

LIVE BLOG: Hamas Sets Conditions as Ceasefire Talks in Egypt Continue — Day 734

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Israel continued to carry out massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via WAFA)

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Hamas has reiterated that any agreement emerging from the ongoing talks in Sharm El-Sheikh must guarantee a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, along with the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip.

The statement comes as ceasefire talks continue in Egypt, with US and Israeli officials expected to join the negotiations.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 67,183 and injured 169,841 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Wed, Oct 8, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Kills Two Medical Workers Daily, Journalist Every Three Days – Latest Data

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation forces are killing an average of two medical workers every day and causing 13 amputations every two days, according to Gaza's Government Media Office on Tuesday

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Al-Quds Brigades Strike Israeli Forces as Al-Nakhalah Reaffirms Refusal to Surrender

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Quds Brigades struck Israeli forces near Shati and Tel al-Hawa as PIJ leader Ziyad al-Nakhalah vowed that Palestinians "will not surrender," stressing that negotiations hinge on prisoner exchange and a full Israeli withdrawal.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Prominent Journalists Drafted Speeches for Israel's UN Ambassador – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hacked emails from the inbox of former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Ros Prozor, have revealed that “an array” of prominent journalists, including The Atlantic’s David Frum and British journalist Douglas Murray, offered “direct assistance” to Israeli officials, including writing their speeches, during Tel Aviv’s 2014 attack on Gaza.

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Palestinian Source: Mediators Conclude Meetings with Palestinian Delegation

AL-JAZEERA: A senior Palestinian source told Al Jazeera that mediator meetings with the Palestinian delegation have just concluded, with mediators now meeting the Israeli side to obtain final responses on pending issues.

Progress was reportedly made on the lists for prisoner exchange and guarantees preventing a return to war after the release of Israeli captives.

Hamas agreed to release all Israeli captives while postponing the handover of bodies until field conditions allow.

Mediators asked both delegations to treat Friday as the final deadline for negotiations and acknowledged the Palestinian request to coordinate withdrawal maps before any releases.

They also told the Palestinian delegation that if a deal is reached, President Trump will officially declare the end of the war.

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Trump: Negotiations with Hamas Going Well

AL-JAZEERA: US President Donald Trump said that negotiations with Hamas “are going well,” adding that he might travel to the Middle East on Sunday. He noted that “all Arab and Islamic countries are now involved in the process—something that has never happened before.”

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Israel Intercepts Drone Launched from Yemen

ISRAELI ARMY: Israeli media, citing the army, reported that the Israeli Air Force intercepted a drone launched from Yemen near the Israeli-Egyptian border.

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CNN: Trump May Visit the Middle East

CNN: CNN quoted US Secretary of State Marco Rubio as saying that President Donald Trump may travel to the Middle East if a ceasefire agreement in Gaza is reached.

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Spanish Official: Israel Does Not Want a Palestinian State

AL-JAZEERA: Hana Moro, a senior figure in Spain’s ruling party, told Al Jazeera that Israel’s continued violations are fueled by the absence of international accountability. “The Israeli

government does not want the establishment of a Palestinian state,” she said, urging the UN to take concrete action to pressure Israel and its supporters to comply with international law.

Wed, Oct 8, 10:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Hit Eastern Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera’s correspondent reported that Israeli warplanes launched a series of intense airstrikes targeting the eastern areas of Gaza City, marking a new escalation in the ongoing military offensive.

Wed, Oct 8, 10:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Axios: Rubio to Skip Paris Meeting at Israel’s Request

AXIOS: According to Axios, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will not attend the Paris meeting of foreign ministers on Gaza’s postwar arrangements, reportedly at Israel’s request. An Israeli official told the outlet that Tel Aviv asked President Trump’s administration to avoid participating, arguing that the meeting could “distract from Trump’s plan and undermine the ongoing negotiations.”

Wed, Oct 8, 8:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel ‘a Collapsing Entity’ – Mandla Mandela Says Flotilla Activists ‘Unshaken’

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: South African activist Mandla Mandela, who was detained in Israel for his participation in the Global Sumud Flotilla, has called Israel “a collapsing entity” and emphasized that there would “never be justice on stolen land.”

Read [the latest article by Nurah Tape](#), reporting from Cape Town.

