

LIVE BLOG: ‘Entirely Man-Made’: UN Group Declares Famine in Gaza – Day 687

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Israel committed horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN)

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The Israeli army revealed on Thursday the results of its investigation into another major attack carried out the day before by the Qassam Brigades on a military headquarters belonging to the Kfir Brigade in Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, Israel is reportedly planning a new phase of its military operation in Gaza, dubbed “Gideon’s Chariots 2,” prompting Hamas to condemn the move as a disregard for ceasefire efforts and a sign of an imminent invasion.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 62,263 and injured 157,365 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Dutch Foreign Minister Resigns after Cabinet Blocks Stronger Action on Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp resigned on Friday, citing his inability to push through stronger measures against Israel amid its ongoing genocide on Gaza, Dutch media reported. <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/dutch-foreign-minister-resigns-after-cabinet-blocks-stronger-action-on-israel/>

Sat, Aug 23, 12:36 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Bars Foreign Doctors, Blocks Baby Formula Truck as Famine Confirmed in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel has barred two foreign physicians from the United States and France from entering the Gaza Strip, in a move that underscores Israel's growing restrictions on humanitarian workers and supplies amid the ongoing genocide

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Ansarallah Launches 'Palestine 2' Missile, Targets Ben Gurion Airport

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ansarallah announced that a Palestine 2 hypersonic missile struck Ben Gurion Airport and drones hit targets in Jaffa and Ashkelon, declaring the operations a show of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

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Israeli Official: No Change in Number of Living Captives

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli government's prisoner affairs official, under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, commented on US President Donald Trump's statement, saying there has been no change in Israel's data regarding the number of living captives. He stressed: "There are 20 abductees alive, and two whose lives are in danger."

Fri, Aug 22, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Announces Three Operations Against Israeli Targets

ANSARALLAH: Ansarallah's military spokesman Yahya Saree announced that the movement carried out three operations targeting Israeli sites. He said a hypersonic ballistic missile "Palestine 2" struck Lod Airport, while drones hit a military target in Ashkelon and another target in Jaffa.

Fri, Aug 22, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

South Africa: UN Famine Report Proof of Israel's Genocide in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: A legal advisor for South Africa's Foreign Ministry told Al Jazeera that the UN famine report is definitive evidence of Israel committing genocide in Gaza. He expressed hope that more countries would join South Africa's call to pursue international justice. He added that Israel continues to violate the measures ordered by the International Criminal Court.

Fri, Aug 22, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

'Silencing, Intimidating' – Legal Groups File Complaint against UK Lawyers for Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Two legal advocacy groups have filed a formal complaint with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) against the director of UK Lawyers for Israel, alleging intimidation and silencing of Palestine solidarity work.

Fri, Aug 22, 11:36 PM (Palestine Time)

From Gaza to Kashmir: America's Ceasefire Circus

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: When an empire can no longer speak honestly about peace, when even its calls for "ceasefire" are heard as mockery, it is not the world that is diminished. It is America itself.

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Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump Hints At Decline In Number Of Living Israeli Captives In Gaza

US MEDIA: US President Donald Trump said that Hamas now holds 20 Israeli captives, suggesting that the actual number may be lower since "two of them may no longer be alive," hinting at their possible killing. His remarks come as calls mount from families of the captives demanding a prisoner exchange deal.

Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Dutch Foreign Minister Resigns Over Israel Sanctions Dispute

ANP: Dutch Foreign Minister Kaspar Veldkamp announced his resignation following a dispute over possible sanctions on Israel during a government session.

Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: We Failed Gaza's Children And Their Lives Depend on What Happens Now

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Israeli Soldiers and US Mercenaries Fired at Palestinians at GHF Sites – Eyewitness

Tess Ingram, UNICEF spokesperson in Gaza, told Al Jazeera:

We have failed Gaza's children.

We need governments and leaders to use all their influence to end the war.

The situation will only get worse if we cannot bring in aid.

The evidence is clear and I have met many children suffering from severe malnutrition.

The lives of children in the Strip depend on what happens now.

Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Detects Launch Of Ballistic Missile From Yemen

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Home Front Command reported the detection of a ballistic missile launch from Yemen toward Israel.

Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Government Pushes To Expedite Gaza Takeover

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is pressing to accelerate the timeline for seizing control of Gaza City, though it added that Israel is preparing to send a delegation in the coming days to negotiate a prisoner exchange deal.

Fri, Aug 22, 10:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Kuwait Calls For Urgent International Action To Halt Genocide In Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Kuwait called on the international community and the UN Security Council to urgently act to stop the genocide in Gaza and allow humanitarian aid to enter following the declaration of famine.

Fri, Aug 22, 8:27 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldiers and US Mercenaries Fired at Palestinians at GHF Sites – Eyewitness

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation troops and foreign military contractors are both responsible for firing indiscriminately at starving Palestinians at or near aid distribution sites run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) in the besieged enclave, a witness has told CBS News.

Fri, Aug 22, 8:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Saudi Arabia: Absence of Deterrence for Israel's Crimes Behind Gaza Catastrophe

SAUDI FM: The Saudi Foreign Ministry said the worsening humanitarian disaster in Gaza is a direct result of the absence of mechanisms to deter and hold Israel accountable for its crimes. It added that this will remain a stain on the international community, particularly permanent members of the UN Security Council, unless immediate action is taken to end the famine and stop the genocide against the Palestinian people. The statement came in response to the report by the Global Initiative for Integrated Food Security Phase Classification confirming famine in the Strip.

Fri, Aug 22, 8:21 PM (Palestine Time)

FAO: Gaza Faces Complete Famine

FAO EMERGENCY OFFICE: The director of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's emergency office said during a press conference in New York that Gaza is facing a complete famine. He stated that the worst-case famine scenario is now reality, with extreme price hikes of whatever goods remain in the Strip adding to the burden of residents.

Fri, Aug 22, 8:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Former US Official: Israel Closer to Igniting Another War in West Bank

FORMER US DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR: A former US deputy national security advisor said Israel is closer to igniting another war in the West Bank than to ending the catastrophic conflict in Gaza. He argued that Israel is moving toward two dangerous paths at once and committed a strategic and moral blunder by leaving Gaza without food.

Fri, Aug 22, 8:21 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF Warns of Imminent Humanitarian Catastrophe in Gaza

UNICEF: UNICEF's spokesperson warned that starving Palestinians in Gaza will have nowhere to turn if Israel continues expanding its military offensive. She added that ignoring famine reports and failing to respond will put tens of thousands of civilians, including children, at risk of death from hunger. She called for immediate action to ensure food and aid reach Gaza.

Fri, Aug 22, 6:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Announces Operation on Monday Against Israeli Soldier

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they targeted an Israeli soldier with machine guns after he exited a Merkava tank south of the Zeitoun neighborhood in Gaza City last Monday

Fri, Aug 22, 6:34 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Rapporteur Calls for Peacekeeping Forces to Deliver Aid to Gaza

AL-JAZEERA:

Michael Fakhri, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, told Al Jazeera:

“Israel is starving Palestinians in Gaza, and that is why we have reached famine. We need peacekeeping forces to accompany aid into the Gaza Strip. The report is conservative in its figures, and the experts who drafted it know and acknowledge that. The Arab states in the region are the first who must impose sanctions on Israel. We need political decisions, and Israel is flouting international law.”

Fri, Aug 22, 6:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Describes UN Famine Report As “Slander”

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commented on the UN famine classification report in Gaza, calling it “slander. History will judge those who publish it.”

Fri, Aug 22, 6:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Protesters Block Ayalon Highway And Route 6 In Tel Aviv Demanding Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media confirmed that protesters blocked the main Ayalon Highway connecting Tel Aviv to its suburbs to demand an immediate deal, noting that Highway 6, which cuts Israel from north to south, was also blocked.

Fri, Aug 22, 6:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Britain: Israel Caused A Moral Scandal By Blocking Aid To Gaza

BRITISH MEDIA:

British Foreign Secretary David Lammy said:

“The confirmation of famine in Gaza City and surrounding areas is horrific and could have been completely prevented. It is a moral scandal caused by the Israeli government’s refusal to allow sufficient aid into Gaza. The Israeli government must act immediately to prevent further deterioration of the situation in Gaza. We need a ceasefire to allow aid delivery and to stop the military operation in Gaza, the epicenter of famine.”

