

# LIVE BLOG: Hamas Welcomes Arab League's Position | Israel Kills 'Top Hezbollah Official' – Day 515

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Israel's aggression on the occupied West Bank continues. (Photo: via social media, QNN)

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Israeli forces re-detained freed prisoner Israa Ghneimat in Surif, north of Hebron, amid ongoing aggression on the occupied West Bank.

Meanwhile, Euro-Med Monitor denounced Israel's systematic starvation of Gaza, calling for unimpeded humanitarian aid access.

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### **Occupation Forces Blow Up Home of a Prisoner in Hebron**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces blew up the home of prisoner Ahmad Al-Haimoni in Hebron in the occupied West Bank.

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### **' Hamas Rejects Engaging in Talks Based on the Witkoff Proposal'**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth reported that mediators informed Israel that Hamas refused to show flexibility or engage in talks based on the Witkoff proposal.

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### **Protesters Demonstrate Outside Columbia University Over Hosting of Naftali Bennett**

US MEDIA: Dozens of pro-Palestine protesters demonstrated outside Columbia University against the hosting of former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

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## **Israeli UN Delegate: The Only Hunger in Gaza is That of the Hostages**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported that the Israeli delegate to the United Nations stated that the only hunger in Gaza is that of the hostages. Similarly, the Israeli Army Radio quoted the same delegate as saying that Hamas and the residents of Gaza are not in distress.

Wed, Mar 5, 2:52 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Economy Minister: US Support for Israel Extends Far Beyond Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Economy Minister Nir Barkat to Bloomberg:

US support for Israel is not limited to Gaza; it goes far beyond it.

The Trump administration asked us what we needed to ensure that Lebanon remains free of terrorism.

The Trump administration supported keeping the new Syrian forces away from Israel.

Trump strongly backs our bold and decisive moves.

Trump instructed us to do whatever it takes to win the war and bring back our hostages.

Tue, Mar 4, 11:38 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Netanyahu Associates: Shin Bet Investigations Answer No Questions**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 13: Associates of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the head of Shin Bet presented investigations regarding the October 7, 2023, Al-Aqsa Flood operation, which fail to answer any questions.

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## **Israeli Forces Storm Hebron**

AL JAZEERA:

Sources reported that Israeli occupation forces stormed the city of Hebron in the southern West Bank.

Palestinian sources added that the occupation forces raided the home of prisoner Ahmad Al-Haimouni, the perpetrator of the Tel Aviv operation, in Hebron.

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## **Hamas Welcomes Arab League's Position on Palestine**

HAMAS:

We welcome the convening of the Arab summit in Cairo amid ongoing Zionist aggression and plans of genocide and displacement.

The Arab summit marks an advanced stage of Arab and Islamic alignment with the just Palestinian cause.

We appreciate the statements of Arab leaders at the summit, all of which rejected the occupation's plans to displace our people.

We value the Arab stance rejecting attempts to displace our people or erase their national cause, considering it an honorable and historic message.

We affirm that our people, supported by a unified Arab stance, are capable of thwarting displacement, annexation, and resettlement attempts.

We welcome the Arab summit's adoption of a Gaza reconstruction plan and call for providing all elements for its success.

The Arab summit's call to implement the ceasefire agreement is political support for our people and pressure on the entity to prevent it from altering the agreement.

We stress the need to oblige the criminal enemy to respect its commitments under the ceasefire agreement.

We call for unified Arab steps to compel the occupation to implement the agreement's terms and pressure for the entry of aid.

We call for pressure on the occupation to begin negotiations for the second phase and move forward in implementing the agreement.

We welcome the Arab summit's statement on building Palestinian national institutions that reflect our people's aspirations.

Our people's aspirations are achieved through legislative and presidential elections as soon as possible.

We call on Arab states to continue supporting the steadfastness of our people in facing the criminal enemy.

We call on Arab states to confront the enemy's expansionist ambitions and plans for domination at the expense of Palestine and the region's nations.

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## **European Council President Welcomes Egyptian Plan**

EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

I welcome the plan presented by Egypt and Arab partners in Cairo regarding Gaza.

It is important that the Arab plan covers all aspects, including reconstruction, governance, and security.

We are ready to provide tangible support for the Arab plan on Gaza, and the international community must work to implement it.

Tue, Mar 4, 9:47 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Masafer Yatta's Struggle: Five Takeaways**

“They want to displace us without anyone noticing.”

In The FloodGate's latest episode, Alaa Hathleen from Masafer Yatta talks about settler attacks, ethnic cleansing, and why there is no two-state solution for Palestine.

