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IDF says deadly Shijaiyah ambush not due to lack of air support

Army spokesperson RADM Hagari dismisses speculations deadly ambush death of 10 Israeli soldiers in Gaza's Shijaiyah occurred due to lack of air support; 'There is no change in the fire policy, before every force's entry into the area - the Air Force strikes everywhere'

Ynet correspondents|Updated:13:48

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari on Wednesday dismissed speculations that a Hamas deadly ambush that led to the death of 10 Israeli soldiers in Gaza's Shijaiyah occurred due to lack of air support.

"The [forces] stormed the building to extract [the wounded] under heavy fire. The Air Force supported the soldiers with 20 aircraft. There were dozens of Air Force strikes during the event," he told a press conference.

Hagari also addressed the fact that high-ranking officers also perished in the incident, saying that their presence on the frontline is a "testament to our soldiers' bravery. Always at the forefront, always first to charge, always first when it's needed to rescue our soldiers."

According to Hagari, "The wider our operations, the more clashes we have, and sadly, more casualties. These encounters result in many Hamas terrorists killed and contribute to significant surrender, and we see this every day in Jabaliya, Shijaiyah and Khan Younis."

When asked if the incident could have been avoided, Hagari replied, "We fire in Shijaiyah every time we know there are terrorist targets. There is no change in the fire policy - for each division, each brigade, each soldier, before every force's entry into the area - the Air Force strikes everywhere."

After terrorists operating inside a school in Khan Younis initiated combat with IDF soldiers, the IDF conducted a targeted raid against the terrorists inside the school, the IDF said Wednesday evening.

During the operation, the troops engaged with a terrorist cell that fired at the soldiers with firearms and RPG-style anti-tank missiles. The troops killed the terrorists during the battle. In the area of the school, the troops located long-range rockets and an underground combat compound.

In addition, IDF troops directed an Israeli Air Force strike on the compound, and additional observation and control centers belonging to the Hamas terrorist organization. Nine rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward the southern city of Ashdod and neighboring communities Wednesday afternoon. Six rockets were intercepted by air defenses while the rest crashed in unpopulated areas.

A large rocket fragment fell on a supermarket in Ashdod, causing damage. There were no physical injuries; a person was treated at the scene for shock.

The IDF on Wednesday, launched attacks on South Lebanon after rocket fire targeted the Western Galilee near the border with Lebanon.

Earlier the military released the names of 10 soldiers, nine of whom were killed in Shuja'iyya, in the Gaza Strip. The fallen are Sergeant First Class Rom Hecht, Major Ben Shelly, Captain Liel Hayo, Staff Sergeant Oriya Yaakov, Sergeant Achia Daskal, Major Moshe Avram Bar On, Major Roei Meldas, Lieutenant Colonel Tomer Grinberg, Colonel Itzhak ben basat, Sergeant Eran Aloni.

An initial investigation into the incident revealed that a Golani brigade force was operating in a densely constructed area of the town when they came under fire. Additional fighters came into the structures to evacuate the wounded when an explosive device was activated, causing further fatalities. The terrorists who were ultimately killed, the IDF believed, emerged from a tunnel shaft.

Despite criticism of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, voiced by U.S. President Joe Biden over his refusal to discuss the role of the Palestinian Authority in post-war Gaza, administration officials told CNN on Wednesday that there was no plan to attach conditions to U.S. military aid to Israel in its fight against Hamas.

The United States and the UK on Wednesday imposed a fourth round of sanctions on individuals linked to Hamas, the U.S. Treasury Department said. The sanctions target eight individuals who "perpetuate Hamas's agenda" by representing the group's interests abroad and managing its finances, the Treasury said in a statement. Some of those targeted were based in Turkey, including Haroun Mansour Yaqoub Nasser Al-Din, identified as a key financial operative.

Families of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza after being abducted during the October 7 massacre, demonstrated outside the UN headquarters in Geneva where heads of state and diplomats marked 75 years since the declaration for human rights. The families raised a giant banner with pictures of the captives and the words, "We will not stop until they are all back," and slammed the international body, the Red Cross and leaders for failing to take action that would bring about the release of hostages from Gaza.

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Samir Shah says BBC needs to 'consider very clearly' refusal to call Hamas 'terrorists'
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Ynet|12:42

Incoming BBC Chairman Samir Shah announced Wednesday that he intends to examine how the media organization has covered the war between Israel and Hamas.

“It seems to me there is enough in terms of criticism of the way the BBC has covered this war,” he said. “The BBC does a periodic review of its editorial guidelines and it seems to me that the issues that the current war has thrown up need to be absolutely part of that.”

“It is not an adequate enough response [for the BBC] to say ‘both sides are criticizing us and therefore we must be doing something right’,” he went on to say, calling this approach “a soundbite, but the ambition of a BBC journalist should be that neither side is criticizing us and [everyone] thinks we’re doing well.”

The former BBC politics program presenter, who has recently assumed the British public broadcaster's top job, emphasized that he will "examine" the coverage style, focusing on the decision not to label Hamas as "terrorists", which has sparked significant controversy in recent months and led to protests outside the network's offices.

