

GAZA LIVE BLOG: Hamas Accepts Ceasefire Proposal | Israel Begins Rafah Invasion – Scores Killed in New Massacres – Day 213

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A displaced Palestinian child in Rafah. (Photo: Mahmoud Ajjour, The Palestine Chronicle)

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Hamas announced it accepted the ceasefire proposal. According to Axios, Israeli officials said the Israeli negotiations team is now studying Hamas' response.

Meanwhile, scores of Palestinians were reportedly killed in new Israeli strikes at Rafah and other regions throughout Gaza.

According to Gaza's Ministry of Health, 34,735 Palestinians have been killed, and 78,108 wounded in Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza starting on October 7.

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Tuesday, May 7, 01:30 am (GMT +2)

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli strikes target the vicinity of the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt. Israeli strikes are also reported in the Brazil neighborhood south of Rafah.

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AXIOS: 100 congressional staffers call on Biden and members of Congress to demand an immediate halt to the Israeli attack before it is too late.

CHANNEL 12: Clashes are taking place between police and demonstrators in Tel Aviv demanding a prisoner exchange deal with Hamas.

EU SPOKESPERSON (to Al-Jazeera): We welcome any step that leads to a ceasefire in Gaza. Our position is clear in rejecting any operation or ground invasion in Rafah.

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: We bombed Sderot, Nir Am, and the settlements surrounding Gaza.

HAMAS: Haniyeh discussed with the Secretary-General of the Islamic Jihad the resistance's decision to approve the ceasefire agreement proposal."

GANTZ: The proposal contains major loopholes and we are continuing to study it.

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US OFFICIAL (to Reuters): It does not seem that Netanyahu and the War Council are dealing with the final phase of negotiations in good faith.

AL-JAZEERA: A batch of rockets were fired from northern Gaza. Sirens were sounding in Sderot on the Gaza Strip.

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NETANYAHU'S OFFICE: The War Council unanimously decided to continue the operation in Rafah.

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: We are continuing our operations in Rafah.

IRANIAN FM: Haniyeh informed us that the ball is in the other party's court and that Hamas is sincere in its intentions.

CHANNEL 13: Netanyahu and the Ministers of the War Council decided to hold telephone discussions following Hamas' response to the deal.

HAMAS: Ismail Haniyeh informed the Iranian Foreign Minister in a call about the movement's approval of the ceasefire proposal that it received from the mediators.

KIRBY: President Biden has been informed of Hamas' response, and we will evaluate it and discuss its implications. We were waiting for a response from Hamas, but we did not know when they would respond until we saw the breaking news on Al Jazeera.

EL-SISI: I am closely following the positive developments taking place in the current negotiations to reach a comprehensive truce in the Gaza Strip.

ISRAELI ARMY: "We are ready to study every proposal presented to return the kidnapped people, while at the same time continuing military pressure."

NBC (quoting senior US official): The White House is reviewing Hamas' response to the ceasefire proposal.

ERDOGAN: "We welcome Hamas accepting the ceasefire and hope Israel will do the same," the Turkish president said.

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HAMAS: "It is now on the occupation to seize the moment and agree to the proposal presented."

AXIOS: Israeli officials say the Israeli negotiations team is studying Hamas' response.

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TIMES OF ISRAEL: Families of captives block Tel Aviv road, demand Israel take deal.

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: 34,735 Palestinians have been killed, and 78,108 wounded in Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza starting on October 7.

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US STATE DEPARTMENT: Any operation in Rafah will significantly impact the delivery of humanitarian aid. We have not yet seen any viable Israeli plan to deal with civilians in Rafah before any military action.

KHALIL AL-HAYYA (to Al-Jazeera):

In the first stage, indirect negotiations will take place through Egyptian and Qatari mediation on the exchange keys.

We made the concession to open the door to stopping the crazy war and for there to be a real prisoner exchange.

The occupation will withdraw to areas adjacent to the border inside the Gaza Strip in the first phase of the proposal.

There are no restrictions on the return of the displaced, and this is a clear text in the agreement proposal.

AL-JAZEERA (citing sources): There will be three stages, each stage lasting 42 days. Approval to permanently stop military and hostile operations in the second phase. They agreed to break the siege completely in the third stage.

HANIYEH: Haniyeh informed Erdogan that Hamas has accepted a ceasefire proposal.

CHANNEL 12: "the Israeli negotiating team received Hamas' response from the mediators and is studying it to respond officially."

