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Footage of Hamas massacre to be screened in US Congress

Republican and Democratic representatives are invited to the screening of the difficult-to-watch film from October 7, arranged in a joint effort by the US government and Israeli Embassy in Washington

Daniel Edelson, New York|07:56

Dozens of U.S. Congress members from both political parties will convene at the House of Representatives Old House Office Building in Washington on Tuesday to watch footage of the Hamas massacre on October 7 collected by the IDF Spokesperson's Unit in a rare event that has managed to bring both parties together.

The U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the requests of numerous lawmakers and, in collaboration with the Israeli Embassy, will screen the video for any representatives and senators who wish to come and view it.

Some, like Tennessee's Democratic Rep. Steve Cohen, will also attend the briefing that will follow the viewing, meeting with senior Biden administration officials who will detail Israel's policy and the White House's role in the war against Hamas. "The briefing is no less important," Cohen said. "There's much we still don't know about Israel's goals and how cautious they are being in trying to avoid civilian casualties." Outside the screening room, the representatives will be able to hear the voices of tens of thousands of pro-Israeli supporters gathered on Washington's Mall promenade. The event, called March for Israel, began as a joint initiative of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) along with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, but has successfully drawn attention from across the country, even from Jewish organizations rarely seen together. For example, the American branch of Americans for Peace Now, will walk alongside the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), led by Mort Klein, who believes Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich is too moderate in his ways.

The organizations all put their ideologies aside and joined forces to strengthen support for Israel, calling for the release of Israeli captives and warning about the growing antisemitism on U.S. campuses throughout the country. Accordingly, no organization officially sponsors the march, and none of the organization leaders will deliver speeches during the event.

The march organizers hope to reach the attendance numbers of other significant Jewish demonstrations of the past – for example, in 2002 during the Second Intifada, or in 1987 in support of Soviet Jewry. Those demonstrations drew 100,000 participants, and this time organizations are aiming for as many as a 250,000 participants. Judging by the march's permit request, however, the attendance will likely be significantly lower, at around 60,000 people.

What's certain is that several ultra-Orthodox yeshivas from New York and New Jersey have already, in a rare move, canceled their studies to attend the march. Even Yeshiva University has canceled classes, arranging for 1,400 students and faculty to arrive in Washington via buses. Celebrities like Juliana Margulies, Deni Avdija and Noa Tishby have posted videos and other content on social media to persuade crowds to join the march.

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Hamas planned 'second phase' of October 7 attack deeper into Israel, report says  
Washington Post report, citing senior Israeli official, says Hamas terrorists possesses detailed plans of Israeli cities and kibbutzim and intended to reach the West Bank;  
Gallant: 'They had detailed plans, including who to rape'  
Ynet|01:42

A new article in The Washington Post, based on two intelligence sources in the Middle East and a former senior American official well-versed in the matter, claimed that documents found among slain Hamas terrorists suggest that the terror organization may have intended to reach deep into Israel and the West Bank during their attack on October

During the surprise attack, Hamas terrorists managed to infiltrate Israel all the way to the outskirts of Unit 8200's Urim base, situated about 22 km from the Gaza Strip, essentially reaching halfway between Gaza and the West Bank. According to the article, intelligence documents and maps found on terrorists hint at their intention to reach the West Bank.

“We know from interrogations that Hamas came in with detailed plans of their attack, including which commander should rape which soldiers in different places,” Defense Minister Yoav Gallant told the U.S.-based news outlet.

The report adds that the findings confirmed the thoroughness of Hamas' intelligence-gathering efforts prior to the attack. High-resolution maps were found in the possession of terrorists, estimated to have been produced via drones flying at a height of 50 meters, likely in the summer, judging by the dryness of the agricultural fields in the photos. One of Hamas' attack teams was equipped with satellite images, marking the closest routes from the Shuja'iyya neighborhood in Gaza to the location where Hamas breached the border fence. The maps also marked the possible entry points for terrorists to enter the kibbutz through two points – a front and rear entrance. Sites labeled "Ambush 1" and "Ambush 2" on the nearby main roads showed locations where the terrorists intended to set up roadblocks and traps to prevent rescue attempts.

Another Hamas unit had a detailed list of weapons and ammunition intended to be looted at Alumim, a kibbutz that the terrorists failed to infiltrate, referred to as "Mission 502" in the documents.

In addition to maps and additional files, many of the slain terrorists were equipped with explosives, gas canisters and instructions on how to burn houses. Witnesses and emergency rescue forces said Hamas' aim was to force Israeli residents out of their protected rooms. However, many residents remained in the shelters and met their deaths in the cruel massacre.

A senior Israeli official said that, according to estimates, Hamas didn't intend to stop their attack there: “They planned a second phase, including in major Israeli cities and military bases.”

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Israel Prison vows exchange for terrorists hostages is not on the table

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Israel Prison Service vows 'no going back' with Hamas terrorists

As hundreds of terrorists processed, prison service chief says 'new and more restrictive policy' taken toward security prisoners held in Israeli prisons since onset of war

Meir Turgeman | 16:24

Since the onset of the war on October 7, 2,600 terrorists have been detained, the majority from the West Bank and several hundred from Gaza, including members of Hamas's elite Nukhba force. The current total number of detainees held by the Israel Prison Service (IPS) stands at 7,254.

Head of the Israel Prison Service Chief Commissioner Katy Perry said that since the war, a "new and more restrictive policy," has been taken toward security prisoners held in Israeli prisons.

"There's no going back," clarifies Perry. "I am engaging in discussions with security officials, and the stance we are taking at the IPS is to hold security prisoners entirely differently from the past." Perry also addressed the living conditions of the Nukhba force terrorists held in Israel, saying, "They are held 4-8 in a cell, locked there all day. They are defined as the most dangerous detainees in the IPS system. We have processed dozens of Nukhba terrorists. At this stage, they are isolated and receive only basic conditions." Regarding the possibility of a prisoner release in exchange for hostages, she said, "It is not a term on the table; some are dealing with the issue. Let's hope everyone returns home."

According to an IPS official, special preparations have been made for holding Nukhba terrorists. "We are studying them and their capabilities," he said. "We provided specific training for the wardens and officers who lead and work with the detainees in the cells where the terrorists are held. They arrive at IPS facilities after being interrogated by various security agencies and are classified as high-risk individuals for assaulting prison staff."

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Potential Gaza hostage deal to include 80 women and children, official says  
US official confirms discussions underway for potential deal involving release of  
Palestinian women and youths from Israeli prisons; Egyptian officials claim battles near  
Gaza's Shifa Hospital hamper talks  
Itamar Eichner | 13:26

After a senior Israeli official approved the framework for a potential hostage release deal, a government source in the Biden administration stated Sunday that the release of 80 women and children held hostage by Hamas in the Gaza Strip is imminent.

The U.S. official confirmed to NBC that discussions are ongoing, and in exchange for the release of the hostages, Palestinian women and youths from Israeli prisons could be freed in a possible deal. According to the official, Washington is also exploring alternative options.

However, the U.S. official clarified that there is **no certainty** that a deal will be reached. Hours after NBC's report, a separate article in The Wall Street Journal cited two senior Egyptian officials who stated that talks on the hostage deal were suspended due to the current clashes near hospitals in Gaza. According to **Egyptian sources**, the main **reason** for the suspension of talks is the battles near Shifa Hospital, which according to Israel is used for a Hamas base, and has several tunnels situated beneath it.

Senior officials in Cairo, speaking to The Wall Street Journal, noted that high-ranking members of Hamas have **conveyed to** both **Egypt and Qatar**—the two main mediators in indirect talks between the terror organization and Israel—that the conduct of the IDF in recent battles seemingly indicates **Israel is not interested in any deal**. The American newspaper reports that negotiations for the release of hostages have been halted twice in the past.

**Before** the apparent **suspension of talks**, as reported by The Wall Street Journal, the outlined framework resembled that reported by NBC: the **release of up to 100 women and children from captivity** in Gaza, **in exchange for Israel releasing approximately 100 women and minors from Israeli prisons**. Additionally, a limited amount of fuel would be transferred to hospitals in the Gaza Strip, and there would be humanitarian gestures amid the war.

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**IDF struck Syria; terrorism returns to West Bank; Israel will not allow PA return**

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**IDF fighter jets struck in Syria; Netanyahu says Israel won't agree to PA's return to Gaza**  
Netanyahu says the day after the war, Israel will have security-wise **control in the Gaza Strip**, with the **ability to enter whenever needed** to eliminate terrorists who may resurface  
ynet correspondents|11.11.23 | 00:34

In response to the attack toward the Golan Heights on Saturday, **IDF fighter jets struck** terror infrastructure sites in **Syria**. Earlier today IDF said **two launches** were identified **from Syria** toward Israeli territory that **fell in open areas**.

Prime Minister Benjamin **Netanyahu addressed** the progress of the **war in the Gaza Strip** on **Saturday** saying "The war against Hamas-Islamic State is **advancing at full force**, with one goal: victory. **There is no substitute for winning**.

IDF says 5 soldiers killed in Gaza Strip, 4 by blast from booby-trapped tunnel

Nasrallah speaks as Hezbollah terrorists continue attempts to attack Israel

IDF's Golani Brigade overpowers one of Hamas' strongest battalion: Eliminate 300 terrorists

During a **press conference** with Defense Minister Yoav **Gallant** and Knesset Member and part of the war cabinet Benny **Gantz**, all three **criticized French President Emmanuel Macron's criticism**: "This is wishful thinking; **we don't need moral lectures**."

Netanyahu also spoke about the day after the war saying "Gaza will be demilitarized, and there will be no more threat from the Gaza Strip to Israel. To ensure such a threat is eradicated, whenever necessary, the IDF will maintain security-wise control in the Gaza Strip to prevent terrorism from emanating. The tragedy on October 7 finally proved that wherever there is no Israeli security control, terrorism returns and takes root, ultimately striking us. This has been evident in West Bank as well, and therefore, I will not compromise on security control under any circumstances."

"Security control includes the ability to enter whenever needed to eliminate terrorists who may resurface," clarified Netanyahu later. "There will be no Hamas; there will be no civil authority there indoctrinating their children to hate Israel, to kill civilians, and to destroy the State of Israel."

