

LIVE BLOG: Internal Conflict in Israel as Gaza Resistance Fights On – Day 685

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A protest against the continuation of the genocide in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN)

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Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir reportedly approved plans to occupy Gaza City as the Israeli army decided to bring forward the call-up of 50,000 reserve soldiers.

Meanwhile, Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza continue to document their destruction of Israeli military vehicles, while Egyptian sources deny Israeli media claims of a proposal to disarm Hamas.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 62,122 and injured 156,758 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Hamas: Israeli Aggression Shows Disregard for Mediators' Efforts

HAMAS STATEMENT: The new Israeli aggression is a disregard for mediators' efforts to reach a ceasefire and prisoner exchange. Netanyahu's ignoring of the mediators' proposal proves he is the obstacle to any agreement and not serious about recovering his captives.

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Channel 12: Netanyahu to Arrive at Southern Command to Approve Gaza Occupation Plans

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will arrive at the Southern Command tomorrow, Thursday, to approve plans for the occupation of Gaza City.

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ICC Condemns US Sanctions on Its Members

ICC: We condemn Washington's announcement of new sanctions on ICC judges and officials. US sanctions are a blatant attack on the independence of a neutral judicial institution.

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Israeli Army Official: We Face Shortage of 10,000–12,000 Soldiers

ABC: We face a shortage of between 10,000 and 12,000 soldiers. The shortage of soldiers and the lack of recruitment of Haredim force us to exhaust every possible option to meet the need.

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Netanyahu Thanks Rubio for Sanctions on International Judg

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for the sanctions imposed on judges of the International Criminal Court.

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76 Killed by Israeli Army Fire Across Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 76 Palestinians were killed by Israeli army fire in several areas of the Strip since dawn on Wednesday.

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15 Killed and 105 Injured Among Aid Seekers in Northern Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources at Hamad Hospital in Gaza reported that 15 Palestinians were killed and 105 others injured by Israeli army fire while waiting for humanitarian aid in northern Gaza.

Wed, Aug 20, 8:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Basketball Star Mohammed Al-Shaalan Killed by Israeli Forces in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Mohammed Al-Shaalan, known as 'The Earthquake', was killed by Israeli forces in Khan Yunis while trying to obtain aid for his children.

Wed, Aug 20, 7:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Humanitarian Foundation: US Aid Group Accused of Espionage in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Ministry of Interior in Gaza today warned Palestinians against providing any personal data, information, or photos requested by a US private aid organization.

In a statement, the ministry said that the "new system" launched by the American organization is a cover for a security and intelligence operation.

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Israeli Military Officer: Confrontations in Khan Younis Were Face-to-Face

ISRAELI MEDIA: The deputy commander of a company in the Kfir Brigade of the Israeli army said: The confrontations in Khan Younis were face-to-face and the army relied on the air force. More than 11 fighters fired at us and launched anti-armor rockets.

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Former Israeli Intelligence Chief: We Have Exhausted Most of Our Tools in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Tamir Hayman, former head of Israeli military intelligence:

Israel has exhausted most of its tools in the Gaza Strip.

Continuing military operations does not guarantee the release of captives nor the elimination of Hamas.

The current strategy, combining military pressure with attempts at partial deals, has not achieved its goals.

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US Sanctions Target Those Who Issued Arrest Warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that the US State Department imposed sanctions on four members of the International Criminal Court for their role in issuing arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant and in investigations against the United States.

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Rubio: Sanctions on ICC Figures Linked to Actions Against Israelis

US MEDIA: US Secretary of State Mike Rubio said that the imposition of sanctions on four additional officials of the International Criminal Court came in response to their actions against Americans and Israelis.

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Yisrael Hayom: Soldiers Dying from Heat Inside Armored Vehicles in Gaza

ISRAEL HAYOM: Israeli soldiers are dying from extreme heat inside armored vehicles in the Gaza Strip. Soldiers reported repeated malfunctions in air conditioning systems inside armored vehicles. As a result, temperatures inside the vehicles can reach up to 60°C. Soldiers face three difficult choices: to literally die from heat, to continue fighting with the vehicle open which exposes them to extreme danger, or to withdraw from the battle. The army admits that using armored vehicles with broken air conditioning systems contradicts official regulations. Many soldiers continue to fight in open conditions despite the risks.

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Israeli Army Acknowledges Khan Younis Battalion's Capabilities and Difficulty of Eliminating It

MAARIV: According to the Israeli army, Hamas' Khan Younis Battalion is waging a war of attrition after learning the army's methods and planning. Hamas fighters have learned through the clashes the army's tactics and directions. They set daily ambushes, deliberately targeting unit commanders. Hamas forces in Khan Younis are highly skilled and pose a challenge to the Israeli army. Attempts to locate and capture Hamas members in Khan Younis are complicated and difficult.

