

# LIVE BLOG: UK Suspends Trade Talks with Israel, Summons Ambassadors over Gaza Massacres – Day 592

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Israel continued to carry out massacres in Gaza. (Photo: Social media, via QNN)

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## **Staff**

At least 53 Palestinians have been injured in Israeli strikes across various areas of the Gaza Strip since dawn today.

Meanwhile, Yemen's Ansarallah movement announced that the Haifa Port is now among its designated targets.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 53,486 and injured 121,398 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Olmert: Gaza Actions Approach War Crimes**

BBC: Former Israeli prime minister Olmert offered a sharp assessment to a British broadcaster, suggesting that current Israeli actions in Gaza "border on a war crime."

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## **Israeli Media Reports Second Difficult Security Incident in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip experienced a second challenging security incident today. Military censorship continues to restrict the release of information about the occurrences.

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## **Spanish Parliament Advances Arms Trade Ban Against Israel**

AL-JAZEERA: The Spanish Parliament has moved forward with considering a proposal to prohibit arms trade with Israel.

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## **Israeli Official: We Face a Tsunami, The World Is No Longer With Us**

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli Foreign Ministry official, quoted by the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, conveyed a sense of dire international isolation, describing the situation as a “real tsunami” that is worsening, indicating that “the world is no longer with us.”

The official specifically referenced 17 nations voting to discuss revoking their partnership with Israel and expressed dismay at some supportive countries also voting against Israel. The official also criticized European nations, asserting that Hamas benefits from their statements.

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## **France Set to Recognize Palestinian State**

AL-JAZEERA: France’s foreign minister stated the Israeli government holds its own security hostage and affirmed a commitment to recognizing a Palestinian state, emphasizing that peace and stability cannot be built on violence and injustice.

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## **Gaza Building Collapse Injures Israeli Soldiers**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Three soldiers sustained injuries, two seriously, after a building partially collapsed in the Gaza Strip.

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## **Israel Says It Agrees to US Proposal**

AL-JAZEERA: The office of the Israeli Prime Minister confirmed agreement to a US proposal for hostage retrieval, based on the Witkoff plan. This plan was reportedly conveyed to Hamas via mediators, but Hamas has so far maintained its rejection. After roughly a week of discussions in Doha, the high-level negotiating team will return for consultations, though a technical team will remain.

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## **EU Nations Consider Reviewing Israel Partnership**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources indicate that 17 European Union nations have agreed to review the partnership agreement with Israel, while nine have refused. This review, focused on human rights compliance, could increase the likelihood of trade sanctions against Israel.

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## **Zamir Threatens Hamas Again, Vows to Return Prisoners**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir warned Hamas would face severe consequences for its defiance, vowing to expand ground operations, control areas, and destroy

terrorist infrastructure. He reiterated that Hamas's sole option is to release the hostages and stated the army operates according to its values and international law while ensuring Israel's security.

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### **Netanyahu to Bring Back Part of Negotiation Team from Doha**

AXIOS (citing sources): Netanyahu has decided to bring back part of the negotiating team currently in Doha. Netanyahu was convinced that the team's presence in Doha had exhausted its usefulness given the lack of progress in the talks. A smaller team will remain in Doha.

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### **EU Official: Requested Review of Partnership with Israel**

EU FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF:

"I requested a review of the partnership agreement between the European Union and Israel.

The Netherlands has mobilized enough support for the proposal to review the partnership agreement with Israel.

There is strong majority support for reviewing the partnership agreement with Israel.

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, and aid is a drop in the ocean; it must be allowed in without hindrance. Pressure is needed to change the situation in Gaza."

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### **Netherlands Mobilizes Sufficient Support for Review of Partnership with Israel**

ANP: The Dutch news agency reported that Amsterdam has mobilized sufficient support for its proposal to review the partnership agreement between the European Union and Israel.

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### **Doctors at Kamal Adwan Field Hospital Face Harsh Conditions**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources):

The field hospital in Kamal Adwan may cease operations within hours due to the intensity of shelling on Beit Lahia.

There are no patients inside the Kamal Adwan field hospital after shrapnel from the shelling reached its departments.

18 doctors at the Kamal Adwan field hospital face harsh conditions after renewed shelling.

