

LIVE BLOG: Famine Threshold Crossed as Abu Obeida Conditions Red Cross Visits – Day 669

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

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UNICEF warns Gaza has entered famine, as hunger and Israel's controversial aid scheme leave over 1,400 Palestinians dead and tens of thousands more injured or displaced.

Abu Obeida said the Qassam Brigades would allow Red Cross aid to Israeli captives if Israel ends airstrikes and opens Gaza crossings.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 60,933 and injured 150,027 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Osama Hamdan: We Call on UNSC to Pressure Israel to End the Gaza Catastrophe

OSAMA HAMDAN:

“The occupation continues its war of extermination and starvation against the Gaza Strip, with American support and international silence and impotence.

“Washington and the occupation are trying to turn a Security Council session on Gaza into one about Israeli hostages.

“These figures are a message to Security Council members to pause and confront the catastrophe experienced by over two million Palestinians.”

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Sources Close to Israeli Army Chief: Zamir Rejects Strategic Trap

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israel Hayom, sources close to Israeli Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi said that his objective is “to defeat Hamas and retrieve the hostages without falling into a strategic trap,” amid reports that the government is preparing a new plan in Gaza that may include expanding military operations or fully occupying the territory.

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Al-Shifa Hospital Director: We Are Recording Daily Deaths from Famine

AL-JAZEERA:

Dr. Mohammad Abu Salmiya, Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza, said:

“Children and the elderly in Gaza have wasted away, and we are now recording daily deaths due to famine.

We call on the world to visit the hospitals, the tents, and the homes that are empty of even a piece of bread.”

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Israeli Channel Leaks Netanyahu’s March Negotiation Stance

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 reported that protocols from negotiations held in March show Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted on resuming the war after a temporary ceasefire. The report said Netanyahu’s insistence came despite recommendations from security agency leaders to halt the war and retrieve the hostages.

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Israeli Official: Netanyahu Has Not Yet Made Final Decision on Expanding Gaza Offensive

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to an Israeli security official quoted by Israel Hayom, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “has not made a final decision regarding expanding operations to the remaining areas of the Gaza Strip, but momentum is building in that direction.”

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Families of Israeli Captives: Gaza Occupation Will Lead to Their Deaths

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Families of Israeli hostages in Gaza said:

“The occupation of Gaza will cause us to lose the captives and lead to more soldier deaths.

“The government deliberately sabotaged rescue deals and misled public opinion.

“Security officials offered options for retrieving the captives, but the government missed the opportunities.

“Dozens of hostages were killed in captivity while awaiting a deal that the government never pursued.

“Since the war resumed, 50 soldiers have died without any military achievement. The government is responsible for sabotaging the deals.”

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1,000% Increase in Mental Health Treatment Requests by Israeli Reservists

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Jerusalem Post quoted the head of the Israeli army's mental health unit as saying that the number of reservist soldiers requesting psychological treatment has increased by 1,000%.

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Israeli Attorney General Denounces Her Dismissal

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara denounced the government's decision to dismiss her from her position, asserting that it is illegal.

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Israeli Media: Army Chief Cancels Washington Visit

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 13 reported that Army Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi canceled a scheduled visit to Washington following news that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had made a decision regarding the occupation of Gaza.

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Israeli Ministers: Army Chief May Resign If Gaza Occupation Plan Approved

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israeli ministers quoted by the Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation, Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi may resign if a full-scale plan to occupy Gaza is approved.

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Israeli Media: Trump Gives Green Light for Expanded Military Operation in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth quoted sources saying that US President Donald Trump gave Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu the green light for an intensified military operation against Hamas.

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Israeli Sources: Netanyahu to Decide on Full Gaza Occupation

ISRAELI MEDIA: Sources close to Netanyahu told Channel 14 that the Prime Minister intends to move forward with a full occupation of Gaza. If the army chief continues to oppose it, they said, he should resign. However, a political official noted that the final decision lies with the Cabinet and has not yet been formally made.