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US Treasury Imposes New Sanctions on Individuals Linked to ICC

US TREASURY: The US Treasury announced new sanctions on individuals linked to the International Criminal Court. The sanctions come in response to the ICC's investigation into Israeli war crimes in Gaza and the issuance of arrest warrants against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

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World Food Programme: Malnutrition in Gaza Is the Silent Killer

WFP: Families in Gaza are not only facing hunger but death by hunger. Malnutrition in Gaza is increasing and is considered the silent killer. Malnutrition levels in Gaza have surpassed emergency thresholds. Safe access is needed to deliver aid.

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Palestinian Authority Security Arrests Young Man in Northern West Bank

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that Palestinian Authority security forces arrested a young man in the village of Tammun, near Tubas in the northern occupied West Bank.

Wed, Aug 20, 6:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Approves Major Settlement Project Splitting West Bank, Isolating Jerusalem

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel has given final approval to a "highly controversial" settlement project that would divide the occupied West Bank and isolate East Jerusalem, according to Israeli media.

Wed, Aug 20, 6:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Ministry of Health: Israel Kills One Child Every 40 Minutes in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Gaza Health Ministry reported 58 Palestinians killed in 24 hours, including aid recipients and children, as Israel intensifies strikes on Gaza City's Zaytoun neighborhood.

Wed, Aug 20, 4:48 PM (Palestine Time)

'Exceptional Incident' – Al-Qassam Brigades Detail Complex Attack on Israeli Forces in Gaza

The Al-Qassam Brigades announced a multi-phased operation against a newly established Israeli military position in southern Gaza, while Israeli media acknowledged a "significant" attack and troop casualties.

Wed, Aug 20, 3:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinians Killed in Israeli Drone Strike on Tent in Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nasser Medical Complex reported that three Palestinians were killed in an Israeli drone strike targeting a tent sheltering displaced people in Mawasi Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Aug 20, 3:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health confirmed that 58 Palestinians were killed and 185 others injured by Israeli occupation fire in the past 24 hours, including 22 who were waiting for aid.

This raises the death toll from Israel's assault on the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023, to 62,122 martyrs and 156,758 wounded.

Wed, Aug 20, 3:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Interior Ministry Warns Against Intelligence Goals of “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation”

AL-JAZEERA: The Ministry of Interior and National Security in Gaza warned that a new system launched by the so-called “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation” is collecting Palestinians' data and personal photos, stating that Israel aims to use it to build an intelligence-security apparatus.

[Palestine Chronicle Staff, “Database for Food: Palestinians Forced into Biometric Aid Scheme amid Mass Killings”, Palestine Chronicle, August 19, 2025](#)

Wed, Aug 20, 3:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldier Seriously Wounded in Southern Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army confirmed that a soldier from the 90th Battalion of the Kfir Brigade was seriously wounded during fighting in southern Gaza, after Al-Qassam Brigades announced an operation in the area.

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Al-Qassam Brigades Announce Operation in Khan Yunis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced that this morning they attacked an Israeli military site southeast of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip, targeting Merkava tanks with explosive devices and shells, following Israeli media reports of an operation in the area.

Wed, Aug 20, 12:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Israeli Soldiers Wounded in Rafah Incident

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli media confirmed that three wounded soldiers were transferred to hospitals following what was described as a security incident in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Channel 14 reported that “gunmen” attempted to storm a military site in southern Gaza, and the soldiers responded by opening fire.

Israel Hayom added that clashes erupted after “more than 10 gunmen attacked a military site in southern Gaza.”

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Hamas Fighters Attack Kfir Brigade Post in Rafah

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that “ Hamas gunmen ” attacked a Kfir Brigade post in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, noting that army helicopters evacuated the wounded, without providing further details.

Wed, Aug 20, 12:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Death Toll Rises to 35 Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that the death toll since dawn today from Israeli fire in various parts of the Strip has risen to 35, including 10 people who were waiting for humanitarian aid in central and southern Gaza.

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Israeli Artillery Shelling in Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli artillery shelled various areas in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, amid the flight of Israeli warplanes over the northern part of the city.

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Israeli Airstrike on Al-Amal Neighborhood, Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli warplanes carried out airstrikes on the Al-Amal neighborhood in the city of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Begins Preliminary Stage of Gaza Invasion

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio announced that the preliminary stage of the Gaza invasion has begun with concentrated operations in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood and the Jabaliya area.

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

China Expresses Deep Concern Over Situation in Gaza

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed deep concern over the current situation in the Gaza Strip, saying it hopes the parties will reach a ceasefire as soon as possible.

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Barak: Gaza Invasion Is a Deadly Trap

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak described the invasion of Gaza City as a “ deadly trap, ” saying it would serve Hamas and grant it a political victory.

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Israeli Army Commander Admits Military Institution Damaged

ISRAELI MEDIA: The commander of the Israeli army’s Southern Command admitted that the military establishment has been damaged after becoming a battlefield for competing political

agendas, amid preparations for the Gaza City assault — an operation the army had initially opposed.

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Approves “Chariots of Gideon II” Plan to Attack Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio reported that Defense Minister Yisrael Katz yesterday approved the plan to attack Gaza City, which will be called “Chariots of Gideon II.”

