

LIVE BLOG: Israel to Lay Siege on Gaza City as Scores Killed by Massacres, Famine – Day 689

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A UN-backed group declared famine in Gaza. (Photo: social media, via QNN)

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Israeli forces are intensifying their assault on Gaza City amid plans to occupy the city and forcibly displace nearly one million people.

Meanwhile, scores of Palestinians have been killed in Israeli massacres or have succumbed to starvation.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 62,622 and injured 157,673 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Iran Strongly Condemns Israeli Attacks on Sanaa

IRANIAN FM: The Iranian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the Israeli attacks on the Yemeni capital today, which targeted infrastructure and a power station.

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Four Dead and 71 Injured in Israeli Airstrikes on Sanaa

YEMENI MEDIA: Health sources affiliated with Ansarallah reported that four people were killed and 71 injured in the near-final toll of Israeli airstrikes on Sanaa.

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Smotrich: No Food, No Water, No Fuel for Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich was quoted as saying they cannot bring aid to their enemy in Gaza, and there will be no water, no electricity, no fuel, and no food.

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51 Killed in Gaza, Including 24 Waiting for Aid

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 51 Palestinians were killed by Israeli army fire in the Strip today, including 27 in Gaza City. Among today's victims are 24 people who were waiting for humanitarian aid.

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Australia Holds Largest-Ever Pro-Palestine Protests amid Gaza Famine

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Tens of thousands joined record-breaking pro-Palestine rallies across Australia, demanding sanctions on Israel as Gaza famine deepens.

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/australia-holds-largest-ever-pro-palestine-protests-amid-gaza-famine/>

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Hamas Praises Yemenis' Courage and Condemns Israeli Violation of Arab States

HAMAS STATEMENT:

The Israeli aggression against brotherly Yemen is a blatant violation of the sovereignty of Arab states and of international law.

We highly appreciate the brave stance of our brothers in Ansarallah, the Yemeni armed forces, and the brotherly Yemeni people.

This fascist aggression aims to deter Yemen from supporting our Palestinian people, which requires a clear Arab and Islamic stance.

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Saar Heads to Washington to Meet U.S. Counterpart

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar has headed to the United States for a visit during which he will meet his US counterpart Marco Rubio.

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UNICEF: Israel Is Killing 28 Children Daily

UNICEF DIRECTOR (to CBS):

Palestinian children are facing horrific famine. The debate must stop and food must be brought in.

Children in Gaza spend long months without enough food and lack the energy even to cry.

Around 28 children in Gaza—equivalent to nearly a full classroom—die every day since the beginning of the conflict.

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Saar Tells Europe to Choose Between Israel and Hamas

ISRAELI FM: Europe must choose between Israel and Hamas. Every step against Israel directly serves the jihadist axis in the Middle East.

Sun, Aug 24, 7:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Policeman Commits Suicide

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli news outlets reported that an Israeli policeman committed suicide in his home. The policeman had been serving at the Sderot police station on October 7, 2023.

Sun, Aug 24, 5:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Launches Airstrikes on Sanaa: Civilian Facilities Targeted

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli military announced it had carried out airstrikes in Yemen, coinciding with reports of powerful explosions in the capital, Sanaa.

The Yemeni news agency SABA confirmed three strikes near the Attan area in southwest Sanaa, while Ansarallah-affiliated media described the assault as a “Zionist-American aggression” targeting civilian areas.

Sun, Aug 24, 3:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Radio: Yemeni Missile Carried Cluster Warhead

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Army Radio said that a military investigation confirmed that the missile launched from Yemen last Friday carried a cluster-capable explosive warhead.

Sun, Aug 24, 3:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Six Killed In Shelling on Sabra Neighborhood

AL-JAZEERA: A source in the Emergency and Ambulance Service reported that six people were killed and several others wounded in Israeli artillery shelling on the Sabra neighborhood in southern Gaza City.

Sun, Aug 24, 3:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Shifa Medical Complex Warns Of Gaza City Invasion

DIRECTOR OF AL-SHIFA MEDICAL COMPLEX: We are receiving large numbers of wounded, starving, and sick people, and we are losing dozens of lives daily. We receive dozens of martyrs and hundreds of wounded every day in a near-collapsed health system. If the occupation carries out its threats to invade Gaza City, it will lead to massacres against the population. 1.2 million Palestinians live in Gaza City, and any military operation will result in disasters. We hope the conscience of the world will awaken to tell the occupation: enough genocide and starvation.