Fri, Aug 22, 5:09 PM (Palestine Time)

‘A Failure of Humanity Itself’: UN Confirms Famine in Gaza for First Time

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Famine has been confirmed in Gaza City and its surrounding areas for the first time, with UN Secretary-General António Guterres calling it “a man-made disaster” and “a failure of humanity itself.”

According to the latest results of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, famine (IPC Phase 5), “with reasonable evidence,” is confirmed in Gaza Governorate, as of August 15.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Drone from Yemen Penetrates Israeli Airspace

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Army Radio reported that a drone launched from Yemen penetrated southern Israel, noting that interception attempts were ongoing in the Gaza envelope area. Israeli media confirmed that several interceptor missiles were fired in an attempt to bring it down.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Sirens Sound in Gaza Envelope Amid Drone Infiltration

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli Home Front Command reported that sirens sounded in southern areas over fears of a drone infiltration. The army said it was conducting checks and investigations following the alarms in the Gaza envelope.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

71 Killed, 251 Wounded in 24 Hours across Gaza

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza announced that 71 Palestinians were killed and 251 wounded by Israeli fire in the past 24 hours. Among them were 24 killed and 133 injured while waiting for aid. The ministry added that the total death toll from Israel’s ongoing war on Gaza since October 7, 2023, has risen to 62,263 killed and 157,365 injured.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Jordan Condemns Israeli Minister’s Statement on Jordan Valley

JORDANIAN FM: Jordan’s Foreign Ministry condemned remarks by Israel’s communications minister claiming that both banks of the Jordan River are part of what he called “the land of Israel.” Amman stressed that such statements would not undermine its firm position in support of the Palestinian people’s legitimate rights.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Investigation: Netanyahu, Ben Gvir, Smotrich Blocked Prisoner Swaps Five Times

ISRAELI MEDIA: An investigation by Israel’s Channel 13 revealed that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich blocked prisoner exchange deals with Hamas at least five times. The report said the government cannot claim it did everything to free the captives.

Fri, Aug 22, 5:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Five Killed in Israeli Strike on Displaced Persons’ Tents in Khan Younis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

The Nasser Medical Complex reported that an Israeli drone strike targeted tents sheltering displaced Palestinians in al-Mawasi, Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, killing a woman and four children.

Fri, Aug 22, 2:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Sheikh Radwan Massacre: Families Slaughtered in School Shelter Bombing

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli strikes unleashed a massacre in Sheikh Radwan, killing 12 in a school shelter and bringing Friday's Gaza death toll to 34 amid mass displacement.

Fri, Aug 22, 2:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Bars Spanish Mayor from Visiting West Bank

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Yedioth Ahronoth, the Israeli Interior Ministry has barred the mayor of Barcelona from entering the country. He was scheduled to visit the occupied West Bank tonight but was denied entry due to his statements critical of Israel.

Fri, Aug 22, 2:22 PM (Palestine Time)

UK Minister Urges Israel to Allow Entry of Aid to Gaza

BRITISH MEDIA: The British Minister of State for the Middle East said the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza has reached "new levels." He called on Israel to allow the delivery of aid to Gaza's population to prevent the continuation of famine.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

IPC: Famine Spreading in Gaza Governorate

AL-JAZEERA: The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) reported that famine is spreading in Gaza Governorate. More than half a million people in Gaza face hunger, destitution, and death. UN organizations said the number of people suffering from food shortages in Gaza has tripled.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: 90% of Gaza Declared Israeli Military Zones

UNRWA: The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said nearly 90% of Gaza has been turned into Israeli military zones. It reported that children have been repeatedly displaced and now bear the heavy burden of collecting water for their families under siege.

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Israeli Army Fires 15 Officers Who Signed Petition to End War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth said the army dismissed 15 Air Force officers months ago for signing a petition demanding an end to the war and the return of captives. The officers have filed a complaint with the Supreme Court.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Approves 126 Settlement Units in Northern West Bank

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that Israeli planning authorities approved 126 new settlement units in Sanur, northern West Bank. A settlement leader said the aim is to increase the settler population in the West Bank to one million.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Casualties in Israeli Shelling of al-Sheikh Radwan, Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media confirmed deaths and injuries after Israeli artillery struck the Abu Iskandar area in al-Sheikh Radwan, northwest Gaza City.