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### **UN: First Baby Food Shipment Arrives in Gaza**

UN SPOKESPERSON DUJARRIC: The first shipment of baby food arrived in Gaza after 11 weeks of siege. It is essential to distribute this aid in Gaza, and we need more aid to cross.

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### **Hamas: Negotiations Not Serious, Netanyahu Trying to Mislead International Public**

HAMAS: The presence of the Israeli delegation in Doha, despite its lack of any authority, is a transparent attempt by Netanyahu to mislead international public opinion. The Israeli delegation extends its stay day by day without entering into any serious negotiations since last Saturday.

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### **Al-Quds Brigades: We Targeted Zionist Tank in Khan Yunis**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: We targeted a Zionist Merkava tank with an RPG shell as it infiltrated the Khuza'a area, east of Khan Yunis.

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### **Israeli Media: Military Censorship Imposed on Security Incident in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Military censorship has been imposed on a security incident that occurred today in the Gaza Strip.

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### **Corbyn: World Leaders Complicit with Israel Until They Stop Selling Arms**

AL-JAZEERA: British MP and former Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn says that world leaders can attack Israel's behavior in Gaza as much as they want, but they are complicit in the killing of Palestinians until they stop selling arms to Israel.

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### **UK Suspends Trade Talks with Israel, Summons Ambassador over Gaza Escalation**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy announced on Tuesday the suspension of negotiations on a new free trade deal with Israel as well as the summoning of the Israeli ambassador over Tel Aviv's military escalation and blockade of aid to the Gaza Strip.

"Today, I am announcing that we have suspended negotiations with this Israeli government on a new free trade agreement," Lammy said in a speech to the House of Commons on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

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### **Israel Criticizes Britain: Mandate Ended 71 Years Ago**

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY: "The government did not wish to work on approving the trade agreement with Britain. The British Mandate ended 77 years ago, and external pressures will not deter us from our path. External pressures will not deter Israel from its course."

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## **Israel Hayom Reports US Administration's Annoyance with Netanyahu**

ISRAEL HAYOM (citing informed sources): Trump has not publicly criticized Israel yet, but all indications are that the White House is about to change its tone.

Those close to Trump are talking about setting a date for ending the war on Gaza.

Those close to Trump are suggesting that the White House might invite former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

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## **Lammy to Netanyahu: Lift the Siege Now, Let Aid In**

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY:

Civilians in Gaza have faced starvation and displacement, and now they face new bombing and new suffering. The remaining hostages in Gaza are at greater risk due to the war.

We cannot stand idly by in the face of the deteriorating situation in the Gaza Strip. We have suspended negotiations with the Israeli government regarding a free trade agreement with them.

I tell Netanyahu, 'Lift the siege now and let aid in.'

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## **Washington: Our Focus is on Hostages, Then Israel's Security**

FOX NEWS (citing Trump's 'hostage' envoy): "Our primary focus remains on securing the release of hostages in Gaza. Trump and Witkoff are making strenuous efforts to secure the release of hostages in Gaza. Our primary focus is on the hostages, and then on Israel's security. If the new mechanism succeeds in delivering food to Gaza, I strongly support it."

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BBC: The UK suspends trade talks with Israel and summons the Israeli ambassador over what it calls the "intolerable" offensive in Gaza. Keir Starmer says the UK is "horrified by the escalation from Israel" – while Foreign Secretary David Lammy says the war is entering a "dark new phase".

Tue, May 20, 4:09 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Netherlands Pressures EU to Review Partnership Agreement with Israel**

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER: We are pressing the European Union to review its partnership agreement with Israel. Along with France and other countries, we call for sanctions on violent settlers in the West Bank.

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## **UK Imposes New Sanctions on Israeli Settlers and Companies**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Britain said it had sanctioned a number of individuals and groups linked with acts of violence against Palestinians.

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## **Spanish Parliament to Vote on Arms Ban to Israel**

AL-JAZEERA: Official sources told Al Jazeera that members of Spain's ruling party are voting today in favor of considering a proposal to ban arms sales to Israel.

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## **UK: Level of Suffering in Gaza Intolerable**

AL-JAZEERA: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer stated that the level of suffering in Gaza is intolerable. Starmer added that the leaders of Britain, France, and Canada are appalled by the escalation in Gaza.

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## **87 Martyrs in Gaza in 24 Hours**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that the number of martyrs reached 87, in addition to 290 injured by Israeli occupation fire in the past 24 hours.