Wed, Oct 8, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Civil Defense in Gaza: Israel Using New Methods of Genocide

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE:

The Gaza Civil Defense said that while Israel has avoided committing large-scale massacres during the ongoing negotiations, it has intensified destruction across Gaza City.

“What is happening in Gaza is not calm—it is genocide by different means, aimed at depriving residents of any place to return to,” the statement read.

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Axios: Progress Reported in Gaza Negotiations

AXIOS: Axios quoted a senior Israeli official as saying there has been “tangible progress” in ceasefire talks regarding Gaza, describing the mood as one of “cautious optimism.”

A White House official confirmed “good progress,” suggesting that a deal could be possible within the next few days.

Since Monday evening, the Egyptian resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh has hosted indirect talks between Hamas and Israel aimed at implementing President Trump’s plan to end Israel’s genocidal war on Gaza.

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Turkish Parliament Condemns Israeli Attacks on Aid Flotillas

ANADOLU AGENCY: The Turkish Parliament voted unanimously in favor of a resolution strongly condemning Israel's attacks on humanitarian aid flotillas bound for the Gaza Strip.

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A History of Deception: US-Israeli Pacts and the Gaza Proposal

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: History is most critical here, particularly the history of Israeli deception. From its onset, Zionist colonialism justified its rule over Palestine based on a series of fabrications.

Read [the latest editorial by Ramzy Baroud](#).

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Israeli Defense Minister Katz Inspects Troops in Gaza's Al-Sabra Neighborhood

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that Defense Minister Yisrael Katz conducted an inspection tour of Israeli forces in the Al-Sabra neighborhood, Gaza City. Katz reportedly instructed troops to "prepare for all possible scenarios" and to take all necessary measures to ensure their security.

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Turkish FM Fidan: Our Priority Now Is a Gaza Ceasefire

AL-JAZEERA: Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said that while Trump's Gaza plan includes many details, "our current priority is a ceasefire and the release of captives." He added that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu "always seeks to sabotage negotiations but has no room to maneuver now."

Wed, Oct 8, 5:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Attacks Freedom Flotilla in International Waters, Dozens of Activists Detained

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The International Committee to Break the Siege on Gaza announced on Wednesday morning that the Freedom Flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip had been attacked by Israeli forces.

The flotilla, comprising ten vessels, departed from the Italian island of Sicily on September 25, carrying dozens of activists, including parliamentarians, doctors, and journalists from around the world. Despite numerous objections, organizers insisted on continuing their mission to reach the besieged enclave.

Wed, Oct 8, 5:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Exchanges Prisoner Release Lists with Israel as Ceasefire Talks Continue

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas announced on Wednesday that it has exchanged with Israel the lists of Palestinian prisoners to be released, as Gaza ceasefire negotiations continued in Egypt.

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UN Official: \$52 Billion Needed to Rebuild Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The Director of the UN Office for Project Services told Al Jazeera that once a ceasefire is reached, reconstruction efforts in Gaza must begin immediately.

He said \$52 billion will be required to rebuild the Gaza Strip, noting that 80% of the enclave's infrastructure has been completely destroyed.

He added that removing rubble will be the first step toward reconstruction.

Wed, Oct 8, 4:45 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump's Envoys Arrive in Sharm el-Sheikh to Participate in Gaza Negotiations

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: US President Donald Trump's envoys, Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, have arrived in Egyptian Sharm el-Sheikh to join the ongoing talks on Gaza.

Wed, Oct 8, 4:43 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: World's Silence Over 20,000 Killed Children in Gaza Is Shocking

AL-JAZEERA: UNICEF spokesperson James Elder told Al Jazeera that "it is shocking the world remains silent despite the killing of around 20,000 children in Gaza, including 1,000 infants."

He said one-third of births in Gaza are premature amid a severe shortage of medical equipment, while Israeli authorities continue to block the entry of food and incubators.

Elder added that constant displacement and repeated evacuations are deepening trauma among children, warning that Gaza's recovery depends on "a well-educated new generation—education is the future."

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Politico: Trump Will Leave Netanyahu No Room to Maneuver

POLITICO: According to Politico, an Israeli adviser said that "a deal is now close," emphasizing that "President Donald Trump will not leave Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu any room for maneuver."

Wed, Oct 8, 4:43 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad Delegation Arrives in Sharm El-Sheikh for Gaza Talks

ISLAMIC JIHAD STATEMENT: The Islamic Jihad movement announced that its delegation will arrive in Sharm El-Sheikh tonight to participate in negotiations on ending Israel's aggression, ensuring the army's withdrawal from Gaza, and implementing a prisoner exchange.

