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IDF uncovers terror tunnel, weapons cache in Gaza University

Army says tunnel extends from Al-Azhar University's courtyard to nearby school; dozens of terrorists eliminated in Khan Younis; large blasts rock central Israel as Gaza rockets fall offshore

Yoav Zitun, Itamar Eichner, Lior Ben-Ari, Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi, Meir Turgeman|Updated:05:45

The IDF reported on Friday that engineering soldiers demolished several buildings the day before, including terrorist infrastructure used by Hamas for military activities at the Al-Azhar University in Gaza City's upscale Al-Rimal neighborhood.

"IDF forces identified enemy assets in the university compound, including an underground tunnel route extending from the university courtyard and to a school about a kilometer away," according to a statement.

"Various weapons, including explosive devices, rocket parts, launchers, detonation mechanisms and numerous technological assets were found and sent for intelligence analysis. The findings on-site show that Hamas exploited the university premises for combat against our forces."

It was also reported that 14th Reserve Brigade soldiers raided a Hamas observation post near Al-Shati Hospital. "About 200 communication devices and dozens of cameras were uncovered at the post. A combat tunnel, storerooms, grenades, a shooting position, military equipment and ammunition were discovered nearby."

Meanwhile, Lebanon's Hezbollah-affiliated network Al-Manar reported on Israeli attacks in several areas in southern Lebanon.

Two rockets launched from the Gaza Strip crashed off the coast of central Israel, causing large explosions that rocked Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Holon, Rishon Lezion and other neighboring cities.

The Bat Yam Municipality announced on Friday that Eitan Levy, 53, who was abducted to Gaza on October 7, has been murdered. His body is being held in the Gaza Strip. "We embrace the family and will continue to support them throughout all the way," a statement read.

Eitan Levy

Levy's sister, Sigalit Pershel, told Ynet two days after the massacre that "he was driving that morning to return his two daughters to their mother, and while on his way back, he called me and said there were missiles and that he was scared. Suddenly, I heard him say 'oh no,' and then I heard someone shout 'Allahu Akbar.'"

After that abrupt end to the call with her brother, Pershel listened as the terrorists drove away in his car. "His voice had disappeared, and I am torn apart. My husband heard gunshots and everything was in disarray."

Earlier, four rockets were launched from the Gaza Strip toward the southern city of Sderot, triggering air raid alarm sirens there and in neighboring communities, breaking a 15-hour lull in rocket fire from the Palestinian enclave

Two rockets were intercepted by air defenses, while the other two fell outside the city's borders. There were no reports of injuries or property damage.

Another siren sounded off in the area about an hour later, with at least one projectile intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. Shortly thereafter, alarms blared in the southern town of Nitzanim.

Six Palestinians were killed during an IDF raid in the Far'a refugee camp near Nablus, Palestinian news agency Wafa reported on Friday.

In recent hours, a special reserve unit has been conducting operations to arrest wanted individuals in the camp, coming under fire and explosives from terrorists, some of whom were hit and killed by Israeli forces.

The Palestinian Health Ministry claimed that "additional Palestinians were injured during the forces' entry into the camp. Eyewitnesses reported that soldiers attempted to prevent Red Crescent ambulances from reaching the wounded."

Israeli forces have attacked over 450 targets in the Gaza Strip from air, sea and land in the last day, the IDF reported Friday morning.

The 7th Brigade in Khan Younis directed aircraft to successfully target several Hamas operatives.

In a separate action, drones attacked three terrorists; two were killed, while the third disclosed the whereabouts of additional operatives in a military facility, leading to their elimination.

IDF soldiers persist in their operations against terrorists, focusing on the detection and demolition of underground tunnels, armaments and other terrorist-related infrastructure. The IDF Friday morning announced the deaths of Sergeant Major (res.) Kobi Dvash, 41, from Tiberias, an engineering soldier and Master Sergeant (res.) Eyal Meir Berkowitz, 28, from Jerusalem, a 699th Brigade soldier, who were killed in action in the southern and northern Gaza Strip, respectively, bringing the army's combat death toll since the resumption of fighting to 22.

Since the beginning of ground operations last month, 93 IDF service members have been killed and a total of 418 have lost their lives since October 7.

The UN Security Council is set to convene on Friday for an urgent discussion on the war in Gaza and to vote on a resolution proposal calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. This meeting follows an extraordinary move by UN Secretary-General Antonio

Guterres, who this week, for the first time during his tenure, invoked Article 99 of the UN Charter regarding the war in Gaza - a provision that can be activated in situations posing a threat to global peace and security.

Security Council member states are expected to vote on expressing "concern about the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the suffering of the Palestinians, and calling for an immediate humanitarian cease fire in Gaza." This comes with an apparent disregard for the plight of captives held by Hamas, without any call for their release or condemnation of the terrorist organization.

Several Palestinians were killed in an Israeli attack in the Shijaiyah neighborhood, east of Gaza City, since the early hours of the morning, Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

According to the report, dozens of Palestinians were injured. "The Israeli bombings continued in several areas of the Strip, mainly in the eastern regions of Khan Younis and along the coast of Rafah. Aerial strikes occurred in the central areas of the Strip," it was reported.

The Gaza Health Ministry, controlled by Hamas, updated that the number of fatalities in IDF strikes in the Strip since the outbreak of the war has risen to over 16,456 people.

According to the ministry, approximately 42,250 others have been injured in the attacks.

The IDF reported an unmanned aerial vehicle attacked an armed terrorist cell identified by forces near the Mount Dov border outpost overnight Friday.

Additionally, Israeli forces also struck several Syrian army targets in response to rockets fired toward the Golan Heights.