He said the BBC needs to “consider very clearly” its refusal to call Hamas “terrorists” rather than referring to the group as a “proscribed terrorist organization” – and said the latter phrase “feels a bit clunky to me, it’s not the natural speech of a reporter.”

Responding to a question over whether the public broadcaster is conducting a "good war," Shah acknowledged that BBC journalists are “working in difficult circumstances, so we need to be cautious sitting here in the safety of Britain questioning whether they are having a ‘good war’ or not.”

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Itamar Eichner|12:23

Israel will present the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross with a confidential report compiled by the medical teams that treated all the hostages who were released from Hamas captivity in the Gaza Strip.

ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric is scheduled to arrive Thursday for a visit to Israel, 10 days after she visited the Gaza Strip. Spoljaric will meet with President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Eli Cohen and Health Minister Uriel Bosso. In addition, Spoljaric will meet with families of hostages and will tour Kibbutz Kfar Aza on the southern border, accompanied by Cohen.

Bosso will present Spoljaric with a confidential report drawn up by the medical teams that treated all the hostages that have been released from Hamas captivity in Gaza about what they went through medically while captivity, including the lack of food, medicine and medical treatments.

At the meeting, they reportedly will make it clear to the ICRC president that every day that passes without allowing the medical access to the hostages, and to receive information about their conditions, puts their lives in danger.

Last week, Spoljaric made a quick visit to Egypt and Gaza, partly to try to gain access to the hostages and to deliver medicine to them, efforts which have so far been unsuccessful. The visit took place following her meeting in Doha, Qatar with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. Later, Spoljaric is expected to pay a two-day visit to Israel, amid sharp criticism in Jerusalem of the Red Cross's performance in the war.

During her visit to Gaza, she released a two-minute video, in which she mentioned in one short sentence the hostages who are being held in the Strip and called to "protect their rights," and in the same sentence referred to protecting the rights of the "detainees" - meaning Palestinians being held in prisons in Israel. "All those deprived of liberty must be treated humanely," she said.

In the rest of the video, Spoljaric spoke about the condition of the hospitals in Gaza, about the wounded and amputees, and the suffering of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip.

"I was told today that the north (of Gaza) has lost its entire surgical capacity," she said, adding in a message directed at the international community: "We can't turn away from what is evidently a moral failure in the face of the international community. I'm calling on parties and everyone who has an influence to de-escalate and to find other than military solutions to what is an immense suffering of the people on both sides." She concluded by calling for a "political solution" to the Gaza war.

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"Hamas continues to rely heavily on networks of well-placed officials and affiliates, exploiting seemingly permissive jurisdictions to direct fundraising campaigns for the group's benefit and funneling those illicit proceeds to support its military activities in Gaza," said Brian Nelson, under secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

Several of the Hamas officials targeted were based in Turkey, including one of the group's key financial operatives there, Haroun Mansour Yaqoub Nasser Al-Din, the Treasury said.

Haroun Nasser Al-Din has been involved in a network that transferred money from Turkey and Gaza to the Hamas command center in the West Bank city of Hebron, it said, and helped subsidize Hamas activities to further unrest in the West Bank.

Hamas leaders Ismail Haniyeh, Khaled Mashal with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Nelson traveled to Oman and Turkey at the end of November to work on U.S. efforts to deny Hamas and other groups the ability to raise and move funds.

The United States and Britain earlier imposed three rounds of sanctions on the Palestinian militant group after its deadly incursion into Israel on Oct. 7.

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Report: IDF begins flooding Hamas tunnels with seawater Biden says Netanyahu should 'replace his government'; 3 launches of rockets from Syria toward Israeli territory identified; Northern Israel home directly hit by anti-tank fire from Lebanon

Ynet correspondents|Updated: | 16:08

The bombing of a school belonging to UNRWA and used by Hamas as a terror base in northern Gaza Strip

The United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday night passed by a large majority a resolution calling for an "immediate humanitarian cease-fire" in the Gaza Strip. Some 153 countries voted in favor of the cease-fire, 10 countries voted against and 23 abstained or were absent.

The list of countries that voted against includes the United States, Israel, Czech Republic, Micronesia, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Liberia, Nauru, Guatemala and Austria. Among the countries that abstained are Germany, Great Britain, Ukraine, Georgia, Argentina, Bulgaria, Hungary, the Netherlands, Panama, South Sudan, Togo, Tonga, Slovakia, Uruguay and Lithuania.

In October the General Assembly called for "an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities" in a resolution adopted with 121 votes in favor, 14 against - including the U.S. - and 44 abstentions.

The Israel Defense Forces has begun pumping seawater into Hamas' tunnel complex in Gaza, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday citing unnamed U.S. officials. The process will likely take weeks, according to the report.

Some Biden administration officials have said the process could help destroy the tunnels, where Israel believes the militant group is hiding hostages, fighters and munitions, the Journal reported. Other officials have expressed concerns the seawater would endanger Gaza's fresh water supply, the newspaper reported.

An IDF fighter jet and tanks struck a Hezbollah launch post with weapons and terrorist infrastructure after a number of launches were identified toward IDF posts along the northern border, according to the IDF spokesperson's unit. Throughout the day on Tuesday, Hezbollah claimed responsibility Tuesday afternoon for eight shooting attacks on Israeli posts in the border area.

