

# LIVE BLOG: Portugal Takes Action as Israel Amasses Troops for Gaza City Invasion – Day 679

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

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The head of the Left Bloc in the Portuguese Parliament told Al-Jazeera that the government will not allow Israeli ships to cross Portuguese waters, expressing hope that her country would impose sanctions on Israel.

Meanwhile, Israel continues its land and air attacks targeting civilians, while amassing troops around Gaza City.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 61,776 and injured 154,906 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Thu, Aug 14, 11:55 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Itamar Ben-Gvir Threatens Imprisoned Palestinian Leader Marwan Barghouti**

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian sources reported on Thursday that Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir issued a direct threat to the imprisoned Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti after storming his cell at Ganot Prison, which was formerly known as Ramon and Nafha Prisons.

Barghouti's family, speaking to Al Jazeera, expressed their deep concern. "We fear Marwan will be executed inside the cell by a decision from Ben-Gvir following his threat," the family said. They also noted that they are "shocked by the change in his facial features, and the exhaustion and hunger he is experiencing."

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## **Families of Israeli Captives in Gaza Announce Nationwide Strike**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli captives in Gaza announced that Israel will come to a standstill next Sunday, with hundreds of thousands expected to join a strike. Dozens of municipalities and hundreds of thousands of businesses will close, and mass protests will be held to demand the return of captives and an end to the war.

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## **Protesters Block Main Ayalon Highway Near Tel Aviv**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that protesters blocked the main Ayalon Highway near Tel Aviv to demand the return of captives from Gaza.

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## **Islamic Jihad's Al-Quds Brigades Announce Attack on Israeli Forces**

SARAYA AL-QUDS: The Al-Quds Brigades, the armed wing of the Islamic Jihad Movement, said its fighters yesterday destroyed two Israeli military vehicles with anti-armor explosives during an incursion into the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood.

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## **UNRWA: Warehouses in Egypt and Jordan Hold Aid for 6,000 Trucks**

UNRWA: The head of UNRWA said the agency has been prevented from delivering aid to Gaza for more than five months. Warehouses in Egypt and Jordan are stocked with food, medicine, and hygiene supplies sufficient for 6,000 trucks. He called for a ceasefire and the entry of aid under UN supervision.

Thu, Aug 14, 9:55 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Islamic Jihad Responds to Netanyahu and Smotrich Statements**

ISLAMIC JIHAD MOVEMENT: The Islamic Jihad Movement said Smotrich's positions on annexing the West Bank and Gaza are the real reason behind massacres and the destruction of camps. It added that Netanyahu's remarks about so-called "Greater Israel" are a slap in the face to those betting on the possibility of reaching agreements with him.

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## **Israeli Army Chief Threatens Iran**

ISRAELI ARMY: Israeli Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi said, "If necessary, we will know how to operate in Iran again and with full force."

Thu, Aug 14, 5:54 PM (Palestine Time)

## **The Aid That Kills - Over 100 NGOs Condemn Israel's Deliberate Famine in Gaza**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: More than 100 organizations have called for an end to Israel's "weaponisation of aid" as it continues to obstruct critical life-saving aid from entering the Gaza Strip.

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### **Gaza Civil Defense: We Need 1,000 Aid Trucks Daily**

AL-JAZEERA: A spokesperson for Gaza's Civil Defense told Al Jazeera that incoming aid to the Gaza Strip is grossly insufficient. He said the territory needs 1,000 trucks of various types of aid daily, but only 100 enter — most of them going to traders and failing to meet market needs.

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### **Mossad Chief Discusses Comprehensive Deal Efforts in Qatar**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media, citing a political source, reported that the Mossad chief met Qatar's prime minister to discuss efforts toward a comprehensive deal for the release of captives.

The Mossad chief reportedly stressed to the Qatari prime minister that mediators should convey to Hamas that Israel's occupation of Gaza is serious and not a psychological tactic. He clarified that partial deals are off the table.

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### **Hamas: Real Response to Occupation Projects Is on the Ground**

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said the real response to the occupation's criminal projects is through field action, popular escalation, and resistance by all means. The movement called on Palestinians across towns, villages, and refugee camps in the West Bank to take part in large-scale protests of anger and support tomorrow.

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### **Trump May Visit Israel Before the UK**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth quoted White House officials as saying US President Donald Trump may visit Israel next month before his scheduled trip to the United Kingdom. The visit reportedly depends on the outcome of ceasefire and genocide-ending talks in Gaza. An Israeli official said there are preliminary plans, but no concrete details yet.

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### **Al-Qassam Brigades Target Israeli Tank and Bulldozer South of Al-Zaytoun**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas's armed wing, said it targeted an Israeli Merkava 4 tank and a D9 military bulldozer with two "Yasin 105" shells on Street 8, south of the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood in Gaza City.

Thu, Aug 14, 4:12 PM (Palestine Time)

### **54 Killed, 831 Injured in Gaza in 24 Hours**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry reported receiving the bodies of 54 Palestinians and treating 831 wounded in the past 24 hours. The total death toll since October 7, 2023, has risen to 61,776, with 154,906 injured.

Thu, Aug 14, 4:12 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Hamas: Smotrich Plan Reveals True Face of Israeli Government**

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas described Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich's settlement plan as a dangerous step aimed at severing Ramallah from Bethlehem and isolating Jerusalem. It said the plan exposes the extremist, colonial nature of Israel's government and urged all Palestinian factions to unite against it.