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3rd soldier killed in one day; After rocket attacks, IDF hits Hezbollah terror targets in Lebanon

IDF operations continue in Shijaiyah, Khan Younis neighborhoods; Hamas fires rockets next to tents of Gazan evacuees

Yoav Zitun, Daniel Edelson, Lior Ben-Ari, Reuters|Updated:05:22

The IDF spokesman disclosed to the foreign media a recording of Hamas terrorists launching 12 rockets toward Beer Sheva in southern Israel. The rockets were launched near the tents of Gazan citizens who were evacuated to the south of the Gaza Strip for their protection and near United Nations' facilities. "@UN, hear a loud noise yesterday? That was the sound of 12 Hamas rockets launched toward Israeli civilians in southern Israel. Hamas is the enemy of humanity and makes itself a threat to the entire world," reads an IDF tweet on the X platform. The IDF also noted that one of the rockets misfired, putting many Gazan civilians at risk.

The IDF early Thursday afternoon announced the death of a third soldier killed while fighting in the Gaza Strip. Sergeant First Class (res.) Maor Gershoni, 24, from Yokne'am Illit, was killed in fighting on Wednesday in the northern Gaza Strip.

On Thursday morning, a number of launches from Lebanon toward Israeli territory were identified. In response, the IDF fired toward the sources of the launches. Israeli Air Force fighter jets struck a series of Hezbollah terror targets in Lebanese territory. Among the targets struck were terrorist infrastructure, launch posts, military posts, and military sites belonging to the Hezbollah terrorist organization.

A Reuters investigation published on Thursday alleges that an Israeli tank crew killed Abdallah and wounded the six other reporters in south Lebanon on Oct. 13 by firing two shells in quick succession from Israel while the journalists were filming cross-border shelling from a distance.

Amnesty International responded that the strikes were likely a direct attack on civilians that must be investigated as a war crime. Human Rights Watch, in a separate statement, said the two Israeli strikes were "an apparently deliberate attack on civilians and thus a war crime."

Labor party head Merav Michaeli announced Thursday she intends to move up the party's primary election to April 2024, and that she won't be running and instead resign from political life.

After 16 hours of quiet, rocket warning sirens sound in Gaza-border communities.

The IDF on Thursday morning announced the names of two more soldiers killed while fighting in the Gaza Strip. Staff Sgt. Amit Bonzel, 22, of the Paratroopers Brigade's reconnaissance unit, from Shoham, was killed Wednesday in a battle in the center of the Gaza Strip. In addition, Staff Sgt. Alemnew Emanuel Feleke, 22, from Kiryat Gat, a soldier in the Commando Brigade's Duvdevan unit, died Wednesday after being wounded in a battle on December 5 in the southern Gaza Strip.

The IDF also announced that in the battle in which Bonzel fell three soldiers from the Paratroopers Brigade's reconnaissance unit were seriously wounded. Another reserve soldier was seriously injured in a battle in the northern Gaza Strip.

The 188th Armored Brigade, together with the Paratroopers and Golani Brigades, is in action for the fourth day in the Shijaiyah neighborhood of Gaza City, which has become the focus of the most persistent and difficult fighting since the resumption of the ground operation. In the last day, there were more than 50 encounters with terrorist squads in the neighborhood, and nearly 200 terrorists were eliminated.

The forces occupied the neighborhood from several directions, including from the border with Israel. The forces are also operating in the dense Shijaiyah marketplace, and most of the encounters involve the firing of RPG missiles from close ranges at the tanks and snipers. The army estimates that it will take a few more long days to achieve operational control and cleanse the large neighborhood in eastern Gaza City. The forces have also so far located dozens of tunnel shafts in Shijaiyah.

At the same time, the battles also continue in Khan Younis and Jabaliya. In Khan Younis, terrorists were eliminated and dozens of terrorist targets were attacked from the air. A Duvdevan force from the Commando Brigade's combat team encountered a terrorist squad that came out of a tunnel shaft and killed two terrorists in the encounter, and also destroyed the shaft. Team The 460th Brigade fought battles in the area of Jabaliya, where soldiers raided a military outpost of Hamas' Jabaliya Center Battalion. During the raid several terrorists were eliminated, according to the IDF. Forces also located a network of underground tunnels leading outside of the outpost, as well as a training complex and a munitions warehouse in the area of the outpost. Naval forces, attacked terrorist infrastructures and military compounds of the terrorist organization using precision weapons and mortar shells.

Overnight, the U.S. Senate fails to approve the aid package for Ukraine and Israel, which amount to \$50 billion and \$14 billion dollars respectively, despite US President Joe Biden's personal appeal to the legislators. The money for Ukraine was the most essential element of the legislation and the biggest point of contention among the legislators, because of the Republican opposition to the continuation of funding to that country's war effort. The budget proposal will now go back to the drawing board, with Biden already hinting that he would be willing to reach a compromise.

Egyptian sources told the Qatari news outlet Al-Araby Al-Jadeed on Thursday morning that Cairo estimates that there could be a return to the deal to release the hostages in exchange for a truce. The source said that there are movements on the part of Israel to initiate a new prisoner exchange deal, and that in recent hours there have been Israeli contacts with senior officials in Egypt to check the feasibility of this. According to the source, Israeli officials discussed the possibility of a hostage release deal that includes female soldiers, elderly people and wounded soldiers. In addition, it was hinted that Israel would meet Hamas' demands for the release of sick and elderly prisoners, including those with blood on their hands.

The report comes after the head of Hamas's political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh, confirmed the movement's willingness to resume negotiations for the exchange of all prisoners and to reach a comprehensive agreement if the fighting in Gaza stops," according to a report by the Egyptian channel Al-Qahera el-Ekhbariya.