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Israel Begins Calling Up 60,000 Soldiers for Gaza Invasion

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority confirmed that the army today began calling up 60,000 reserve soldiers as part of preparations to invade Gaza City.

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Italy: Netanyahu Ignoring Half the World Over Gaza

ITALIAN MEDIA:

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani called for a ceasefire and an end to massacres in Gaza, according to Italian newspaper *Il Giornale*.

He said the Israeli government “long ago crossed the red line of a legitimate and proportional response to the October 7 attack,” and accused Netanyahu of ignoring half the world by continuing the war.

Tajani stressed that Italy opposes “the occupation of Gaza and parts of the West Bank through settlements, as well as Israeli attacks on Christians,” adding that Italy’s goal is the establishment of a Palestinian state.

He expressed readiness to send Italian troops under a UN mission led by Arab countries to help build the Palestinian state.

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Australia Responds Forcefully to Netanyahu

ABC AUSTRALIA:

Australia launched a strong attack on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after he accused Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of being a “weak politician who betrayed Israel.”

Australian Interior Minister Tony Burke told ABC that “power is not measured by how many people you can blow up, or how many children you can leave starving.”

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US Envoy Witkoff Calls for Immediate End to Gaza War

FOX NEWS: US envoy Steve Witkoff told Fox News: “The conflict in Gaza must end immediately. President Trump wants all hostages returned from Gaza. The 20 hostages must be brought back to their families, a proportionate number of Palestinian prisoners released, and Gaza rebuilt.”

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Killed, Others Wounded in Strike on Tent West of Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source in Gaza's emergency services reported that two Palestinians were killed and others wounded in an Israeli airstrike on a tent sheltering displaced persons west of Gaza City.

Wed, Aug 20, 10:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Women Killed, Others Wounded in Al-Nuseirat Camp Strike

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Awda Hospital in Gaza said that two Palestinian women were killed and others wounded in an Israeli airstrike on a home in Al-Nuseirat camp, central Gaza Strip.

Wed, Aug 20, 1:42 AM (Palestine Time)

Injuries in Israeli Drone Strike on Displaced Persons' Tent in Khan Yunis

PRCS: The field hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent in Gaza reported that Palestinians were injured when an Israeli drone bombed a tent sheltering displaced persons in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Aug 20, 1:42 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Girls Killed, Others Injured in Strike on Khan Younis Camp

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Nasser Medical Complex in Gaza announced that two young girls were killed and several others injured in an Israeli strike on a home in Khan Younis refugee camp, in the southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Aug 20, 1:19 AM (Palestine Time)

'Shameful Indictment' – UN Says Record Number of Aid Workers Killed in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The UN has revealed a shocking new record of 383 aid workers killed worldwide in 2024, nearly half in Gaza.

"Attacks on this scale, with zero accountability, are a shameful indictment of international inaction and apathy," Tom Fletcher, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, said in a statement marking World Humanitarian Day on Tuesday.

Tue, Aug 19, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Yedioth Ahronoth: Netanyahu Wants a Comprehensive Deal

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH (citing sources) close to the Israeli Prime Minister:

Netanyahu held consultations in recent hours following Hamas' response.

The Prime Minister only wants a comprehensive deal.

Netanyahu does not want a partial deal, although he has not completely ruled out the possibility.

Tue, Aug 19, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz Meets Zamir to Approve Gaza City Occupation Plan

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir approved plans to occupy Gaza City.

The Israeli army decided to bring forward the call-up of 50,000 reserve soldiers.

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White House: Trump Wants to See an End to the War in Gaza

WHITE HOUSE:

We continue discussing the ceasefire proposal accepted by Hamas.

It is no coincidence that Hamas accepted the ceasefire proposal after President Trump's strong post on "Truth Social."

President Trump is working to end the war in Ukraine and also wants to see an end to the war in Gaza.

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Katz: Increasing Defense Budget Enables Army to Face Iran

ISRAELI MEDIA (citing Israel Katz):

The decision to increase the ministry's budget is of great importance amid unprecedented security challenges.

The defense budget increase will enable the army to face threats, foremost among them Iran, and achieve the goals of the war in Gaza.

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Al-Qassam Declares Destruction of Israeli Bulldozer in Gaza

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: We destroyed an Israeli military bulldozer the afternoon before yesterday in Al-Mansara playground, south of Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, Gaza City.

Tue, Aug 19, 6:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Norway's Wealth Fund Excludes More Six Israeli Firms over Gaza, West Bank 'Crisis'

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Norway's sovereign wealth fund has decided to exclude six more Israeli firms from its portfolio, it announced on Monday, citing the "extraordinary" circumstances in Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

The \$2.2 trillion Norges Bank Investment Management fund – the world's largest wealth management fund – had already excluded 17 Israeli firms, with a total value of \$143.3 million, from its portfolio, which is worth some \$2.24 billion, according to recent figures, the Anadolu news agency reported.

Tue, Aug 19, 6:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Medical Source: 46 Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza Today

AL-JAZEERA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 46 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire in various areas of the Gaza Strip since dawn today.