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Palestinian Prisoner in Israeli Custody Dies Due to Medical Negligence

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Palestinian detainee, Ahmed Khdeirat, 22, has died in an Israeli prison due to deteriorating health and medical negligence.

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Rubio to Attend Gaza Plan Meeting in Paris Tomorrow

REUTERS: Reuters reported that US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will attend a ministerial meeting in Paris on Thursday to discuss the Gaza plan.

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Hamas Official: We Requested Inclusion of Other Palestinian Factions in Talks

HAMAS:

A senior Hamas official said that, at the movement's request, representatives of Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine were added to the Sharm El-Sheikh negotiating team.

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Islamic Jihad Source: Palestinian Factions Join Egypt Talks

ISLAMIC JIHAD: An Islamic Jihad official told Al Jazeera that delegations from his movement and the Popular Front have joined the Sharm El-Sheikh negotiations.

The Secretary-General of Islamic Jihad said that the resistance is ready to negotiate a prisoner exchange deal, adding that it could be finalized "in the coming days," which would "defuse tensions and remove Israel's pretext for continued aggression."

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Gaza Death Toll Rises

One Killed, Several Injured Among Aid Seekers in Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Medical sources reported that one person was killed and several others injured by Israeli gunfire while waiting for aid near a distribution center north of Rafah, southern Gaza.

Injuries Reported After Israeli Shelling on Nuseirat Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Awda Hospital confirmed several injuries following Israeli artillery shelling north of Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

10 Killed, 61 Injured in Gaza Within 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health said that hospitals received 10 bodies and 61 wounded individuals over the past 24 hours as Israeli airstrikes continued across the enclave.

Death Toll from Israeli Genocide in Gaza Rises to 67,183

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health announced that the number of Palestinians killed since October 7, 2023, has risen to 67,183, with 169,841 others injured.

Wed, Oct 8, 2:55 PM (Palestine Time)

WHO: One Million in Gaza Suffer from Severe Food Insecurity

WHO: The WHO's regional director said that more than one million people in Gaza suffer from acute food insecurity, while over half a million live in famine-like conditions. She estimated that rebuilding Gaza's health sector will cost over \$7 billion.

Wed, Oct 8, 12:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Italy's Meloni Reported to ICC as Lawyers Cite Complicity in Gaza Genocide

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Meloni and several ministers face an ICC complaint alleging complicity in genocide, as lawyers cite continued arms cooperation with Israel and failure to protect the Global Sumud Flotilla.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Lapid Optimistic About Gaza Agreement

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid told Channel 4 that there is “more reason for optimism” regarding a potential Gaza agreement, as talks continue in Sharm El-Sheikh over a ceasefire and prisoner exchange.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Washington Post: Palestinian Woman Secretly Evacuated from Gaza

WASHINGTON POST: The Washington Post reported that a Palestinian woman, whose son serves in the US Navy, was secretly evacuated from Gaza in recent weeks through a coordinated effort involving the Trump administration and the governments of Israel and Jordan. The paper said the evacuation required a temporary suspension of Israeli airstrikes and highlighted “the extreme difficulty of organizing legal exits from Gaza.”

Wed, Oct 8, 11:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shells Al-Maghraqa Area

AL-AQSA TV: Al-Aqsa TV reported that Israeli artillery shelled the town of Al-Maghraqa in central Gaza early Wednesday.

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Lawsuit Accuses Italy's Meloni of Complicity in Gaza Genocide

ITALIAN MEDIA: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said she and her ministers of foreign affairs and defense are facing charges of complicity in genocide in Gaza, following a complaint filed by the Palestinian group Lawyers and Jurists for Palestine at the International Criminal Court. The lawsuit, signed by about 50 academics, lawyers, and public figures, accuses the Italian government of “aiding Israel’s genocidal campaign” by providing it with lethal weapons.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shells Northern Nuseirat Camp

AL-AQSA TV: Al-Aqsa TV reported that Israeli artillery shelled the northern areas of Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza early Wednesday.

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Airstrike and Gunfire in Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that Israeli warplanes carried out an airstrike on central Khan Yunis early Wednesday, accompanied by gunfire from Israeli armored vehicles to the north of the city.