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Cabinet approves Gaza fuel; only if Red Cross visits refugees & delivers medications

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Cabinet approves doubling supply of fuel to Gaza; Hamas gave Israel intelligence on Islamic Jihad to hide intended attack, report

Decision to double fuel supply comes amid U.S. pressure to avoid humanitarian crisis; Gallant says more fuel to be delivered if Red Cross able to see hostages

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari, Yuval Mann, Daniel Edelson, Reuters|Updated:16:52

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According to a statement, the division, which includes the **Commando Brigade** and other **special forces** units, "launched a combined attack on the city of Khan Younis, **targeting strongholds of the Hamas terrorist** organization. Within a few hours, the division's soldiers **breached the defense** lines of the Khan Younis Brigade, **surrounded the city** and for the first time began **maneuvering in the heart of the area.**"

According to the IDF, since the beginning of ground operations in Khan Younis, the division's soldiers have eliminated numerous terrorists in face-to-face combat and through aerial fire and have located **and destroyed about 30 tunnel shafts.**

It was also reported that the forces raided a Hamas battalion post, discovering many weapons and intelligence resources. The commando and Givati brigades reached the center of Khan Younis and began focused raids in the heart of the city.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said that IDF forces are engaged in intense combat against terrorists both in the northern and southern Gaza Strip.

"We have breached the defense lines in Jabalyia, Shijaiyah and Khan Younis. The terrorists are emerging from underground, and our forces are winning in face-to-face battles," he said.

Hagari added that forces in Khan Younis were "fighting bravely, eliminating terrorists, locating underground infrastructures and destroying weapons."

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzl Halevi on Wednesday said that Israeli forces are currently trying to locate and rescue hostages within the Gaza Strip, among other operational duties.

"The **soldiers are making decisions, fighting the enemy, striking them, protecting each other and attempting to locate and rescue captives,**" he told new recruits. "These are indeed **missions of the highest moral significance** one can imagine."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Benjamin **Netanyahu announced** Wednesday evening that **IDF forces have surrounded the home of Hamas leader** in Gaza Yahya **Sinwar.**

"I said last night that our forces could reach anywhere in the Gaza Strip. Now, they are encircling Sinwar's home. **His home is not his fortress,** and while he may flee, it is only a **matter of time until we get him,**" Netanyahu said in a video statement.

Following rocket alerts in Eilat on Wednesday afternoon, that the Arrow anti-rocket system intercepted a surface-to-surface (STS) missile aimed at Israel's southernmost city.

"The interception took place in the Red Sea, and the missile didn't enter Israel's territory or pose a threat to Israeli civilians," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said in a statement.

The **IDF** also on Wednesday afternoon **attacked** a number of areas in **Lebanon with tanks** and **artillery** fire, in response to mortar fire on Israel. Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the mortar fire. "Aircraft attacked an operational **headquarters and terrorist** infrastructure of the terrorist organization **Hezbollah,**" according to the IDF.



Meanwhile, following rocket fire from Gaza on southern Israel, a 60-year-old man was slightly injured by shrapnel near a factory in the Gaza Envelope. The Magen David Adom team evacuated him to Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva. Fire crews were working to gain control of a fire that broke out at the site following damage to the factory.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan commented on reports regarding the "day after" in the Gaza Strip, and clarified that he opposes the establishment of a "buffer zone" for Gaza, adding that "the plan does not respect the Palestinians." Erdogan sent a threatening message, saying: "If Israel tries to harm Hamas members in Turkey, it will pay a very heavy price for it."

IDF soldiers located what it says is "one of the largest stockpiles of weapons" in the Gaza Strip, near a clinic and a school, the IDF said Wednesday afternoon.

The stockpile contained hundreds of rockets and RPG launchers, long-range rockets, UAVs, and ready-to-use explosive devices, unmanned aerial vehicles that claim to resemble the Israeli Sky Rider drone, dozens of anti-tank missiles, dozens of explosive charges, long-range rockets aimed at the center of the country with the ability to reach the heavily populated Sharon region, and dozens of grenades.

Kibbutz Nir Oz announced Wednesday morning that the condition of Hanna Katzir, 76, the kibbutz member who was freed from Hamas captivity in Gaza, has deteriorated, and she is hospitalized in serious condition. "Our mother is the proof that every day in Gaza is a life-threatening situation. The hostages' time is running out. We know in what condition they were kidnapped, but it is impossible to know in what condition they will return," said Katzir's family; meanwhile, her son Elad is still in Hamas captivity. "The conditions in captivity are not conditions in which humans should live. The trauma, the hunger and the lack of medical treatment caused her heart problems."

The Israel Defense Forces early Wednesday morning announce the names of two more soldiers who have been killed during the Swords of Iron war in Gaza. Maj. Gen.(res.) Yehonatan Malka, 23, from Beersheba, a soldier in the 7th Armored Brigade's 82nd Battalion, fell in battle in the Gaza Strip. Lt. Col. (res.) Yochai Gur Hershberg, 52, from Havat Philip, commander of the unit to locate missing persons in the 98th Division, was killed in a military car accident in southern Israel. The announcement brings to 14 the number of soldiers killed since the renewal of the ground operation in Gaza and comes a day after seven soldiers were killed during fighting in the Gaza Strip.

Over the last day, the Israeli Air Force struck approximately 250 terror targets in the Gaza Strip, according to the IDF spokesman. IDF troops are continuing to locate weapons, underground tunnel shafts, explosives and additional military infrastructure.

IDF ground troops directed an IDF fighter jet to strike two rocket launchers from which terrorists fired a barrage of rockets toward central Israel on Tuesday, causing damage in Tel Aviv. In addition, the troops directed an IAF aircraft to strike in the area of Deir al-Balah. During these strikes, terrorists from the Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations were eliminated, and a number of terrorist infrastructure were destroyed.

Moreover, IDF troops struck an armed terrorist cell operating adjacent to a school in the northern Gaza Strip. Following this, the troops struck an additional underground shaft located in the area of the school. In an additional school in the northern Gaza Strip, weapons and ammunition were located.

Israeli security forces arrested 10 wanted persons in an overnight operation in Jenin, and located weapons, three bomb laboratories filled with explosives, two underground tunnel shafts, military equipment and ammunition. During the operation, clashes developed, and several terrorists were injured in the exchange of fire. Additional forces also operated overnight in Halhul in the Etzion bloc, where a printing press linked to the terrorist organization Hamas was confiscated and weapons were found.

