 trucks have been brought in to Gaza, thus far.

"Hospitals are on the brink of collapse due to shortages of electricity, medicine, equipment, specialized personnel and the damage and destruction. Patients are being treated on the floors due to a shortage of beds. Doctors are being forced to operate without anesthesia," Lynn Hastings, Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, said adding that 600,000 people found refuge in UNRWA facilities.

She said 54 trucks with aid, that arrived in Gaza were a drop in the ocean and constituted 4% of imports before the war.

" Without fuel, our humanitarian operation will stop. No fuel means no hospitals functioning, no desalination of water and no baking. Many people are drinking saline groundwater, increasing the risks of diarrhea, cholera, and other health issues. We urge Israel to bring water and electricity supplies back to pre-conflict levels and to work with us to find a secure way of bringing fuel into Gaza. "

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IDF killed several terrorists; interviewed hostages; 8 aid trucks enter Gaza

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IDF: several Hamas terrorists killed in foiled sea incursion; 8 aid trucks enter Gaza  
Palestinian Red Crescent says trucks carrying water, food and medicine arrive in Strip from Egypt; Hamas cell uses tunnel to infiltrate Israeli territory, killed by security forces; 2 Syria rockets fired into Golan Heights  
ynet correspondents|Updated:16:22

Between four to seven Hamas terrorists were killed in clashes with Israeli security forces during a maritime incursion attempt in the Gaza border region, the IDF said late Tuesday.

"Earlier today, IDF naval forces located a Hamas terrorist cell exiting a tunnel on the Gaza Strip coast and attempting to infiltrate Israeli territory via the sea, near Zikim," the army said in a statement.

"Israeli Navy, IAF and ground soldiers struck the terrorists and thwarted their infiltration attempt. IDF fighter jets and naval soldiers struck the tunnel and weapons warehouse used by the terrorists in the Gaza Strip. There is no immediate risk of an additional infiltration at the moment."

During the incident, the Home Front Command issued a shelter-in-place directive for the border towns of Netiv HaAsara, Zikim and Karmia. The directive was later lifted.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said that eight trucks had arrived in Gaza late on Tuesday carrying water, food and medicine.

"We can confirm that some trucks are currently heading to Rafah to deliver supplies to Gaza," said UN aid spokesperson Eri Kaneko, without saying how many.

The United Nations had earlier said about 20 trucks had been unable to cross into Gaza from Egypt via the Rafah crossing on Tuesday.

Rocket sirens blared in the towns of Bnei Yehuda, Givat Yoav and Neot Golan in the southern Golan Heights. According to the IDF, two rockets originating from Syria landed in unpopulated areas and Israeli forces responded with artillery fire toward the source of the shooting.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a London-based opposition war monitor, Iranian militias in the Daraa region fired the projectiles toward the Golan.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, speaking to the UN Security Council during a hearing on the Israel-Hamas war, told the international body that the Hamas attack on October 7 "did not happen in a vacuum," because **Palestinians** have been **subjected to 56 years of "suffocating occupation."** He also said that he is "deeply concerned about clear violations of international humanitarian law that we are witnessing in Gaza."

At the end of his address to a UN Security Council meeting on "The Situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine," Guterres called for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

A **fresh volley of rockets fired from the Gaza Strip** triggered air raid sirens all across **central Israel Tuesday afternoon.** Footage from the attack showed multiple smoke plumes over central Israel as a result of rockets intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. Rocket fragments were located in Holon and Rishon LeZion.

The Magen David Adom ambulance service said that two people sustained minor injuries from shrapnel while another three were lightly wounded while seeking shelter. Earlier, following rocket alert sirens in central Israel's Sharon region, a rocket scored a direct hit on a home in Alfei Menashe on Tuesday afternoon. Fire crews made their way to the scene. No injuries were reported.

The **barrage of rockets on central Israel**, including **near Ben Gurion Airport** was sandwiched by rocket attacks on southern Israel. Earlier in the afternoon, an IDF spokesman said that an **anti-tank missile was launched** toward Moshav Shtula in the Western **Galilee.** There were no casualties.