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## **Islamic Jihad Detonates Bomb in Sheja'iyya**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Al-Quds Brigades announced that they detonated a bomb, left over from the enemy, on an Israeli military vehicle on May 12, during its incursion into the Sheja'iyya neighborhood, east of Gaza.

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## **Israeli Drone Fires on Ambulance**

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Awda Hospital in Gaza reported an Israeli drone fired at an ambulance in the hospital courtyard.

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## **Sa'ar: No External Dictates Accepted**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar stated that Israel will not accept any external dictates concerning national security.

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## **Golan's Speech Canceled After Gaza Children Remarks**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 14 reported the cancellation of Israeli Democrats leader Yair Golan's speech at the War on Anti-Semitism conference following his statements about killing children in Gaza.

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## **Two Killed by Israeli Drone Fire in Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: Two people were killed by Israeli drone fire in Khan Yunis city, southern Gaza Strip.

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## **‘Killing Children as a Hobby’: Golan Says Israel Risks Apartheid-Era Isolation**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Yair Golan, head of the Israeli opposition party Democrats, has launched a scathing critique of the Israeli government’s war on Gaza, accusing the state of committing atrocities against civilians and warning that its actions could lead to global isolation akin to apartheid-era South Africa.

In an interview with Israel’s Kan public broadcaster, Golan accused the government of waging a campaign of vengeance rather than a legitimate military operation.

“We are killing children in Gaza as a hobby,” he said, describing the assault as morally and strategically disastrous.

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## **European Ministers Describe Gaza Situation As Catastrophic**

AL-JAZEERA:

The Spanish Foreign Minister stated that the situation in Gaza is unacceptable and catastrophic, and aid must be allowed in immediately.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, for his part, called for the unconditional entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza, urging Israel to agree to a ceasefire. The Dutch Minister also condemned the expansion of settlements in the West Bank.

Slovenia’s Foreign Minister stated that Gaza is bleeding and their mission is to protect the Palestinian people and ensure the unhindered entry of aid. She emphasized the importance of supporting the efforts of the United Nations and humanitarian organizations, especially UNRWA.

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## **Gaza Media Office: Occupation's Conduct A "Full-Fledged Crime"**

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Government Media Office in Gaza condemned in the strongest terms the bloody massacres committed by the occupation against unarmed civilians in Gaza.

The Media Office stated that occupation forces are targeting inhabited homes, shelters, hospitals, and charities. It described the occupation’s actions as “criminal behavior” that amounts to a full-fledged crime of genocide.

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## **Israeli Army Suffers Losses amid Escalating Resistance Ambushes in Gaza**

The Al-Quds Brigades and the Al-Qassam Brigades announced a series of coordinated ambushes and attacks on Israeli occupation forces across the Gaza Strip, as Israel intensifies its ground operations under the banner of ‘Gideon’s Chariots’.

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## **Ansarallah Declares Naval Blockade on Haifa, Warns Shipping Companies**

The Ansarallah movement in Yemen has announced the beginning of operations to impose a naval blockade on the Israeli port of Haifa, marking a significant escalation in its military campaign in solidarity with Gaza.

The announcement came in a televised statement delivered by the group's military spokesman on Monday evening.

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## **UN: October 7 Does Not Justify Mass Killing or Aid Denial**

AL-JAZEERA: The United Nations stated that the events of October 7 do not justify the mass killing or the denial of aid to the Gaza Strip.

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## **Norwegian Foreign Minister: Gaza Situation Catastrophic**

AL-JAZEERA: The Norwegian Foreign Minister stated that the situation in Gaza is catastrophic and the Palestinian people need help now more than ever.

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## **Channel 12: Knesset Approves Reserve Duty Extension**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee approved extending reserve duty.

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## **UNRWA: Humanitarian Aid Must Not Be Politicized**

UNRWA: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) stated that what is needed in Gaza is massive, unhindered, and uninterrupted support to ensure that hunger stops spreading, and that humanitarian aid should never be politicized

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## **Martyrs in Bombing of Al-Bureij Camp and Al-Tuffah Neighborhood**

AL-JAZEERA: Two Palestinians were killed by Israeli drone fire in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City, and two others were killed in Israeli artillery shelling east of Al-Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip.