Also overnight, the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a resolution stating that anti-Zionism is antisemitism. Some 311 congressmen voted in favor of the resolution and 14 were opposed - with more than half of the members of the Democratic Party voting "present" on the Republican initiative. They claimed that comparing criticism of the State of Israel with hatred of the Jewish people "goes too far."

After the Lebanese army announced Tuesday that one soldier was killed and three were wounded by an Israeli attack in the border area, the IDF spokesman said overnight that military regretted the incident, and stated that the Lebanese army forces were not the target of the attack.

"The IDF fighters acted yesterday to neutralize a real threat detected from Lebanese territory. The threat was detected from a launch and observation complex of the Hezbollah terrorist organization near Al Awadi on the Lebanese border. The IDF received a report that a number of soldiers from the Lebanese Army were injured during the attack," the IDF statement said. "Lebanese army forces were not the target of the attack," the IDF spokesperson said. "Egypt is responsible for the incident, it is being investigated."

Three Israeli security officials told The Washington Post that at least 5,000 Hamas terrorists have been killed since the beginning of the Swords of Iron war - a sixth of the 30,000 terrorists affiliated with the organization. One of the sources said that this is an assessment based on intelligence, and also on Hamas' own assessments that have reached Israel. The figure includes an estimate based also on the number of people killed in the Hamas tunnels.

In a nationally televised address on Tuesday night, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referred to evidence of sexual violence and rape cases committed by Hamas terrorists. "I must say that until a few days ago I did not hear the human rights organizations and the women's organizations. I did not hear their cry. Where are you? Did you keep silent because these are Jewish women? I expect all the human rights organizations to speak against this atrocity," he said.

The address and news conference was held jointly with the other members of the War Cabinet: Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and Minister Benny Gantz. Addressing the dueling news conferences held last week by the prime minister and the defense minister, Netanyahu said that that he and Gallant "are working in full cooperation in the War Cabinet, in the extended cabinet and also in government meetings to bring about the results we defined - the release of all our hostages, the elimination of Hamas and the

promise that Gaza will not become a threat to the State of Israel the day after. We are doing it In my opinion, in the best way."

**Gallant** commented on the renewed ground operation in the Gaza Strip. "Unfortunately, war also has prices, and they are heavy, very heavy. Each and every one of the fallen are dear people to their families, to their friends and to us as a nation and as a security system. Many of them are known to me personally, as commanders, or as 'sons of,'" he said. He said one way to justify the heavy price of the war against Hamas is to hit Hamas hard. He added that the return of the hostages from Gaza "is our duty as a country, it's my personal duty as defense minister."

**Gantz** said that the IDF "continues and expands the operation in the Gaza Strip." He noted: "As we promised – nothing will stop us. Some thought that Hamas would prevent the renewal of fighting, or that we would avoid it, and we are proving that only Israel will determine its future. We will operate as much as we need to, and wherever we need to in the south as well as in the north. We will do this while listening to our friends, and doing what is right for the State of Israel."

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US officials say PA must be involved if Gaza could not be occupied

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U.S. officials say PA must be involved in post war Gaza

Netanyahu again says as long as he is prime minister Abbas would not control both Gaza and the West Bank because he gives stipends to terrorists, spreads incitement and does not condemn terror

Itamar Eichner, Daniel Edelson, New York|16:27

Senior U.S. officials said Israel has no interest in discussing the "day after" the war" because it does not want to send a message that the fighting are nearing their end, however in Jerusalem, there is an understanding that the matter must be discussed although it has little political viability.

Arabs nations would have to be involved and they are concerned that Israel would not be prepared to discuss the broader plan. Israel said there would be no Palestinian Authority involvement in the rehabilitation of Gaza and that Arab nations were willing to be involved, but they seek assurances that a broad initiative would be discussed.

The American officials said the U.S. position was that the PA must be somehow involved in post war Gaza, but no one could say what that involvement would look like. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas would not be the one to run Gaza, but the PA's involvement is critical for the support of Arabs. The Biden administration describes a "revitalized Palestinian Authority," which would be stronger and different than the current PA.

Israel made its position clear to the U.S. that the PA which pays stipends to terrorists, incites violence and does not condemn terror, cannot be a partner that would control Gaza. "There is an understanding that a local Palestinian leadership is needed at the end of the day, after an interim period but the Americans are realizing that the PA in its current make-up is problematic," A senior official said. Netanyahu told Sky News in Arabic on Wednesday that as long as he is prime minister, Abbas would not be given control of Gaza and the West Bank.

According to the officials, the White House wants Israel to end its aerial bombardments in Gaza and at least for now, reduce them significantly but there is an understanding in Washington that defeating Hamas would take time, just as defeating ISIS took the U.S. time to achieve.

"Israel cannot continue attack at the current pace," an official said. "Ahead of the Christmas celebrations and the start of the new year, the U.S. will be focused on this. I don't know if there will be disagreement between Washington and Jerusalem, but the problem is that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, wants to prolong attacks as much as possible and has no interest in ending the war because he knows what will be coming," he said.

The U.S. wants to see the ground offensive over during January 2024. According to observers in Jerusalem that deadline is due to U.S. President Joe Biden's reelection campaign ahead of the November ballot.

The administration has made clear that it stands by Israel and defends it in the international arena but that it is coming under increasing internal political pressure. According to an Israeli official, the longer the war in Gaza continues, the less chance there would be to reach a regional solution before the end of the first Biden term and the hopes for a Saudi-Israeli deal would not be considered until the war ends.

Before the Hamas attack on October 7, the U.S. hoped to bring a historic peace agreement between Saudi Arabia and Israel, by the spring of 2024, that would be Biden's primary foreign policy achievement before the elections. But the events of that day and the ensuing war, had changed those plans.

Washington still believes, however that a normalization deal is possible in the course of the next year, but only after the war in Gaza ends and there is a period of calm. An Israeli official who spoke to the Americans said the hope in Jerusalem was to reach such a deal by the end of 2023. He noted that the Abraham Accords were also signed in the final months of the Trump administration.

The Israeli official said the working assumption is that Saudi Arabia still prefers to reach a deal with a democratic administration in power, because such a deal would be most likely to win congressional support if the democrats hold the White House, and no one can be sure what the outcome of the November presidential elections would be.

"There is an understanding in Washington that Hamas must be eliminated, and the hostages returned," the Israeli official said. "If there is a way to bring Hamas to its knees

within weeks, its leadership killed and the hostages freed, Israel would have no interest in prolonging the war indefinitely," he said.

"As long as we have the U.S., we have backing in the UN Security Council. We see eye to eye with the West on the need to take down Hamas and free our hostages. The timeline is dictated by the reality on the ground."

The Americans are seriously considering the day after the war and have sent a delegation headed by Dr. Philip Gordon, National Security Advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris who met with Israeli officials including National Security Council Tsachi Hanegbi, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer and members of the war cabinet Benny Ganz and Gadi Eizenkot. They also met with Opposition Leader Yair Lapid but were refused a meeting with Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

The White House said Gordon discussed efforts to rehabilitate Gaza after the fighting and that he made clear that the Palestinians must see a credible political solution for the future. On Wednesday, State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller said the White House supports Israeli troops remaining in Gaza on a temporary basis after the fighting and that leaving would only endanger Palestinians and would not be helpful for a transformation process. He would not say how long the forces would stay but said the administration made it clear to Israel that Gaza could not be occupied again.

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Israel pressures Egypt to accept Gazan refugees after war, report says

According to Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, Cairo fears US seeking moving Palestinian refugees from Gaza into Sinai when fighting ends; Egypt warns Europeans of wave of Palestinians reaching continent

Lior Ben Ari|12:34

Egypt expresses concern about the gathering of Gaza Palestinians at its border in light of recent reports that the United States and Israel are considering relocating refugees from into Egyptian territory, Qatari newspaper Al-Araby Al-Jadeed reported on Wednesday.

The Egyptian network AlQahera News reported on Wednesday that Cairo rejects any attempt to relocate any displaced Palestinians into its territory in violation of international law and was concerned about the continuation of Israel's operations in southern Gaza and the continued harm to civilians.

In recent weeks, Egyptian officials claimed that Israel's goal is to bring Palestinians from Gaza into the Sinai despite Egyptian assertions that they would not allow the move. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi already said in October that "the elimination of the Palestinian issue without a just solution is something that cannot be allowed to happen, not at the expense of Egypt."

Egypt also claims that allowing Palestinians into Sinai would pose a security threat to Israel as well. In that case, Israel will have to deal with another front in addition to the multitude of existing threats.

The Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar, which is affiliated with the Iran-backed Hezbollah group, in a report published last month, said Egypt threatened to withdraw from the Israel-Egypt peace agreement signed in 1979 should they be forced to accept the Palestinians into their territory, and that the consequences for Israel would mean that the Sinai would become a refugee camp and therefore a threat.

Egypt also hinted to European officials that the pressure to bring Palestinians into its territory would be accompanied by waves of immigration to the continent and that the Egyptian security forces, who prevented illegal immigration for seven years, would first have to deal with guarding the borders. According to Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, Egypt now worries over Washington's lukewarm stance on the issue and has not provided firm guarantees regarding Gaza and the West Bank.

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The paper said that Israel is trying to pressure Egypt to facilitate the passage of the displaced people to Arab countries over time, to avoid pushback. The newspaper's sources claimed that Western and American officials were seeking to offer economic incentives to the Egyptians to agree.

Jordan also shares concerns and objections to the forced displacement of Palestinians from the West Bank to the Hashemite Kingdom. Earlier this week, King Abdullah of Jordan repeated calls on the world to condemn any attempt to forcefully expel Palestinians. The King and the Jordanian Foreign Minister, Ayman Safadi reiterated that they would not allow uprooting Palestinians from their land and that this was a red line for their country. Last month, Safadi said that any attempt to bring about displacement to Jordan constitutes a "declaration of war."

12.06.23 – We

IDF located massive weapons depot in Gaza; hundreds of rockets, RPG, UAVs

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IDF locates 'massive weapons depot' in Gaza

See the photos: The weapons stockpile, including long-range rockets aimed at central Israel, was discovered near a medical clinic and a school in the heart of a residential neighborhood in the northern Gaza Strip

Yoav Zitun|05:41

IDF soldiers have located what it says is "one of the largest stockpiles of weapons" in the Gaza Strip, near a clinic and a school.

The stockpile contained hundreds of rockets and RPG launchers, long-range rockets, UAVs, and ready-to-use explosive devices, unmanned aerial vehicles that claim to resemble the Israeli Sky Rider drone, dozens of anti-tank missiles, dozens of explosive charges, long-range rockets aimed at the center of the country with the ability to reach the heavily populated Sharon region, and dozens of grenades.

The weapons were seized by the soldiers. Some were destroyed on-site and some were sent for further investigation. All of the terrorist infrastructure was found close to civilian buildings in the heart of a civilian population.

"This is additional proof of Hamas' cynical use of the residents of the Gaza Strip as human shields," according to the IDF

Lt.-Col. Tomer, commander of the 50th Battalion, said: "Last night, the 50th Battalion Combat Teams found many weapons in the area we are currently in. Among the means of warfare, you can see many hundreds of anti-tank missiles, as well as other strategic means, such as unmanned aerial vehicles and long-range missiles. We are in the heart of a residential neighborhood - you can see we are in the midst of a very large school district."

Over the last day, the Israeli Air Force struck approximately 250 terror targets in the Gaza Strip. IDF troops are continuing to locate weapons, underground shafts, explosives and additional military infrastructure. IDF ground troops directed an IDF fighter jet to strike two rocket launchers from which terrorists fired a barrage of rockets toward central Israel on Tuesday.

In addition, the troops directed an IAF aircraft to strike in the area of Deir al-Balah. During these strikes, terrorists from the Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations were eliminated, and a number of terrorist infrastructure were destroyed. IDF troops also struck an armed terrorist cell operating adjacent to a school in the northern Gaza Strip. Following this, the troops struck an additional underground shaft located in the area of the school.

12.06.23 – We

Red Cross made no effort to visit captives; they used no influence against Hamas

12.06.23 – We

Israeli hostage's parents slams Red Cross for lack of action

Parents of Omer Wenkert, who suffers from a chronic illness, say that meeting with the organization led nowhere in efforts to pass life-saving medication to their son; 'Our worry in these 60 days has been over the need to save Omer twice, once from his illness, and once from captivity'

Hadar Gil-Ad|02:25

Niva and Shai Wenkert, the parents of 22-year-old Omer, who was abducted into Gaza from the music festival near Kibbutz Rei'm on October 7, contacted the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) just three days after the attack in a desperate attempt to get life-saving medication to their son.

"We got in touch with them after we digested our shock, but it was only last week that they asked to meet with us," Niva Wenkert said. "During the last two months we tried to provide them with his medical record in various ways, but so far, they haven't responded."

Omer suffers from colitis, a chronic disease that can become life-threatening, and he takes medication daily to manage it. Since he was abducted, his parents have been fighting for two things – to get him the necessary treatment and to release him from captivity.

"The meeting with the ICRC was very strange," Niva recounted. "But the strangest thing was that they invited me to a meeting and told me not to bring Omer's medications because, currently, they have no way to reach the hostages, and that essentially I have no reason to bring them."

"In the first part of the meeting, we met with them and another family, and they described the efforts they make to try to reach the Israeli captives. They talked about a series of things they asked from Hamas — releasing them, meeting with them, sharing information about them, and said that all were always refused by Hamas," according to Niva.

"In the second part, we filled out an information form together with very basic details. There was no place in any part of it to fill in Omer's medical condition. It was unclear. I think the meeting came after they faced very harsh criticism from international media. They didn't ask me about his condition, his needs, what medications he takes, and how he got there. But they did say that their mission isn't simple, and their colleagues were harmed there. In other words, they tried to say that the criticism is unjustified," she explained.

"I do not expect anything from them. I don't believe they have any power, will, or influence to do anything," said the worried mother. "They won't force themselves to act. They won't make an effort to help us. We're in this for 60 days already, and we're taking plenty of actions, and I will continue to do anything they tell me has even a small chance to bring him back home."

"Colitis is a very severe disease," she emphasized. "It causes acute inflammation in the intestines and excruciating pain. Without medication, it can lead to ulcers and, in extreme cases, some people have some of their intestines removed and replaced. It's a very dangerous disease, and when left untreated it can lead to a life-threatening condition." "Our worry in these 60 days has been over the need to save Omer twice, once from his illness, and once from captivity. We have no peace of mind, we're afraid for his fate. Since the releases began, we've been even more stressed because we saw a hostage who didn't receive her medication and was left in a critical condition. We heard testimonies



from people who returned from Gaza that they didn't get medications. I can't even imagine what my son is going through there," she said.

12.06.23 – We

German Police implemented ban & raided the homes of Hamas Supporters

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Maybe We Should Do What German Police Did to Hamas Supporters Last Month

Matt Vespa

December 06, 2023 7:05 AM

This story happened in Germany around Thanksgiving week, so apologies for circling back a bit, but it's something law enforcement should consider doing here. We've seen too many posts showing vile antisemitism and mayhem being committed by these roving legions of neo-Jihadists who are taking over our college campuses and cities. I don't care how it sounds: German police raided the homes of pro-Hamas supporters in late November, and we should do that here (via Associated Press):

Hundreds of police officers searched the properties of Hamas members and followers in Germany ... following a formal ban on any activity by or in support of the militant group.

The German government implemented the ban on Nov. 2 and dissolved Samidoun, a group that was behind a celebration in Berlin of Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

Germany's domestic intelligence service estimates that Hamas has around 450 members in the country. Their activities range from expressions of sympathy and propaganda activities to financing and fundraising activities to strengthen the organization abroad.

The raids, which mostly took place in Berlin, were meant to enforce the bans and to further investigate the groups, the German interior ministry said in a statement.

A total of 16 properties were searched by 500 police officers in Berlin and the states of Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia and Schleswig-Holstein.

A ban on any activity by this group might face some constitutional hurdles, but national security priorities have a funny way of justifying far-reaching searches, which should count. George Washington University has a report on how Hamas has been operating in the United States for years, with a massive gathering of terrorists occurring in Philadelphia back in 1993. The FBI has wiretaps to prove it. We've also deported members of the terror group. It may not have been an operation that involved hundreds of law enforcement officers, but there's precedent here. The Council on American-Islamic Relations has been known to be an ally of Hamas as well.

Last weekend, this band of pro-terrorist activists targeted Jewish-owned or supposedly pro-Israeli businesses. The Times Square McDonald's was besieged. These aren't small gatherings either, and these people are the pool from which terror groups will recruit to carry out attacks. They should be surveilled by federal agents and tracked because I don't trust one of them. You flash a swastika, as we've seen nationwide at these pro-Hamas rallies, yell, "from the river to the sea," or hurl antisemitic epithets; you should be placed under federal surveillance. To the students on visas who participate in these pro-terrorist protests, they should be deported.

Cast a wide net because the enemy is already here and has been for some time (again).

12.05.23 – Tu

IDF in 3rd phase offensive: over 6,000 terrorists eliminated of an estimated 20,000

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IDF initiates 3rd phase of Gaza ground offensive: 'Most significant, intense period of war' Fighting in key Jabaliya, Shijaiyah and Khan Younis areas will take weeks, since they are swarmed with Hamas terrorists, military says; so far, over 6,000 terrorists were eliminated out of an estimated 20,000 within the terror organization

Yoav Zitun|12:38

The IDF began the third phase of the ground offensive in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, with forces now operating in several key areas including Jabaliya, Shijaiyah and Khan Younis.

Thousands of IDF infantry and engineering troops, accompanied by armored forces, are participating in battles against Hamas terrorists, in what Southern Command defines as "the most significant and intense combat period since the beginning of the war."

The IDF believes the fighting in Khan Younis – as well as in Jabaliya and Shijaiyah – meant to eliminate all Hamas terrorists in these areas will take weeks.

The challenge in Khan Younis is expected to be twofold: From the west and southwest of the city there are approximately a million Palestinians who have come from the northern Gaza Strip and, additionally, many residents of Khan Younis itself have yet to evacuate. IDF forces operate in the Jabaliya area

However, the IDF has managed to encourage a significant portion of the population to move to "safer areas" west of the city and to its south along the coast, according to maps distributed to residents. According to some estimations, there are hidden locations in the city and its surroundings that serve as hideouts for senior Hamas leaders.

In Khan Younis, an entire brigade of Hamas terrorists operates, comprising four formidable battalions of the terror group. Unlike Gaza City, Khan Younis has a larger territorial expanse, featuring predominantly low-rise structures with fewer floors compared to the western part of Gaza City.

Before the war, the city housed nearly a million residents and is located on top of an intricate network of underground tunnels stretching for dozens of kilometers, some leading to Rafah. A substantial portion of Khan Younis is dedicated to agriculture, featuring fields and orchards, and accordingly the IDF brigades are strategically positioned and currently active in the area.

The IDF Southern Command effectively used the cease-fire to extract insights from the initial phase of the war, learning from mistakes primarily attributed to the lack of accurate intelligence regarding Hamas in the early days. Operational efforts were then undertaken on the battlefield to preemptively prevent further rocket attacks. According to the Southern Command, at least 6,000 confirmed Hamas terrorists have been eliminated in Gaza, out of an estimated 20,000 in the terror organization. High-ranking figures within Hamas, such as generals and commanders, have been nearly eradicated in the northern part of the strip. The remaining terrorists are now operating in small, localized cells.

IDF Golani Brigade overpowers Hamas's elite battalion, eliminates 300 terrorists  
Golani Brigade, which lost some 70 soldiers in Oct. 7 terror attack, joined by 7th Armored Brigade forces, decisively defeat Hamas's Sabra Battalion; 'Most of the battalion's terrorists retreated or hid in a hospital,' IDF officer says  
Ynet News

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IDF 3rd phase offensive, encircling southern Gaza, continue to secure northern Gaza

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IDF defies doubters, resumes Gaza combat where it left off and hurts Hamas, chief of staff says

IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi says military is in the 3rd phase of Gaza ground offensive while trying to minimize harm to civilian population even though Hamas terrorists use civilian infrastructure; says army also constantly operates on northern border against Hezbollah to achieve security

Dennis Bihler|12:27

As Israel reaches day 60 of the war against Hamas, IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi said Tuesday that the "forces are now encircling the Khan Younis area in the southern Gaza Strip, and those who thought that the IDF would not know how to renew the fighting after the pause was mistaken, and Hamas is already feeling this."

"Simultaneously, we continue to secure our accomplishments in the northern Gaza Strip. Many Hamas terrorists, including senior commanders, have been eliminated in recent days," Halevi added.

"We have moved to the third phase of the ground offensive," Halevi said. "We have secured many Hamas strongholds in the northern Gaza Strip, and now we are operating

against its strongholds in the south. We operate professionally; evacuating the population from combat zones; and striking Hamas from above and below ground with combined strikes from the air, sea and land."

"Many ask about the destruction in Gaza. Hamas is the address. Yahya Sinwar is the address. Our forces located weapons and engage in combat with terrorists in nearly every building and house," the IDF chief continued. "We understand that part of their method is to use civilian houses and clothing. Therefore the forces operate strongly while making big efforts to mitigate as much as possible harm to civilians," he added.

"The military pressure we are applying and have applied in recent weeks severely damaged Hamas, and we are advancing in all the war's objectives, with the top priority of returning all hostages home. On Monday I had the opportunity to meet commanders in the northern Gaza Strip. We spoke, and they said very clearly – we are ready and willing to do everything to return the hostages, to do everything to strike Hamas and dismantle this organization," he said.

The IDF chief of staff also addressed the northern border with Lebanon and said that Hezbollah chose to open fire at the end of the cease-fire, and the IDF anticipated that. "We are resolutely acting against anyone preparing, or attempting, to harm the citizens of Israel, IDF soldiers, or those that pose a threat to our territory. We are focused on Gaza, but at the same time, we continue to operate to achieve security on the northern border," he said.

Halevi also mentioned the West Bank, saying that in the "last two months, over 1,200 Hamas terrorists were apprehended, many of them carried out terror attacks in the past, while others were planning to do so in the future. They were either arrested or killed, and the IDF is very determined to preserve this effort."

12.05.23 – Tu

IDF exposes Hamas civilian sites consistently used for military purposes all across Gaza

12.05.23 – Tu

IDF exposes Hamas use of civilian sites for military purposes in northern Gaza  
Army finds civilian facilities, including schools and residential buildings, used by Hamas for launching rockets, storing weapons and conducting attacks in Al-Shati  
Ynetnews|06:32

The IDF reported on Tuesday uncovering additional Hamas military infrastructure embedded in civilian areas in the northern Gaza Strip's Al-Shati refugee camp.

According to the army, Hamas has been using civilian facilities, including schools and residential buildings, for launching rockets, storing weapons and conducting attacks.

The army said that this latest discovery in Al-Shati is indicative of Hamas' wider operational tactics in the area, highlighting the group's strategy of using civilian infrastructure for military purposes, which it consistently employs all across the Gaza Strip.

The use of such tactics by Hamas raises concerns over the safety and well-being of civilians in Gaza, significantly increasing the risk to the civilian population in the event of a military response by the IDF. This ongoing situation continues to be a source of tension and conflict in the region.

A government spokesperson said earlier Tuesday that Israel expects difficult fighting in the new phase of its war in Gaza but is open to "constructive feedback" on reducing harm to civilians as long as the advice is consistent with its aim of destroying Hamas.