In addition, three launches of rockets from Syria toward Israeli territory were identified. Two of the rockets fell in open areas inside Syrian territory, and one launch fell in an open area in Israel. In response, the IDF fired toward the sources of the launches.

A convoy of 80 aid trucks for Gaza was sent from Egypt to the Kerem Shalom crossing for security checks on Tuesday after a new inspection system was opened in an effort to accelerate deliveries of relief, a Red Crescent official said. The use of Kerem Shalom, which is on the border between Israel, Gaza and Egypt about 3 km (1.86 miles) from Rafah, should allow for the processing of more trucks, including some that would come from Jordan for the first time since the start of the war in Gaza, aid officials say.

U.S. President Joe Biden said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should "replace his government." The Israeli government is "beginning to lose support in the face of indiscriminate bombings," Biden said during a fund-raising event in Washington for his re-election campaign. Biden's statement comes ahead of the expected visit to Israel by U.S. national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, who is supposed to arrive on Thursday and meet with Netanyahu and other officials.

Meanwhile, Biden has invited to a meeting at the White House the families of hostages with American citizenship who are held captive by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, a senior U.S. administration official told Reuters. It is currently unclear how many families will attend the meeting, and some may take part virtually. This will be the first time that the president himself will meet with them.

The IDF has recovered from Gaza the bodies of Hamas hostage Eden Zacharia, 28, from Rishon Lezion, who was abducted from the Nova music festival in Re'im, and Sergeant Major Ziv Dado, 36, from Rehovot, who was killed during the Hamas surprise attack on October 7, the IDF Spokesperson's Office released for publication. As part of the operation during which the bodies were located, Master Sgt. (res.) Gal Meir Eisenkot and Master Sgt. (res.) Eyal Meir Berkowitz were killed, and other soldiers were injured. A home in Kibbutz Bar'am in northern Israel took a direct hit from an anti-tank missile fired from Lebanon, the Upper Galilee Regional Council reported Tuesday afternoon. The home sustained heavy damage but there were no casualties. Sirens sounded in the area during the attack. Earlier, the IDF said that air defenses fired "a number of interceptors" at a "suspicious aerial target" that crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory, without saying whether the threat was shot down. The report came following sirens sounding in Western Galilee.

Shortly thereafter, incoming rocket attack alarms were also activated in the border communities of Zar'it and Shtula. IDF responds with artillery fire. Sirens also sounded as far as the city of Acre, which has been rarely targeted since the beginning of the war. Hamas called on the Palestinian Authority to sever security coordination with Israel and shift to "comprehensive resistance."

The statement comes after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu remarked that Israel should prepare for the possibility of war with the PA.

"Netanyahu's declarations about the readiness of the occupation army to attack the Palestinian Authority confirm his intention to harm our people in Gaza and the West Bank," Hamas said.

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How IDF uses white phosphorus to reveal Hezbollah's secret bases

Analysis: Weapons, permitted to use in unpopulated areas under Geneva Convention, **employed** by military **to uncover Hezbollah positions** **concealed** **under thick shrubbery**, thereby helping to prevent attacks on IDF troops and civilians

Ron Ben Yishai | 02:19

Despite the reporting on Monday in the Washington Post, quoting human rights groups that **Israel used U.S.-made white phosphorus bombs to attack villages** in southern **Lebanon**, the use by the IDF was in unpopulated areas where **military targets** were found. Either way, the use of white phosphorus was confirmed by the military spokesperson.

Speaking to reporters following the Post's report, National Security Advisor John Kirby said the use of the weapons was **not a violation** of international accords, if they did not target non-combatant civilians but said the concerns of the administration would be raised.

According to the **third Geneva Convention**, **phosphorus bombs** and shells **can be used** as a **means of lighting or as a smoke screen** but not against humans because of the plastic materials or phosphorus-laden material in them which **ignites in contact with oxygen** and **sticks to human skin causing severe burns**. The limitations on the use of the weapon extend to combatants as well as civilians, for that reason.

The **IDF** had **used** such weaponry **extensively in Gaza**, especially **during** the **2014** war there, raising angry **condemnation** from **international** bodies. As a result, the military decided to limit their use and has **mostly avoided** phosphorus bombs and shells **during the current war**.

In South Lebanon, unpopulated areas are often used to house Hezbollah facilities and frontline bases for their elite Radwan force which could be used to launch attacks on Israel.

Hezbollah hides **mortar and anti-tank missile launchers** in those bases, which are **covered by thick vegetation** that prevents intelligence surveillance from the air and has dug bunkers to protect from IDF artillery fire. They are an immediate threat to the border region, making them a target of Israeli strikes aimed also at revealing them.

By **bombing** the bases **with phosphorus** bombs, the IDF hopes **to ignite the vegetation covering the bases** and **create a smoke screen** that would enable the Hezbollah force to fire anti-tank missiles at IDF soldiers and positions and Israeli civilians near the Israel-Lebanon border.