Monday, May 6, 08:30 pm (GMT +2)

HAMAS: We have informed mediators in Egypt and Qatar that we have accepted their proposal for a ceasefire. The Palestine Chronicle will publish the full statement of the Palestine Resistance Movement shortly.

AL JAZEERA: Cheers erupt in Gaza as Palestinians receive the news of Hamas' acceptance of the ceasefire proposal.

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN: "I call on all parties, especially Western countries, to put the necessary pressure on Israel for a ceasefire."

Monday, May 6, 2:00 pm (GMT+2)

URSULA VON DER LEYEN: European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called for a ceasefire in Gaza and the release of Israeli detainees.

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The intention to invade Rafah indicates that the occupation went to the negotiations deceitfully.

AL-JAZEERA: The number of Palestinians killed in the Israeli raids on 11 homes in several areas east of Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip, since Sunday evening has risen to 28.

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PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli aircraft are carrying out heavy raids on areas east of Rafah, which the occupation ordered evacuated this morning.

Monday, May 6, 1:00 pm (GMT+2)

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: We bombed with mortar shells a gathering of occupation soldiers and vehicles in the Netzarim axis, confirming direct casualties.

LAPID: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ministers must stop their irresponsible statements and threats.

HEZBOLLAH: We carried out an attack with assault drones on a position of Israeli army soldiers south of the Metulla site, leaving them dead and wounded.

UNRWA: We will not participate in the forced evacuation of Rafah residents.

Monday, May 6, 12:00 pm (GMT+2)

BELGIAN DEPUTY PM: Israeli orders to evacuate citizens and displaced people from Rafah and announce the invasion will lead to a massacre.

ISRAELI ARMY: the Israeli army carried out 3 raids on Jabal al-Rayhan in southern Lebanon.

ISRAELI ARMY: A fourth soldier died from the wounds he sustained in the attack carried out by the Al-Qassam Brigades on Kerem Shalom on Sunday.

AL-JAZEERA: The exchange rate of the Israeli shekel fell by 1.3% against the US dollar to 3.75 shekels in early trading today, amid expectations of an imminent Israeli military invasion of the city of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

THE GUARDIAN: Israel killed care workers in Lebanon with an American weapon.

AL-JAZEERA: 26 Palestinians – including 11 children and 8 women – were martyred as a result of Israeli raids that targeted 11 homes in the areas east of Rafah since yesterday evening, Sunday.

IRELAND: The two-state solution is the only way to achieve peace.

Monday, May 6, 11:00 am (GMT+2)

UNRWA: We will remain in Rafah for as long as possible.

AL-JAZEERA: There was an Israeli artillery bombardment on the eastern areas of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation artillery bombed the northwest of the Nuseirat camp in the central Strip.

HEZBOLLAH: We bombed with dozens of Katyusha rockets the headquarters of the 210th Golan Division at the Israeli Nafah base in the occupied Golan.

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AL-JAZEERA: Rockets were launched from southern Lebanon towards the Galilee and Golan Heights.

EU COMMISSIONER FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT: Israel must commit to providing aid to Gaza.

SMOTRICH: Delaying entry into Rafah and not controlling strategic assets in the Gaza Strip harms us and the objectives of the war. The Israeli Army must enter Rafah today.

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ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: The decision to begin the evacuation of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip was taken last night in a cabinet session. Yoav Gallant spoke yesterday with US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken about the start of the Rafah evacuation.

LEBANESE NEWS AGENCY: Three people were injured in a raid launched by Israeli aircraft on a factory in the town of Al-Safari in Baalbek, eastern Lebanon.

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PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation artillery bombed the areas of Al-Zahraa, Al-Mughraqa, and the north of the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip, while Israeli aircraft launched violent raids on Beit Lahia in the north of the Gaza Strip.

REUTERS: The Israeli army began evacuating Rafah residents in preparation for a ground attack.

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ISRAELI ARMY: The Air Force successfully intercepted a drone that was coming to Israel from the east, and there were no casualties or damage.

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UNRWA: UNRWA warned of the spread of diseases and epidemics in the Gaza Strip due to the accumulation of waste, especially with the rise in temperatures as summer approaches.

Monday, May 6, 01:00 am (GMT+2)

AL-JAZEERA (citing informed sources): The political leadership of Hamas is meeting Monday in Doha to discuss the results of the Cairo talks.

CNN (citing informed source): CIA Director William Burns will remain in Doha on Monday, despite previous plans to go to Israel.

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