Sun, Aug 24, 12:40 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Health Races against Time to Confront Famine

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY:

We are in a race against time to confront famine, and the humanitarian response must be wide-ranging.

The occupation’s prevention of residents from accessing healthcare is an intolerable violation.

Eight Palestinians, including a child, have died due to lack of food in the past 24 hours.

The number of Palestinians who died of starvation in the Strip has risen to 289, including 115 children.

Sun, Aug 24, 12:40 PM (Palestine Time)

Government Media Warns of Gaza Invasion Plan

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The plan to invade Gaza portends an unprecedented catastrophe, for which the occupation, the US, and the international community bear responsibility.

Sun, Aug 24, 10:50 AM (Palestine Time)

Channel 12: Disputes Over Gaza Occupation

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli Channel 12 quoted sources reporting disagreements between the political and military leadership over the occupation of Gaza during a meeting last Thursday.

IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir said the army could not estimate the time needed to evacuate Gaza City.

Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich demanded that Zamir besiege the population and cut off water and electricity until they surrender or die of hunger.

Sun, Aug 24, 10:50 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed While Waiting for Aid Near Netzarim

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Al-Awda Hospital said two Palestinians were killed and others injured by Israeli fire while waiting for aid near the Netzarim Corridor in Gaza.

Sun, Aug 24, 10:50 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Military Sources: Army Not Ready to Exhaust Depleted Forces

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth, citing Israeli military sources, reported that despite political pressure, the army is unwilling to exhaust its already depleted forces and refuses to repeat the extreme measures that sparked controversy at the start of the war.

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Israeli Strike on Zaytoun Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces launched an airstrike near Al-Shafi Mosque in the Zeitoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza City.

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Israeli Army Demolishes Residential Buildings in Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that the Israeli army demolished residential buildings south of Gaza City in the central Strip.

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Thousands of Moroccans Protest in Tangier against Israeli Starvation in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Thousands of Moroccans protested in Tangier on Saturday evening against Israel's starvation policy targeting Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Sun, Aug 24, 1:47 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Demolish Residential Buildings in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli occupation army carried out demolitions of residential buildings in the Al-Zarqa area, east of Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in northern Gaza City.

Sun, Aug 24, 1:47 AM (Palestine Time)

Medical Sources: 58 Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza Within 24 Hours

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 58 people were killed by Israeli occupation forces' fire in various areas of the Strip since dawn today.

Sun, Aug 24, 12:36 AM (Palestine Time)

Verbal Dispute Between Smotrich and Zamir in Meeting on Gaza Occupation

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that a verbal dispute broke out between far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir during a meeting last Thursday that discussed the occupation of Gaza.

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Israeli Site Reveals Information on Missile Launched from Yemen

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli intelligence website Intel Times reported that the missile launched from Yemen toward Tel Aviv on Friday carried a multi-stage warhead that is capable of fragmentation.

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Government Media Office Condemns Israeli Plans to Expel Gaza's Health System

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Government Media Office in Gaza condemned Israeli government plans to destroy and expel the health system from Gaza City as part of its announced plan to occupy the city.

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Dutch Ministers Resign En Masse over Failure to Secure Sanctions against Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The New Social Contract party has quit the Dutch caretaker government in protest of its refusal to impose sanctions on Israel over the Gaza genocide.

Sat, Aug 23, 9:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Targets Two Israeli Tanks in Zaytoun Neighborhood

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they targeted two Israeli tanks with powerful explosive devices south of the Zaytoun neighborhood in Gaza City, noting that they monitored the arrival of a rescue force to the site.

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Israeli Source: Army Will Soon Begin Evacuating Palestinians from Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to an Israeli security source cited by the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, the occupation of Gaza City will begin after its encirclement is completed, a process expected to last about two months.

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Israeli Army Confirms Death of Officer in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli army confirmed the death of a lieutenant in an explosion caused by an army explosive device in what it described as an “operational incident” in the Gaza Strip.

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Thousands of Israelis Demonstrate in Front of Defense Ministry Demanding a Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Thousands of Israelis are demonstrating outside the Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv to demand an end to the war and the conclusion of a prisoner exchange deal.