

# GAZA LIVE BLOG: New ICJ Hearing | Abbas Blames Hamas | More Soldiers Killed, Injured | Civilians Killed in New Massacres – Day 223

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Israel continues to carry out massacres against Palestinian civilians in Gaza.(Photo: via WAFA)

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*The Israeli army continued to amass troops in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, according to Israeli media.*

*The military admitted that five soldiers were killed and 16 others were injured in a building bombing in the Jabaliya area on Wednesday.*

*Scores of Palestinians, including children, were killed in Israeli massacres across the Strip.*

*According to Gaza's Ministry of Health, 35,233 Palestinians have been killed, and 79,141 wounded in Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza starting on October 7.*

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## **LATEST UPDATES**

**Friday, May 17, 01:30 am (GMT +2)**

**ISLAMIC RESISTANCE IN IRAQ:** We targeted a vital target in Eilat using drones.

**AL-JAZEERA:** The Belgian University of Ghent decided to stop dealing with three Israeli research centers.

**US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:** The US House of Representatives approved a bill prohibiting the US administration from withholding, stopping, or canceling security aid to Israel.

**THE GUARDIAN:** The Guardian newspaper quoted the Spanish Foreign Minister as saying that Spain's policy will be consistent in preventing any ship that arms Israel and wants to dock in the country's ports.

**Friday, May 17, 12:15 am (GMT +2)**

**ISRAELI MEDIA:** Israeli media said that the Air Force intercepted a suspicious object tonight over the Sea of Galilee.

**LAPID:** With the current government, we will not win the war, and we must replace the Israeli government before replacing Hamas.

**PENTAGON:** There are no indications that Hamas will attack the temporary pier.

**AXIOS:** Israel presented Egypt with a plan to reopen the Rafah crossing with the participation of Palestinian and UN representatives under Israeli protection.

**HEZBOLLAH:** We bombed with artillery an Israeli technical team while it was maintaining spy equipment that had previously been targeted in the Ramim barracks.

**US OFFICIALS:** The Biden administration is pressing to reopen the Rafah crossing.

**Thursday, May 16, 10:30 pm (GMT +2)**

PENTAGON: We continue to provide Israel with munitions and air defenses so that it can defend itself.

WHITE HOUSE: We expect fuel and aid to enter Gaza within days.

PENTAGON: We do not support the occupation of the Gaza Strip, and we estimate that the Israeli operation in Rafah is limited, but we do not support it.

CANADA: The escalation of settler violence in the West Bank poses a danger.

CHANNEL 12: The first shipment of ammunition frozen by the US administration arrives in Israel.

ISRAELI ARMY: An Israeli soldier was killed by a munitions explosion in the Gaza Strip.

YOAV GALLANT: Commando forces joined the fighting east of Rafah.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Our fighters lured an Israeli engineering force and detonated an explosive device, killing and wounding it east of the city of Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip.

WHITE HOUSE: Efforts are being made to reach a ceasefire in Gaza.

**Thursday, May 16, 9:00 pm (GMT +2)**

ISRAELI ARMY: There is great operational pressure in Jabaliya, and our investigations concluded that a tank opened fire on a building containing our soldiers. Investigations showed that our forces were the ones who mistakenly opened fire on a building where our soldiers were holed up in Jabaliya.

LAPID: Before talking about changing the government in Gaza, the government in Israel must be changed.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Our fighters bombed a command headquarters of the Israeli occupation forces penetrating east of Jabalia with heavy-caliber mortar shells.

US STATE DEPARTMENT: We believe that a major military operation in Rafah would be a mistake.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We bombed a command headquarters for the occupation forces east of Jabaliya.

US STATE DEPARTMENT: We need military pressure to defeat Hamas, and we also need a political path.

TIMES OF ISRAEL: The Biden administration is considering imposing sanctions on Israelis who attacked aid convoys to Gaza.

NETANYAHU: The battle in Rafah is vital to eliminating Hamas brigades.

HAMAS: We express our regret for President Mahmoud Abbas' s statements before the Arab Summit regarding the Al-Aqsa Flood process and the reconciliation path.

CHANNEL 12: Families of soldiers sent a letter to the Council of Ministers protesting the failure to reach a decision regarding the next day.

**Thursday, May 16, 8:00 pm (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: Families of soldiers sent a letter to the Council of Ministers protesting the failure to reach a decision regarding the next day.

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Dozens of demonstrators blocked a main street in Tel Aviv to demand the dismissal of Defense Minister Yoav Gallant .

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: We receive dozens of appeals from the besieged residents of the city of Beit Hanoun for the fifth day in a row. Thousands of citizens in Beit Hanoun have not received any food or water since the start of the attack on Jabaliya.

ISRAELI ARMY: We carried out 10 operations against Israeli military targets in the occupied Golan and Galilee, and mourned one of its fighters.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We, in conjunction with the Al-Quds Brigades, bombed the artillery emplacement east of Jabaliya, in the north of the Gaza Strip, with mortar shells.