Read the key takeaways:

Tue, Mar 4, 9:10 PM (Palestine Time)

### **US State Department: Rubio Reaffirmed Washington's Steadfast Support for Israel**

US STATE DEPARTMENT

Secretary Marco Rubio spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Rubio assured Netanyahu that the unwavering US support for Israel is a top priority for President Trump.

Rubio thanked Netanyahu for his cooperation with US envoy Steve Witkoff to help release all hostages and extend the ceasefire.

Rubio emphasized the expectation of close coordination with Israel to address threats posed by Iran.

Tue, Mar 4, 9:00 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Israel Cuts Power to Two Gaza Desalination Plants**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE (Citing Gaza sources): Israel has cut off power to two desalination plants in the Deir Al-Balah area of central Gaza, depriving thousands of Palestinians of water, according to the local municipality. In a statement on Monday, the municipality said that the South Sea Desalination Plant and the Basra Desalination Plant ceased operations after Israeli occupation forces cut off the electricity supply.

Tue, Mar 4, 9:00 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Walking Through Rubble - A Special Report from Gaza**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In Gaza, movement has become a daily struggle—whether on foot, by bicycle, or with makeshift carts—as fuel shortages and soaring transport fares leave thousands with no choice but to walk for survival.

Tue, Mar 4, 9:00 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Arabs Unveil Key Aspects of Egypt's Gaza Plan**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Arab leaders, led by Egypt, reject the displacement of Palestinians from Gaza and advocate for a \$53 billion plan to rebuild the Strip, stressing the importance of Palestinian sovereignty.

Tue, Mar 4, 8:53 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Gaza Genocide Death Toll Exceeds 48,400**

TASS (Citing Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza): The death toll from Israel's military operations in the Gaza Strip since early October 2023 has exceeded 48,400 with more than 111,800 people being wounded.

According to ministry, seven bodies were retrieved from under the debris during the past day. Eleven people were taken to hospitals with injuries and wounds, one died.

Tue, Mar 4, 7:35 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Forces Arrest Journalist from Al-Aqsa Mosque Courtyards**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources reported that Israeli occupation forces arrested a photojournalist from the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Tue, Mar 4, 7:35 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Palestinian Woman Killed by Occupation Bullets in Beit Hanoun**

AL JAZEERA: A Palestinian woman was martyred by Israeli army gunfire in Beit Hanoun town, northern Gaza.

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### **Israel Assassinates Hezbollah Commander Khader Hashim**

CHANNEL 12: Khader Hashim is the highest-ranking Hezbollah commander assassinated since the ceasefire agreement began. Israeli sources previously announced the assassination of a senior Hezbollah official by targeting his car in Tyre, south Lebanon.

Tue, Mar 4, 6:03 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Iraqi President Calls for Urgent Gaza Reconstruction**

IRAQI PRESIDENT: Abdul Latif Rashid warned of the catastrophic effects of projects targeting the Palestinian cause and called for international action to prevent the displacement of Palestinians. He urged urgent efforts to rebuild Gaza and establish a fund for this purpose.

Tue, Mar 4, 6:03 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Financial Times: Israel Considers Cutting Gaza's Water and Electricity**

FINANCIAL TIMES: Israel is reportedly studying the possibility of cutting two vital water and electricity lines to Gaza, with legal assurances that such a blockade would not violate Israeli law.

Tue, Mar 4, 6:03 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Abbas: PA to Assume Responsibilities in Gaza**

PALESTINIAN PRESIDENCY: Mahmoud Abbas stated that the Palestinian Authority's vision is to assume responsibilities in Gaza, with unified security forces taking charge of the Strip's security.

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### **US Designates Ansarallah as Terrorist Organization**

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The US designated the Ansarallah as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, citing their threats to civilian security, US forces, and global maritime trade.

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### **King Abdullah II: We Reject Gaza Displacement**

JORDANIAN KING: Abdullah II reaffirmed Jordan's rejection of displacing Gaza's population and called for rebuilding Gaza within a clear timeline. He emphasized the two-state solution as the only path to peace.

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### **Egyptian President: Gaza Aggression Leaves a Stain on Humanity**

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi condemned the aggression on Gaza as a stain on human history, emphasizing Egypt's efforts to achieve a ceasefire and train Palestinian security forces for Gaza's future administration.

Tue, Mar 4, 3:54 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Father of Israeli Captive Threatens to Release Kidnapping Videos**

CHANNEL 12: The father of captive soldier Matan Angrest threatened to release videos of the October 7 kidnappings if necessary, criticizing Netanyahu's delays in implementing the ceasefire agreement.

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### **Israeli Army Expands Military Operation in Jenin**

ISRAELI ARMY: The military announced the expansion of its operation in Jenin, detaining three wanted Palestinians and continuing its incursion into additional neighborhoods.