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Former US Contractor: Israel Targeted Civilians at Aid Centers

CBS NEWS: CBS reported that a former US contractor who worked in Gaza said Israeli forces deliberately fired on civilians at aid distribution points. He said the gunfire was random and not warning shots, and it was aimed at civilians, not fighters.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Five Killed, Including Three Children, in Israeli Strike on Gaza

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: Emergency authorities reported five Palestinians, including three children, were killed when Israeli forces bombed a tent on al-Jalaa Street in western Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 22, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Telegraph: Over Half a Million in Gaza Facing Starvation

THE TELEGRAPH: The Telegraph reported that the UN-backed IPC will soon officially declare famine in Gaza City. It added that famine is expected to spread to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis by the end of September, with over half a million people facing catastrophic hunger, destitution, and death.

Fri, Aug 22, 2:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Tribunal Calls for Urgent Armed Intervention to Stop Israel's Genocide

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Gaza Tribunal, led by Richard Falk, has called for immediate international armed intervention through the UN General Assembly to stop Israel's genocide in Gaza, warning that silence in the face of genocide amounts to complicity.

Fri, Aug 22, 1:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Sources: Negotiations with Hamas Are About a Comprehensive Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12, citing associates of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, reported that negotiations with Hamas concern a comprehensive deal according to the conditions of the Israeli Security Cabinet, rather than the current framework.

Fri, Aug 22, 1:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Shells al-Tuffah Neighborhood and Jabaliya al-Balad

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources said Israeli artillery bombarded the eastern areas of Al-Tuffah neighborhood and Jabalia al-Balad in northern and eastern Gaza.

Fri, Aug 22, 1:39 AM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: 90% of Gaza's Population Displaced

UNRWA: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) estimated that around 90% of Gaza's population is displaced. The agency warned that conditions in shelters are deteriorating and that any further displacement would only exacerbate the catastrophic situation.

Fri, Aug 22, 1:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Qassam and Al-Quds Brigades Launch Coordinated Operations in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement, published footage showing Israeli vehicles falling into a complex ambush prepared in cooperation with the Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas, near the Sheikh Radwan Mosque in the Sheja'iyya neighborhood east of Gaza City on July 7.

Thu, Aug 21, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Target Israeli Soldiers and Vehicles on Salah al-Din Axis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades continued their field operations, announcing on Thursday that they targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers and vehicles on the Salah al-Din axis with short-range Rajoum rockets. This marks the second announcement today from the brigades, which earlier said they struck a command-and-control site and a gathering of soldiers and vehicles west of Rafah, in southern Gaza.

Thu, Aug 21, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

United Nations Reveals Israel's Refusal to Allow Monitors at Gaza Crossings

UNITED NATIONS: A deputy spokesperson for UN Secretary-General António Guterres said Israel has refused the UN request to deploy monitors at Gaza crossings, all of which are under Israeli control. The official added that this refusal prevents the UN from independently verifying the volume of aid entering Gaza. The UN also reported that Israel bombed a displaced persons site near an OCHA facility in Deir al-Balah.

Thu, Aug 21, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Axios: Israel to Negotiate End of War on Its Own Terms

US MEDIA: Axios quoted an Israeli official as saying that the Israeli delegation will negotiate over all living and dead captives, and on ending the war according to Israel's conditions.

Thu, Aug 21, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Strike Israeli Command Site and Forces in Rafah

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced they fired Rajoum rockets at a command-and-control site, as well as a gathering of Israeli soldiers and vehicles west of Rafah in southern Gaza.

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Israel Estimates Gaza City Takeover Could Take Two Months

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, military estimates suggest that operational control over Gaza City could take about two months, amid preparations for intensified ground operations inside the city.

Thu, Aug 21, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Will Not Send Negotiation Team to Cairo or Doha

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported, citing a senior Israeli government official, that Israel will not send a negotiating team to Cairo or Doha at this stage. Since October 7, 2023, Israel — with US backing — has waged a genocidal war on the population of Gaza, involving killing, starvation, destruction, and forced displacement, while ignoring international calls and ICJ orders to halt the war.