Netanyahu addressed allegations of international pressure for a ceasefire: "Occasionally, there are voices seeking concessions because, in some countries, there are individuals exerting pressure on leaders. I say to them, 'Do not yield to pressure. Our war is your war as well. We must win for our sake and yours.' No international pressure, no false accusations against IDF soldiers and our state will change our belief in the justice of our cause and our duty to defend ourselves."

The IDF announced on Saturday the death of five soldiers who died during the battles in the Gaza Strip a day earlier.

The soldiers are: Maj. (res.) Moshe Yedidyah Leiter, 39, a company commander in the 551st Brigade's 697th Battalion, from Ein Tzurim, Sgt. Maj. (res.) Yossi Hershkovitz, 44, a soldier in the 551st Brigade's 697th Battalion, from Gevaot, Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Meir, 38, a soldier in the 551st Brigade's 697th Battalion, from Odem, Master Sgt. (res.) Sergey Shmerkin, 32, a soldier in the 551st Brigade's 697th Battalion, from Kiryat Shmona, Master Sgt. (res.) Netanel (Nati) Harush, 34, a soldier in the Givati Brigade's logistics unit, from Jerusalem.

The soldiers from the 697th Battalion were killed by a blast originating from a booby-trapped tunnel shaft in the Beit Hanoun area. The troops were not inside the tunnel at the time of the incident.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan gave a speech during an Arab-Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia on Saturday calling to "uncover Israel's nuclear weapons."

"The West didn't call for a cease-fire. Those who stay silent in the face of this atrocity are accomplices to it. Israel must pay for her crimes," he added.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, called for the release of hostages and stated, "We condemn the war that the Palestinian people in Gaza are exposed to. We have made efforts to protect civilians in Gaza and to halt the war. It requires collective effort and active measures from us to end the situation. We demand an immediate cessation of military activities and the opening of a humanitarian corridor to Gaza."

The military reported Saturday that troops and Air Force units have eliminated Ahmed Siam, a company commander of Hamas' Naser Radwan Company who held an estimated 1,000 Gazan civilians in the Rantisi Hospital and prevented them from evacuating southwards for their safety.

"Ahmed Siam was killed while hiding in the 'al Buraq' school, where additional terrorists under this command were also hiding and were killed," the IDF said in a statement. The Palestinian Health Ministry reported Saturday that the **Shifa hospital has lost all electricity due to a lack of fuel and is not operational**. The hospital's spokesperson told Arab news network Al Jazeera that medical supplies and water were also in short supply, adding that "Patients are dying every minute. The **hospital is surrounded**."

Gaza's governmental press office claimed Saturday morning that IDF forces "are surrounding the Shifa, Rantisi and Al-Ayoun hospitals, preventing civilians from accessing them."

The Wall Street Journal reported that amid IDF strikes in the heart of Gaza City and calls for **civilians to relocate south**, doctors at Shifa Hospital said that about 2,000 displaced people and **around 700 patients remained at the medical facility**, which is used by Hamas as its command center in the northern Gaza Strip.

The report notes that the **medical staff** remaining at the hospital had significantly **diminished**. One of the doctors said, "At least **2,500 patients left the place yesterday**. We are in a war zone, waiting for the moment the army reaches us."

There has been progress in Qatari-mediated talks to secure the release of Israeli hostages from **Hamas** captivity in Gaza, an **Arab** diplomat familiar with the details of the ongoing talks held in Doha told the Washington Post Saturday.

According to the report, the **two-day talks** involving Mossad Director David Barnea, CIA Director William Burns and Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, focused on releasing up to 20 women and children in exchange for a three-day humanitarian cease-fire and aid delivery to northern Gaza.

However, the emerging agreement depends on the situation in the Gaza Strip, where IDF forces are highly active.

Meanwhile, **rocket fire from the Gaza Strip resumed Saturday** morning after a 15-hour lull, with two rocket launches triggering air raid alarm sirens in Kibbutz Kissufim near the Gaza border.

The **UN** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) **reported** that approximately **30,000 people evacuated** from the northern Gaza Strip to the south on **Friday**, using the safe corridor opened by the IDF along Salah al-Din road operational **between 10 AM and 2 PM**.

World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Saturday that his organization was "extremely disturbed" by reports of Israeli airstrikes in the vicinity of Shifa Hospital in Gaza City.

"Many health workers we were in contact with have been forced to leave the hospital in search of safety. Others report being unable to move due to grave insecurity," he wrote on X. "Many of the **thousands sheltering at the hospital** are **forced to evacuate** due to security risks, while **many still remain there**."

Thousands of **pro-Palestinian demonstrators flooded the streets of New York City** on Saturday in one of its largest protests since the war began.



The protesters first gathered at Columbus Circle near Central Park, then marched toward Times Square, where they blocked the entrance to the New York Times offices - a focal point of mass protests just the day before.

They continued toward Grand Central Station, where they attempted to breach the entrance but were met by a large police presence that arrested some of them.

11.10.23 – Fr

Pause will allow; restock & repair tunnels & communication, move hostages & troops

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Six reasons why Israel can't agree to a cease-fire

Analysis: Ceasefire to give Hamas chance to restock for underground stay, repair tunnels, communication systems, reload the launchers, and most importantly, move hostages

Ron Ben-Yishai | 11.09.23 | 17:01

During Operation "Protective Edge" in 2014, the UN Secretary General called for a cease-fire. An hour after the cease-fire came into effect, terrorists came out of a tunnel shaft near the city of Rafah and killed the Major Bnaya Sarel, Lieutenant Hadar Goldin and Staff Sergeant Liel Gideoni. This happened on August 1, 2014. Israel agreed to it the night before and the terrorists realized that this was their opportunity. They hit the fighters from a range of a few meters, grabbed Goldin's body, lowered it down the shaft into the tunnel and within a few minutes were already in a safe shelter. His body has not been returned to Israel since.

On that day I was on the outskirts of Khan Yunis with another fighting force that was also out in the open since the ceasefire came into effect at 8:00 am, but at 9:30 we heard about the battle and 10 minutes later the cease-fire was history. This event demonstrates well why the political and military leadership in Israel today oppose the world's demand for a cease fire, and why Hamas is so interested in it. A so-called humanitarian cease fire causes serious damage to the hostages and Israel's war effort, while Hamas in the tunnels are desperate for it like air to breathe, literally. Cease-fires allow the enemy to significantly improve his condition for the continuation of the fighting.

Israel can agree at most to a humanitarian "pause" lasting 4-5 hours. This is the time needed to provide the civilian residents of Gaza with the humanitarian aid they need to improve the condition of the displaced, the wounded and the sick. Generally, Gaza is a small area and even those who travel by foot from the north to the shelter areas in the south, can do so in four hours or less. No more is needed for the trucks loaded with the food, water and medicine that make their way from Rafah to the Shifa Hospital on the outskirts of the Jabalia neighborhood in northern Gaza.

When you look at the issue in any way possible, you understand why Hamas is so insistent on having a "ceasefire" for two or three days. It will give him significant advantages without him being forced to give almost anything in return, except for a few

abductees with foreign or dual citizenship out of the approximately 240 hostages. Below are six reasons why Israel must not agree:

1. Logistically, Hamas fighters and the leadership sitting in the tunnels will get almost everything they need to replenish their supplies underground. They would be able to loot the UNRWA facilities as well as the food and fuel warehouses in Gaza, thus extending their ability to stay underground for many more days.
2. A cease-fire will allow Hamas to restore the communication lines that were damaged between their various compounds above and below the surface. Inside the tunnels run many lines of communication that allow the leadership to transmit orders to outposts that are still fighting. A ceasefire would make it possible to get them to work again, and perhaps also to clear passages in the tunnels that were blocked by the Air Force bombs or by the IDF's activity on the ground.
3. Operationally, a cease-fire will allow Hamas to reorganize and arm itself for the continuation of the fighting. For example, terrorists will be able to reload rocket launchers located close to areas where fighting is going on. These launchers are emptied after firing the rockets or mortar bombs, and halting combat will allow access to them. This means that a cease-fire of several days will allow a drastic increase of launches towards Israel.
4. Hamas will also be able to reorganize its forces and strengthen isolated outposts. Its array of combat tunnels is not continuous, and even the parts that are were damaged and cut off by air force strikes. That is why in the last few days the terrorists have had difficulty moving and reinforcing sectors that the IDF has reached. A ceasefire will allow the terrorists to get on the ground, or break through those passages between the tunnels, and transport troops, anti-tank missiles and IED's.
5. As we saw at the Operation "Protective Edge", a ceasefire is merely a recommendation for Hamas, while the IDF sees itself obligated to uphold it. In any scenario, it is likely that history might repeat itself. Back then when Hamas terrorists came out of the shafts and killed the soldiers nearby, it happened either by being disconnected from the Hamas leadership, or simply because the terrorists don't always obey orders. We will not risk either.
6. But the most serious consequence lies in risking the chance of freeing the hostages. A cease-fire of a few days will allow Hamas to move them, thereby damaging the Israeli intelligence efforts and thwarting the possibility of their release through military action. In addition, time will allow Hamas to collect hostages who are in the hands of other parties in Gaza, thereby increasing its bargaining power.

The bottom line is clear: Israel has nothing to gain from a cease-fire except for a few approval points from the international public opinion, which fades rather quickly as we have seen from past experience. On the other hand, a cease-fire will harm the chance of releasing hostages, delay the process of exposing the terror tunnel shafts and destroying

them, allow Hamas terrorists to improve their positions and transport equipment, as well as extend their potential time underground. From Israel's point of view, this is unacceptable. The most Israel can allow is humanitarian pauses of a few hours and only in daylight. This will meet the demands of the Biden administration and the international community for humanitarian aid to the civilian population.

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Nearly 10,000 rockets target Israel since October 7, speeds interceptor manufacturing

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Nearly 10,000 rockets target Israel since October 7, worse terror attack in state's history  
Faced with unprecedented threat, IDF prepares largest ever deployment of air defense systems: Iron Dome, Arrow, Diamond and David's Sling, in cooperation with the US Army; Thousands of rockets, dozens of drones intercepted from Lebanon and Yemen  
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In the face of war and unprecedented number of launches, which include rockets, drones and UAV's from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, Israel has initiated its largest ever air defense deployment. The IDF's air defense fighters have carried out thousands of successful interceptions at all levels of defense, from Mount Dov in the north to the Red Sea in the south and at the same time the army is preparing for extreme scenarios that include war on additional fronts.