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74 Killed by Israeli Fire Since Dawn, Including 36 Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza hospital sources reported that 74 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire since dawn today, including 36 who were seeking humanitarian aid.

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Gaza Health Ministry: Contaminated Water Main Cause of Guillain-Barré Syndrome

AL-JAZEERA:

The Director General of the Gaza Health Ministry told Al Jazeera:

“Diseases are ravaging children today.

“Contaminated water is the main cause of Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

“We have been warning for some time about the spread of diseases; we are witnessing mass death.

“Treatment for Guillain-Barré Syndrome is unavailable in Gaza.”

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Supreme Court Temporarily Freezes Dismissal of Attorney General

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation reported that the Israeli Supreme Court issued a temporary order to freeze the government’s decision to dismiss Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara.

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MSF: Gaza Children Are Not Getting Enough to Eat

AL-JAZEERA: The program coordinator for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) in Gaza told Al Jazeera that children are not eating enough and are suffering severely from illness.

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Israeli Government Approves Dismissal of Attorney General

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that cabinet ministers unanimously approved the dismissal of Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara. The Israeli Minister of Communications called for appointing a new attorney general without waiting for the High Court’s decision.

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Ben Gvir Calls for Boycott of Attorney General

ISRAEL HAYOM: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir stated that starting today, all ministries must cease dealing entirely with the Attorney General. He also noted that the Knesset committee approved the dismissal of the head of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee for refusing to pass a law exempting ultra-Orthodox Jews from military service.

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Israeli Media: Disabled Soldier Attempts Suicide Outside Rehab Center

ISRAEL HAYOM: In an unusual incident, a disabled Israeli soldier attempted suicide in front of a rehabilitation department. The soldier, suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, poured flammable liquid over himself.

Mon, Aug 4, 5:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Lapid: Government Meeting Meant to Protect Netanyahu

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid said the current government meeting is being held to protect Prime Minister Netanyahu, adding, "This is not a political issue."

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Dispute Between Political and Military Leadership over Gaza War

ISRAEL HAYOM: According to sources cited by Israel Hayom, tensions are mounting between Israel's political and military leadership over the direction of the Gaza war. Military officials support isolating Hamas-held areas, while hardline ministers are calling for a full-scale reoccupation of the Strip.

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Injuries among Aid Seekers from Israeli Gunfire in Northern Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera's correspondent reported that several aid seekers were injured by Israeli gunfire in northern Gaza as they attempted to access humanitarian supplies.

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Gaza Government Media Office: Israel Allowed Only 14% of Required Aid

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza Government Media Office stated that the Israeli occupation has allowed the entry of only 14% of the needed humanitarian aid over the past eight days.

Mon, Aug 4, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Former Australian Attorney General: Evidence of Genocide in Gaza Overwhelming

AUSTRALIAN MEDIA: In an interview with Australia's SBS News, former Australian Attorney General Graham Blewitt stated, "If I were at the head of the International Criminal Court, I would not hesitate to file charges against Israeli leaders." Blewitt added that the evidence of genocide committed by Israel in Gaza is overwhelming.

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Israel Releases Nine Palestinian Detainees from Gaza

GAZA PRISONER MEDIA OFFICE: The Prisoner Media Office in Gaza reported that Israeli authorities released nine detainees from the Strip on Monday. The released individuals arrived at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital through the Kissufim crossing east of Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza Strip.

Mon, Aug 4, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

21 Palestinians Killed in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that Israeli occupation forces raided the center of the city of Dura, south of Hebron in the West Bank, on Monday.

Mon, Aug 4, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Five New Deaths from Famine in Gaza

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza announced that five deaths due to famine and malnutrition were recorded in the hospitals of the Strip in the past 24 hours.

Mon, Aug 4, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Toll Rises in Israeli Attack on Aid Seekers at Netzarim Axis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources at Al-Awda and Al-Aqsa hospitals reported that the death toll from Israeli gunfire on starving crowds near an aid control center at the so-called Netzarim axis east of Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza has risen to seven killed and twenty injured.