AL-JAZEERA: Sirens sounded in about 30 towns in Galilee and on the Lebanese border, in anticipation of an enemy march infiltrating.

UN SPOKESMAN: Land routes to Gaza are the most feasible, effective and efficient for delivering aid to the Strip.

UN UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS: Famine in Gaza is an imminent danger. The humanitarian operation in Gaza has been stuck and cannot be planned since the Israeli attack on Rafah.

ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF: The army is highly prepared on the border with Lebanon.

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm (GMT +2)**

HEZBOLLAH: We targeted spy equipment at the Israeli site of Jal al-Deir, leading to its destruction.

US SECRETARY OF THE NAVY: We confronted hundreds of missiles and drones launched by the “Houthis” in the last six months.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two people were killed in an Israeli drone strike near the municipal park in the center of Gaza City.

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**MANAMA SUMMIT DECLARATION:**

*We demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and condemn what is happening in Rafah.*

*We call for the convening of an international peace conference that embodies the right to a Palestinian state.*

AL-JAZEERA: Two missiles were fired from southern Lebanon towards the Israeli site of Al-Samaqa in the occupied Kfar Shuba hills.

**Thursday, May 16, 5:45 pm (GMT +2)**

**INT. COURT OF JUSTICE:**

*President of the International Court of Justice:*

*The court concluded that the precautionary measures did not address the repercussions resulting from the conditions of war.*

*Israel should take measures to ensure that needed humanitarian aid reaches the residents of the Gaza Strip.*

*Israel should ensure that its military does not commit any violation of any of the rights of Palestinians in Gaza.*

**ABDUL MALIK AL-HOUTHY (Leader of Yemen's Ansarallah movement):**

*The Israeli enemy's continued aggression and incursion into Rafah means the need to escalate further on all fronts of support.*

*We will spare no effort to strengthen the fourth stage and prepare for the aftermath in the fifth stage and others.*

*We will seek to strengthen the fourth phase of escalation at the level of momentum and strike strength.*

*Companies that transport goods to the Israeli enemy will have their ships targeted wherever our capabilities can reach.*

**Thursday, May 16, 4:30 pm (GMT +2)**

**GAZA MEDIA OFFICE:**

*The Israeli occupation assassinated more than 100 scientists and academics during the ongoing genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.*

*We condemn the occupation's assassination of scientists and academics who represent a distinguished group in Palestinian society.*

**WSJ (Citing Egyptian officials):**

*Egypt rejected several Israeli requests to coordinate the reopening and management of the Rafah crossing.*

*Among the Israeli proposals is a plan to have the Palestinian Authority help manage the Rafah crossing.*

*KAN: Three Israeli soldiers were wounded as a result of Hezbollah shelling in Metulla, in the Upper Galilee.*

*ICJ: South African delegation to the International Court of Justice:*

**Israeli genocide continues in the Gaza Strip.**

*There is ample and clear evidence of Israel's intention to commit genocide in Gaza.*

*The previous court orders did not prevent Israel from committing genocide in Gaza.*

*What is happening now in Rafah indicates Israel's recent step towards the destruction of the Gaza Strip.*

*There is evidence that Israel continues to bomb areas it described as safe.*

*Civilians are being pushed from one place to another in the Strip and the court must act now.*

*Nothing justifies genocide, not even the right to self-defense.*

**Thursday, May 16, 3:00 pm (GMT +2)**

**FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY:**

*We condemn the unacceptable statements made by Israeli Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir on Gaza.*

*Ben Gvir's remarks inflame tensions and constitute a major obstacle to peace.*

*We reiterate our strong opposition to the continuation of the settlement policy that undermines the possibility of a Palestinian State.*



#### **AL-QASSAM:**

*We blew up two Merkava 4 tanks with two Shawaz canisters east of Jabaliya in the northern Gaza Strip.*

*Together with the al-Quds Brigades, we targeted a Merkava tank in Jabaliya, clashed with a force next to it, killing and wounding it.*

*We clashed, along with fighters from Al-Quds Brigades – with an Israeli special force in the Jabaliya refugee camp, killing and wounding its members.*

*We targeted 3 Merkava tanks with Al-Yassin 105 shells east of Jabaliya city in the northern Gaza Strip.*

**ISRAELI MEDIA** (Citing Israeli military: 15 soldiers were wounded in the past 24 hours, including 11 wounded in Gaza battles.