In this campaign, all of the IDF's air defense systems operate simultaneously - Iron Dome, David's Slingshot, Diamond and Arrow. The various systems provide air defense on the home front at different levels. The IDF Spokesperson said that during the first four hours of the war, Hamas launched some 3,000 rockets at Israel. In comparison, during the 34 days of the Second Lebanon War in 2006, Hezbollah launched 4,400 rockets, and in all 51 days of Operation "Protective Edge" in 2014, approximately 4,500 rockets were launched.

The IDF estimates that the opening blow by Hamas was the largest rocket attack on Israel's Home Front in the country's history. "Young 20-year-old lieutenants took upon themselves decisions on that Saturday that are under the authority of majors and lieutenant colonels, our men drove at 190 km/h from home without being summoned to prevent more serious damage to the Home Front," the Air Force said in a statement. The unit lost three fighters in the surprise attack, on their way to arm an air defense launcher that had been emptied, and an officer living in the south was seriously injured, and only regained consciousness in recent days.

Despite the massive barrages, the IDF Spokesperson said that with the entry of the ground forces into Gaza and the beginning of the ground offensive, the number of rocket launches dropped significantly. The successes of the air defense systems were made possible through cooperation between the IDF and the defense industries, as well as

between the IDF and the U.S military, which serves as a force multiplier in the war. The record speed of manufacturing interceptors allowed arming the Iron Dome facilities throughout the country, while maintaining the necessary inventory in case Hezbollah joins the fray.

Due to the unusual learning curve led by Iran in favor of Hamas and Hezbollah, the IDF maintains relative ambiguity on the subject of interceptions, with an emphasis on the exact rate, although they are high when considering the number of barrages. So far, more than 2,000 rockets have been intercepted, in addition to dozens of UAV's and drones. Also, out of the total number of launches from Gaza towards Israel, approximately 12% of rockets launched landed in Gaza, and approximately 900 rockets were launched from civilian sites such as mosques, schools, hospitals and cultural centers. These figures once again highlight Hamas's cynical use of civilians as human shields.

Over the past month, Hamas has reduced the number of launches to a few hundred per day on average, mainly due to the necessities of war. The relatively small number of casualties from the launches in the opening blow on that horrible Saturday is due to the swift reaction of the Iron Dome fighters who were on normal holiday alert. Within a few hours, all the conscripted and reserve soldiers and officers of the unit jumped into action. Since then, new units have been deployed to reinforce the air defense efforts. On Tuesday, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant referred to the continued rocket fire from Gaza, and said that the ground operation inside the strip "suppresses a significant part of the threat on the home front". Gallant, met with the director generals of government ministries that dealt with the situation on the home front, and said: "Hamas' launches these days is mainly intended to disturb the routine of life. We need to make sure that the citizens are given security and the ability to lead a continuous routine."

In the meantime, the IDF continues to intensify its activity inside Gaza City. Infantry, armor and engineering forces of the 162nd Division, with the assistance of the Air Force and special forces, raided the security zone of Hamas in the heart of Gaza - near Shifa Hospital. So far, more than 50 terrorists have been eliminated in the district during intense fighting which is yet to be concluded.

According to the IDF Spokesman, the area of the security zone is the "core of the intelligence and operational activity of the terrorist organization Hamas and was used to plan and prepare its forces for the murderous attack it carried out on October 7." Currently, infantry, armor and engineering forces of the Givati Brigade are working to neutralize the many terrorist infrastructures and threats in the area, including a robust underground system, while engaging in continuous fighting. In addition, intelligence documents were found and a number of significant tunnel shafts, factories for the production of weapons and anti-tank launchers were destroyed during the IDF's ground incursion.

## US & UN media push Hamas propaganda to include terrorists as civilian casualties

11.09.23 – Th

US Officials: Hamas pushes misinformation to play the victim

False information is being spread, and quickly, in part because the media and UNRWA, the UN agency responsible for Palestinian refugees, parrot Hamas lies and distortions, a Committee on Foreign Affairs hearing is told

The Media Line|12:31

"We are witnessing in real time Hamas carrying out their covenant from 1988, which states, 'Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it just as it obliterated others before it,'" Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) said at a House Committee on Foreign Affairs hearing about U.S. support for Israel.

Assistant Secretary of State Barbara A. Leaf and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Dana Stroul provided expert testimony to the committee.

The 1988 covenant is a 9,059-word terrorist manifesto. "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad," it says.

It is an inclusive movement, as seen in Article 12 of the covenant: "A woman can go out to fight the enemy without her husband's permission, and so does the slave: without his master's permission."

Slaves are mentioned two further times in the document.

Thirty minutes into the hearing, after the experts and politicians testified that Hamas was using civilians as human shields, had cut a baby out of a mother's abdomen, beheaded other babies, cooked a live baby in an oven in front of its parents, and wiped out an entire nursery full of young children, a protester interrupted the meeting with unbridled sympathy for Gaza.

Other protesters showed support by sitting behind the witnesses with painted red palms extended towards the committee members to signify that the blood of Palestinians was on their hands. The dead Israeli children did not seem to bother the pro-Palestinian protesters. This type of behavior and the way certain segments of the U.S. population are siding with a designated terrorist group were discussed at length. Rep. Brian Mast (R-Florida), a former U.S. Army staff sergeant who served in Afghanistan and also did a volunteer stint with the Israel Defense Forces, did not mince words.

Misinformation is spreading so fast partly because the media and UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, "parrot" Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry statistics, Mast said, which ultimately leads to misinformation responsible for anti-Semitic attacks across the United States.

When Mast asked Leaf why combatants are not included in the Gaza Health Ministry's body count, she told him it was because the ministry includes dead Hamas terrorists in its civilian casualty reports.

"They expect the world to believe that all these people and these groups ... that none of them are combatants. And that is what they want the world to believe and that is what the United Nations goes out and parrots and that is what the media goes out and parrots," Mast said.

The experts agreed that the number of Palestinians killed is unknown.

" Hamas lies. Hamas and the Palestinians lie ... then they pretend everyone is a victim," Mast said. "Are all combatants Hamas?" he asked Stroul, who responded, "No."

" Hamas could end this today. Just surrender "

The media's use of Hamas-sourced information, even though the group is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and others, was brought up by other representatives as well. However, not long after Mast spoke about the Hamas misinformation campaign being pushed and amplified by U.S. media sources, Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Texas) was called out for regurgitating Hamas propaganda.

"This is a good example of the misinformation and disinformation environment," Stroul told Castro about parts of his statement. Although Castro, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, has access to government reports, he continued to cite things he read in newspapers while questioning Leaf and Stroul.

According to Rep. Gregory Jackson (D-New York), Castro's misinformation was what he called the CNN-dead baby strategy. This strategy involves Hamas getting Palestinians killed, shifting blame to the IDF, and then playing the victim.

"The success of this CNN strategy depends on the mainstream media and, unfortunately, perhaps members of Congress, as we recently heard [from Castro]," Jackson said.

The terrorists who killed over 1,400 people in Israel and kidnapped over 240 others documented their attacks with GoPro action cameras.

Stroul revealed that the U.S. had conducted a defensive attack on Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Syria less than an hour before the hearing. This was in response to one of the most recent attacks by Iranian proxies.

U.S. troops in Iraq and Syria have been attacked 41 times by Iranian proxies since Oct. 7.

"You know, Hamas could end this today. Just surrender and nobody else gets killed. Just surrender," ranking member Gregory Meeks (D-New York) said during the hearing. This article is written by Clint Van Winkle and reprinted with permission from The Media line.

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Deal for release of dozens of hostages being negotiated in Qatar; Israel strikes targets in Lebanon

Hamas demanding days long pause in fighting, prisoners' release and fuel; Israel says details still unclear; IDF says conducted airstrikes on Hezbollah targets after days of fire on Galilee

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi, Elisha Ben Kimon, news agencies|Updated:10:04

A possible release of dozens of hostages was being negotiated by Mossad Chief David Barnea and CIA chief William Burns in Qatar on Thursday after Hamas demands included a days-long pause in the war, the release of Palestinians prisoners and the supply of fuel.

The security cabinet was briefed on Thursday but Israel said details were still unclear as to how many hostages would be freed and how many prisoners Hamas demanded to be released. Officials add that a pause in the fighting would only be accepted if the number of hostages freed would be substantial.

The IDF said a Patriot missile intercepted an incoming suspicious projectile over the Arava Desert. This was the first time in the war that the Patriot was used. Earlier the IDF said that a surface to surface missile targeting the southern city of Eilat was intercepted by the Arrow defense system at a long distance away from Israel. Earlier sirens were heard in the city and surrounding areas. Earlier a drone launched by the Houthi rebels in Yemen landed in a school in Eilat, causing an explosion. The Houthis claimed responsibility for the attacks. Eilat schools will remain closed on Friday.

As part of the psychological warfare waged against Israel by the Islamist factions in Gaza, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad released video of 12-year-old Yagil Ben-Yaakov and 76-year old Hana Katzir both abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz on October 7 and held in Gaza claiming they could be released on humanitarian grounds without providing any more details.

Over 1,000 doctors, medics and emergency medical teams on Thursday protested outside the offices of the International Red Cross in Tel Aviv, demanding the organization visit the hostages being held by Hamas in Gaza.

Although a month has passed since 239 people were abducted by Hamas terrorists the Red Cross has not visited any of the hostages, provided Israel with a complete list of names of all those held in Gaza, or delivered to them medicines they require.

The New York Times rejected criticism after its photographer in Gaza was signaled out for filming the Hamas massacre on October 7. The paper said he was covering events as they unfolded as was his job. Yousef Masoud was one of the journalists named by HonestReporting as having been with the Hamas terrorists as they invaded Israel and carried out their atrocities.

Earlier the paper reported on Thursday that Hussein al-Sheikh, PLO secretary general told U.S. officials that the Palestinian Authority would be open to having a role in governing the Gaza Strip after the war if the U.S. commits to a 2-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The IDF said on Thursday that its forces had raided the military quarter of the Hamas terrorist organization in the heart of Gaza City, near the Shifa Hospital.

According to the military, the quarter is the heart of intelligence and operational activities of Hamas and was used, among other things, to plan and prepare Hamas operatives for the murderous attack on October 7th.

The spokesperson described the quarter as including the central intelligence headquarters and the aerial array headquarters of the terrorist organization, as well as Hamas government offices, including the Ministry of Interior and a police station. "It also contains the largest training facilities in the Gaza Strip for urban warfare, military outposts, warehouses and various munitions factories (used to produce rockets, anti-tank missiles, UAVs and explosives). Also in the area are commanders' offices, underground tunnel networks and war-rooms from which the Hamas terrorist organization directs fighting and fire," the IDF said.

Hamas head of politburo Ismail Haniyeh arrived in Egypt on Thursday at the head of a delegation that included other senior Hamas leaders living outside the Strip, to meet the chief intelligence official.

The IDF and the Palestinian Authority on Thursday, transported 2,000 resident of Gaza from the West Bank city of Jericho to the Strip. Some had permits to work in Israel before the start of the war and others were in the West Bank illegally and security agencies feared they would be involved in terrorism.

Mossad Chief David Barnea and CIA Chief William Burns met Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Jassim Al Thani on Thursday to discuss terms for a release of hostages abducted by Hamas, in return for a pause in the war in Gaza. The talks include the question of whether fuel would be allowed into the Strip after Israel refused to permit its delivery out of concern it would be used by Hamas to run its war machine.

The Prime Minister's office said Israel there would be no ceasefire without the release of the hostages. In a statement the PMO said that agreed on a four hour humanitarian pause everyday to allow resident of northern Gaza to move to the south adding that on Wednesday, 50,000 took advantage of the safe route taking them out of harms way. Thousands attended the funeral of dual American citizen and lone soldier Maj. Gen. Elisheva Rose Lubin, 20, in Jerusalem late on Thursday morning.

Israel's border police said that, after carrying out an investigation into the attack in which Lubin was killed, it appears that a serious disciplinary and operational failure was found in the conduct of one of the team's soldiers, which included abandoning the position, in complete violation of orders and instructions. Accordingly, Border Guard Commander Brigadier Yitzhak decided to remove the soldier from his position and transfer him to another area of the IDF. "In places where we realize there is a failure, we will not compromise and will handle it with determination and commanding courage, while learning lessons and full transparency," the commander said.

A humanitarian conference on Gaza opens in Paris on Thursday. Representatives of the Palestinian Authority are present at the conference, but no representative of Israel, which has said it will maintain security control over the strip at the end of the war, was included.

During the conference, UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said that he was concerned about the spillover risk of the situation in Gaza, adding that the West Bank "is boiling." Lazzarini, the Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for



Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), also said there was need for a meaningful continuous humanitarian aid to Gaza including fuel. He said aid coming in through Rafah was inadequate, adding that all crossings into Gaza should be opened. French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that there must be a humanitarian pause very quickly in Gaza and that countries must also work for a cease-fire. "Civilians must be protected, that's indispensable and non negotiable and is an immediate necessity," Macron said at the start of the conference.

Jan Egeland, the Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, told the conference that an immediate cease-fire in Gaza was an absolute necessity. "We cannot wait a minute more for a humanitarian cease-fire or lifting of siege which is collective punishment," he said. "Without cease-fire, lifting of siege and indiscriminate bombing and warfare, the hemorrhage of human lives will continue." Medecins Sans Frontieres chief Isabelle Defourny called southern Gaza safe-zones "fake zones."

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he was "ashamed and outraged" at a recent wave of antisemitic incidents in Germany, warning Berlin would not tolerate such anti-Jewish hatred as he marked the 85th anniversary of the Nazis' Kristallnacht pogrom. Scholz was speaking alongside Jewish leaders at a ceremony in a Berlin synagogue that was among 1,000 that were damaged or destroyed across Germany and Austria by Nazi mobs in the "Night of Broken Glass." The synagogue where Scholz was speaking was also attacked with Molotov cocktails in a surge of antisemitic incidents that followed the Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7 and the subsequent Israeli retaliation.

GPO Director Nitzan Chen has demanded explanations from the bureau chiefs of AP, Reuters, CNN and The New York Times regarding the findings in the HonestReporting NGO's report on the involvement of their photographers in the events of October 7th, "which crosses every red line, professional and moral." Four photographers who work for these networks documented the horrors perpetrated by the Hamas terrorists after they broke through border fence with Israel, filming the murder of civilians, the abuse of bodies and the abduction of men and women.

The National Public Diplomacy Directorate in the Prime Minister's Office also said in a statement issued on Thursday morning that it "views with utmost gravity that photojournalists working with international media joined in covering the brutal acts of murder perpetrated by Hamas terrorists on Saturday October 7th in the communities adjacent to the Gaza Strip."

The IDF reported Thursday it had eliminated Ibrahim Abu-Maghsib, a Hamas anti-tank missile commander in charge of the terrorist organization's Central Camps Brigade in an airstrike. "As part of his position, Maghsib directed and carried out numerous anti-tank missile launches directed at Israeli civilians and IDF soldiers," the military said in a statement.

IDF soldiers discovered a Hamas weapons manufacturing and storage facility used to produce and store UAVs and weapons, the military announced late Thursday morning. The site was located in a residential building, in close proximity to schools in the center of the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in northern Gaza. In the building, Hamas' explosives and operational plans were found right next to a children's bedroom.

The Israel Defense Forces early Thursday morning announced the name of the 35th soldier killed since the start of the ground war in Gaza. Eliahou Benjamin Elmakayes, 29, of Jerusalem, a soldier of the Combat Engineering Corp's 8219th Battalion, was killed during fighting in the central Gaza Strip Wednesday.

Additionally, an officer and soldier of the Paratrooper's 202nd Battalion, a reservist officer of the 551st Brigade's 697th battalion, and a soldier of the 551st Brigade's 6551st Battalion were seriously wounded in **separate clashes in Gaza yesterday**, the IDF says.

After a quiet evening and night, **rocket** warning sirens blared **in Gaza**-border communities on **Thursday morning**.

The IDF spokesman said that during the night long battles took place in western Jabaliya, where soldiers from the Nahal Brigade took control of the Hamas outpost. "The soldiers of the Nahal Brigade's combat team completed an operation to take over Outpost 17, a military stronghold of the **terrorist** organization **in the northern Gaza Strip**. During the takeover of the outpost, the soldiers fought against Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists who were in the outpost, both **above and below ground** and in an underground tunnel in the area," the IDF said in a statement. After about **10 hours of fighting**, during which they **eliminated terrorists** and **captured many weapons**, the takeover of the outpost was completed.

The fighters uncovered terrorist **tunnel shafts**, including a shaft located **near a kindergarten** and leading to an **extensive underground route**. The IDF spokesman added that "during the takeover of the outpost, the Nahal **forces** located and **collected significant operational materials about the enemy's operational plans**."

The **U.S.** carried out an **airstrike on a weapons warehouse in eastern Syria** used by Iranian-backed militias, including the Revolutionary Guards in Syria, in retaliation for what has been a **growing number of attacks on bases housing U.S. troops** in the region for the **past several weeks**, the Pentagon said.

In Wednesday's strike, **two U.S. F-15** fighter jets **dropped multiple bombs on a weapons storage** facility near Maysulun in Deir el-Zour that was known to be **used by Iran's** Revolutionary Guard, U.S. officials said.

A **couple** in their early 20s were moderately and **severely wounded** late Wednesday in a **shooting attack on their car** in the northern **West Bank**.

The **IDF** said late on Wednesday that it **struck** "technological assets" used by **Hezbollah in Lebanon** to "direct terror against Israel" in response to attacks on Israeli targets.

"In response to the launches toward Israel over the past day, IDF fighter **jets struck** Hezbollah **terror infrastructure in Lebanon** a short while ago," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said in a statement. "The Hezbollah targets struck include military structures and posts in which the terrorists operated, along with a number of technological assets used to direct terror against Israel."

It added that, "A short while ago, the **IDF struck a terrorist cell in Lebanon**, that operated **adjacent to** the area of Biranit in **northern Israel**."

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Gazans flock through South corridor with white flags for second consecutive day

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In search of sanctuary, Gazans flock South with white flags for second consecutive day  
Watch: Thousands of Palestinians from northern Gaza responded to the calls of the IDF and made their way through the humanitarian corridor to the southern part of the strip while waving white flags

Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun | Yesterday | 08:47

Starting again at 10:00 a.m., thousands of residents from northern Gaza responded to calls by the Israel Defense Forces and made their way to southern Gaza, south of the Gaza River, via the Salah al-Din Road.

The thousands left their homes and moved forward on foot, with some waving white flags as a sign of surrender for the second day in a row. On Tuesday, many residents of the Gaza City's Zeitoun neighborhood were filmed leaving. The IDF has taken over the neighborhood, and more and more residents in northern Gaza realize that, in light of the advance of the IDF soldiers, it is better for them to evacuate to the south - even if they have to travel foot.

The IDF on Wednesday decided to extend the hours of the safe humanitarian corridor in light of the large number of people that decided to leave.

The IDF Arabic spokesperson posted on his X social media account: "Residents of Gaza, after the great response from the morning hours, we have decided to extend the operation of the safe corridor on the Salah al-Din Road for the movement of residents to the south of the Gaza River for another hour! For your safety, join the many thousands who headed to southern Gaza since the morning hours and take advantage of the opportunity until 3:00 p.m. to protect yourselves and your family members."

The safe corridor that the IDF opened Wednesday and over the last few days gave thousands of Palestinians from northern Gaza the opportunity to continue moving to safe areas in southern Gaza.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) established the first camp to shelter refugees from the northern areas of the Gaza Strip in Khan Younis in the south, and many of these refugees suffer from a lack of water, food and basic supplies.

There are dozens of tents in the complex, and it feels like "a scene from the nakba of 1948," say its residents, referring to the mass exodus of Arabs during Israel's War of Independence. A resident of the Jabaliya camp who came to Khan Younis said: "I was afraid for my children and decided to come south; only in my dreams did I dream we would live like this."

Gazel, a young girl who arrived in southern Gaza, added: "I hope we will return home to my games and school."

The refugees have already gotten used to the new life in the tents despite all the difficulties, but they say that, at least this way, they are protected from the inferno that is happening in northern Gaza.

"We left here by bus. We were told that the UNRA institutions were safe," said Mahmoud Abu Sharach of Jabaliya. "We are here, but want to return to our homes. We don't want any more nakba, that's enough. We want to live safely."

Not all residents who were evacuated from their homes come to the UNRWA facilities; families who have relatives in the southern Gaza Strip move in with them and those without move to the refugee camps.

A Hamas source told Al-Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper that the Israeli army has imposed a siege on Gaza City, preventing water, food and medicine from reaching the residents, in an attempt to force them to leave.

"They are using the hunger policy in light of the violent and unprecedented bombing, targeting water tanks, bakeries, hospitals and natural energy sources, to push people into displacement. Perhaps they believe that this will incite them to resist," the source said. The source confirmed that the Israeli forces are dealing with the Gaza terrorists on all fronts, and are unable to advance toward the city yet.

UN data shows that of the 2.4 million residents of Gaza, more than 1.5 million left their homes in the past month. According to UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, more than half a million are taking shelter in UNRWA facilities in the southern Gaza Strip. They say they are not able to take in new evacuees.

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IDF uncovered dozens of rocket launchers in mosques, youth centers & playgrounds

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IDF locates, destroys dozens of rocket launchers in mosques, youth centers

IDF soldiers uncovered numerous rocket launch sites, some of which Hamas has positioned within civilian areas; 'In the coming days, we will persist in dismantling these facilities and neutralizing Hamas' military capabilities,' stated Brig. Gen. Adniram of the Combat Engineering Corps

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The IDF continues its ground offensive in the Gaza Strip and, during the battles, it has uncovered further evidence of Hamas' cynical use of civilian facilities for terrorist purposes. As part of efforts to locate terrorist infrastructure and clear the combat zone, rocket launcher pits were discovered within a compound housing a mosque, and they were subsequently neutralized.

"We've found a rocket launch site here. You can see that all the rockets have already been fired, aimed northward, into Israeli territory. They were connected to the electricity supply going into the building, which is essentially a mosque from where they launched the rockets," explained one of the soldiers.

"In the past day, Battalion 614 of the Combat Engineering Corps uncovered Hamas rocket infrastructure situated within civilian territory, with the rockets aimed at Israeli territory," disclosed Brig. Gen. Adniram. "We have eliminated terrorists and destroyed the enemy's infrastructure. In the coming days, we will persist in dismantling these facilities and neutralizing Hamas' military capability, continuing our mission to triumph."

Furthermore, during multiple operations conducted in the past day, over 50 ready-to-launch rockets were found within a compound of a youth center in the northern region of the Strip.

"We are currently in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, where you can see a scouts facility," said Brig. Gen. Tomer. "Here, you can observe rockets, most likely targeting Ashkelon or the northern region, positioned right inside the building of the Scouts' movement."

On Tuesday, as part of the ground operations in the Gaza Strip, soldiers from the Paratroopers Brigade exposed the shaft of an underground tunnel adjacent to a Ferris wheel in an amusement park. The soldiers then destroyed the shaft.

"This is all further evidence of Hamas' cynical use of the civilian population and various facilities as a human shield for its needs," the IDF said in a statement.

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Israel-Guys Cowboys of Arkansas & Montana help with shortage of workers

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Cowboys from US arrive in Israel to help with farming

A group of cowboys and ranchers from Arkansas and Montana arrived in Israel to volunteer to help farmers and ranchers suffering a shortage of workers since October 7; They are not Jewish and all paid for their own trip

Shai Segev|12:40

Ten American cowboys and farmers from the southern US states of Arkansas and Montana arrived in Israel Monday night to help the farmers who have been in need of workers since the events of October 7.

The cowboys took off JFK airport in New York, and landed in Israel late at night. All the cowboys paid for their own trips, and they aren't Jewish, but are part of the Christian-religious movement that identifies with the State of Israel and the Bible. Their arrival has made a big splash on social media, where their photos have been shared over and over again.

The group of cowboys belong to an organization that calls itself "The Israeli Guys," part of the HaYovel evangelical group founded 20 years ago that brings Christian farmers to help Jews in the West Bank. These pro-Israel Christians, who understand Israel on the basis of faith, view Israel as home. Over the years, they have spent their time in Israel

mainly in the West Bank, which has hosted more than 3,000 Christians from 30 different countries who have helped farmers and breeders, and also helped guard and secure some of the settlements.

On Black Saturday, they began "Operation Itai", calling on Christians from all over the world to stand by Israel. The organization also has raised \$1.8 million that will be used to purchase equipment for West Bank settlements, and have also managed to recruit cowboys from various farms from southern U.S. states, including those who have just arrived. The trigger that brought them now was the Swords of Iron war with Hamas, which triggered a shortage of workers in Israel, including on farms throughout the country.

And back to the cowboys: A few months ago, the Arkansas state house passed a unique resolution to promote business and technological ties with Israel. This decision was intended to give provide direction for the upcoming term of the state's new governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the daughter of Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas and a member of the Republican Party, who twice tried to run for president of the United States, but did not win the party's nomination.

The decision was promoted by Mindy McAlindon, a legislator from the Arkansas House of Representatives, who contacted the head of the Samaria Council, Yossi Dagan, to see what kind of collaborations could be done in Israel. After a concerted effort by the head of the council together with his professional team, together they promoted the resolution on promoting ties with Israel.

It is not yet known which farms the newly arrived cowboys will work in, but it is an important help for farmers across the country, who are dealing with a shortage of workers in today's difficult and complex reality.

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Palestinians took advantage of the humanitarian corridor on Salah al Din Road and moved south; Some waved white flags as a sign of surrender, and raised their hands as they marched in front of the Israeli tanks protecting them from Hamas  
Einav Halabi|10:46

Hundreds of residents of Gaza City's Zeitoun neighborhood were captured on video Tuesday morning leaving their homes through humanitarian corridors opened by the IDF and evacuating south, with some waving white flags as a sign of surrender. The IDF has taken over the neighborhood in the south of the city, and more and more residents in the

northern Gaza Strip realize that, in light of the advance of the IDF soldiers, it is better for them to evacuate to the south - even on foot.

Hamas was quick to cast doubt on the photos of the residents of Zeitoun, and asked Gazan journalists not to spread them around the world. According to the terrorist organization, these are pictures that humiliate the citizens of Gaza.

The IDF Arabic spokesperson Avichay Adraee, who published the video of the residents of Zeitoun, announced at the same time another humanitarian corridor opened through the main Salah al-Din Road, to allow the residents to move south Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Use this opportunity to go south to the other side of Wadi Gaza," he said, referring to the body of water that delineates the southern and northern parts of the Palestinian territory. "Many are doing so at this time. If you care for yourselves and your loved ones, move south according to our instructions. You can be sure Hamas leaders have already taken care of their own needs."

A humanitarian corridor was opened to the south of the Gaza Strip also on Monday, and the IDF allowed civilian passage from the al-Shati refugee camp via the Salah al-Din Road. Contrary to the claims of Hamas, who said that the IDF was shooting at civilians moving south, the voices of Gazans traveling on Salah al-Din emphasized that the soldiers are not shooting evacuees and are allowing them to head south.

A Gazan in the A-Shati camp interviewed by the Qatari Al-Araby channel said: "We were walking in the street and we were afraid. We raised our hands, and we had identity cards on us. They (the army) shot, but they didn't aim at us, and they let us go." Another resident said that, despite the fear, he and other residents preferred to "go toward the south and not stay in the fighting area." He emphasized that the sights on the road are horrifying and that the IDF "gave us the opportunity to pass and did not harm us."

Contrary to the claims heard on the Al-Araby channel, the Associated Press news agency wrote that some Palestinians reported that IDF soldiers shot at them, and that they passed dead bodies that were lying along the Salah al-Din Road.

According to the AP, the evacuees marching on Salah al-Din, or riding on donkeys, did so with their hands raised and waving white flags in front of IDF tanks. According to the United Nations, about 5,000 people on Tuesday took advantage of the humanitarian corridor from Salah al-Din to the south, which was open for four hours, compared to 2,000 Monday.

UN data shows that, of the 2.4 million residents of Gaza, more than 1.5 million left their homes in the past month. According to UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, more than half a million are taking shelter in UNRWA facilities in the southern Gaza Strip - and the UNRWA is not able to take in new evacuees.

According to the IDF, Hamas tried to sabotage the movement of the population to the south on Monday and fired an anti-tank missile at the residents. On Tuesday an IDF tank secured the evacuees on the Salah al-Din Road so that Hamas would not harm them.

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US plans Israel to test new technology Spice-family precision-guided bombs

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US plans \$320-million transfer of precision bombs to Israel, WSJ reports

US administration reportedly notifies Congress about plans to supply Spice-family precision-guided bombs to Jerusalem

Ynet | 23:44

The U.S. is planning to send Israel \$320 million worth of precision-guided bomb equipment, the Wall Street Journal reported late Monday, as U.S. officials are pressing on Israel to protect Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip.

“The administration sent formal notification on Oct. 31 to congressional leaders of the planned transfer of Spice Family Gliding Bomb Assemblies, a type of precision-guided weapon fired by warplanes,” the Wall Street Journal article read.

The report clarified the bombs would be delivered to Israel’s defense technology company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems in order to be used by the government, with a clause in the agreement detailing further aid in assembly, testing and provisions of additional technologies related to the rockets.

In the past week, Israel and the Biden administration have faced increasing pressure from the international community in light of the extensive loss of life caused by the ongoing war in the region, including civilian casualties, which Hamas uses as human shields. On Monday, the Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza, which is operated under Hamas authority, reported that the official death toll from the IDF's strikes since the beginning of the war has exceeded 10,000, with more than 4,000 of them being children. However, experts argue that in previous fighting rounds, the statistics reported by the ministry were later found to be mostly accurate.

In a call with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, President Biden emphasized the importance of protecting Palestinian civilians and minimizing harm to them to the greatest extent possible, the White House said.

Biden's office also said the two had discussed the urgent need to significantly increase humanitarian aid deliveries to Gaza in the coming week and that Biden urged Netanyahu to enforce the law against extremist elements among Jewish settlers involved in violent incidents against Palestinians in the West Bank.

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Rockets in Gaza mosque & youth hall; CIA Director in Israel, will tour Arab States

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Hamas rocket launchers found in Gaza mosque, youth hall; IDF strikes s. Lebanon after massive barrage to north

UN chief says Gaza becoming grave yard for children, accusing Israel of humanitarian crimes; IDF says 348 members of the military confirmed dead since start of war and families notified

Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun, Matamn Tzuri, Itamar Eichner, Gilad Cohen, Yair Kraus, Reuters|Updated:06:35

The IDF said on Monday evening that its troops operating in side Gaza located rocket launchers inside a mosque. In a youth hall, troops found 50 rockets ready for launch against Israeli communities. The military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said that since the start of the war, 348 members of the IDF were confirmed killed and their families notified. 240 hostages are being held by Hamas in Gaza.

In answer to a question Hagari said the IDF did not attack the Shifa hospital after the Hamas Health ministry in Gaza said there was an Israeli strike on a hospital building

In a visit to an the Air Force base housing the F-35 stealth fighter jets, Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi said the military was on constant readiness to strike in other areas as well as Gaza. "This base knows how to reach anywhere in the Middle East," he said. Sirens were heard in the Western Galilee as far south as the northern suburbs of Haifa for the first time since the start of the war. The Hamas terror group in Lebanon claimed responsibility for the heavy barrage of 30 rockets. No injuries were reported. The Hamas terror group in Lebanon claimed responsibility for the heavy barrage of 30 rockets. No injuries were reported.

The military launched airstrikes on South Lebanon in response while rockets continued to target the upper Galilee.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Monday that the protection of civilians "must be paramount" in the conflict between Israel and Palestinian militants Hamas, warning that the Gaza Strip was becoming "a graveyard for children." He said clear violations of international humanitarian law were being committed.

The White House said U.S. President Joe Biden discussed the need for a humanitarian pause in a call with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday. John Kirby told reporters that the U.S. was monitoring the humanitarian aid being delivered to Gaza and that it was not enough. He said Biden and Netanyahu also discussed the situation on the West Bank. Extremist settlers were involved in a growing number of violent incidents targeting Palestinians during the olive harvest.

Earlier the IDF killed four terrorists in a gun fight in the West Bank city of Tulkarm. The military said they were involved in terror strikes in the area.

The Border Police woman who was critically injured in a terror stabbing in Jerusalem on Monday morning, has died.

She was identified as 20-year-old Elisheva Rose Ida Lubin, who was an American Israeli who immigrated on her own in 2021 and lived at Kibbutz Sa'ad on the border with Gaza. She took part in the battle against the Hamas terrorists on October 7. The police was investigating whether Lubin was injured from gunshots fired during the effort to kill the terrorist, a 16-year old resident of East Jerusalem. The IDF said earlier that its forces killed a senior member of the Hamas terror group in Gaza. According to the military the Commander of Hamas' Deir al-Balah Battalion in the Central Camps Brigade, Wael Asefa was killed in an air strike.

"Asefa, together with other commanders of the Central Camps Brigade, was responsible for sending Hamas "Nukhba" terrorists into Israeli territory during the barbaric massacre on October 7th. Following the massacre, he planned additional terrorist attacks. He was imprisoned between 1992-1998 for his involvement in terrorist attacks against Israeli communities and has been involved in the incitement and promotion of terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians and IDF soldiers for decades," the military said. The families of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza, protested outside the Knesset in Jerusalem, calling for lawmakers to pressure the government to demand the release of their loved one from captivity. They demanded that humanitarian aid to Gaza be conditioned on the release.

"We are not only fighting our war - but the war of the whole civilization against barbarism. We are fighting the most brutal enemy we have seen since the Holocaust, who is committing a double war crime - they are both targeting civilians on purpose and using their own civilians as human shields," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said early Monday morning at the start of a meeting with Prime Minister Nikolai Dankov at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. Netanyahu thanked Dankov for "coming here and standing here with Israel." Dankov said that "Hamas and its entire military and administrative infrastructure must be eradicated - because it cannot continue like this."

The names of 394 Israelis killed since the beginning of the war against Hamas were added to the engraved stones in the Hall of Remembrance on Mount Herzl. Following the completion of the encirclement of Gaza City, IDF forces approached the city center from several directions. In addition, a significant air strike was carried out on terrorist centers in the tunnels. In Jabaliya and Beit Hanoun, Hamas forces were heavily damaged and now the focus is on the south and west of Gaza City. The six story Al-Bakri tower on the Gaza beach was bombed, according to the IDF.

The Red Crescent reported that a day after telephone and internet connections were cut off, they are gradually coming back. The Red Crescent had claimed that they were "deliberately cut off by the Israeli authorities."

After a quarter of the residents of Nir Oz were kidnapped or murdered in the attack on October 7, work resumed Monday for the first time in the kibbutz's avocado orchards. Many volunteers helped with the picking.

The municipality of Kiryat Shemona on Monday appealed to the residents who remained in the city to evacuate immediately. Overnight Monday about 10 rockets were fired from

the **Lebanon** area into the city, with one of the rockets being intercepted. Rocket parts landed in several areas in the city, and a fire broke out in one area. About 3,000 residents still remained in the city as of Monday morning.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony **Blinken** in Ankara on Monday said he discussed with his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan on Monday efforts **to expand humanitarian efforts** in Gaza and to **prevent** the **conflict** in the region from **spreading**. Speaking at the airport in Ankara after talks with Fidan, Blinken said it would be seen in the coming days that humanitarian assistance can expand in significant ways.

The heads of several major **United Nations** bodies on Monday made a **united call for** a humanitarian **cease-fire in Gaza** as Israeli strikes intensify nearly one month into the conflict. The 18 signatories include Volker Turk, the **U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights**, the head of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and U.N. aid chief Martin Griffiths. "An entire population is besieged and under attack, denied access to the essentials for survival, bombed in their homes, shelters, hospitals and places of worship. This is **unacceptable**," they said in a joint statement. "We need an **immediate** humanitarian **cease-fire. It's been 30 days.** Enough is enough. This **must stop now.**"

The **Palestinian** Authority **will not accept a partial transfer of tax funds from Israel** that **withholds** sums earmarked for administration **expenses** in Gaza, Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said on Monday. He said he hoped **international pressure** **would bring a speedy transfer of the funds**, which are collected by Israel in areas of the occupied West Bank, and paid to the Palestinian Authority under a longstanding arrangement between the two sides. Part of the funds go to pay for expenses in Gaza, including the salaries of health workers, that are still covered by the Palestinian Authority even though the Islamist movement Hamas controls the blockaded enclave.

The **IDF** spokesman in Arabic **addressed the residents** of the Gaza Strip once more, calling on them to **evacuate** south through a **humanitarian corridor** on Salah al-Din Road by 2:00 p.m. "For your safety, **take the opportunity to move south**," said the spokesman.

The IDF told reporters on Monday morning that overnight IDF ground troops took control of a Hamas military compound in the Gaza Strip which contains observation posts, training areas for Hamas operatives and **underground terror tunnels**. During the operation, several Hamas terrorists were killed.

Over the last day, IDF fighter jets struck over 450 Hamas targets, including tunnels, terrorists, military compounds, observation posts, anti-tank missile launch posts and more. In addition, IDF naval soldiers struck command centers, anti-tank launch posts and additional observation posts belonging to the Hamas terrorist organization. As part of the activities to target Hamas terrorists, based on ISA and IDF intelligence, **IDF fighter jets** struck and **killed additional Hamas terrorists**, including Jamal Mussa who was responsible for the special security operations in the Hamas terrorist organization. In 1993, Jamal Mussa carried out a shooting **attack on IDF soldiers** who were **patrolling** the **Gaza** Strip. Furthermore, IDF soldiers killed Hamas battalion commanders in battles on the ground.

A **Border Guard** soldier is in critical condition and a second is slightly injured in a stabbing attack in Jerusalem's Old City near the Shalem police station. The terrorist was shot by the injured soldiers. Security forces are combing the area for more terrorists. Officials in the Biden administration said that the US sent messages to Iran and Hezbollah through its partners in the region, including Turkey, that it was prepared to intervene if they attacked Israel, the New York Times reported on Monday morning. U.S. Secretary of State Antony **Blinken** also **warned against attacks on U.S. forces** and civilian targets in the region. "The attacks, the threats coming from militia that are aligned with Iran are totally unacceptable, Blinken told reporters at the **Baghdad airport** late on Sunday night as he was leaving Iraq, according to the Times. "We are not looking for conflict with Iran – we made that very clear – but we will do what's necessary to protect our personnel, be they military or civilian."

Blinken's remarks came hours before the Lebanese al-Mayadeen network, which is close to Hezbollah, reported that the American bases at Tanaf in Syria and Ain al-Assad and Irbil in Iraq were attacked by drones.

After **no rocket fire overnight**, rockets were fired **from Gaza** at the border communities at **about 7:30 a.m.**

The Israel Defense Forces announce early on Monday morning the death of another soldier in Gaza. Sgt. Shahar Cohen Mivtach, 22, from Karmiel, of the Armored Corps, was killed the previous day in a battle in the northern Gaza Strip.

The **Pentagon** announced, in a **message** meant to serve as a **deterrent to Iran and its allies**, that one of its **nuclear submarines arrived Sunday** in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, which covers the Middle East. The newly arrived Ohio-class submarine is the **largest in the U.S. Navy**, equipped with ballistic missiles and serves as a key part of the United States' nuclear deterrent force.

King Abdullah II of Jordan posted on the X social media platform overnight Monday that the Kingdom's **Air Force dropped urgent medical aid to a Jordanian field hospital in Gaza** at midnight.

**Humanitarian organizations lost contact with aid workers in the Gaza** Strip, after communication was **cut off for the third time** since the beginning of the war, CNN reported overnight. The Palestinian telecommunications company Fotel announced that there was a **"total disruption" to its telephone and Internet services**, and said that the disruption was due to the fact that "the main routes that were connected in the past were cut off again on the Israeli side." The director general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said that he was "very concerned" by the report, and that "all communication channels **must be restored immediately.**"

The report of the cutoff in communications came ahead of an IDF announcement that it was carrying out a **"significant operation" in Gaza late on Sunday**. IDF spokesman Brig. Gen. Daniel Hagari told reporters late on Sunday night that Israeli forces led by the Golani Brigade completed the encirclement of Gaza City and reached the city's coastline. Hagari called it a "very significant step" in **increasing the pressure on Hamas**. In doing so, he noted, the "splitting" of the Gaza Strip was complete. "Today there is a northern Gaza

and a southern Gaza," he said - and added that Hamas "understands the implications" of the move.

Five more UN workers were killed in Gaza during the last 48 hours, CNN reported overnight. According to a report published Sunday, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) learned that two staff members were also killed on October 24. According to the report, 79 UNRWA workers have been killed since the beginning of the war.

Last week, the head of UNRWA, Philip Lazzarini, said that this is the highest number of UN aid workers killed in conflict anywhere in the world in such a short period of time. The agency emphasized in the report that its employees "continue to work tirelessly to provide humanitarian aid, despite the losses they are experiencing."

CIA Director Bill Burns arrived in Israel on Sunday and met with his counterpart, Mossad chief David Barnea.

Burns, who is visiting as part of a tour that includes several Middle Eastern nations such as Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, is scheduled to meet on Monday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and is also likely to convene with the war Cabinet. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken paid an unannounced visit to Iraq on Sunday, as he tours the Middle East attempting to tamp down tensions amid the Israel-Hamas war.

After an earlier visit to the West Bank, Blinken landed in Baghdad on Sunday evening for his first visit to the country as the U.S. top diplomat and held talks with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed al-Sudani.

Washington wants to prevent a wider regional conflict and has stepped up diplomacy with regional countries whose populations have been angered by Israel's assault on Gaza.

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Raw 47-minute footage documenting atrocities of Hamas massacre has so far been shown in private screenings to politicians and diplomats both domestically and internationally; PM believes public distribution will aid in public diplomacy campaign; some families whose loved ones depicted in it oppose  
Itamar Eichner, Yoav Zitun|03:38

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu supports the IDF Spokesperson's release of footage documenting the October 7 atrocities to both domestic and international audiences, believing that this will assist Israel in its global public relations campaign.

After a month of war, Israel is working to shape public opinion around the world but is currently facing challenges in the digital sphere.

The raw 47-minute-long footage compiles authentic footage from the Hamas massacre, containing graphic material such as the documentation of multiple murders and assaults, which may be disturbing for viewers.

So far, the footage has been screened primarily to politicians, diplomats and journalists both in Israel and around the world. One reason it has not yet been distributed to the general public is opposition from some of the families of the victims featured in it. Additionally, there are those who believe that, once the footage is widely disseminated, it will quickly lose its effectiveness.

The IDF is engaged in advanced discussions about public screening of the footage. The IDF is positively considering releasing parts of the footage to the general public, in coordination with and with the consent of the families involved, and subject to the approval of the political echelon.

Over the weekend, Israeli Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan hosted a special screening of the documentation for senior ambassadors and diplomats. The Foreign Ministry and the IDF are gradually showing the atrocities at all the major embassies around the world. Before the screening, they have the viewers sign a document prohibiting them from distributing the footage and take away their phones.

Last week, a screening of the footage was held for 56 members of the Knesset. Many of them could not endure watching until the end and left the hall shocked and in tears. Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana said before the screening that he decided to show the footage after much deliberation. He stated that it's necessary to understand who Israel is dealing with, to see the evil, to recognize the justification for the war against Hamas, and to be precise with the facts.

The Knesset members who came to the screening were asked to leave their phones outside the hall. Many complied with the Knesset physician's recommendation and took a sedative before viewing the footage.

Over the weekend, it was announced that the footage will be screened for Hollywood executives at an event to be hosted by director Guy Nattiv. "Gal Gadot and her husband, Yaron Varsano, helped make this happen," sources close to the Israeli actress said. IDF Spokesperson's Unit sources stated that the screening is expected to take place soon in Los Angeles and New York.

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Stabbing Attack in the Old City of Jerusalem: 2 soldiers & a young couple

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Attack in Jerusalem: Border guard soldier, 20, in critical condition

The stabbing attack occurred in the Old City; terrorist, 16, from Issawiya neighborhood of East Jerusalem, was neutralized by the injured soldiers

Liran Tamar|Updated:02:42

Two Border Police soldiers were injured Monday morning in the Old City of Jerusalem in the area of the Shalem Police Station, in an apparent stabbing attack.

According to Magen David Adom, a Border Police soldier was seriously injured, and a second soldier was slightly injured. The terrorist was neutralized.

Police spokesperson, Lt. Commander Eli Levy, told Ynet Live Magen David Adom paramedics were treating the injured together with police forces who arrived at the scene, and that police forces were searching the area for more terrorists.

The terrorist was later identified as a teen, 16, old from the Issawiya neighborhood of East Jerusalem. A suspect was arrested near the scene for aiding the terrorist.

At 08:12a.m., a report was received at MDA's 101 hotline in the Jerusalem area, about two injured people. At first it was suspected that it was a shooting attack, but then it became clear that it was a stabbing.

The injured Border Police soldiers neutralized the attacker at the entrance to the police station.

"When we arrived at the scene, we saw a young woman in her 20s unconscious and a man about 20 years old walking around. We immediately started medical treatment and evacuated them to the nearby Mount Scopus Hospital, where the young woman's condition is critical and the young man's condition is minor," Magen David Adom medic Nadav Taib said.

Last month, days after the massacre in the Gaza-border communities, two police officers were seriously and lightly injured in a shooting attack near the same police station.

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IDF splits Gaza Strip in two & allow a corridor for residents to move south

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IDF successfully splits Gaza Strip in two

Army says forces reached the coast on the southern side of Gaza City, effectively encircling it and partitioning the Gaza Strip into northern and southern sections while the military is fortifying the coastal defenses

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After ten days, with 30 casualties and around 300 wounded, the IDF said on Sunday that it has completed the siege on Gaza City effectively splitting the Gaza Strip in two.

Israeli forces have fully surrounded the largest city within the Palestinian enclave, sealing off all access points. The strategic move aims to pressure terrorist strongholds into either engaging in open combat or remaining isolated within the city's extensive network of underground tunnels.

"IDF troops, led by Golani Reconnaissance Unit, encircled Gaza City," IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said on Sunday. "They arrived at the coast and the southern side of Gaza City and they encircled Gaza City. Essentially today there is a northern Gaza and a southern Gaza. We have arrived at the beach and they are strengthening this line. We continue to allow for a corridor for the residents of northern Gaza and Gaza City to move southward. This is a one-way corridor to the south." "We continue to attack with strength and we continue to carry out our ground operation in northern Gaza and the greater Gaza City. Since the beginning of the ground operations, we have struck more than 2,500 targets. Also at this hour, we are carrying out a large attack on terrorist infrastructure both below and above ground, killing terrorists and searching for senior Hamas commanders."

"We attack with great strength at night and throughout the day, and this evening we are carrying out a significant operation. I want to highlight the hundreds of medical personnel including hundreds of women doctors and paramedics who are on the battlefield, bravely providing life-saving medical treatment during battle," Hagari added. The military is working on a plan for the ground offensive to also include subterranean operations. This strategy includes an expansion of assaults on tunnel networks via engineering initiatives and coordinated airstrikes by the Israeli Air Force. On Sunday, the forces successfully breached the fortified Netzarim corridor, facilitating the evacuation of hundreds of Gaza residents to a secure zone in the region's southern sector.

A similar effort by Israeli forces to pry open a humanitarian corridor on Saturday resulted in Hamas terrorists attacking soldiers while attempting to use the remaining civilians in Gaza as human shields.

According to the IDF, while most civilians have relocated to the southern part of the Strip, several thousand remain in the north. The military is actively encouraging northern residents to move south to allow for greater operational flexibility. However, the IDF won't rush to capture Hamas's central strongholds in the heart of Gaza, such as the Shifa Hospital where senior members of the organization and hundreds of other terrorists are hiding.

Meanwhile, every building marked as a target is under attack. In certain cases, plumes of smoke and dust have been observed emerging unexpectedly from locations ranging from hundreds of meters to several kilometers away from the initial tunnel strike points, revealing the vast and intricate web of branch tunnels that extend from the Strip's extensive underground network.

The IDF is asking the political echelons for time to complete the mission, which will take weeks to months and exact a significant toll on Hamas. Following the completion of this phase, the military will develop its strategy for the subsequent phase of the operation.

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Bernie Sanders: 'I don't know how you can have cease-fire with Hamas'

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Vermont senator says terror group 'dedicated to destroying Israel,' adds that other Arab countries in the region understand that 'Hamas has got to go'

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Amid calls from the progressive wing of the Democratic Party for a cease-fire in Gaza, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders said in a CNN interview Sunday that despite his support for a humanitarian pause of the war, he does not see how Israel could achieve a truce with Hamas, whose stated goal is the eradication of Israel.

"I don't know how you can have a permanent cease-fire with an organization like Hamas which is dedicated to turmoil and chaos and destroying the State of Israel. And I think what the Arab countries in the region understand is that Hamas has got to go," he said. Senator @BernieSanders:

"Well, I don't know how you can have a ceasefire... with an organization like Hamas, which is dedicated to turmoil and chaos and destroying the State of Israel. And I think what the Arab countries in the region understand is that Hamas has got to go."

Sanders, who is Jewish, has long been vocal about his stance on Israel, advocating for a U.S. foreign policy that prioritizes peace and humanitarian interests in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

He emphasizes his commitment to Israel's right to exist in peace and security. However, he also calls for an end to what he describes as the "disproportionate response" by the IDF against Hamas in Gaza, citing concerns over the humanitarian crisis and civilian casualties.

In the Senate, Sanders has consistently voted in favor of aid to Israel but has also been critical of some Israeli government policies. He has pushed for a reassessment of the U.S.-Israel relationship, arguing for a more balanced approach that considers the rights and needs of Palestinians.

During his presidential campaigns, Sanders' position on Israel set him apart from many of his Democratic counterparts. He has called for a more even-handed approach to the Middle East and has criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his governments' for settlement expansion and blockade of the Gaza Strip, labeling it as counterproductive to peace efforts.