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Home is where your RPG is: Watch what troops uncover in Gaza residence

Weapons including AK47s and munitions, grenades and the RPG located **inside the home** of a member **of the Hamas Nukhba force** and was found **along with computers** and operational **plans for the October 7 massacre**

Yoav Zitun|05:57

IDF troops operating in a residential apartment bloc **in Gaza found** among the home furnishing, a **weapons cache** that included RPGs AK47s with munitions, grenades and bulletproof vests. The apartment that belonged to a **member of the Hamas Nukhba force** was **used as a front-line command** and also **contained computers** and operational **plans for the October 7 massacre**.

In anticipation of the troops, an explosive device was placed at the entrance to the building but was found before he could cause injury.

"The combat equipment was taken by the soldiers, some of which was detonated on site and other materials were processed for further examination. All of the terror infrastructure found was located near civilian buildings and infrastructure," the IDF said. "This is further proof of the cynical use by Hamas of the residents of the Gaza Strip as human shields.

The apartment was one in a number of locations where weapons were found in and around schools and mosques as well as in the homes of residents of the Strip who were members of Hamas.

According to the military, the terror group had used kindergartens and residential homes from which they have launched rockets at Israel and in which they have stored weapons. The IDF showed footage of drones that were hidden under a bed in one residence in the northern part of the Gaza Strip while rocket launchers were found near an amusement park and a public pool.

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Yemen Houthis blocking ships to Israel; Saudi asked US to show restraint

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Tanker hit by Houthi missile en route to Israel's Ashdod Port

Norwegian vessel scheduled to dock in southern Israeli port on January 4, according to port's website; attack caused a fire and damage on board but 22 crewmembers unharmed
Itamar Eichner|Updated:06:02

The Norwegian commercial tanker STRINDA, which was attacked by a Houthi cruise missile on Tuesday, was headed for the Port of Ashdod in southern Israel and was scheduled to dock there on January 4, according to the port's website.

"The risk to shipping routes posed by the Houthis represents a strategic threat to global maritime lanes in general, and to Israel's maritime traffic in particular, with far-reaching political and economic impacts," read a statement from the port's administration.

"The Houthi threat does not directly affect port operations. We emphasize that we are doing everything possible to operate fully and maintain an open gateway to Israel, despite the challenges of war. We are prepared and operating normally to handle all required operational activities of loading and unloading."

The Iran-aligned group's military spokesperson Yahya Sare'e said in a televised statement said they carried out a military operation against the vessel in its latest operation to protest against Israel's bombardment of Gaza, targeting the tanker with a rocket after the crew refused to respond to all warnings.

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The attack on the tanker STRINDA took place about 60 nautical miles (111km) north of the Bab al-Mandab Strait connecting the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden at about 2100 GMT, a U.S. official told Reuters. A second U.S. official said the STRINDA was able to move under its own power in the hours after the attack.

"There were no U.S. ships in the vicinity at the time of the attack, but the (U.S. Navy destroyer) USS MASON responded to the M/T STRINDA's mayday call and is currently rendering assistance," the U.S. military's Central Command, which oversees American forces in the Middle East, said in a statement posted on social media platform X.

The French defense ministry said in a statement on Tuesday that its frigate FREMM Languedoc intercepted and destroyed a drone that was threatening the Norwegian oil tanker in a complex aerial attack originating from Yemen.

It said the attack had taken place in the evening of Monday, Dec. 11 and had caused a fire on board the tanker, which was sailing under the Norwegian flag.

The Houthi spokesman said that the group had managed to obstruct the passage of several ships in recent days, acting in support of the Palestinians.

The Houthis have waded into the Israel-Hamas conflict - which has spread around the Middle East since Oct. 7 - attacking vessels in vital shipping lanes and firing drones and missiles at Israel itself.

On Saturday, the Houthis said they would target all ships heading to Israel, regardless of their nationality, and warned international shipping companies against dealing with Israeli ports. The Norway-flagged chemical tanker's Norwegian owner Mowinkel Chemical Tankers said that the vessel was headed for a safe port and that its crew of 22 from India were all unhurt. The vessel's manager Hansa Tankers could not be immediately reached for comment outside office hours.

The STRINDA had loaded vegetable oil and biofuels in Malaysia and was headed for Venice, Italy, data from shiptracking firm Kpler showed. It was not immediately clear whether the STRINDA had any ties to Israel.

The Houthis are one of several groups in the Iran-aligned "Axis of Resistance" that have been taking aim at Israeli and U.S. targets since their Palestinian ally Hamas attacked Israel.

During the first week of December, three commercial vessels came under attack in international waters, prompting a U.S. Navy destroyer to intervene.

The Houthis also seized last month a British-owned cargo ship that had links with an Israeli company.

The United States and Britain have condemned the attacks on shipping, blaming Iran for its role in supporting the Houthis. Tehran says its allies make their decisions independently.

Saudi Arabia has asked the United States to show restraint in responding to the attacks.

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Incoming drone and rocket attack alarms in northern Israel, IDF responds with artillery fire; Ashkelon municipality says at least four rockets intercepted over southern city
Ynet correspondents|Updated:05:48

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Doha's top diplomat says 'Our mandate is our continuous help and support for our brothers and sisters of Palestine; we will continue to do it systematically as we did it before'

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Qatar will maintain its cash flow and financial support to the Gaza Strip, as it has done for years, the oil-rich Gulf state's top diplomat said on Monday.