"We're moving ahead with the second stage now. A second stage that is going to be difficult militarily," spokesperson Eylon Levy told reporters.

"Any constructive feedback that we get, any serious military strategic advice about how to target Hamas while minimizing harm to civilians, we will of course mention," Levy said.

"We are going to continue with our campaign to destroy Hamas, a campaign that the United States sees eye to eye with us about the strategic objectives of this war, that this war cannot end with Hamas still standing."

12.04.23 – Mo

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Israeli authorities are investigating claims by U.S. researchers that some investors might have known in advance of a Hamas plan to attack Israel on Oct. 7 and used that information to profit from Israeli securities.

Research by law professors Robert Jackson Jr. from New York University and Joshua Mitts of Columbia University found significant short-selling of shares leading up to the attacks, which triggered a war nearly two months old.

"Days before the attack, traders appeared to anticipate the events to come," they wrote, citing short interest in the MSCI Israel Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) that "suddenly, and significantly, spiked" on Oct. 2 based on data from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

"And just before the attack, short selling of Israeli securities on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) increased dramatically," they wrote in their 66-page report.

In response, the TASE referred Reuters to the Israel Securities Authority, which said: "The matter is known to the authority and is under investigation by all the relevant parties."

A spokeswoman for the securities regulator did not elaborate, and Israeli police did not immediately comment.

The researchers said short-selling, in which investors expect the share price to fall, allowing it to be bought back at a lower price at a profit, before Oct. 7 "exceeded the short-selling that occurred during numerous other periods of crisis."

That includes the recession following the financial crisis in 2008, the 2014 Israel-Gaza war, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

They wrote that for Leumi, Israel's largest bank, 4.43 million new shares sold short over the Sept. 14 to Oct. 5 period yielded profits of 3.2 billion shekels (\$862 million) on that additional short-selling.

"Although we see no aggregate increase in shorting of Israeli companies on U.S. exchanges, we do identify a sharp and unusual increase, just before the attacks, in trading in risky short-dated options on these companies expiring just after the attacks," they said.

"Our findings suggest that traders informed about the coming attacks profited from these tragic events, and consistent with prior literature we show that trading of this kind occurs in gaps in U.S. and international enforcement of legal prohibitions on informed trading."

The professors referred to patterns in early April when it was reported that Hamas was initially planning its attack on Israel. "Short volume in EIS (the MSCI Israel ETF) peaked on April 3 at levels very similar to those observed on Oct. 2, and was far higher by an order of magnitude than other days prior to April 3," they said.

The story of the new study was first reported on Israel's financial news website The Marker.

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12.04.23 – Mo

IDF jamming GPS - indicating they are in Egypt; for various operational needs

12.04.23 – Mo

Waze thinks you are in Cairo, but this is not a cyberattack

Waze users complain about the app's language glitch - automatically switching to Arabic - indicating they are in Egypt; renewed fighting in Gaza leads to GPS jamming by the IDF, causing location-based apps to experience difficulties  
Yuval Mann|05:38

Have you tried using Waze lately to navigate and were surprised to find out that all the writing on the map is in Arabic? Does your location-based app think that you are in Egypt or Lebanon even though you live in Kfar Saba or Givatayim? This is not a bug or a cyberattack, but rather a GPS jamming by the Israel Defense Forces following the resumption of fighting in Gaza.

"During the fighting, GPS jamming is activated for various operational needs in order to protect the security of the residents of the State of Israel," the IDF spokesperson's Unit said in a statement on Sunday. "Citizens should be aware that jamming can cause various and temporary effects in location-based applications."

The effect of these disruptions on the users is not constant, and it changes according to the operational needs of the IDF.

"My whole family and I are in Cairo according to the GPS, but we are in Kfar Saba," one of the users who experienced the GPS disruptions told Ynet on Sunday. The IDF began proactively disrupting GPS signals at the beginning of the war in order to mislead the enemy.

The disruptions affect not only navigational apps like Waze or Google Maps, but any location-based app. Therefore, it is recommended in the Home Front Command application to enter the settings and manually add the location under "areas of interest," so that you receive the notifications relevant to your area of residence.

Google, Waze's parent company, stated: "We are aware that GPS disruptions are currently being activated throughout Israel and are affecting all location-based applications at this stage. It should be noted that, due to the disruptions, there may be temporary inaccuracies in finding the location and navigation in the Waze application. As always, Waze monitors carefully to ensure that the map is as accurate and up-to-date as possible."

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12.03.23 – Su - - News – Sunday A-Day-in-5

Freed Women testify of horror & appeal to release captives now; broadcast on TV

12.03.23 – Su - - News Placed in December 03 spot – Sunday A-Day-in-5

IDF has found over 800 tunnels in Gaza & destroyed 500 since start of war

12.02.23 – Sa - - News Placed in December 02 spot – Saturday A-Day-in-6

Hamas will not release Zionists until war ends; every brigade knows what awaits them

12.01.23 – Fr- - - News Placed in December 01 spot – Friday No Abomination  
 Hamas fired rockets into Ashdod, ending ceasefire 137 hostages remain

11.30.23 – Th- - - News Placed in November 30 spot – Thursday A-Day-in-1  
 Friday is final cease- fire; If Hamas release 10 a day, we will extend the pause

11.29.23 – We- - - News Placed in November 29 spot – Wednesday A-Day-in-2  
 Netanyahu & cabinet met to return to fighting Gaza as IDF eliminates Jenin leader

11.29.23 – We- - - News – Wednesday A-Day-in-2  
 Hamas open to negotiate release of all hostages, including soldiers, for PA prisoners

11.28.23 – Tu- - - News Placed in November 28 spot – Tuesday A-Day-in-3  
 Israel demands remove Director of UN Women for PA support & disregard for Israel

11.27.23 – Mo- - - News – Monday A-Day-in-4  
 Hamas leader Sinwar met Israeli hostages in tunnels, speaking in Hebrew