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### **Trump Threatens to Cut Federal Funding for Protesting Colleges**

TRUMP: Donald Trump vowed to cut federal funding to colleges allowing illegal protests, threatening to deport or imprison agitators and expel American students involved in unlawful activities.

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### **Lebanese Health Ministry: Casualty in Israeli Airstrike on Rashkanieh**

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: A Lebanese citizen was killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a vehicle in the town of Rashkanieh, Tyre district, southern Lebanon.

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### **Israeli Vehicles Target Northeastern Khan Yuunis Border**

AL-AQSA TV: Israeli military vehicles fired heavy machine guns at the northeastern border of Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

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### **WHO: Healthcare in Gaza Among Conflict's Biggest Victims**

WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stated that healthcare in Gaza has been one of the conflict's biggest casualties, with only 18 out of 36 hospitals remaining, most operating partially.

Tue, Mar 4, 2:32 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Sources: Senior Hezbollah Official Assassinated**

ISRAELI SOURCES: A senior Hezbollah official (unnamed) was assassinated in an Israeli strike on his vehicle in southern Lebanon. Israeli military radio confirmed the killing of a key figure in the Radwan Force.

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### **Israeli Drone Targets Vehicle in Rashkanieh, South Lebanon**

AL JAZEERA: An Israeli drone struck a vehicle in Rashkanieh, southern Lebanon, 10 kilometers from the border, as confirmed by Israeli military radio.

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### **Child Injured by Israeli Fire East of Rafah**

AL JAZEERA: A child was injured by Israeli gunfire in the Al-Juneina neighborhood, east of Rafah, southern Gaza.

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### **Settlers Perform Provocative Prayers at Al-Aqsa**

JERUSALEM GOVERNORATE: 160 settlers entered Al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards, performing provocative prayers and rituals on the fourth day of Ramadan.

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### **UNRWA: Aid Must Not Be Used as a Weapon of War**

UNRWA COMMISSIONER-GENERAL: Philippe Lazzarini condemned the halt of aid to Gaza, warning it threatens civilians exhausted by 16 months of brutal war. He emphasized that aid and essential services are non-negotiable and must not be weaponized.

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## **Israeli FM: Hamas Uses Aid to Rebuild Military Capabilities**

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER: Gideon Sa'ar accused Hamas of using humanitarian aid to strengthen its military and economic power, claiming aid has become a driver for Hamas' war efforts.

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## **Israeli Forces Carry Out Attacks in Hebron**

AL JAZEERA: Israeli forces demolished commercial shops at the southern entrance of Al-Dhahiriya, south of Hebron.

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## **Palestinian Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza**

AL JAZEERA: A Palestinian succumbed to injuries sustained from Israeli gunfire east of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza.

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## **Palestinian Injured in Gaza**

ISRAELI ARMY: A Palestinian was injured in southern Gaza, allegedly while approaching Israeli forces.

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## **Palestinian Injured in Hebron**

PALESTINIAN RED CRESCENT: A Palestinian was injured after being assaulted by Israeli forces near the Halhoul Bridge checkpoint, north of Hebron.

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## **Internal Israeli Military Probe: "Colossal Failure" on October 7**

ISRAELI MILITARY INVESTIGATION: The military's failure to protect Kibbutz Kfar Aza during the October 7 attack led to 62 deaths, 18 injuries, and 19 abductions, citing a lack of leadership and coordination.

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## **260,000 Children in Gaza Enroll in Remote Learning Program**

UNRWA: Nearly 260,000 children in Gaza have joined UNRWA's remote learning program since January, with psychosocial support teams responding to 15,000 cases in central Gaza and Khan Younis.

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## **Finance Minister Smotrich Holds Meetings in Washington**

ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER: Bezalel Smotrich met with U.S. officials, including Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, to bolster economic cooperation and secure U.S. support for Israel's security activities.

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## **Senator Bernie Sanders: Starving Gaza Children is a War Crime**

U.S. SENATOR: Bernie Sanders condemned Netanyahu's government for halting humanitarian aid to Gaza, calling the starvation of children a war crime.

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## **Rights Observatory Condemns Aid Cut to Gaza**

EUROMED MONITOR: The observatory denounced Israel's systematic starvation policy in Gaza, urging the international community to ensure unimpeded aid delivery.

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## **Released Prisoner Rearrested in Hebron**

AL JAZEERA: Israeli forces re-detained freed prisoner Israa Ghneimat in Surif, north of Hebron (Al-Khalil).

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## **Rights Center Calls for International Intervention to Recover Gaza Victims' Bodies**

PALESTINIAN CENTER FOR MISSING AND FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED PERSONS: The center expressed deep concern over Israel's obstruction of equipment needed to recover thousands of bodies under Gaza's rubble, urging international pressure for immediate