Wed, Oct 8, 1:36 AM (Palestine Time)

News Roundup: Gaza Attacks, Trump's Comments. Türkiye Protests

Trump's 'Decisive' Days:

US President Donald Trump told a former Israeli captive that the next two days will be decisive in the efforts to reach a deal to end the war in Gaza (referring to the ongoing Sharam El Sheikh talks).

The family of an Israeli captive, Omer Neutra, reported after meeting Trump that he expressed confidence in the ability to reach a deal "within days," but advised them to "wait and see what happens."

Continued Shelling and Strikes:

Israeli warplanes carried out a raid on central Khan Yunis.

Israeli artillery and warplanes struck the eastern areas of Gaza City, including Al-Daraj and Al-Shuja'iya neighborhoods.

The Israeli occupation army detonated explosive armored vehicles to destroy homes in the Al-Sabra neighborhood in southern Gaza City.

Simultaneously, Israeli vehicles opened fire north of Khan Yunis.

Government Media Statement:

The Gaza Government Media Office stated that Israel is continuing the genocide despite calls for a ceasefire for the fourth consecutive day, having launched 230 raids on densely populated areas, resulting in 118 martyrs.

Shooting in Jerusalem: Israeli Police shot a Palestinian youth in the Baydoun neighborhood near the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem (video showed the injured youth lying on the ground).

Shafat Camp Raid:

Israeli forces raided the Shafat refugee camp north of occupied Jerusalem.

Ramallah Raids: Israeli forces raided the villages of Ni'lin (west of Ramallah), Silwad, and Deir Dibwan (east of Ramallah).

Türkiye Demonstrations:

Thousands of Turks demonstrated in Diyarbakır and Konya in support of Palestine and Gaza on the second anniversary of the Israeli "war of extermination."

Wed, Oct 8, 12:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Prepares to Intercept New Flotilla Heading to Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 13 reported that the Israeli army is preparing to intercept another flotilla that departed from Italy and is expected to reach the Gaza Strip tonight.

Wed, Oct 8, 12:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump Says Next Two Days Are Crucial for Gaza Agreement

AXIOS: According to two sources cited by Axios, US President Donald Trump said during a meeting with former Israeli captive Idan Alexander that “the next two days will be decisive” in efforts to reach an agreement related to the war in Gaza.

Wed, Oct 8, 12:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shelling Targets Al-Shejaiya and Al-Daraj Neighborhoods

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera’s correspondent reported that Israeli artillery carried out evening bombardments targeting the Al-Shejaiya and Al-Daraj neighborhoods in eastern Gaza City.

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Tue, Oct 7, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: We Are Living through Defining Days

AL-JAZEERA:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, “We are living through defining days and will continue working to achieve all the goals of the war.”

He added that Israel will “continue efforts to return all captives, destroy Hamas’s rule, and ensure Gaza never again poses a threat to Israel.”

Netanyahu claimed that Israel has “broken the Iranian axis and changed the face of the Middle East,” vowing to ensure Israel’s survival.

He described the ongoing battles on seven fronts as a “decisive war for the homeland, our existence, and our future,” warning that “anyone who raises a hand against us will face unprecedented, crushing blows.”

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Thousands of Israelis Gather in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that thousands of settlers have gathered in “Hostage Square” in central Tel Aviv to mark the second anniversary of October 7, 2023.

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Khalil Al-Hayya: We Came to Stop the War on Our People in Gaza

AL-QAHERA NEWS: Khalil Al-Hayya, head of Hamas’s negotiating delegation, told Al Qahera News that the movement came to Sharm El-Sheikh “for serious and responsible negotiations to stop the war on our people in Gaza.”

He said the delegation carries “the hopes and aspirations of our people for stability, statehood, and self-determination,” expressing appreciation for “the efforts made by Islamic and Arab countries and by President Trump to end the war permanently.”

Al-Hayya affirmed Hamas’s readiness “to stop the war responsibly,” but accused Israel of continuing its campaign of “killing and genocide,” adding that “the Israeli occupation cannot be trusted and has never honored its commitments.”

He reiterated that Hamas’s immediate goals are “to end the war, exchange prisoners, and release Israeli detainees.”

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Ghebreyesus: We Are Closer Than Ever to Peace

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said, “We are closer than ever to peace in the Middle East.”

He called for the immediate and unconditional release of all captives and detainees on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides.