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Elon Musk visits Kibbutz Kfar Aza with Benjamin Netanyahu

The billionaire learned firsthand about the horrors of October 7 and visited the families of Hamas victims. After the tour, Musk and Netanyahu arrived at the Knesset, where they are expected to hold a conversation that will be broadcast on Musk's X platform
Itamar Eichner, Ran Boker|05:28

Billionaire Elon Musk, visited Kibbutz Kfar Aza Monday morning alongside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who presented him with the horrors of the October 7 massacre. Musk, who was wearing a protective vest, visited, among others, the homes of the late Ofir Libstein, head of the Shaar HaNegev Regional Council who was killed fighting Hamas terrorists on October 7, and the late Ram and Lili Itamari, who were murdered by Hamas terrorists.

Musk heard about the massacre at Kfar Aza from kibbutz and IDF officials and recorded the terrible scenes with his smartphone. The visit ended in the youth neighborhood, which suffered the brunt of the attack on October 7.

After the tour of the Kfar Aza, Musk traveled to the Knesset, where he met with reporters alongside Netanyahu. Netanyahu was asked by Ynet if another push for the release of the hostages is expected, in the wake of the dispute over the list handed out by Hamas. He replied with Musk by his side: "We are working on everything, we will free them all." A conversation between Netanyahu and Musk was later broadcast live on X (formerly Twitter) and later the billionaire is also expected to meet with Minister Benny Gantz. Later on Monday, Musk is scheduled to meet with President Isaac Herzog at his residence in Jerusalem. The President's House stated that the meeting will be attended by representatives of the families of the hostages and that it "will be held with the aim of revealing in a clear and in-depth manner the horrible massacre that was carried out on October 7." Herzog also plans to emphasize to Musk the commitment and the need to act to eradicate the rising anti-Semitism on social media platforms.

Monday morning, shortly after Musk's landing in Israel, Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi published a statement that the parties had reached agreements in principle that Starlink terminals, Musk's satellite Internet service, would be activated in Israel and the Gaza Strip only after approval by the Ministry of Communications. This, after last month Musk declared without coordination with Israel that he would connect the UN and aid organizations in Gaza to the internet.

"When Israel is fighting Hamas-ISIS, these understandings are important, for those who want to shape a better world here, free from evil and anti-Semitism. For the future of our children," according to Karhi.

The visit to Israel may help Musk restore his image to Jewish communities around the world after he was accused of a series of recent antisemitic statements. In one notable case, he expressed support for a user on X who claimed that the Jewish communities promote hatred against whites, and wrote to him: "You have said the actual truth." Musk also launched an unprecedented attack against the Anti-Defamation League, one of the oldest and most prominent Jewish organizations in the world, which claimed that antisemitism on the X platform, which he owns, had jumped 919% following the war in Gaza. Companies such as Apple, Disney and IBM froze advertising on X after their ads were displayed next to antisemitic and pro-Nazi content. At the end of the week, the New York Times reported that the loss of revenue could reach 75 million dollars by the end of the year.

Musk has tried to minimize the damage in recent weeks. He stated that using the phrase "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" will lead to users being suspended from X, because it promotes genocide. Earlier this week he stated that all of X's income from war-related content will be transferred to hospitals in Israel and the Red Cross in Gaza. "We should care about innocent people regardless of race, creed, religion or anything else," he explained.

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Relative of hostages who returned to Israel describes in interview some of what they experienced in Gaza during their seven weeks in captivity

Alexandra Lukash, Adam Kutub, Itamar Eichner|00:58

The 13 Israeli captives released from Hamas captivity in the Gaza Strip on Friday have shared some details with their families and IDF personnel about what they experienced in the 49 days after the October 7 surprise attack.

In an interview with Ynet, Meirav Raviv, a relative of 9-year-old Ohad Munder, his mother Keren Munder, and grandmother Ruthy Munder, described their experiences in Gaza, which they shared after returning to Israel.

"They were not tortured or abused, but there were days where they had no food, and sometimes you had to wait an hour and a half to two hours from the moment you asked to

go to the bathroom until they allowed it," Raviv said. According to her, they slept on benches instead of beds.

"At first, the terrorists took them to Gaza in a small car, separate from one another. They also moved them from place to place after certain amounts of time," Raviv said.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said in a press conference on Saturday that "we meet every released hostage and collect all the information we can from them. Each of them is a world unto itself and have their own memory, so we try and ask each of them what they saw, and what they remember. What we learned will not be released."

On Saturday, the Prime Minister's Office's National Public Diplomacy Directorate published the first official video of the release of the first Israeli 13 captives and their arrival back home to Israel.

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13th hostage is in moderate condition and will need several surgeries on her broken leg;

Second group of Gaza hostages reunited with families - Their names and their stories

Itamar Eichner, Einav Halabi, Lior Ben Ari, Reuters|Updated: | 16:32

The director of the Safra children's hospital at the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, where 12 of the hostages who were released Saturday night were taken, reported on Sunday morning that "the days of captivity are evident on them, but none of them will need medical intervention."

"We will continue to support them physically and mentally. The intensity of the emotion and the sense of mission that accompanied me and all the staff members is great. Despite the joy, we join all the people of Israel and wish for the return of all the hostages," he said.

The 13th hostage, Maya Regev, 21, is listed in moderate condition at Soroka Hospital. Regev, the first of the hostages from the music festival in Re'im to be released from captivity in Gaza, will require a series of surgeries on a badly broken leg. "She will need further surgical treatment and we expect her to recover fully. We support her and her family and wish for the return of all the hostages," said Dr. Shlomi Kodesh, director of Soroka Hospital, on Sunday morning.

Also on Sunday morning, Hamas provided to Israel a list of 13 hostages to be released later in the day. According to official Israeli sources, this time the terrorist organization did not separate family members as it did in the second group. Most of those set to be released come from one community and there is an expectation that the current list will also include American citizens.

The second group of Israeli hostages arrived on Israeli soil shortly after midnight on Saturday night. After they undergo an initial assessment of their medical condition they will be transferred by helicopter to Israeli hospitals.

The thirteen Israeli hostages and four foreign hostages were handed over to the Red Cross just after 11 p.m. on Saturday. They arrived at the Rafah Crossing into Egypt, and were then transferred to Israel. Hamas had initially said that it would release seven foreign nationals. Most of the Israelis released in the second group on Saturday were kidnapped from Kibbutz Be'eri. Some 196 hostages still remain in the hands of the terrorists.

Sharon's husband, Chen Avigdori, was one of the leaders of the families' struggle to return the hostages. On Friday, after the release of the first 13 hostages, he wrote: "The photos, and especially the reactions to them, filled me with hope. There is a plan. It works. And now - more and more and more. Every citizen who leaves there on his feet is a victory. A victory for all of us. For a people Israel. Of the State of Israel. Therefore - we must not stop. Come to the rally on Saturday night because surely together we will win."

Noam Or, 16, and his sister Alma, 13, were also released - but their father Dror remains in the hands of the terrorists. Their mother was murdered in the massacre in Be'eri on October 7. Their brother Yehli, 18, was saved from the inferno because he was in the north at the time, where he is in national service. Liam Or, 18, Noam and Alma's cousin, was also kidnapped, and is still in captivity.

Hila Rotem was kidnapped from their safe room in Kibbutz Be'eri with her mother, Raya, and her friend Emily Hand, 9. Her father, Rami, said that in a conversation with Raya she asked him: "Don't tell Hila that there are terrorists here, tell her that there is a missile attack." Then the mother wrote to her brother: "We are being kidnapped."

Rami almost lost hope after news was published that Emily Hand had been murdered, but then he was informed that Emily and his daughter had been kidnapped to Gaza alive. After 50 days in Hamas captivity, Hila will celebrate her 14th birthday in two days in Israel. She was released without her mother, however.

Emily Hand

The CNN interview of Emily Hand's father was one of the most heartbreaking moments of the war. More than a month ago, Thomas Hand recounted the moment he was told his daughter's body had been found. "They said: 'We found Emily, she is dead,' and I simply said: 'Yes, yes,' and I smiled. Because this is the best news of the possibilities I knew. Because what is being done to people in Gaza is worse than death," he said at the time.

But a few days later, Hand was informed that it was a misidentification. Today, a week after Emily celebrated her 9th birthday in Hamas captivity, she was released alive together with her friend Hila Rotem - at whose house she stayed on the morning of October 7.

Emily's mother died of breast cancer when Emily was two and a half years old. Thomas' ex-wife and mother of his two eldest children - who later raised Emily - was murdered in the massacre on 7 October.

Maya Regev, 21, from Herzliya, is the first of the hostages from the music festival in Re'im to be released from captivity in Gaza. She was kidnapped together with her brother Itay from the Nova festival, a party that ended in the biggest massacre in Israel's history, where more than 350 people were murdered. Maya's last conversation before she was kidnapped was with her father. "She told him, 'I'm being shot at, I'm being shot at,' and then she added: 'I was shot at. I'm dead,'" said the mother.

Noga Weiss, 18, and her mother, Shiri, were kidnapped from their home in Be'eri. After 50 days they were released, but father Ilan - a member of the kibbutz's emergency team who left the house at 7:15 a.m. on October 7 - is still listed as missing.

When the terrorists entered the house, Noga went under the bed in the safe room. The door was open, and the terrorists entered and kidnapped Shiri, when her daughter who witnessed this updated her about the horror in the family WhatsApp group. After Shiri was kidnapped, the terrorists burned the house, and Noga escaped through a window and remained hiding nearby. At 11:30 a.m. she wrote that a terrorist was approaching her, and since then contact with her had been lost. Now she and her daughter are back in Israel, but the father's fate is still unknown.

Shoshan Haran, 67, from Be'eri, was a prisoner of Hamas for 50 days. Today she was finally released, along with five other family members - her daughter Adi Shoham, 38; her grandchildren Yahel, 3, and Neve, 8; her sister-in-law Sharon Avigdori; and Sharon's daughter, Noam. Tal, Adi's husband and Yahel and Neve's father, is still in captivity.

Yahel was one of the symbols of the struggle for the release of the hostages, when her picture appeared on the cover of Yedioth Ahronoth's weekend magazine. Editor Aviv Havron wrote: "My name is Aviv, the editor of this supplement. Always behind the scenes. But today I am expropriating the front page. This is Yahel, 3, my niece. Now in Gaza with more than 200 kidnapped Israelis. Bring her and them back. And we will win." The transfer comes hours after it was supposed to take place. Hamas had announced in an official statement earlier on Saturday that it would postpone the release of the hostages, claiming that Israel had violated the conditions of the cease-fire agreement.

Five hours after the return of the second batch of Israeli hostages held by Hamas in Gaza was supposed to begin on Saturday afternoon, Egypt announced that the 13 hostages would indeed leave Gaza on Saturday night.

Shortly after 9 p.m., Hamas announced that it would go through with the exchange for 39 Palestinian prisoners after the "efforts of Egypt and Qatar, who throughout the day tried to ensure the continuation of the temporary truce."

Qatar confirmed after the announcement that eight children and five women being held hostage by Hamas will be released. Seven citizens of foreign countries who were taken hostage on October 7 are also expected to be released.

US President Joe Biden called Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on Saturday night to express his appreciation for Qatar's role in helping facilitate a temporary truce between Hamas and Israel. For his part, Al Thani stressed the need to

reduce any further escalation, stop bloodshed in the Gaza Strip and find ways to increase the flow of aid into the enclave, a statement from the Emir's Diwan said. Spokesperson Adrienne Watson for the White House National Security Council said that following the call at 1:30 p.m. EST, the White House learned from the Qataris that the hostage agreement was back on and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was moving to collect the hostages. Biden was briefed throughout Saturday morning and on the latest of the hostage deal implementation, Watson said. An Israeli official, meanwhile, had announced that if the hostages were not returned by midnight, the Israel Defense Forces will restart its ground operations in Gaza.

Specifically, the terror organization claimed that Israel had not allowed enough aid trucks into Gaza and had failed to meet "the agreed-upon standards for releasing prisoners." Israel committed to allow 200 aid trucks and four fuel trucks in each day. Each truck must be inspected before it crosses into Gaza to ensure that it is not carrying contraband for Hamas, and then it must wait its turn to pass through Egypt's Rafah Crossing, which is a small crossing. By Saturday afternoon, however, 70 trucks had passed through, with the rest lined up to make their way into Gaza. In addition, Hamas demanded that some of those trucks reach northern Gaza. Israel has said 50 trucks with food, water, shelter equipment and medical supplies had deployed to northern Gaza under United Nations supervision, the first significant aid delivery there since the start of the war.

Meanwhile, Hamas has claimed that as part of the agreement, the longest-serving Palestinian prisoners would be released. Israel says there was no agreement, just a promise to make an effort in this area. At the same time, Israel had complained that Hamas did not release the children that it had promised to in the first group and Hamas responded that they also made no such promise, just agreed to make an effort. The announcement by Egypt and Qatar that the impasse had been overcome came after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu conducted a situation assessment with security officials on the subject "with all security elements in order to verify that the second phase is proceeding as planned."

In Tel Aviv, thousands gathered on Saturday night in Hostage Square in the plaza outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art to call for the return of all the hostages. Tens of thousands of Israelis participated in such rallies throughout the country.

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Qatari delegation arrives in Israel for Hamas hostage talks

Doha sends officials to Israel to facilitate further hostage release deals after visits from Mossad chief David Barnea

A Qatari delegation landed at Ben Gurion Airport for a visit to Israel as part of the negotiations with Hamas. Mossad chief David Barnea has previously traveled to Doha to conduct the negotiations.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majid Al-Ansari referred on Friday to the release of captives and prisoners, noting that in accordance with the agreement, "aid trucks intended for the Gaza Strip were allowed entry."

Al-Ansari stated that Qatar "maintained communication with both sides and the Red Cross throughout the prisoner exchange process," emphasizing that Doha continues to monitor the situation and facilitates timely information exchange between the parties to address any potential issues.

"Qatar continues its close contact with its regional and international partners to ensure the implementation of the cease fire agreement," he added.

Mossad agents are in close contact with Qatar, which is facilitating the hostage release and cease-fire deal talks in Doha, and is involved in every detail of it.

Mossad chief Barnea visited Qatar on Wednesday and met with senior officials there. The purpose of Barnea's visit, who has deep connections and trust with Qatari leaders, was to finalize the last details before implementing the deal for the release of the hostages and to ensure its execution.

Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, expressed hope a few days ago that the cease-fire in the Gaza Strip would lead to a complete cessation of fighting.

"We hope that the cease-fire will lead to a comprehensive and inclusive agreement that will stop the war machine, the bloodshed, and lead to a comprehensive and fair peace process in accordance with international resolutions," he said.

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Israeli-owned ship targeted in suspected Iran attack in Indian Ocean, US official says
Malta-flagged CMA CGM Symi suspected to have been targeted by triangle-shaped, bomb-carrying Shahed-136 drone while in international waters

Lior Ben-Ari | 03:21

A container ship owned by an Israeli billionaire came under attack by a suspected Iranian drone in the Indian Ocean as Israel wages war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip, an American defense official said Saturday.

The attack Friday on the CMA CGM Symi comes as global shipping increasingly finds itself targeted in the weeklong war that threatens to become a wider regional conflict —

even as a truce has halted fighting and Hamas exchanges hostages for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

The defense official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said the Malta-flagged vessel was suspected to have been targeted by a triangle-shaped, bomb-carrying Shahed-136 drone while in international waters. The drone exploded, causing damage to the ship but not injuring any of its crew.

“We continue to monitor the situation closely,” the official said. The official declined to explain why the U.S. military believed Iran was behind the attack. Earlier this week, Yemen’s Iran-backed Houthi rebels hijacked a cargo ship with supposed links to Israel in the southern Red Sea, capturing 22 crewmembers on board. In footage of the raid that was released, a helicopter bearing a Palestinian flag lands on board the ship. Masked gunmen disembark from the helicopter and proceed to capture the ship’s crew. The footage concludes with several smaller boats escorting the vessel.

11.24.23 – Fr

Wilders wins Netherland vote; Right-wing hope for change remains alive in Europe

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Wilders: 'Israel is West's first line of defense'

Dutch far-right politician, who wants to 'de-Islamize' the Netherland, vows to end the 'asylum tsunami,' stuns pollsters with a landslide election victory. Wilders under security for years following controversial comments on Muslims

Ynet, News Agencies|12:05

Geert Wilders, Hollands far-right Party for Freedom (PVV) leader called Israel the West's first line of defense. His landslide win in Wednesday was one of the biggest political upheavals the country has known since World War II.

Wilders, who is known for his fierce opposition to what he calls, the "asylum tsunami" into Europe, and especially to the spread of Islam on the continent, will indeed have difficulty forming a coalition and becoming prime minister. However, such a scenario is no longer far-fetched, and it may teach about the undercurrents of Dutch and European public opinion.

Even before Wednesday's elections, pollsters predicted a historic success for Wilders' party and estimated that it would compete head-to-head for the leadership with the moderate right-wing party VVD, but the results shocked even them: the "Party for Freedom" won 37 of the 150 seats in the lower house of the parliament - more than twice the 17 seats it achieved in the previous election - while the united left list of the Labor Party and the "Green Left" came in second place with 25.

The VVD party of **outgoing Prime Minister Mark Rutte**, this time led by Dilan Yeşilgöz-Zegerius, who hoped to become the **first woman** that will serve as Prime Minister, **came in third place with 24 seats**, 10 less than in the previous elections. Wilders himself told tonight about the moment when he learned the results: "I had to pinch my arm."

Wilders was **known** for years as a harsh critic of the 'infiltration' of Islam into Europe in general and the Netherlands in particular, and spent most of his years in Dutch politics **calling for to "de-Islamize" the country**. However during the **current election** campaign he was **more moderate** in his statements about Islam, and focused on promises to address the cost of living and the housing crisis.

Be that as it may, his platform also includes a **call for a complete halt to** the introduction of **asylum seekers and immigrants** to the Netherlands, as well as holding a **referendum** on the **withdrawal of the Netherlands from the European Union - Nexit**, similar to Britain's Brexit. He also calls for an **end to the weapons aid provided by the Netherlands to Ukraine**, claiming that the **Netherlands needs these weapons to defend itself**.

"The **voters have spoken tonight and they have said that they are fed up,**" declared **Wilders** tonight, after being informed of the results. Regarding the **influx of immigrants** flowing to the Netherlands and the continent, he said: "We are going to make sure that **Dutch voters will be put first again.**"

Urban hailed "the winds of change", Le Pen: "the hope for change remains"

However, in order to **complete a real victory**, to be appointed prime minister and advance his plans, **Wilders will have to form a coalition** with at least two other parties - and this will be a **difficult** task for him **considering** that the leaders of the major **mainstream** parties **signaled** even before going to the polls that **they would not agree to sit under him**. Also tonight, after the publication of the samples, Frans Timmermans, the leader of the left-wing list that came in second place, made it clear that Wilders should not put his hopes on him: "We **will never form a coalition** with parties that **pretend that the asylum seekers are the source of all the trouble**. In the coming days and weeks it will be revealed to us more and more how much Our task is difficult, important and **vital to keep the Netherlands as a place that does not exclude anyone**, as a place where **we accept everyone** and do not check what their background, religion or skin color is."

Despite the statements of his opponents, the fact that Wilders' victory last night was so decisive puts him in a new position, and **they may have to back down** at least somewhat **from** their original **statements**. In the victory speech, Wilders said that his party has now become too big to be ignored, and that he is prepared and ready to lead the country. He called on his political opponents to enter into honest and constructive talks on establishing a coalition, claimed that he was sure an agreement could be reached, and sounded like someone who was already courting the right-wing and center parties when he emphasized that **he would only act "in accordance with the law and the constitution."** Wilders' best chance to form a coalition is to gather under him the VVD and the "New Social Contract" party of **centrist** Peter Umtsicht, who **already said** tonight that he **will always be open to talks**.

Wilders' victory came after a number of right-wing parties that many consider extreme right-wing parties have flourished in the European Union in recent years. Only last year, the "**Brotherhood of Italy**" party came to power in Italy, a party with **fascist roots**, some

of whose supporters openly express longing for the days of the dictator Mussolini, although since then its leader Giorgia Maloney has moderated her positions on various matters, and has become an accepted figure in the corridors of the Union. Two months ago, Robert Pico's populist right-wing party, which is also opposed to the European Union, came to power in Slovakia, and in Germany these days the "Alternative for Germany" party is recording great success in the polls, and in some of them it comes in first place. Poland was also ruled for most of the last decade by a nationalist right-wing party that had a serious conflict with the European Union, and was accused of consistently undermining Polish democracy.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who is also considered an extreme right-wing man and prides himself on turning his country into an "illiberal democracy", as he put it, was one of the first to congratulate Wilders last night, who presents himself as an admirer of Orbán. "The winds of change are already here!", Urban wrote in a message he published, "Congratulations!" The leader of the extreme right in France, Marine Le Pen, joined in the congratulations on the victory: "The people refuse to see the national torch extinguished, so the hope for change remains alive in Europe."

Regardless of the question of the identity of the next prime minister, when the coalition is formed it will be the end of an era in Dutch politics: the Netherlands will say goodbye to Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who has held the position for the past 13 years. Rutte served as Prime Minister of the Netherlands for a longer period of time than any other person, thus also becoming one of the most senior and experienced leaders in the European Union.

The 60-year-old Wilders was elected to the Dutch Parliament for the first time in 1998, and became known in Europe and the world mainly for his strong positions against Islam and Muslims. He has been living under heavy security for years, due to blatant statements he made against them. Among other things, he called the prophet of Islam Muhammad a "pedophile" and said that Islam is a "fascist ideology" and a "retarded religion". On top of that, he called, among other things, to outlaw the Koran, and to ban the operation of mosques in the Netherlands, which he called "Nazi temples." Wilders' anti-Islam activism gained momentum in 2004, after a Moroccan immigrant murdered director Theo Van Gogh because he made a film that criticized Islam. Wilders participated in the making of that film.

Wilders' statements and actions against Muslims have often ignited violent protests in Islamic countries, including Egypt, Indonesia and Pakistan, and in Pakistan a local religious leader even issued a fatwa (rule of law) against him. In 2014 Wilders was convicted in a Dutch court of a crime of discrimination, after at an election rally in 2014 he asked the audience "What do you want - more emptied or less emptied?", and when they replied "Less!" He replied: "We're going to take care of it." On another occasion he said that "the Moroccan filth in the Netherlands makes the streets unsafe".

Islamic and Arab organizations expressed great concern tonight and this morning about Wilders' victory. "The distress and the fear are enormous," said Habib al-Qadouri, who heads an organization representing Moroccan expatriates in the Netherlands. "We are afraid that he will turn us into second-rate citizens." About 5% of the population of the Netherlands are Muslims.

Wilders' hostility to Islam comes hand in hand with firm support for Israel. Among other things, he stated in the past that Jordan is the Palestinian state, and that changing its name to "Palestine" will put an end to the conflict in the Middle East and give the Palestinians a national home.

A profile article published about him on CNN in 2017 said that he probably formed his anti-Islamic views during his travels in the Middle East in the early 1980s, when he traveled in Syria, Iran and Egypt, and volunteered for a year at Moshav Tomer in Israel, where he worked growing vegetables and grapes. "I have visited many countries in the Middle East - Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, Turkey, Cyprus, Iran - but nowhere have I felt a special sense of identification like the one I always feel when I land at Ben Gurion Airport," he was quoted as saying. According to reports, in the past he also said: "We are all Israel - Israel is the West's first line of defense against Islam."

In 2016, it was reported that the Dutch security service AIVD investigated Wilders' ties with Israel, including with Major General Amos Gilad, due to a suspicion that these ties influence Wilders "in a way that harms his commitment to the homeland." Even tonight, in the shadow of the war with Hamas, there was a hint of Wilders' sympathy for Israel, when in a video clip that recorded him celebrating the results of the sample in his office, the Israeli flag was seen standing behind him.

Although Wilders is one of the most recognizable political figures in the Netherlands, thanks in part to his impressive mane, little is known about his private life. Among other things, it is known to report that he is a member of a Catholic family from the East of the Netherlands, and that he was born to a father who worked in a printing house and a half-Indonesian mother from a Hindu background. It is also known that he is married to a woman born in Hungary, and that he has two cats - who "maintain" their own Instagram and Twitter accounts. In a children's program where he was a guest on TV last week, Wilders said that he likes to play "Mario Kart" on the PlayStation and read Donald Duck comic books.

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Some childhood: Weapons of war discovered under the beds of Hamas official's children
Troops find four deep tunnels, linked to a power grid, near Jabalia camp; In a separate building, tied to a senior terrorist member, an alarming amount of weapons found hidden in children's bedrooms

Yoav Zitun|09:57

IDF troops found beneath the innocuous veneer of children's bedrooms, a hidden network of underground infrastructure and weapons. In a senior Hamas official's home, the presumably safe haven for his children had been transformed into a storage of dangerous arsenal.

The forces engaged in a fierce showdown in a region that served as the launch pad for a barrage of rockets aimed at Israeli territory, and unearthed four tunnel shafts burrowed deep beneath the surface, equipped with their own electrical grid, which served as the arteries of Hamas's underground operations.

One such tunnel opened up from within a building owned by a senior Hamas official, underscoring the nature of Hamas's operations, even within the heart of conflict-ridden areas.

"We've uncovered long-range rockets, launch shafts, and four operational shafts of Hamas. We have penetrated the 'deep heart' of the Hamas structure," Colonel Benny Aharon, commander of the force said.

"We discovered the operational base of one of the most prominent terrorists, full of combat gear and weapons, disturbingly hidden even under his children's beds and inside wardrobes. We have unveiled the very area from which rockets were launched deep into Israeli territory for years."

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Qatar says 13 hostages to be released Friday 4 p.m., ceasefire as of 7 a.m.; Shifa hospital director detained by Shin Bet

PMO says receives list of first hostages to be freed and is in touch with families, Hamas confirms Qatari statement; Arrest of hospital chief comes after tunnel with ammunition found under facility, evidence hostages taken there

Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi, Daniel Edelson, Reuters|Updated:08:26

Qatar Foreign Ministry said on Thursday afternoon that 13 Israeli hostages would be released by Hamas on Friday at 4 p.m. The ministry spokesperson said the ceasefire will come into effect at 7 a.m. on Friday.

"The first group of 13 civilians will be released from captivity in the Gaza Strip tomorrow at 4 p.m. Other captives will be freed in the course of the days of the ceasefire," the spokesperson said. "Humanitarian aid will begin entering the Strip as soon as the ceasefire is in effect. The aid that will arrive is a fraction of what Gaza needs."

The Hamas military wing confirmed the Qatari statement saying the pause in the fighting will last 4 days as of Friday morning. In that time 50 hostages would be released. "Three Palestinian prisoners will be freed for every Zionist one," Hamas said.

The Prime Minister's Office said a list of the names of the first hostages to be released by Hamas has been received and authorities are examining the details in it and are in contact with all hostage families.

Shifa hospital director Dr. Muhammad Abu Salamiyah was arrested on Thursday and was being investigated by the Shin Bet after evidence that the facility was used as a Hamas command center. Troops found a tunnel beneath the hospital used by Hamas, which connects to the underground tunnel system in Gaza, with a large amount of ammunition and evidence that hostages were held there.

Two homes in Kibbutz Menara in the Upper Galilee were hit by anti-tank fire after rocket alert sirens sounded in Western Galilee communities in northern Israel late on Thursday morning. Following the barrage, the terrorist Hezbollah announced that it had launched 48 rockets into Israeli territory.

Earlier on Thursday morning, following rocket alert sirens activated in the Galilee, the IDF spokesman stated that a number of rocket launches from Lebanese territory into Israeli territory were detected. In response, IDF forces attacked the sources of the rocket fire with artillery. In addition, an IDF aircraft identified and attacked an anti-tank squad in the Zerait area. The IDF spokesman also said that during the night a surface-to-air missile was launched at an IDF aircraft in Lebanese territory and was successfully intercepted by Israel's air defense. In response, the IDF attacked the launcher and a rocket storage station.

Lawsuits filed against the hostage deal ended on Thursday morning after the High Court rejected two more such petitions, and determined that there is no reason to intervene, a day after the court outright rejected the petition filed by the Almagor organization against the deal. The judges determined that there was no grounds for intervention and rejected the claim of discrimination among the hostages.

British Foreign Secretary David Cameron, who previously served as the country's prime minister, visited Kibbutz Be'eri with his Israeli counterpart Foreign Minister Eli Cohen on Thursday morning.

"World leaders need to see the atrocities of Hamas with their own eyes, and understand that Israel is fighting a terrorist organization worse than ISIS," Cohen said, adding: "Even after the temporary truce for the release of women and children kidnapped to Gaza, Israel will continue fighting until the goals are achieved: the destruction of Hamas rule in the Gaza Strip and the release of each and every one of the hostages."

Qatar, which has led the negotiations along with Egypt and the United States for a hostage exchange deal, announced on Thursday morning that the information about the implementation of the deal which would see a limited number of hostages exchanged for Palestinian prisoners and a pause in the fighting, would come in the next few hours.

"The talks regarding the implementation of the cease-fire agreement are progressing positively, and the announcement of the date of the cease-fire entering into force will be in the coming hours. Work continues with both sides and our partners in Cairo and Washington to hasten the start of the agreement," the spokesman for the Qatari Foreign Ministry said.

The statement comes hours after National Security Council chief Tzachi Hanegbi said that hostages held in Gaza would not be released on Thursday as had been expected, despite Hamas officials declaring a truce will come into effect in the morning hours. "Negotiations for the release of our captives are ongoing and continuous. The release will commence according to the original agreement between the parties, not before Friday," he said in a statement.

A political source told Ynet that one of the reasons for the last-minute delay is that Israel has not received the names of the hostages who will be released. The Wall Street Journal reported that Hamas has provided the name, gender and nationality of most of the hostages, but failed to indicate whether they were alive or not.

Palestinian reports said on Thursday morning that the IDF arrested during the night the director of the Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza, Mohammad Abu Salmiya, as well as several medical personnel.

The American warship USS Thomas Hudner early Thursday morning shot down multiple one-way attack drones launched from Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen in the Red Sea area. Since the outbreak of the Gaza war, the Houthis have launched missiles and drones at Israeli territory. The last missile was intercepted Wednesday by an F-35 plane, far from Eilat.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators who passed by an Israeli restaurant in the Chelsea neighborhood of New York on Wednesday evening broke tables, spray painted the Israeli flag that was displayed at the entrance with a red triangle identified with Hamas terror videos and threatened the employees there. Police officers who were called to the scene remained to secure those present until the protesters left.

"I'm in Israel on a visit and I can't relax, I feel like my team is in danger and I don't know how to help them," said the owner of the Zizi restaurant, Maor Vanuno.

Israeli restaurants in New York have become targets for pro-Palestinian protesters since the beginning of the war. The long-time Jewish institution 2nd Avenue Deli spread pro-Israel posts on social media and donated all its profits for a day to the "Rescue Union," then was vandalized with a swastika at the entrance. The windows of the building that houses a bakery were smashed and defaced with "Free Palestine" graffiti.

In another anti-Israel incident on the other side of the United States, one of the largest synagogues in Seattle, Washington, Herzl-Ner Tamid, was vandalized Wednesday night with graffiti and blood smears. Some of the graffiti read: "Shame," "Stop killing," "Shame on Israel" and "Cease fire forever." The FBI has opened a hate crime investigation.

Democratic Rep. Pramila Jayapal, who represents the area, said she was "appalled by the anti-Semitic vandalism." According to her, "This synagogue and its community are so important to our community and my heart is with them. We must continue to condemn the rising hatred wherever we see it."

Hezbollah confirmed the death of Abbas Mohammed Raed, also known as Sarraj Raed, from southern Lebanon, who, according to the organization, was "killed while on his way to Jerusalem." Raed is the son of the chairman of the Hezbollah faction in the Lebanese parliament. Hezbollah has reported 84 deaths from its ranks since the outbreak of the war.

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Shifa hospital director & medical personnel arrest for serving Hamas control center

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IDF arrests director of Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza

IDF and Shin Bet confirm arrest of Dr. Muhammad Abu Salamiyah over evidence that under his management the hospital served as a Hamas control center where terrorists operated

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The IDF confirmed early Thursday afternoon that the director of the Al Shifa Hospital in the Gaza Strip was apprehended and transferred for questioning following evidence showing that the Al Shifa Hospital, under his direct management, served as a Hamas command and control center.

The IDF's announcement came hours after the Palestinians reported the arrest of Al Shifa head Dr. Muhammad Abu Salamiyah and several other medical personnel overnight. A joint statement from the IDF and the Shin Bet noted that: "The Hamas terror tunnel network situated under the hospital also exploited electricity and resources taken from the hospital. In addition, Hamas stored numerous weapons inside the hospital and on the hospital grounds.

"Furthermore, after the Hamas massacre on October 7th, Hamas terrorists sought refuge within the hospital, some of them taking hostages from Israel with them. A pathological report also confirmed the murder of Cpl. Noa Marciano on the hospital premises." The statement noted that "extensive Hamas terrorist activity" took place at Al Shifa under Abu Salamiyah's management. The extent of his involvement in the terrorist activity will be determined through further questioning, according to the IDF and Shin Bet. Meanwhile, the director general of the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza claimed on Thursday that Israel demanded the evacuation of the Indonesian hospital in northern Gaza within four hours.

The reports about the arrest of the director of Al Shifa and the ultimatum at the Indonesian hospital come against the backdrop of the international media struggle waged by the IDF in order to prove that Al Shifa Hospital served as a military terrorist base for Hamas, above and below ground.

Ynet's military reporter, who visited the system of terrorist tunnels that the army uncovered under patients, on Wednesday night described in detail the large amount of evidence of Hamas activity in Al Shifa. Among other things, a tunnel was uncovered with relatively large living and sleeping quarters paved with white ceramic, an air conditioner on the wall, separate bathrooms with toilets, sinks and kitchens, electrical

cabinets and hidden ventilation openings. Unlike a decade ago, the concrete in the Al Shifa tunnels is more thickly reinforced, to try and overcome the unique anti-tunnel bombs developed in recent years for the Air Force.

"Now, the irrefutable truth of Hamas' exploitation of hospitals in Gaza is on full display to the world. We have an important question to ask the international community: What will you do to stop Gaza's hospitals from being turned into terror bases in the future? Will you condemn Hamas? Or will you continue to be silent? Will you remain silent?" said IDF spokesman Brig. Gen. Daniel Hagari
"I want to make it clear that Israel is at war with Hamas. We are not at war with the people of Gaza," he added.

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IDF destroys 400 tunnel shafts in Gaza since outbreak of war

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Army says tunnels exposed near civilian areas, including residential neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, cemeteries and farmland
Yoav Zitun|Yesterday | 13:51

Since the beginning of the war in the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces have uncovered and destroyed some 400 terror tunnel shafts, the IDF reported on Wednesday.

"The exposed tunnels indicate that Hamas is exploiting civilian infrastructure, constructing subterranean terror networks in the midst of residential neighborhoods, near houses, schools, hospitals, cemeteries and agricultural areas," the IDF said in a statement.

Gaza terrorist groups have long embedded military assets within civilian sites, as demonstrated by documentation released by the IDF earlier this month which shows forces detonate a tunnel shaft near an amusement park.
Subsequently, another underground tunnel shaft and weapons storage were discovered near a civilian university, containing chemical agents, weapons and anti-tank mines and missiles.

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40 Southern Communities will return to the Negev Region for farming

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IDF: 40 southern communities will be allowed home in coming days

Some 45 days since the start of the conflict, residents from 40 communities in the Western Negev soon will be allowed to return home; In communities next to the border fence, only essential agricultural workers will be permitted
Matan Tzuri, Yoav Zitun|12:26

The IDF delineated plans to permit the return of residents to 40 communities in the Western Negev, located 4 to 7 kilometers from the border with Gaza.

The message, delivered Monday by the Gaza Division to the communities' residents, cited the "progress of the combat and a shift in the operational situation" as the basis for this decision.

The region remains classified as a closed military zone. The IDF underscored its commitment to orchestrating a well-structured plan to facilitate the residents' re-entry, via a dialogue with local authority leaders, assuring a supportive and coordinated transition back to their homes.

As per the recent directives, residents within the specified distance will be given permission to return to their homes for an indefinite period in the coming days. The military accentuated the necessity to adhere to daily instructions disseminated by the Home Front Command, with a particular focus on warning procedures, protective measures and the operation of education, work and volunteer systems.

Moreover, in the coming days, residents will be allowed to enter localities that are 0 to 4 kilometers from the Gaza border, but only for the purpose of taking care of their homes or brief visits, after which they will be requested to vacate the area. As stated by the military, the determination of essential personnel in each community will be the responsibility of a community protection squad or a security coordinator. Some 40 communities from the Sha'ar Hanegev, Sdot Negev, Hof Ashkelon and Eshkol Regional Councils are expected to be included in the plan to return home.

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Month before Hamas invasion, IDF trained for northern border threat

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Month before Hamas invasion, IDF trained for similar scenario, but in the north
Prior to Oct 7., Hezbollah presence grew near Israel's northern border; IDF believed Hamas was deterred and Gaza border secure, sending elite units in September to train for a possible incursion into Galilee

Yoav Zitun|02:47

Elite IDF units prepared for war against invading terrorists in the months before the October 7 atrocities in southern Israel but focused on Hezbollah on the northern front, Ynet has learned.

The military opted to train for a potential attack from the Iran-backed terror group following observations of increased forces near the Lebanon-Israel border. This buildup contradicted UN Resolution 1701, passed after the 2006 Lebanon War, and reflected the belief that the threat from the north was more significant than that from the southern frontier.

In the period leading up to the war in Gaza, Hezbollah established 30 military posts and observation towers, many of which have been destroyed since the conflict began. Over the past two years, the IDF grew concerned that Hezbollah's Radwan force, having been involved in the Syrian civil war, was itching for a fight. In the months before the Hamas attack, they were increasingly provocative toward Israeli forces along the border.

Israeli security officials, believing that Hamas was deterred in Gaza, initiated training exercises simulating an invasion by Radwan forces into border communities and military outposts in the Galilee. They prepared for scenarios where Hezbollah terrorists would block main roads in the north, hindering the arrival of reinforcements.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant maintains his stance that Hezbollah is Israel's greatest threat and advocates for a preemptive strike against South Lebanon once the hostage crisis in Gaza is resolved.

11.20.23 – Mo

PA removed claims blaming Israel from its website, foreign ministries & UN

11.20.23 – Mo

Palestinian Authority quietly removes official denial of Re'im massacre
PA removed official document which spread to the whole world the false claim that Israeli warplanes and not Hamas terrorists were responsible for the massacre of at least 350 people at the music festival at Kibbutz Re'im, but did not issue a public correction;
US: 'Happy the PA clarified that this is not its official position'
Itamar Eichner|01:15

The Palestinian Authority removed from its official website the false statement it published Sunday, which said that the massacre at the Nova music festival near Kibbutz Re'im on October 7 was caused by "an Israeli helicopter attack." However, the PA did not publish a public announcement correcting the false claims, which caused significant damage to Israeli propaganda around the world.

Although no public announcement was made on behalf of the Palestinians, the U.S. National Security Council spokesman said that the PA has since clarified that this is not its official position - and even removed the document in question from the PA's official website.

This is a statement "that does not respect the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the horrific terrorist attack carried out by Hamas on October 7," the spokesman said. He added that "we understand that the Palestinian Authority has removed the statement from its website, and we are happy that they have since clarified that this is not their official position."

On Sunday, Hamas rushed to join the PA's claim, and distributed the document in which it denied the massacre to various parties in the world, including foreign ministries and the United Nations. The PA Foreign Ministry's announcement stated that: "The Israel Police's preliminary investigation proved that Israeli helicopters bombed Israeli citizens who participated in the music festival on October 7, meaning that Israeli fighter jets caused extensive destruction in the area."