In an interview with CNN, Qatari Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi said, "Our mandate is our continuous help and support for our brothers and sisters of Palestine. We will continue to do it systematically as we did it before," Al-Khulaifi said.

Al-Khulaifi's remarks come against the backdrop of Israel's expressed frustration with its facilitation of monthly cash transfers in the tens of millions from Doha to bankroll Hamas' rule in Gaza.

According to the report, Qatar began making monthly payments to the Gaza Strip in 2018. Some \$15 million were sent into Gaza in cash-filled suitcases – delivered by the Qataris through Israeli territory after months of negotiation with Israel.

The CNN report highlighted that in 2018, Naftali Bennett, then-education minister and later prime minister, opposed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to permit Qatari money transfers.

Speaking to CNN on Sunday, Bennett said that during his brief stint as prime minister, he "stopped the cash suitcases" which he described as a "horrendous mistake." "Why would we feed them cash to kill us?" Bennett questioned.

Speaking to Politico late last month, Netanyahu strongly rejected claims that he had, for years, facilitated the financing and empowerment of Hamas as a strategy to create a "divide and conquer" situation between the Hamas government in Gaza and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, labeling these allegations as "ridiculous." Netanyahu claimed instead that Israeli governments under his leadership "wanted to avoid a civilian humanitarian collapse — disease, rampant hunger and other things that would have created an impossible humanitarian situation." According to him, "We didn't want to strengthen Hamas at all. We wanted to weaken it and degrade its capabilities as far as we could."

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Battles in Gaza at full intensity, dozens surrender; PM urging UN to visit Hostages

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Netanyahu criticizes Russia's stance on Gaza war in conversation with Putin

Iranians detained in Cyprus for planning attack on Israelis; 6 soldiers injured in Lebanese border clashes; Netanyahu to world: Can't support elimination of Hamas and pressure us to end war

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi, Lior Ben Ari, Itamar Eichner, AFP, Reuters|Updated:07:44

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu left the cabinet meeting Sunday for a 50-minute telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin. This is the first conversation between Netanyahu and Putin since the conversation they had on October 17, in which the prime minister told the Russian president that Israel "will not stop until it destroys the military and governmental capabilities of Hamas."

The prime minister expressed his dissatisfaction with the positions expressed against Israel by Russian representatives at the UN and in other forums, according to a statement from his office. Netanyahu also criticized the dangerous cooperation between Russia and

Iran. He emphasized that any country that had been struck with a criminal terrorist assault such as Israel experienced would have reacted with no less force than Israel is using. Netanyahu did express his appreciation of the Russian effort to release an Israeli citizen with Russian citizenship and said that Israel would use all means, diplomatic and military alike, to free all hostages. Netanyahu also requested that Russia apply pressure on the Red Cross regarding visits and the delivery of medicines for the hostages.

The Mossad confirmed reports in Cyprus and announced that authorities on the island in cooperation with the organization "thwarted an Iranian terrorist cell that planned to carry out attacks against Israeli and Jewish targets in Cyprus." It was also reported that "thanks to the anti-terrorist activity and the arrest of the cell by the security services in Cyprus, a lot of information was received that led to the exposure of the threats, the methods of operation, the targets of the attack and the Iranian plan to cause the killing of innocents in Cyprus and in other arenas."

The announcement by the Mossad comes after a Cypriot newspaper reported on Sunday that two Iranians were detained in Cyprus for questioning over suspected planning of attacks on Israeli citizens living in Cyprus. The two individuals were believed to be in the early stages of gathering intelligence on potential Israeli targets, the Kathimerini Cyprus newspaper said without citing sources. The paper added that the Iranians were political refugees in contact with a person linked to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. A senior Cypriot official declined to comment, citing policy on issues concerning national security. IDF attacks in southern Lebanon

Rocket warning alarms in northern Israel were preceded by massive attacks by the IDF in southern Lebanon, and video and photos released from there show the dramatic bombings. The alarms in the Western Galilee were activated both due to rocket fire, and due to the interception of a suspected enemy aircraft infiltration. It is not yet clear if a drone was intercepted.

Hezbollah later claims that it fired at an IDF outpost at 10:00 a.m., close to the time when rocket alert sirens were sounded in the Western Galilee. A short time later, the Al-Mayadeen network, affiliated with the Lebanese terrorist organization, reported an attack on another outpost in Israeli territory. It is not clear if the claim is credible.

Following the attacks, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported later on Sunday that "Two IDF soldiers were moderately injured, and a number of additional soldiers were lightly injured from shrapnel and smoke inhalation," in clashes near the Lebanon border. "Following the sirens that sounded in the Western Galilee area in northern Israel, suspicious aerial targets that crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory were identified and two targets were successfully intercepted by the IDF Aerial Defense Array," the statement added.

Some 40 soldiers in serious condition currently are being treated in hospitals across Israel, with 211 additional troops in moderate condition and 165 in minor condition, according to the IDF.

The battles in the Gaza Strip continued at full intensity over the weekend, and at the same time Israel received a 'political umbrella' from the United Nations in the form of a veto on

a Security Council resolution calling for a cease-fire in Israel's war on Hamas - but the clock is ticking.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rebuffed on Sunday international calls to end the Gaza war, describing them as inconsistent with supporting the war-aim of eliminating Hamas. Briefing his cabinet, Netanyahu said he had told the leaders of France, Germany and other countries: "You cannot on the one hand support the elimination of Hamas and on other pressure us to end the war, which would prevent the elimination of Hamas."