The **IDF** later said that Israeli forces **eliminated three terrorist cells along the Lebanon border within one hour.** According to a statement, an unmanned aircraft struck two terrorist squads that fired rockets and anti-tank missiles at IDF positions near the Netuah and Elkosh areas on the Lebanon border. Additionally, artillery and tank fire targeted the launch sites. Moreover, IDF forces attacked another terrorist squad in Lebanese territory attempting to launch anti-tank missiles toward Israel near Kibbutz Yiftach. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side.

Following his meeting with **French President Emanuel Macron**, Prime Minister Benjamin **Netanyahu** said: "**Hamas doesn't threaten Jews alone, but also the Middle East, Europe, and the world.**" He added "Israel's citizens refuse to allow ISIS to exist on our borders, and it's the same ISIS that was found in the suburbs of Paris. We can't live like this, **no one can live like this.** That's why **we have to neutralize Hamas** and its capabilities." Macron told reporters that he proposed the establishment of an international coalition to "act against the terrorist groups that threaten everyone."

"Security for Israel is not up for discussion, we think that **Hamas is a terrorist organization that should be dealt with forcefully and without mercy.** It does not work for the Palestinians," he added.

Released **hostage** Yocheved Lifshitz, 85, talks to the media early Tuesday afternoon as she is being discharged from Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. Lifshitz, who was **released**

from Gaza by Hamas on Monday night, says she and four other hostages were held together in a tunnel under Gaza and says that Hamas provided them with doctors and medication, and food, and that they slept on mattresses. "I went through a hell that I didn't think I would survive. I didn't think we would get here," she said.

"We walked for kilometers on wet ground. There was a large network of underground tunnels that look like spider webs," she said. "They drove through the plowed fields and during the drive, people beat me with sticks. They took my watch. When we got there, they told us that they believed in the Koran and that they would not harm us. There was humidity in the tunnels all the time." On her time in captivity, she said: "There was a medic and a doctor also came. We lay there on mattresses and they took great care of the sanitary side, that we didn't get sick. A doctor came every two or three days to see what was going on with us. They made sure we had everything, they were very friendly." French President Emmanuel Macron landed in Israel on Tuesday morning for a solidarity visit and met with French-Israeli citizens whose loved ones were killed or kidnapped in the Hamas terrorist attack, followed by a meeting with Israeli President Isaac Herzog. He is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister Benny Gantz and opposition leader Yair Lapid. He was also set to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

Also on Tuesday morning, a fourth humanitarian aid convoy reportedly crossed the Rafah crossing, in order to complete the inspection process before entering the Gaza Strip. El Al hung photos of the missing and the kidnapped, including their names and "Bring Him/Her Home!", on the seats of the cargo flight that left Monday night from New York. The company stated that the hanging of the photos was done "as a symbol and hope for their return to Israel." The 787-9 Dreamliner was loaded with cargo worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, including essential medical equipment, such as first aid kits, tourniquets, dressing equipment, stretchers intended for EMS and equipment for hospitals. The cargo also includes thermal clothing for IDF soldiers and civilian equipment purchased for families from Gaza border communities. The IDF said Tuesday morning that it had struck over 400 terror targets and killed several Hamas commanders and numerous operatives preparing attacks within 24 hours.

According to a statement, "In a wide-scale operation to dismantle Hamas' terrorist capabilities, the IDF struck dozens of Hamas gunmen setting up to fire rockets and carry out terror attacks against the Israeli home front. Over the last day, IDF fighter jets struck dozens of terror infrastructure and Hamas staging grounds in the neighborhoods of Shuja'iyya, Shati, Jabalia, Daraj Tuffah, and Zaytun. Furthermore, an IDF aircraft struck a Hamas operational tunnel shaft which gave terror operatives quick access to the coastline. Additionally, overnight, IDF aircraft struck command centers used by Hamas operatives and staging grounds located in mosques used by Hamas. The deputy commanders of the Nuseirat, Shati, and Furqan battalions were killed in the strike."

Meanwhile, the Education Ministry began disciplinary proceedings against 30 professionals, including principals, teachers, kindergarten teachers and assistants, who spoke out on social media in favor of Hamas and incited terrorism.



The heads of Israeli universities announced another postponement of the start of the academic year due to "the state of war and the high percentage of conscripts into the reserves among the students and faculty." The announcement states that studies will not open before the beginning of December, and that "before the beginning of the semester, two weeks' advance notice will be given which will be devoted to returning to routine and the academic track, after which the studies will begin."

The Israel Antiquities Authority sent 12 archaeologists to the houses where families were murdered and kidnapped in Kfar Aza, Be'eri and Ni Oz, in order to locate objects that will help locate the missing. The researchers are divided into teams and scan the houses using methods used to locate ancient remains.

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China has condemned violence and attacks on civilians in the war, and while Wang has declared Israel's actions "beyond the scope of self-defense" he has not named Hamas in his comments.

The call comes just days before Wang will travel to the United States in a long-anticipated visit that comes amid soaring tensions in the Middle East, which U.S. officials hope Beijing can help contain. Wang will visit Washington from Oct. 26-28 and meet with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and President Joe Biden's national security advisor Jake Sullivan, officials said, declining to say if he will meet with Biden as well.

Meanwhile, the IDF reported early Tuesday that it struck Hezbollah targets in Lebanon, including a military compound and an observation post. "The attack was carried out in response to earlier launches from Lebanese territory," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said.

Earlier, the Hezbollah-affiliated Al Mayadeen network reported late on Monday that three U.S. military bases in Syria were attacked by Iranian-backed militias using drones.  
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IDF drops leaflets in Gaza offering protection & rewards for Israeli hostages

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After earlier denials, army now confirms exploring 'various means' to determine the fate of captives held by Hamas

Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun|11:37

After the release of four of the captives taken by Hamas during the October 7 terrorist attack, the IDF announced Tuesday that they are reaching out to the residents of the Gaza Strip through various means, offering them "security and a reward" in exchange for information regarding over 200 remaining captives held in the Palestinian enclave.

Among the various means employed, the Israeli Air Force dropped leaflets across Gaza with messages reading, "If you wish for a better future for yourselves and your children, take action now and provide us with valuable and concrete information about the captives in your area. The Israeli army promises to invest maximum effort in providing you and your household with security, as well as a monetary reward. Full confidentiality is guaranteed."

Last week, similar messages circulated among Gazans, offering a \$250,000 cash reward for information on the captives' whereabouts. At that time, both the Shin Bet and the IDF declined to confirm or deny their involvement in this operation and did not comment on its results.

Nonetheless, security officials hinted that "various extensive and diverse efforts from different parties are underway to bring back the captives."

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Biden reaffirms Gaza aid in exchange for release of all captives

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Biden reaffirms commitment to release of all hostages taken by Hamas

In call with Netanyahu, POTUS underscores need to sustain 'continuous flow' of humanitarian aid into Gaza, updates on new US military deployments to Middle East

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Meanwhile, the IDF reported early Tuesday that it struck Hezbollah targets in Lebanon, including a military compound and an observation post. "The attack was carried out in response to earlier launches from Lebanese territory," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said. Earlier, the Hezbollah-affiliated Al Mayadeen network reported late on Monday that three U.S. military bases in Syria were attacked by Iranian-backed militias using drones.

According to the report, the targeted bases include a facility in the al-Omar oil field area in eastern Deir ez-Zur, and the two bases, al-Tanf and al-Shaddadi. Katai'b Hezbollah, an Iraqi militia group established by Iran's elite Quds Force, claimed responsibility for the attacks on al-Omar and al-Shaddadi.

U.S. President Joe Biden was informed about the attack as he held a press conference and stated that he had to head to the situation room.

Israel confirmed the release of two of its hostages held in Gaza and that they have been transferred to Egypt. Hamas said on Monday evening that it released two women whom he identified as 85-year-old Yocheved Lifshitz and Nurit Cooper, 80, both abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz. Israeli officials said they were not party to negotiations.

The Wall Street Journal said a plan to release 50 of the hostages who have foreign passports, which was reported earlier in the day, was foiled by Israel's refusal to allow fuel to be included in the transfer of aid to Gaza.

Saudi-based news outlet Al Arabiya and the New York Times claimed there would be an imminent release of 50 of the hostages who hold foreign passports. According to a Wall Street Journal report, that release did not take place after Israel refused to allow fuel into Gaza with the transfer of humanitarian aid.

"We decided to release them for compelling humanitarian and health reasons, despite the occupation committing more than eight violations of the procedures that were agreed upon with the mediating brothers for the occupation to adhere to during this day to complete the handover process," the Hamas terror group's military wing said. It claimed Israel refused to receive the two on Friday.

U.S. President Joe Biden said hostages held by the Hamas terrorists should be released, in response to questions about a possible ceasefire in Gaza. "We should have those hostages released and then we can talk," Biden said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant made public statements rejecting reports that they disagreed on the timing or even the need of a ground offensive against Gaza. The IDF and Defense officials said earlier that the military was prepared to begin its attack on the Strip and was awaiting the order from the government. Netanyahu said all decisions on the war are made in unanimity by members of the war cabinet.

A captured Hamas terrorist told his interrogators that Hamas said they would pay \$10,000 for each Israeli hostage abducted to Gaza. Another captured terrorist said Hamas instructed its troops to go house to house and kill everyone including women and children. He told his interrogator the killings were approved by religious authorities before the attack began.

The U.S. will act appropriately to secure its national security interests in the Middle East but does not want to see the Israel-Hamas conflict widen, White House spokesman John Kirby said on Monday amid what he called an uptick in rocket and drone attacks by Iranian-backed proxy groups, Reuters reported.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) said Monday it will hold public hearings on the legal consequences of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories before eventually issuing a non-binding legal opinion after the 193-member UN General Assembly asked the court in December to express its opinion on the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Hearings will open in February 2024.

The IDF shot down a UAV from Lebanon that entered Israel from the sea in Western Galilee. Sirens blared in Acre for the first time since the war began and Kiryat Shmona also came under fire. At the same time, the military said it shot down two Hamas UAVs launched in Gaza. Hamas also launched rockets at Beer Sheva, which reportedly fell in open areas causing no injuries or damage. All the while rocket fire to communities along the border continued including one landing in Sderot.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri told his Knesset faction members on Monday that there are no disagreements on the progression of the war between the government and military. "There were no plans in place to eradicate Hamas," he said. "The plans are being drawn up on the go." On Sunday the IDF spokesperson said the forces were prepared for a ground offensive in Gaza and were awaiting the green light from the government. Netivot Mayor Yehiel Zohar wrote a scathing letter addressed to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Dir. Gen. of the Prime Minister's Office Yossi Shelley, in which he criticized the decision not to facilitate the evacuation of his residents to safety after their ordeal starting October 7. The city came under Hamas terrorist attack with battles raging in the streets and has been targeted by heavy rocket fire since. Some who had evacuated to the Dead Sea hotels were informed that their rooms would no longer be paid for and there was no new decision to evacuate the city.

The New York Times admits it made mistakes in covering the hospital explosion in Gaza in a statement published on Monday. "Times editors should have taken more care with the initial presentation, and been more explicit about what information could be verified," said the newspaper - which in the middle of the event adopted the Palestinians' claims and highlighted them in its main headline.

The Israel Defense Forces announced early Monday afternoon that it intercepted a "suspicious aerial target that crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory. As a result of the interception, sirens were activated in open areas in northern Israel." Meanwhile, a third convoy of aid trucks entered Rafah Crossing from Egypt bound for Gaza, Reuters reported, citing an aid worker and security sources. On Saturday and Sunday, 34 trucks passed through Rafah, the main crossing in and out of Gaza that does not border Israel. The number of trucks in Monday's convoy was similar to each of those days, the aid worker and security sources said.

After a 14-hour lull, rockets were fired from Gaza late on Monday morning toward Ashkelon and the surrounding communities.

The Israel Defense Forces struck several Hezbollah targets overnight between Sunday and Monday, including terrorist outposts and watchtowers. On Monday morning, IDF forces attacked a terror cell on the Lebanon border, destroying the anti-tank missile launcher it had planned on using against IDF positions, according to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit.

IDF spokesman Brig.-Gen. Daniel Hagari said on Monday morning that, in the last day, the IDF has eliminated eight terrorist squads in Lebanon that tried to launch anti-tank missiles at troops and since the beginning of the war it has eliminated more than 20 terrorist squads in Lebanon.

The IDF also announced Monday morning that, in the past day, the IDF attacked more than 320 targets throughout the Gaza Strip, including terror tunnels where Hamas operatives were located, dozens of operational command centers, military compounds and observation posts used by the terrorist organization. The IDF said it also struck targets that posed a threat to forces in the area surrounding the Gaza Strip who are preparing for ground operations, including dozens of mortar shell and anti-tank missile launch posts.

Also overnight, in a joint operation of infantry and armored forces of the Givati Brigade with the assistance of the 215th Fire Brigade, several terrorist squads were attacked, including anti-tank squads and other infrastructure targets.

Hagari also said that he IDF has we have notified 308 families of killed IDF soldiers and the families of 222 abductees. "The number of abductees has been updated and has changed in the face of our intelligence gathering. This is due to the fact that there are quite a few foreign citizens that it took us time to classify them and understand who they are. We are in contact with all the families of the missing through the IDF officers who are personally assisting them," Hagari said. He added: "We continue and will continue to act in all possible ways in order to return the abductees home safely."

The New York Times reported Monday that the White House "advised Israel to delay a ground invasion of Gaza" in order to buy more time for negotiations on the release of hostages. Another goal of the US in calling for the postponement is to prepare for attacks by pro-Iranian militias against American targets. However, the US still supports Israeli entry into the Gaza Strip and does not "require" a delay. According to the report, the release of Judith and Natalie Raanan from Gaza led the US administration to put more significant pressure on Israel to delay ground invasion.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Britain late on Sunday underscored their support for Israel and its right to defend itself, but also urged it to adhere to international humanitarian law and protect civilians. In a joint statement issued after a telephone call convened by U.S. President Joe Biden, the leaders also welcomed the release of two hostages and called for the immediate release of all remaining hostages.

U.S. President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed on the "continued flow" of humanitarian assistance into the Gaza Strip amid Israel's war against the territory's ruling Hamas terrorist faction, the White House announced Sunday night.

"The President welcomed the first two convoys of humanitarian assistance since Hamas's October 7 terrorist attack, which crossed the border into Gaza and is being distributed to Palestinians in need," according to a readout of the call between the leaders. "The leaders affirmed that there will now be continued flow of this critical assistance into Gaza."

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir blasted Netanyahu shortly following the White House announcement. "Any agreement on 'continued flow' of assistance to Gaza that doesn't include the release of all our captives is a continuation of the approach that brought us to our current situation. Humanitarian aid should only be given in exchange for the release of all the captives," he said.

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## Diplomat call to protect Chinese citizens as Israel responds beyond self-defense

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It is also the long-awaited reciprocal visit after several top U.S. officials including Blinken visited Beijing this summer. Washington's top priority has been to ensure the intense competition between the world's two largest economies and that their disagreements over a host of issues from trade to Taiwan and the South China Sea do not veer into conflict.

"We continue to believe that direct face-to-face diplomacy is the best way to raise challenging issues, address misperception and miscommunication, and explore working with the Chinese where our interests intersect," said one official, who briefed reporters on the trip on condition of anonymity.

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## 2 Elderly women freed by Hamas to reunite with families in Tel Aviv

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Nurit Cooper and Yocheved Lifshitz arrive at Sourasky Medical Center and met with their loved ones after being held captive by Hamas in Gaza for two and a half weeks; hospital says medical condition of both women fine  
Nahum Barnea, Adir Yanko|Yesterday | 18:59

Nurit Cooper, 80, and Yocheved Lifshitz, 85, who were abducted during the October 7 massacre in Nir Oz, landed overnight Tuesday at the helicopter pad of Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv after they were released from Hamas captivity in the Gaza Strip.

The two elderly women were initially transferred to Egypt via the Rafah border crossing. From there, they were airlifted to the hospital in Israel, where they were reunited with their families.

Speaking with Ynet, Lifshitz recalled the moment of her abduction during the invasion of her kibbutz. "They completely schooled us. They placed me sideways on a motorcycle so I wouldn't fall, with one terrorist holding me from the front and another from behind. They crossed the border fence into the Gaza Strip, initially holding me in the nearby town of Abasan al-Kabira. After that, I don't know where I was taken to."

The hospital reported that the two abductees, whose husbands were still being held hostage in the Gaza Strip, were reunited with their families, and their overall medical condition was good.

"We received the two abductees a few minutes ago, and we were very moved," said Eti Uziel, the deputy director of nursing and chief nurse at Sourasky. "They appear to be fine, their medical condition is good, and they are speaking. At first, we immediately brought them to their families."

Regarding the reunion with the families, she recounted, "It was a very touching meeting. For now, they are allowed to rest with their families. Later on, they will undergo a comprehensive physical examination, and by tomorrow we will know exactly what their condition is. The current situation is extremely emotional for both them and their families."

85-year-old Lifshitz was held separately from her husband Oded, 83, who was also abducted. After her release, her family said, "We are happy and relieved, but we are still concerned for her husband. We want to see them both home soon and demand that the government do everything to ensure their immediate release."

As part of its psychological warfare, Hamas released a video in which members of the organization are seen offering coffee and sweets to the recently released abductees, seemingly in an effort to improve their public image following the brutal attack on Israeli border communities.



Nurit Cooper was abducted from Nir Oz along with her husband, Amiram, 85. The couple has been living on the kibbutz for 70 years. Their granddaughter, Gali, recounted that her last conversation with them was on the day of the attack at 9:40am. "My grandfather whispered to me anxiously, 'Gali, I can't talk right now, there are terrorists roaming around the kibbutz homes.' I didn't even get the chance to tell him I loved him. We never believed this would happen. The call was disconnected and they haven't answered since."

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The Tel Hashomer recruitment center has initiated the conscription process for 120 recruits from the ultra-Orthodox sector amid a surge of applications; These recruits will be designated as reservists, undergo basic training, and serve in various roles such as medical services and drivers

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At the Tel Hashomer recruitment center, the first batch of 120 soldiers from the ultra-Orthodox sector began their recruitment on Sunday, amid a surge of applications from thousands of ultra-Orthodox individuals eager to contribute to the war effort. These recruits will be designated as reservists right from the beginning and will undergo a two-week basic training program.

Afterward, they will be assigned to various essential roles such as medical services and drivers. Some of them already possess experience in rescue and emergency medicine, which will enable them to swiftly integrate as combat supporters in this campaign.

Among those who arrived Monday morning, was Itzik, a 40-year-old resident of Bnei Brak and a father of six. In an interview on Ynet Live, he shared that he works as a social worker and has always felt the urge to "be part of this system," referring to the army. He explained that, since the war broke out, he has been actively trying to help and assist, but felt the need to do more. When he learned about the option to enlist, he decided to seize the opportunity, saying: "Well, let's go for it."

When asked about his wife's thoughts on his decision, he said that she was already aware of his desire to fulfill some form of military service. "As soon as I received the link, I didn't even wait a minute. I sent it right away, and within a week and a half, here I am," he said.

Itzik arrived at the recruitment center without knowing what specific task he will be assigned as a soldier, admitting: "I have no idea what I'm going to do here."

He emphasizes that while his family is supportive, the decision to enlist is still complex considering the society he comes from and the city he's from. "It's not easy to accept this. I hope it goes smoothly," he said. When asked about the potential impact of the current conscription on the discourse surrounding the enlistment of ultra-Orthodox Jews, especially considering the government's previous plans for extensive exemptions, he responds: "It can create an understanding that there is some kind of possibility, but you have to carefully consider what is truly the right way to do it."

According to data from the IDF's personnel division, approximately 3,000 ultra-Orthodox individuals have applied to volunteer for the army since the start of the war. Out of these, 2,100 have already completed questionnaires and demonstrated their seriousness. The IDF assesses each candidate to determine their suitability for immediate deployment. To provide perspective, in a typical year, around 1,200 ultra-Orthodox individuals enlist in the IDF.

It has been decided that ultra-Orthodox volunteers will also have the option to enlist as "working hands" in basic roles. They will not undergo basic training but will instead go through a streamlined and expedited recruitment process. These young individuals will be assigned to positions that the IDF urgently requires and that do not necessitate basic training. Their responsibilities will include assisting with funerals for the fallen and murdered, accompanying bereaved families, and fulfilling roles within the logistics department, among other tasks.

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