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54 Missing at US-Run Aid Control Centers

AL-JAZEERA:

The Al-Dameer Foundation documented a rise in reported missing persons at aid control centers managed by the so-called "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation," a US organization operating in the Strip.

In a statement, Al-Dameer said that 54 Palestinians remain missing around these centers, noting that Israeli forces do not permit the retrieval of the bodies of those targeted there.

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Four Killed in Shejaiya

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that four Palestinians were killed on Monday morning as a result of Israeli bombing targeting civilians in the Shujaiya neighborhood east of Gaza City.

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Aid Insufficient to Feed 1% of Gaza's Population

AL-JAZEERA:

Mohammad Abu Afsh, Director of Medical Relief in Gaza, told Al Jazeera:

The aid entering Gaza is not enough to feed even 1% of the population. Cases of malnutrition continue to rise across the Strip.

We need safe corridors to deliver aid. Many types of food have been unavailable in Gaza for months.

Clean water supplies are insufficient for the population's needs.

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Israeli Soldier Injured at Negev Base

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 13 reported that an Israeli soldier suffered severe burns following a fuel leak at a military base in southern Israel.

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Second Palestinian Killed in Qabatiya

AL-JAZEERA: Sources told Al Jazeera that the body of a second Palestinian martyr was found in the area besieged by Israeli forces in the town of Qabatiya, south of Jenin in the northern West Bank. Palestinian media had earlier confirmed the martyrdom of Yousef al-Amer and the seizure of his body by Israeli forces during an operation in the area.

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Palestinian Killed, Body Seized Near Qabatiya

AL-JAZEERA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that 21 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire since dawn on Monday, including 9 people suffering from starvation who were searching for food.

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Israeli Opposition Leader: Government Dragging Us into Endless War

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO (citing Yair Lapid):

We were right to go to war, but it has now become pointless.

The political leadership is dragging us into an eternal war.

Smotrich and Ben Gvir want to occupy Gaza and use Israeli taxpayers' money to fund education for Gaza's children.

Mon, Aug 4, 12:57 AM (Palestine Time)

Australia Pledges \$20 Million in Additional Gaza Aid

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT: We are contributing an additional \$20 million in response to the catastrophe in Gaza. We have consistently joined the international call on Israel to resume aid to Gaza in accordance with the ICJ's rulings. The suffering and starvation of civilians in Gaza must end.

Mon, Aug 4, 12:57 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Requests Emergency UN Security Council Session on Gaza Hostages

ISRAELI UN ENVOY: The UN Security Council will convene on Tuesday for an emergency session to discuss the situation of hostages in Gaza, based on our request.

Mon, Aug 4, 12:57 AM (Palestine Time)

Four Israeli Soldiers Injured in Alleged Gaza Vehicle Accident

ISRAELI MILITARY: The Israeli military reported that four soldiers from the Desert Reconnaissance Battalion were injured—one seriously—in an operational vehicle accident in the Gaza Strip.

Sun, Aug 3, 11:45 PM (Palestine Time)

Clashes Between Protesters and Police in Central Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported clashes between demonstrators and police in central Tel Aviv, with several protesters arrested.

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Woman Killed and Others Wounded in Israeli Strike on Nuseirat Camp

AL-AWDA HOSPITAL: A woman was killed and several others wounded in an Israeli airstrike targeting Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

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Abu Obeida: Captives Will Receive No Special Privileges

ABU OBEIDA STATEMENT:

Al-Qassam is ready to cooperate with the Red Cross's requests to deliver aid.

"We do not intentionally starve the captives—they eat what our fighters and our people eat.

"Captives will not receive special treatment under conditions of starvation and siege.

"Humanitarian corridors must be permanently opened to allow food and medicine across Gaza.

"Drone flights must stop during food handovers for the Red Cross to deliver to hostages."