Meanwhile, Mohammad Nazzal, a member of the political bureau of Hamas, said that there will be no negotiations with Israel "unless there is a complete cease-fire".

According to Nazzal: "Netanyahu insists on continuing the fighting because the U.S., Britain and Germany see the cease-fire as a defeat for Israel. Nazzal referred to the statement of IDF spokesman Lt. Col. Daniel Hagari that "the Hamas leadership is disconnected from the situation on the ground," and noted: "The political and military leadership in Israel is disconnected from reality, not Hamas."

A political source said that the United States is formulating a response in the form of sending a multinational naval force to strengthen freedom of navigation in the Red Sea. According to the source, Israel welcomed this and conveyed to the U.S. and the international community a message saying that "without such an effective response, we will not be able to put up with a continuous violation of the Houthis on our freedom of navigation, and we will have to act on our own."

Over the past day, IDF ground, aerial and naval forces continued to strike terrorist infrastructure in the Gaza Strip, striking over 250 terror targets, according to the IDF. In recent hours, IDF troops located and destroyed weapons stocks, carried out targeted raids on military sites, destroyed underground terror tunnel shafts and thwarted armed terrorist cells planning to attack IDF troops.

Overnight, an IDF fighter jet directed by ground troops struck a Hamas military communications site located adjacent to a mosque in the southern Gaza Strip. Following the strike, the troops conducted a targeted raid on the site. Over the past day, IDF troops fired with precise munitions and struck underground tunnel shafts in Khan Yunis. In addition, a drone assisted IDF troops in identifying an armed terrorist cell that planned to attack additional IDF troops forces in the area. The terrorist cell was eliminated.

During IDF activity in Shejaiya, IDF troops conducted a targeted raid on a Hamas military command center, and located numerous weapons used by the terrorist organization, including AK-47 rifles, grenades, anti-tank missile launchers, ammunition and additional military equipment. Overnight, the IAF struck terror infrastructure in which terrorists operated and underground tunnel shafts in Khan Yunis.

Overnight, a French destroyer intercepted two drones that were moving toward it in the Red Sea, off the coast of Yemen, the French Navy announced. According to the French military, the two interceptions took place at 11:30 p.m. Saturday night and at 1:30 a.m. Sunday (Yemen time). In addition, the incident occurred 110 km off the coast of Yemen, near the port city of Al Hudaydah, which is under the control of the Houthi rebels.

The incident occurred hours after the Houthi rebels in Yemen announced intend to prevent the passage of any ship making its way to Israel through the Red Sea, regardless

of their nationality, and warned all international shipping companies against dealing with Israeli ports.

A Houthi military spokesperson said all ships sailing to Israeli ports are banned from the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea.

"If Gaza does not receive the food and medicine it needs, all ships in the Red Sea bound for Israeli ports, regardless of their nationality, will become a target for our armed forces," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Dozens of terrorists surrendered and turned themselves in over the weekend. In video and photos leaked on Saturday from northern Gaza, one of the terrorists is seen moving slowly and carrying a weapon in raised hands, placing it carefully according to the soldiers' instructions. IDF spokesman Lt. Col. Daniel Hagari said Saturday night that according to the information provided by the Hamas terrorists who surrendered and were interrogated, it appears that their situation in the field is difficult, and that Hamas head Yahya Sinwar and the Hamas leadership "deny the reality even though they are informed of the details."

"I see the achievements every day. We are seeing every day more and more terror operatives killed, more and more terror operatives wounded, and in recent days we're seeing terrorists surrendering — a sign of the disintegration of the system, a sign that we need to push harder," Halevi said. He added that: "Great efforts are being made to bring back the hostages. It's complicated and difficult, but there is no greater light than that."

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit released on Saturday evening the names of five more fallen soldiers in the war against Hamas. They are: Master Sergeant (res.) Liav Atiya, 25, a soldier in the 6623rd Battalion, from Be'er Sheva. Master Sergeant (res.) Omri Ben Shachar, 25, a soldier in the 6623rd Battalion, from Givatayim. Sergeant Maor Cohen Eisenkot, 19, a soldier in the Golani Brigade's 12th Battalion, from Eilat. Staff Sergeant Jonatan Dean Haim, 25, a soldier from the Combat Engineering Corps' 603rd Battalion from Ramat Gan.

The IDF added that Sergeant Haim Meir Eden, 20, a soldier from the 13th Battalion from Rehovot - who was injured in Hamas' attack on October 7 - succumbed to his wounds. In addition, 13 soldiers were seriously injured in the battles in the Gaza Strip, and two more were seriously injured on the Lebanese border.

Also on Saturday, University of Pennsylvania President Liz Magill resigned after the storm and much criticism that was hurled at her following the hearing last week in the U.S. House of Representatives, in which she refused to state that calling for the genocide of Jews is necessarily a violation of the university's code of conduct. She later issued a clarification, but this did not satisfy her critics, and some donors threatened to stop funding the university.

