

LIVE BLOG: Protester Climbs Big Ben | Israel Kills Three in Rafah | Huge Fire at Gaza Food Warehouses – Day 519

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An Israeli airstrike targeted civilians in Rafah. (Photo: via QNN)

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At least three Palestinians were killed as Israeli tanks fired intensively and a drone strike targeted a group of people in Rafah.

On International Women's Day, Gaza authorities reported that at least 12,000 Palestinian women have been killed in Gaza, while many others have been wounded or subjected to systematic torture in Israeli prisons.

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Sun, Mar 9, 5:20 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Rapporteur: Israel's Behavior in the West Bank Shameful, Arab Position Shocking

AL-JAZEERA: The UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, Francesca Albanese, stated that what Israel is doing in the West Bank is shameful and illegal but not surprising. She accused some Arab countries of conspiring against the Palestinians.

Albanese added that many are aware that Israel is attempting to take control of what remains of Palestine and that it is currently doing in the West Bank what it previously did in the Gaza Strip.

Sun, Mar 9, 5:17 AM (Palestine Time)

Director of Explosives Engineering in Northern Gaza Police Injured

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Director of Explosives Engineering in the Northern Gaza Police, Lieutenant Colonel Bilal Al-Mabhough, was injured in the face and eyes due to the explosion of an object left behind by the occupation army. The incident occurred while he was inspecting the site of a previous explosion that had injured three children.

Sun, Mar 9, 5:14 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Delegation Meets Head of Egyptian Intelligence

STATEMENT (Hamas):

A delegation from the movement met with the head of the Egyptian General Intelligence Service to discuss the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and the exchange of prisoners in its various stages.

The delegation emphasized the necessity of adhering to all terms of the agreement, immediately moving to begin negotiations for the second phase, opening crossings, and allowing the entry of relief materials into the Gaza Strip without restrictions or conditions.

The delegation affirmed the movement's agreement to form a Support Committee composed of independent national figures to manage the Gaza Strip until the completion of Palestinian reconciliation arrangements and the holding of general elections at all levels, including national, presidential, and legislative.

The delegation expressed its gratitude and appreciation for Egypt's efforts in the previous period, particularly in countering displacement schemes. It also appreciated the outcomes of the Arab Summit, especially the Gaza reconstruction plan.

Sun, Mar 9, 5:08 AM (Palestine Time)

Witkof Mediates for New Agreement Between Hamas and Israel

US MEDIA: Axios, citing US officials, reported that US Middle East envoy Steve Witkof is expected to head to Doha on Tuesday to mediate a new agreement between Hamas and Israel.

Sun, Mar 9, 5:03 AM (Palestine Time)

Occupation Forces Arrest Released Prisoners Hashem Abu Turki and Adeeb Al-Qawasmi

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that Israeli occupation forces arrested the released prisoners, Hashem Abu Turki and Adeeb Al-Qawasmi, during their raid on the city of Hebron in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Sun, Mar 9, 12:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Raid Homes in Al-Mahjar Neighborhood of Nur Shams Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces raided homes in the Al-Mahjar neighborhood of Nur Shams camp, east of Tulkarm, vandalizing their contents.

Sun, Mar 9, 12:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu's Office: Prime Minister to Send Delegation to Doha

NETANYAHU'S OFFICE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office announced that he will send a delegation to Doha on Monday in an attempt to advance ceasefire negotiations in Gaza.

Sun, Mar 9, 12:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel's Fuel Blockade Threatens Gaza Patients

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli occupation's prevention of fuel entry into Gaza has exacerbated the risk of hospitals shutting down. A doctor at Al-Shifa Medical Complex, Gaza's largest and most devastated hospital, warned that hospitals without fuel would become mass graves.

Sun, Mar 9, 12:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Clashes with Occupation Army Southwest of Jenin

AL-JAZEERA: Clashes broke out between Palestinians and Israeli forces during a raid on the town of Arraba, southwest of Jenin in the West Bank.

Sat, Mar 8, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

New US Initiative to Release 10 Israeli Captives

KAN: Informed sources revealed that the United States is proposing a new initiative to release 10 living Israeli captives.

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Protests in Tel Aviv Demanding Completion of Prisoner Exchange Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Protests are currently taking place in Tel Aviv, demanding the completion of a prisoner exchange deal.

Sat, Mar 8, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Protester Scales Big Ben, Trump Resort Vandalized

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A man climbed Big Ben in a pro-Palestine protest, prompting road closures, while a separate group vandalized Donald Trump's Scottish golf resort.

Sat, Mar 8, 7:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Joint European Statement: Gaza Reconstruction Requires Strong Political Framework

AL-MAYADEEN: A joint statement by France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom emphasized that reconstruction efforts in Gaza must be based on a strong political and security framework acceptable to both Israelis and Palestinians. The four countries welcomed the recovery and reconstruction plan for Gaza, initiated by Arab nations.

Sat, Mar 8, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Africa's Unyielding Solidarity with Palestine

ANALYSIS: Dr. Mahmoud Hanafi, a Professor of International Law and Human Rights, writes that Africa's unified diplomatic stance against Israel, marks a significant setback for Netanyahu and reflects the continent's commitment to justice and anti-colonial principles.

Sat, Mar 8, 6:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Dr. Mimi Syed Recounts Firsthand Experiences of Healthcare Workers in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: “I recently spent two medical missions in Gaza working in the emergency department. During both of my missions, each for four weeks at a time and at two different hospitals including Al-Aqsa and Nasser, I saw children with sniper shots to the head, chest and abdomen.”

Sat, Mar 8, 6:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Welcomes OIC Statement on Gaza

STATEMENT: The Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas has welcomed the emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) foreign ministers in Jeddah. In a statement, Hamas called for “practical measures to back and empower the Palestinian people in their struggle for justice and freedom.”

Sat, Mar 8, 4:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Israelis Prepare to Protest around Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli captives and protest movements have called for demonstrations and an open-ended sit-in around the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, starting Saturday evening.

Sat, Mar 8, 4:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Another Palestinian Injured by Occupation Fire Near Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was injured by Israeli occupation fire in the town of Abasan al-Jadida, east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, on Saturday.

Sat, Mar 8, 4:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Maps Contradict Army’s Account of Captives’ Death Location

HAARETZ:

Haaretz commented on the New York Times’ revelation that the Israeli army concealed for months a March 2024 airstrike that killed Israeli captives, noting that military maps confirm the captives were killed within limited operational zones.

The Israeli newspaper added that when the army published its investigation into the killing of the six captives, it claimed it was unaware of their presence in the area.

Sat, Mar 8, 4:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Killing of 12,000 Palestinian Women is “Stain on Humanity”

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

On International Women's Day, the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas condemned the ongoing Israeli war in Gaza and its devastating impact on Palestinian women.

Hamas described the killing of more than 12,000 Palestinian women, with many more wounded, arrested, or displaced, as a "stain on the brow of humanity."

The movement called on the international community to expose Zionist crimes against Palestinian women, including systematic violence such as bombing, daily massacres, displacement, deportation, arrest, and torture in prisons.

Sat, Mar 8, 3:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Preventing Fuel Entry into Gaza Threatens Emergency Services

RAFAH MAYOR: The mayor of Rafah stated that preventing fuel entry for the seventh consecutive day threatens to halt emergency services and paralyze life in the devastated