Thu, Aug 14, 2:23 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israel Moves to Call Up 100,000 Reservists for Gaza City Occupation Plan**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli media report plans to mobilize up to 100,000 reservists for a Gaza City occupation, with operations potentially extending into 2026.

Thu, Aug 14, 1:49 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Strikes Intensify on Al-Zaytoun, 300 Homes Destroyed in Three Days**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces have escalated their assault on Gaza's Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, killing scores and destroying 300 homes in three days amid a wider reoccupation plan.

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## **Artillery Shelling Targets East of Al-Bureij Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Eyewitnesses reported that Israeli occupation forces carried out artillery shelling on areas east of Al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip. No immediate information was available on casualties or damage.

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## **Palestinian Prisoners' Club: UN Condemnation No Longer Enough**

PALESTINIAN PRISONERS' CLUB:

In response to the UN Secretary-General's warning regarding sexual violence against Palestinian detainees, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club stated that continued warnings and expressions of concern are no longer sufficient.

The organization stressed the need for the international system to reclaim its role, citing testimonies—particularly from Gaza detainees—that provide conclusive evidence of crimes, including sexual violence.

It referred to leaked video footage showing Israeli soldiers raping a Gaza detainee at the Sde Teiman camp, one of the main sites for torture.

Testimonies also documented similar crimes, leading to the killing of 76 prisoners and detainees since the start of the genocide, with dozens more subjected to enforced disappearance.

Thu, Aug 14, 12:03 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Smotrich: West Bank Is Part of Israel by Divine Promise**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich announced the launch of a program linking Ma'ale Adumim to Jerusalem after 20 years of delay, declaring the West Bank part of Israel by divine promise.

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### **Death Toll From Starvation and Malnutrition Rises to 239**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry reported four more deaths from starvation and malnutrition in the past 24 hours, raising the total to 239, including 106 children.

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### **UEFA Displays Banner Against Killing Children and Civilians**

AL-JAZEERA: Before the UEFA Super Cup match between Paris Saint-Germain and Tottenham Hotspur in Italy, UEFA displayed a banner reading: “Stop killing children... Stop killing civilians,” referring to the ongoing massacres in Gaza.

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### **Ansarallah: Hypersonic Missile Targeted Lod Airport**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN: The Ansarallah military spokesman said they targeted Lod Airport with a hypersonic ballistic missile, causing “millions of Zionists” to flee and halting airport operations. He said they will escalate operations to support Gaza.

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### **11 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza hospital sources reported 11 killed in Israeli strikes on areas across the Strip since dawn.

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### **100 NGOs: Israel Rejected Our Aid Requests**

AL-JAZEERA: A statement from 100 NGOs said Israeli authorities rejected dozens of aid delivery requests to Gaza, with at least 60 rejected last month alone, using new procedures to block aid.

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### **One Killed Waiting for Aid in Rafah**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported one Palestinian killed by Israeli fire while waiting for aid north of Rafah.

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### **Eight Killed in Strike on Al-Zaytoun Neighborhood**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Baptist Hospital reported eight Palestinians killed in an Israeli strike at dawn on a house in Al-Zaytoun, southeast Gaza City.

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### **Maariv: Army’s Gaza Plan Falls Short of Political Goals**

MAARIV (citing Israeli military sources): Maariv quoted Israeli military sources saying the political leadership wants faster, stronger action in Gaza than the army’s current operational timetable allows, with thousands of reservists expected to receive emergency call-up orders in the coming days.

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### **Israeli Army Intercepts Missile From Yemen**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said it intercepted a missile launched from Yemen.

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### **Smotrich Approves 3,400 Settlement Units in West Bank**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 12: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich approved construction of 3,401 housing units near Ma'ale Adumim in the West Bank.

Thu, Aug 14, 2:13 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Ground and Air Strikes Target Gaza City's Al-Zaytoun Neighborhood**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli artillery, airstrikes, and heavy gunfire from military vehicles targeted the southern part of Gaza City's Al-Zaytoun neighborhood.

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### **Canada Urges Israel to Allow Aid into Gaza by Land**

CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Canadian Foreign Ministry stated that the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza is intolerable and inaction is not an option. It urged Israel to fulfill its obligations under international humanitarian law and facilitate the delivery of aid to Gaza by land.

Wed, Aug 13, 11:44 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Portuguese MP: Our Government Will Not Allow Israeli Ships to Cross Portuguese Waters**

AL-JAZEERA: The head of the Left Bloc in the Portuguese Parliament told Al-Jazeera that the government will not allow Israeli ships to cross Portuguese waters. She expressed hope that her country would impose sanctions on Israel over its violations against innocent people and join international court measures to prosecute Israel.

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### **Al-Qassam Brigades Target Two Israeli Tanks in Khan Yunis**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said they targeted two Israeli tanks near Abu Hamid roundabout in central Khan Younis with two "Yasin 105" shells and an explosive device.

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### **Al-Shifa Director: Hospitals Lack Means to Treat Wounded**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza said hospitals have nothing with which to treat the wounded and sick. He warned of the emergence of bacteria causing severe infections that can lead to death or amputation, a rise in flaccid paralysis cases and related deaths, and the spread of skin diseases due to heat, water shortages, and lack of hygiene supplies.