"It has been my privilege to serve as president of this remarkable institution. It has been an honor working with the faculty," Magill said in the statement announcing her resignation, adding that she will remain in a tenured position following her replacement. In addition, Scott Bok, chair of the University of Pennsylvania's Board of Trustees, also resigned on Saturday. Moments after Magill announced her resignation, Bok said that he would also step down, citing the congressional hearing scandal.

“Today, following the resignation of the University of Pennsylvania’s President and related Board of Trustee meetings, I submitted my resignation as Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, effective immediately,” Bok said, according to The Daily Pennsylvanian. “While I was asked to remain in that role for the remainder of my term in order to help with the presidential transition, I concluded that, for me, now was the right time to depart.”

Senior American officials clarified that Israel does not have a deadline for fighting its war against Hamas, but there is an expectation that the war at the current pace and intensity will stop by the end of the year and then be more focused. One official said that it will obviously take time for Israel to eliminate Hamas, just as it took the U.S. years to eliminate ISIS. The statements came after the U.S. vetoed a UN Security Council resolution that called for an immediate cease-fire.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu released a statement on Saturday night in which he thanked the United States for its vote in the Security Council.

"I greatly appreciate the correct stance that the US has taken in the UN Security Council," Netanyahu said in the statement. "The other countries need to understand that, on the one hand, it is impossible to support the elimination of Hamas while, on the other hand, calling for a halt to the war, which will prevent the elimination of Hamas. Therefore, Israel will continue our just war to eliminate Hamas and achieve the other goals of the war that we have set."

Meanwhile, IDF soldiers lit approximately 800 decorated menorahs, which were delivered to them in Gaza along with messages of encouragement from the home front.

The menorahs were decorated for the forces by the children of the communities evacuated from the south, the Gaza Strip, and the northern border, and they were sent to the soldiers in the Gaza Strip together with boxes of sweets and menorahs.

The IDF spokesman said that "alongside the menorahs, moving messages and letters were sent, with the aim of strengthening the spirit of the fighters and reminding them that the people of Israel stand behind them and are waiting for them at home."

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IDF on the reports that Deif and Sinwar escaped: Hunting for them around the clock PM says won't allow 'any entity that pays terrorists or terror families or indoctrinates its children to annihilate Israel' to rule enclave

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Dozens of terrorists surrender in Gaza; while leaders continue to ambush troops

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Watch: Dozens of Hamas terrorists surrender in Gaza

Footage released by military shows dozens of blindfolded and bound suspects being led to questioning after surrendering to IDF soldier in the Strip

Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun|07:18

Following the dramatic footage published last week showing the surrender of terrorist suspects in Jabaliya, additional photos were released on Sunday of the surrender of dozens of additional terror suspects near Gaza City, in the northern part of the Strip. The suspects are seen with their eyes covered and hands tied in pictures taken during the night and early morning hours before being taken for questioning.

In the video published Saturday, the suspects were seen standing alongside an IDF tank from which a call was heard aimed at one of them, instructing him to move slowly and lay down the AK-47 rifle he held in his hands on the ground.

Following the footage's publication, IDF Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Herzi Halevi said the photos of Hamas terrorists surrendering in the Gaza Strip in recent days are "a sign of the dismantling of Hamas' system, and a sign that we need to apply further pressure."

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari also addressed the images from the Gaza Strip in comments to reporters. "Terrorists who surrendered handed over weapons and equipment. Investigations of the surrendered terrorists and commanders in the area reveal that the operatives on the ground are in a difficult situation and the Hamas leadership, led by Yahya Sinwar, denies the reality despite being updated on the details. The operatives complain that the Hamas leadership is disconnected from the difficult situation they face on the ground."

Hagari added that "there is also a growing sense that the Hamas leadership hiding underground does not care about the civilian population above ground. This is very concerning for Hamas' military operatives. The intelligence that emerges from the investigations generates additional targets, aiding us in operational activity."

Meanwhile, the IDF continues its operation in the Gaza Strip. According to military data, over 250 terror targets were attacked in the last 24 hours. Overnight, an Israel Air Force fighter jet targeted a Hamas military site located near a mosque in the southern part of the Strip. Following the attack, Givati Brigade combat soldiers cleared the area.

Soldiers from elite IDF units also targeted underground terror shafts in Khan Younis using precise anti-tunnel munitions. In another operation, soldiers identified an armed terrorist group ambushing the troops and eliminated it.

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IDF releases video of Hamas assaulting and stealing aid from Gazans

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Aerial footage from Gaza's Shijaiyah neighborhood shows Hamas terrorists unloading humanitarian aid and striking civilians before leaving with loot

Einav Halabi | 10:57

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit released a video on Saturday in which Hamas terrorists are shown stealing food and humanitarian aid from civilians in Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood and assaulting them.

IDF officials said the footage demonstrates the difference between members of the terrorist organization and civilians in the Gaza Strip.

According to the IDF, the video shows Hamas terrorists looting bags of humanitarian aid that entered the Gaza Strip. They are then seen loading the supplies onto vehicles belonging to the terrorists, assaulting civilians and moving the stolen goods to a location affiliated with Hamas.

"Hamas prevents Gazan civilians from receiving food and supplies, diverting them for its own needs instead," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said in a statement. "Hamas leaders don't care for and oppress the civilian population in Gaza. Hamas is an enemy to everyone in the Strip."

The video comes following recordings published by CNN on Saturday of Gazans slamming Hamas and blaming the ruling terror group for the civilian cost of the war. In the recordings, one woman said the wars in Gaza are waged by Hamas for political reasons alone. "If you're a Gazan citizen who opposes war and says, 'I don't want war,' you're branded a traitor.

"They exploit us under the pretext of resistance," another resident of the Strip, says in the clip shown on CNN. He accused Hamas of profiting from the wars since 2008.

"Whenever there is a war, when they get more aid money, they're the ones who benefit and we get nothing."

In a recording made on October 24, a man says his immediate enemy is Hamas and not Israel. "I have no house, no life, nothing. We're condemned to suffer because of this stupid organization," he is quoted as saying. "Who made us live in poverty in Gaza? Not the Jews, Hamas."

In a recording from October 28, a Gazan says that because of the events of October 7, everybody believes Gazans are terrorists who cut people's heads off.

An earlier recording from October 18 presents a Gazan who says Hamas has wrecked the Palestinian people.

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Hamas persists We-Fr-Sa to fire rockets from humanitarian evacuation zones

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IDF reports rockets fired at Israel from Gaza humanitarian zone

Army's Arabic spokesperson posts aerial view of humanitarian zone in Gaza Hamas used to fire rockets into central Israel; 'further proof Hamas exploits aid,' he writes

Einav Halabi|Yesterday | 09:45

IDF Arabic spokesperson Lt. Col. Avichay Adraee reported Saturday that rockets fired toward central Israel the day before were launched from a humanitarian zone in Gaza.

" Hamas continues to fire rockets from the humanitarian zone toward Israel!" Adraee wrote on his official X (formerly Twitter) account, attaching an aerial overview of the area to support his statement. "This is further proof that Hamas exploits the humanitarian aid provided by the IDF to Gaza residents for terrorist activities."

Adraee also mentioned that on Friday, " Hamas terrorists fired rockets, at 13:56 and then at 14:16, four rockets from the humanitarian zone, which fell inside the Strip, endangering the lives of many Gazan civilians."

Additionally, the IDF revealed last week that Hamas launched 12 rockets toward Be'er Sheva from launching pads located not far from the humanitarian zone in Rafah near a UN facility. "@UN, hear a loud noise yesterday?" The IDF's X account wrote shortly after the report. "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."

The military also added that Hamas launched a rocket last Wednesday at 12:52 pm from a humanitarian zone in Al-Mawasi in the southern Gaza Strip which fell short and exploded inside the coastal enclave, endangering Gazan residents. At 14:12, Hamas launched another rocket from the Al-Mawasi area.

Earlier on Saturday, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit published footage of military equipment found in civilian areas in the Gaza Strip. In the video, soldiers discovered a children's doll inside a northern Gaza school, where they also found a hidden sniper rifle and ammunition.

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US tells UN it does not support Gaza ceasefire; a ceasefire was broken by Hamas

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US tells UN it does not support call for Gaza ceasefire

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Robert Wood says a ceasefire would plant the seeds for the next war because Hamas has no desire for a durable peace

Reuters|13:20

Ahead of a delayed Friday vote by the United Nations Security Council on a demand for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war, the United States - a veto power - told the 15-member body it does not support calls for such a move.

"This would only plant the seeds for the next war - because Hamas has no desire to see a durable peace," Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Robert Wood told the council, which met to be briefed by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

A Security Council vote on a resolution drafted by the United Arab Emirates was delayed several hours until 3 p.m. (2000 GMT) - shortly before U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets in Washington with ministers from Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Palestinian Authority, and Turkey.

"Today this council will vote, it will have an opportunity to respond to the deafening calls across the world to bring this violence to an end," Deputy UAE Ambassador to the U.N. Mohamed Abushahab told the council.

In Washington, Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi told reporters that if the Security Council fails to adopt the resolution, "it is giving Israel a license to continue with its massacre of Palestinians in Gaza."

Along with demanding an immediate humanitarian cease fire, the draft resolution also says Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations must be protected and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

'Spare no effort'

The United States has repeatedly pushed the council to condemn an Oct. 7 Hamas terror attack, during which Israel says 1,200 people were murdered and 240 people were taken hostage by Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip. Wood said the council's inaction was a "serious moral failure."

To pass, a resolution needs at least nine votes in favor and no vetoes by the council's permanent members: the U.S., Russia, China, France, or Britain. After several failed attempts to take action, the council last month called for pauses in fighting to allow aid access to Gaza.

"I urge the council to spare no effort to push for an immediate humanitarian cease fire, for the protection of civilians, and for the urgent delivery of lifesaving aid," Guterres said on Friday.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Gilad Erdan told the Security Council on Friday that there was a cease fire that had been broken by Hamas on Oct. 7.

"The irony is that regional stability and the security of both Israelis and Gazans can only be achieved once Hamas is eliminated, not one minute before," Erdan said. "So the true path to ensure peace is only through supporting Israel's mission - absolutely not to call for a ceasefire."

Analysis: A slow and growing stream of condemnation is heard in the Strip after Hamas steals humanitarian aid including fuel leaving displaced Gazan's without solutions

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

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