"Following this event, the 'Hannibal Protocol' was activated, allowing the occupation's police and military to kill everyone. Therefore, the ministry believes that the revelations of this investigation cast doubt on the Israeli reports regarding the destruction and killings that occurred in the area," the statement added.

The Palestinian Authority's statement relied on the "police investigation published in the Hebrew media" after Israeli news outlet Haaretz reported that, according to a police source, the investigation into the incident allegedly indicated that an IDF helicopter fired at terrorists in the area and likely hit some of the Israelis who were there. However, contrary to the Palestinian claims, Haaretz did not state that all casualties were a result of an "Israeli bombing," only a few individuals.

According to the police investigation, the first helicopter was launched into the compound only at 11:12 - many hours after the massacre began.

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Hamas ready to release 50 captives in four-to-five-day pause; Israel wants more

11.20.23 – Mo

Israel denies report of Gaza truce as part of hostage deal

Hamas source tells Arab media fighting to pause Monday; Israeli official says no such agreement; progress made in Qatari-mediated talks

Einav Halabi, Itamar Eichner | Yesterday | 16:31

A pause in the fighting in the Gaza Strip will come into effect at 11am on Monday as part of an agreement to release Israeli hostages, a Hamas official told Jordanian newspaper Al Ghad. An Israeli official denied the report, saying there was no such agreement.

Despite official denials, the war Cabinet was updated with a document from Qatar, in which Hamas for the first time showed willingness for a significant deal.

Israeli officials believe that Hamas, realizing the IDF would not retreat from Al Shifa Hospital despite the terrorist group's demands, was left with no choice but to continue negotiations.

According to Qatari mediators, Hamas said it was ready to release a group of 50 captives in the first stage in exchange for a four-to-five-day pause in fighting, the release of about 150 Palestinian children and women imprisoned in Israel and the entry of fuel into the Gaza.

However, Hamas clarified that it does not know the whereabouts of all the kidnapped children and mothers and would need to gather them during the initial days of the truce, provided Israel refrains from airstrikes.

Additionally, Hamas expressed willingness to increase the number of released hostages, contingent on being able to locate them in Gaza during the truce.

Israel negotiators stated that if an additional 20-25 hostages are added to the initial 50 released, it would enable the release of all families, including children, mothers and elderly women.

A political source noted, "Our interest is to make Hamas appreciate the peace we provide to release as many captives as possible. Hamas also understands that after the pause, fighting will resume."

Once Israel informs Qatar of its response to the offer, Qatar will need to negotiate with Hamas to finalize agreements and details. Israeli officials believe that the necessary approval processes in the war Cabinet, the expanded Cabinet and the full government - which has sole authority over prisoner releases - could be completed within 72 hours.

Earlier on Sunday, the IDF presented new evidence indicating that Al Shifa Hospital in the Gaza Strip functioned as a terror base, where Hamas terrorists took hostages on October 7.

Footage unveiled by IDF Spokesperson Read Admiral Daniel Hagari depicts Hamas terrorists inside the hospital on the morning of the attack forcibly transporting a Nepalese and a Thai civilian, both kidnapped from Israeli territory.

One of the captives, who seems to be injured, is moved on a wheeled hospital bed while the other is taken on foot.

Israeli military vehicles taken on the day of the massacre in southern Israel can also be seen on the hospital's premises.

"These findings prove that the Hamas terrorist organization used the Shifa Hospital complex on the day of the massacre as terrorist infrastructure," the army said in a statement.

11.19.23 – Su

PA leader Abbas denies Hamas role in festival massacre; says it was done by Israel

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Palestinian Authority denies Hamas music festival massacre

In official statement released worldwide, PA claims Israeli helicopters who arrived at the music festival near Re'im bombed civilians; Israeli officials condemn Abbas
Einav Halabi, Liron Levi, Itamar Eichner|13:13

The Palestinian Authority denied in an official statement on Sunday that Hamas terrorists carried out the massacre at the Nova music festival near Kibbutz Re'im on October 7. The statement, sent to foreign ministries worldwide and the UN, claimed that "Israeli helicopters" caused the deaths of at least 350 participants at the party. Hamas joined in a statement as well, saying that an "Israeli fighter jet" bombed the area near the Gaza border, leading to the deaths of hundreds.

Both the Palestinian Authority and Hamas backed their claims through a "police investigation published in Israeli media." After Israeli news outlet Haaretz reported that, according to a police source, the investigation into the incident allegedly indicated that an IDF helicopter fired at terrorists in the area and likely hit some of the Israelis who were there. However, contrary to the Palestinian claims, Haaretz did not state that all casualties were a result of an "Israeli bombing," only a few individuals.

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According to the police's investigation into the massacre, the first Israeli helicopter reached the compound only at 11:12 a.m., hours after the massacre began. The police also addressed the publications in Haaretz and said: "The preliminary investigation focused on the bravery of the policemen who operated on the scene and the functioning of the Israeli police to stop the massacre carried out by Hamas."

"Contrary to the publication, the police investigation does not refer to the activity of IDF forces and does not provide any indication of civilian casualties as a result of Israeli aerial operations in the area. At this time, we specifically call on the media to take responsibility in their reporting and rely only on official sources," the statement added. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded to Abbas' words, saying, "Today, the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah said something utterly preposterous. It denied that it was Hamas that carried out the horrible massacre at the nature festival near Gaza. It actually accused Israel of carrying out that massacre. This is a complete reversal of truth."

Netanyahu added, "Abbas, who in the past has denied the existence of the Holocaust, today is denying the existence of the Hamas massacre and that's unacceptable."

Opposition leader Yair Lapid said that he "joins Prime Minister Netanyahu's harsh condemnation of the Palestinian Foreign Ministry's abhorrent and false statement. Anyone who denies the massacre makes himself an accomplice to the most terrible crime against the Jewish people since the Holocaust."

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Government seeks to advance 'Basic Law for Druze' to correct discrimination

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