**Thursday, May 16, 2:00 pm (GMT +2)**

#### **AL-QASSAM BRIGADES:**

*We targeted the enemy's headquarters in the vicinity of the Kerem Abu Salem site.*

*We targeted an Israeli army command and control headquarters in the vicinity of the Kerem Shalom military post with a rocket barrage.*

#### **AL-QASSAM BRIGADES:**

*We carried out a joint operation with the Al-Quds Brigades at the Abu Zeytoun junction in Jabaliya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip.*

*We clashed with a special Israeli force in Jabaliya camp, killing and wounding its members.*

*We targeted a Merkava tank with a Al-Yassin-105 shell.*

**Thursday, May 16, 1:30 pm (GMT +2)**

#### **EGYPTIAN MEDIA:**

*Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has said he sees no real political will to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Sisi reiterated – in a speech at the opening session of the Arab summit in Manama – his rejection of the liquidation of the Palestinian cause and the displacement of Palestinians or forced deportation.*

MAHMOUD ABBAS: The military operation carried out by Hamas on October 7 unilaterally provided Israel with more pretexts to attack Gaza.

**Thursday, May 16, 1:00 pm (GMT +2)**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We blew up two bulldozers behind enemy lines in Jabaliya.

AL-JAZEERA: Four Palestinians were killed and others injured as a result of an Israeli bombing that targeted a house in the Al-Faluga area in the northern Gaza Strip.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENCY: Russian President Vladimir Putin stressed that a just solution to the Palestinian issue is of particular importance against the backdrop of the unprecedented escalation in the Middle East.

**Thursday, May 16, 12:00 pm (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: Sirens sounded in Kerem Shalom in the southern Gaza Strip.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We destroyed a Merkava tank east of the city of Jabaliya with a strobe device from scratch, and expected its crew to be killed or wounded.

ISRAELI MEDIA: The families of the prisoners detained in Gaza asked the government and leaders to abandon differences and resume negotiations with the Palestinian resistance with the help of mediators.

HEZBOLLAH: We targeted the Israeli Zarit barracks and the spy equipment it developed with artillery shells.

AL-JAZEERA: Two paramedics were injured in an Israeli drone bombing of an ambulance belonging to Al Awda Hospital in Jabaliya Camp.

ISRAELI ARMY: 40 shells were fired from Lebanon since this morning.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We destroyed an Israeli troop carrier with an Al-Yassin 105 missile, leaving its crew dead and wounded in Jabalia camp.

QNN: An Israeli plane targeted the Jabalia refugee camp market with two missiles.

**Thursday, May 16, 11:00 am (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: 40 missiles were launched towards the Golan and the Galilee area.

MAARIV: The 89th Brigade in the Israeli army was brought into the fighting in Rafah last night.

**Thursday, May 16, 10:00 am (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army raided the vicinity of the town of Aita al-Shaab in southern Lebanon.

ISRAELI ARMY: Two rockets were fired from Lebanon towards the Matat settlement in the Upper Galilee, without causing any casualties.

US CENTRAL COMMAND: The US Central Command said that its forces installed the temporary pier on the Gaza beach as part of the mission to provide aid to the Palestinians.

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian journalist Muhammad Jahjough was killed along with a number of his family members as a result of an Israeli bombing that targeted their home in the northern Gaza Strip.

**Thursday, May 16, 09:00 am (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army launched raids on the Al-Hoja Street area in the Jabaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip.

ISRAELI MEDIA: Heavy gunfire was fired from Lebanon at Israeli forces on Mount Meron.

ISRAELI ARMY: Five soldiers were killed and 16 others were injured in a building bombing in the Jabaliya area yesterday.

KAN: A drone exploded inside a military base at Golani Junction.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Israeli army bombed Jabaliya camp with artillery, and that clashes renewed between the Palestinian resistance and the occupation forces in the camp.

**Thursday, May 16, 08:00 am (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: Sirens sounded in more than 10 towns in the Hula Plain and the Upper Galilee after a suspected drone infiltration.

**Thursday, May 16, 07:00 am (GMT +2)**

AL-JAZEERA: Sirens sounded in the Metula area of the Upper Galilee on the border with Lebanon.

**Thursday, May 16, 06:00 am (GMT +2)**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An Israeli bombing targeted a building in the Sidra area in the Daraj neighborhood, east of Gaza City, killing and wounding a number of people.

AL-JAZEERA: Three people, including a child, were killed and others were injured as a result of an Israeli bombing that targeted a house on Al-Sahaba Street in Gaza City.

**Thursday, May 16, 04:00 am (GMT +2)**

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE IN IRAQ: We attacked the Haifa Oil Refinery with drones.

**Thursday, May 16, 02:00 am (GMT +2)**

ISLAMIC RESISTANCE IN IRAQ: We targeted a vital site in Eilat with drones.

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli fighter jets launched raids on the mountains surrounding the towns of Al-Khuraybah and Brital in the Bekaa Valley, eastern Lebanon.

**Thursday, May 16, 12:30 am (GMT +2)**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A Palestinian woman was killed and others were injured after Israeli warplanes targeted an apartment in the Ain Jalut Towers in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.

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