The Vermont senator has also expressed concern over the political influence of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and skipped its conference, citing disagreements with its platform. Instead, Sanders advocates for engaging with a wide range of voices in the Israeli-Palestinian debate, highlighting the importance of diplomacy and dialogue.

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Hamas tunnels under Gaza hospitals shield diesel & weapons & rocket launchers

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IDF reveals new evidence of Hamas using Gaza hospitals for terror

Army continues to present smoking guns to terror group's cynical exploitation of medical facilities to conceal terrorist operations

Yoav Zitun|11.05.23 | 12:56

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari on Sunday disclosed fresh intelligence demonstrating how Hamas exploits medical facilities in the Gaza Strip for terrorist activities.

In a briefing to international media, Hagari emphasized that the use of civilians as human shields is a deliberate tactic and a fundamental part of Hamas's strategy.

He presented a video documenting Hamas' underground infrastructure beneath the Qatari Sheikh Hamad Hospital. The following video shows Hamas terrorists opening fire at Israeli forces from the hospital.

“If it weren’t enough that we exposed a tunnel under the hospital, the terrorists also shot at our soldiers from within the hospital,” Hagari said.

He stated that the IDF possesses intelligence about a tunnel network beneath Gaza’s Indonesian Hospital, and has aerial imagery that reveals rocket launchers located just in close proximity to the facility. Hagari said that “Hamas systematically built” the facility to “disguise its underground terror infrastructure.”

He then presented recordings of intercepted phone calls among Hamas officials discussing the appropriation of fuel reserves designated for the Indonesian Hospital. Recording reveals an official with ties to Hamas detailing the use of the hospital's fuel reserves by the terrorist group

The recording features an official lamenting Hamas's claims about fuel shortages in Gaza, despite the terror group stockpiling substantial diesel reserves.

The IDF has previously revealed evidence of Hamas using Gaza's Shifa hospital as its main base of operations, as well as hoarding fuel as Palestinian civilians are left to languish.

Hagari emphasized that the IDF's operations are targeted against Hamas, not the civilians of Gaza. The IDF has taken extensive measures to minimize civilian casualties, including issuing approximately 20,000 warning calls, dropping more than 1.5 million pamphlets over Gaza and sending out millions of texts and pre-recorded messages to encourage civilians to evacuate dangerous areas.

He also presented a graphic showing Hamas blocking civilians from evacuating from northern Gaza to safer areas in the south by using a truck to block the road and prevent movement southward.

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Ultra-Orthodox Guard training for deterrence & warning to defend their communities

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Ultra-Orthodox training to defend their communities

The events of October 7 made ultra-Orthodox society realize that haredi neighborhoods need a civilian defense and security system; 'The People's Guard' initiative trains volunteers, organizes local protection forces; About 20 haredi neighborhoods across the country have already joined the project

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Out of the difficult Gaza invasion campaign and the growing fear of the development of a multi-front war, a new initiative has been born in ultra-Orthodox society: the establishment of defense and guard systems within ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods located near the seam line or in mixed cities. The program, called 'Mishmar Ha'am', or 'The People's Guard' is already starting to operate in about 20 ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods across the country and is continuing to expand.

Between machine guns and rocket launchers, IDF soldiers operate in captured Hamas strongholds in Gaza

The goal of the project, a joint initiative of the Haredi Institute for Public Affairs and Achim L'Oref, which receives training from the Hashomer Hachadash organization, is to concentrate all volunteer activities under one umbrella, to provide appropriate training for volunteers who carry weapons and those who do not, and to assist in the process of issuing a weapon license for those who want it and are permitted to.

"The ultra-Orthodox public is facing a significant challenge," said program director Roni Ayalon Hirsch, an officer in charge of the Defense Forces patrol. "We have enemies for whom the first place they would prefer to go is the least protected and skilled public, which has no way to defend itself. We have established a defense body that will help the ultra-Orthodox public as well as any neighborhood, settlement and agricultural farm that needs it. There are communities whose residents have permission to issue weapons, in Beitar Illit there are already 2,000 ultra-Orthodox people with a gun license, but they have no idea what a weapon is. They don't know how to operate a weapon, what to do with a weapon, and even worse, what not to do with a weapon."

"We are locating coordinators in the communities who have some experience, those who were soldiers in the army or ultra-Orthodox who volunteered in the police, and each such coordinator will know how to coordinate all the forces under him: unarmed volunteers, armed volunteers who took out private weapons and those who are in police alert classes.

The goal That it will be used both in emergency and routine, for deterrence as well as for warning," according to Ayalon Hirsch.

The ultra-Orthodox public, says Hirsch, supports the initiative. "They came in droves," he said. "We have centers in Har Nof, Givat Ze'ev, Beit Shemesh, Rekhasim, Haifa and more. We received a call from the Rebbe of Vizhnitz to help them set up such a system in their community. Both the rabbis and the residents are very cooperative."

Uri Arbis, from Ramat Shlomo in Jerusalem, founded and coordinates the security group in his neighborhood. "Until October 7, my attempt to explain the importance of establishing civil defense in the neighborhoods fell on deaf ears," he said. "After the massacre, I realized that an expedited process of a civilian force that could defend itself needed to be established here, so we built a civilian defense system that is supported and based on civilians with weapons and an alert squad that operates together under the police."

"Every time the residents of the neighborhood see me, they tell me thank you very much and that I am doing a great mitzvah," he added. "The vast majority want to volunteer, even those who cannot draw a weapon. We want to be independent, so that even if the police don't come, as happened in the south, we won't be like sheep to the slaughter. All the rabbis in the neighborhood are very supportive. There is approval from them. I went to walk on Shabbat with weapons and also with a cell phone, without touching them of course if there is no need."

Shmuel Drilman, a resident of Har Nof who volunteers in the program, explained its necessity. "We were in a situation where there was nothing and there was no coordination between gun owners," he said. "Within a few days, many volunteers were organized and we managed to establish a standby squad of close to 50 gun owners."

On Rifman, vice president and co-founder of the Hashomer Hachadash, which leads the training, summarized the success so far of the initiative. "Following the terrible disaster in the south, the ultra-Orthodox sector also realized the existential need for local protection of the ultra-Orthodox communities, as well as the need to volunteer for the effort and help where needed. For this purpose, the Hashomer Hachadash organization volunteered to assist in the training and activation of the volunteers who will enlist in the People's Guard initiative. The training will be carried out subject to the security forces, including the Israel Police and the local authorities. The decision to establish the People's Guard is a defining event in Israeli society and everyone who can come and support the process and the volunteers should join," according to Rifman.

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Ynet-News, Nov 03, 2023 – Friday Demon--Day-21, Abomination—in 28 Days

11.03.23 – Fr- - - News – Friday A-Day- in-28

IDF recovers intelligence information from a captured Hamas base

11.03.23 – Fr- - - News – Friday A-Day- in-28

Hamas terrorists used ambulance for weapons and transport in Gaza

11.03.23 – Fr- - - News Placed in November 03 spot – Friday A-Day-in-28  
 Hamas diesel reserves & military activities under Hospital, where Israel will not strike

11.02.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday D-Day-20A-in-29  
 Hezbollah & Russian Wagner Group SA-22 anti-aircraft missiles combined in Syria

11.01.23 – We- - - News Placed in November 01 spot – Wednesday D-Day-18  
 100 women and children pushed forward by Hamas as human barrier

11.01.23 – We- - - News – Wednesday D-Day-19  
 1st group of foreign nationals leave Gaza, dozens of wounded taken to Egypt

11.01.23 – We- - - News – Wednesday D-Day-19  
 Khamenei urges Muslim countries to boycott Israel; Death to Israel & America

10.31.23 – Tu- - - News Placed in October 31 spot – Tuesday D-Day-19  
 IDF intercepts missiles; Blinken visit to press Gaza humanitarian aid

10.26.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
 West Bank settlers clash with PA; Harvest during war is a terrorist opportunity

10.26.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
 Hamas are shooting people; preventing Gaza civilian evacuation to safety

10.26.23 – Th- - - News Placed in October 26 spot – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
 Hamas religious scholars decree; kill Zionist soldiers & settlers in & out of Palestine

10.25.23 – We- - - News – Wednesday D-Day-12  
 Hamas communicated using Telephone lines; avoiding mobile phones & computers

10.25.23 – We- - - News Placed in October 25 spot – Wednesday D-Day-12  
 35 Gaza hospitals refuse to evacuate; Israel refuses UN fuel aid for generators

10.24.23 – Tu- - - News Placed in October 24 spot – Tuesday D-Day-11  
 IDF killed several terrorists; interviewed hostages; 8 aid trucks enter Gaza

10.24.23 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday D-Day-11  
 IDF drops leaflets in Gaza offering protection & rewards for Israeli hostages

10.23.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday D-Day-10  
 Biden reaffirms Gaza aid in exchange for release of all captives

10.23.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday D-Day-10  
 Diplomat call to protect Chinese citizens as Israel responds beyond self-defense

10.23.23 – Mo- - - News Placed in October 23 spot – Monday D-Day-10  
2 Elderly women freed by Hamas to reunite with families in Tel Aviv

10.23.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday D-Day-10  
As war surges, Haredi Jews begin enlisting to serve logistics roles

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Ynet-News, Oct 26, 2023 – Thursday Demon-Day-13, Abomination—in 36 Days

10.26.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
West Bank settlers clash with PA; Harvest during war is a terrorist opportunity

10.26.23 – Th- - - News – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
Hamas are shooting people; preventing Gaza civilian evacuation to safety

10.26.23 – Th- - - News Placed in October 26 spot – Thursday D-Day-13A-in-36  
Hamas religious scholars decree; kill Zionist soldiers & settlers in & out of Palestine

10.25.23 – We- - - News – Wednesday D-Day-12  
Hamas communicated using Telephone lines; avoiding mobile phones & computers

10.25.23 – We- - - News Placed in October 25 spot – Wednesday D-Day-12  
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10.23.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday D-Day-10  
Diplomat call to protect Chinese citizens as Israel responds beyond self-defense

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

10.23.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday D-Day-10  
As war surges, Haredi Jews begin enlisting to serve logistics roles