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## **Lufthansa Airlines Suspends Flights to and from Israel**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that Lufthansa Airlines group announced the suspension of its flights to and from Israel until June 8.

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## **EU: Israel's Aid Entry Decision a Drop in the Ocean**

AL-JAZEERA: The EU Foreign Policy Commissioner considered Israel's decision to allow aid into Gaza a drop in the ocean.

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### **67 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza since Dawn**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll from Israeli strikes on the Strip since dawn today has risen to 67.

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### **Israeli Army: Hezbollah Member Assassinated in South Lebanon**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Army Radio reported that the air force assassinated a Hezbollah member in the village of Mansouri in southern Lebanon. The Lebanese Ministry of Health reported 3 injured by Israeli drone fire targeting a motorcycle in Mansouri town, southern Lebanon.

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### **Five Killed By Drone Fire In Khan Yunis Camp**

AL-JAZEERA: Five Palestinians, including three children, were killed by Israeli drone fire in Khan Younis camp in the southern Gaza Strip.

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### **Martyrs in Strike on Displaced Persons' School in Beit Lahia Project**

AL-JAZEERA: Several Palestinians were killed and injured in an Israeli strike that targeted a school sheltering displaced persons in the Beit Lahia project, northern Gaza Strip.

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### **Construction Contractors Union Sues Government**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper reported that the Construction Contractors Union has filed a lawsuit against the government, demanding a solution for billions in losses caused by the war.

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### **Dozens Of Injured Arrive At Kamal Adwan Hospital**

AL-JAZEERA: Scores of injured arrived at Kamal Adwan Hospital following an Israeli bombing on Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip.

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### **Clashes In Knesset after MK's Statements on Killing 200 Palestinians**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 7 reported clashes in the Knesset after statements by a member of parliament about the killing of 200 Palestinians in Gaza within two days.

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### **One Killed, Injured In Jabaliya Refugee Camp Strike**

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was killed and several others injured by Israeli drone fire in Jabaliya camp in the northern Gaza Strip.

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### **Paris Supports Review Of EU-Israel Partnership Agreement**

AL-JAZEERA: The French Foreign Minister stated that Israel's facilitation of humanitarian aid access to Gaza is insufficient. He added that they support a review of the partnership agreement between the European Union and Israel to ascertain the extent of its respect for human rights.

Tue, May 20, 9:13 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Gaza Health Ministry: 53 Killed In Strikes since Dawn**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: 53 Palestinians have been injured in Israeli strikes on various areas of the Gaza Strip since dawn today.

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### **Israeli Forces Storm Shuafat Camp In Jerusalem**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli occupation forces, accompanied by a military bulldozer, stormed the Shuafat camp in occupied Jerusalem in preparation for a demolition operation.

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### **One Killed in Israeli Bombing of Al-Zaytoun Neighborhood**

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was killed in an Israeli bombing on Al-Sikka Street in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City.

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### **Two Killed, Others Injured In Khan Yunis Strike**

AL-JAZEERA: Two Palestinians were killed and others injured in an Israeli drone strike on the Al-Manara area, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip.

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### **Katz: Combat Engineering Soldier Killed In North Gaza Battle**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz stated that he received with "deep sorrow" the news of the death of a combat engineering soldier who fell in a battle in the northern Gaza Strip.

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### **Elderly Palestinian Injured by Occupation Forces in Nablus**

PRCS: The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that an elderly Palestinian man was injured by the bullets of occupation forces during a raid on the Al-Ein camp in Nablus in the West Bank.

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### **Latest Field Developments In Gaza Strip**

AL-JAZEERA: 12 people were killed in a bombing by warplanes of the Musa bin Nussair school, which shelters displaced people in the Al-Daraj neighborhood east of Gaza City, at dawn today.

Tue, May 20, 6:26 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Nine Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strike on Home in Jabaliya**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nine Palestinians killed in an Israeli bombing that targeted a home in the Jabaliya area, located in the northern Gaza Strip.

*(50 Palestinians have been killed a result of Israeli shelling targeting Gaza City and the northern and central parts of the Gaza Strip since dawn today.)*

Tue, May 20, 5:17 AM (Palestine Time)

## **43 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Attacks Since Dawn**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The death toll from Israeli bombardments on Gaza City, as well as the northern and central parts of the Strip, has reached 43 since dawn toda