

LIVE BLOG: Ben-Gvir Warns Netanyahu as Resistance Agrees to Ceasefire Proposal – Day 683

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Israel committed horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN)

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Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 62,004 and injured 156,230 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Mon, Aug 18, 11:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strike on Sabra Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians were killed in an Israeli bombing that targeted the vicinity of the Islamic Complex in the Sabra neighborhood, south of Gaza City. The bodies of the two victims were transferred to Al-Shifa Hospital in the same neighborhood.

Mon, Aug 18, 11:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrike North of Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli warplanes launched an airstrike on Monday evening targeting an area north of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

Mon, Aug 18, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Faith amid Genocide: How Gaza's Muslims and Christians Endure Side by Side

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Throughout the genocidal war, churches served as refuge not only for Christians, but for Muslims as well — just like mosques, which Israel has largely destroyed, writes [Mariam Mushtaha](#).

Mon, Aug 18, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Former Defense Minister Gallant, Actress Gal Gadot Join Mass Protests in Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hundreds of thousands of Israelis protested on Sunday amidst a nationwide strike, including former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and Israeli actress Gal Gadot of 'Wonder Woman' fame, according to Israeli media.

Mon, Aug 18, 9:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich Warns of Israeli Defeat if War Ends with Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich warned that accepting a partial deal with the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas would mean abandoning half of the captives in Gaza. He said such a deal could lead to the war ending in Israel's defeat.

Mon, Aug 18, 9:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Families of Israeli Captives: We Will Not Let Netanyahu Sabotage Another Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA:

The Israeli Families of Captives Forum:

We demand that Netanyahu immediately conduct negotiations to release all captives.

The people stand with the captives and will bring them home, and will not allow Netanyahu to sabotage another agreement.

The living captives are in a critical condition, and the dead captives may disappear forever.

Mon, Aug 18, 9:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Received Hamas' Response to Ceasefire Proposal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that Israel has received Hamas' response to the ceasefire proposal for Gaza. This came hours after Hamas informed mediators from Qatar and Egypt of its approval of the proposal submitted on Sunday.

Mon, Aug 18, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Says Yes to Ceasefire Proposal, Opening Path to Wider Agreement

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A Hamas source told Al Jazeera on Monday that the movement has agreed to a proposal from Egyptian and Qatari mediators for a 60-day ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. The plan includes the release of Israeli prisoners in two phases, the return of bodies, and a path toward a comprehensive agreement to end the war.

Mon, Aug 18, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben Gvir Warns Netanyahu Against Surrender to Hamas

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir warned that if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu surrenders to Hamas and halts the war, it would be a “tragedy for generations and a lost historic opportunity.”

Mon, Aug 18, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Launches Mass Arrests, Raids in West Bank amid Ongoing Settler Attacks

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli occupation army launched a new campaign of large-scale incursions and arrests across the occupied West Bank at dawn on Monday, as illegal Israeli Jewish settlers escalated their attacks.

Mon, Aug 18, 6:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Rights Groups: Starvation, Mass Disabilities Evidence of Israel’s Genocide in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel is carrying out “a deliberate campaign of starvation” in the occupied Gaza Strip, “systematically destroying the health, well-being and social fabric of Palestinian life,” Amnesty International said on Monday, providing “chilling new testimonies” of starved displaced civilians.

Mon, Aug 18, 6:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Agrees to Mediators’ Ceasefire Proposal

AL-JAZEERA: Hamas informed mediators of its approval of the ceasefire proposal for the Gaza Strip that was presented yesterday, according to a source in the movement who spoke to Al-Jazeera.

Mon, Aug 18, 6:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Rocket Intercepted in Southern Gaza Envelope

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the Iron Dome intercepted a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip toward the Kisufim area in the southern Gaza envelope. No injuries or material damage have been reported so far.

Mon, Aug 18, 6:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Target Israeli Command Center in Gaza City

SARAYA AL-QUDS: Saraya al-Quds, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad Movement, announced that it targeted an Israeli army command and control center inside Al-Furqan School (southeast of the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood) in Gaza City using mortar shells.

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Al-Qassam Brigades Destroy Israeli Bulldozer and Target Troops in Jabaliya

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades released video footage of a military operation in Jabaliya al-Balad, northern Gaza. The footage showed the detonation of two explosive devices that targeted an Israeli military bulldozer and a foot patrol advancing in the area.

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Trump: No Return of Captives Until Hamas Destroyed

US President Donald Trump declared:

“The remaining captives will not return until Hamas is confronted and destroyed.”

“I am the one who negotiated and freed hundreds of captives, releasing them to Israel and the United States.”

“The chances of success increase the faster Hamas is confronted and destroyed.”

“I ended six wars in just six months and destroyed Iran’s nuclear facilities.”

Mon, Aug 18, 6:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Killed by Israeli Drone Strike in Khan Yunis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Medical sources at Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis (southern Gaza) reported that a Palestinian was killed after being targeted by an Israeli drone in the Al-Amal neighborhood of the city.

Mon, Aug 18, 6:23 PM (Palestine Time)

What the ‘Legitimization Cell’ Really Proves about Israel’s Propaganda Tactics

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The propaganda does not aim to disprove anything per se, as Israeli guilt is evident; instead, it is a trick used to distract from the totality of the crime by tying up the public in a debate over a specific detail and whether it is correct or not.

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Mon, Aug 18, 4:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Latest Developments in Gaza and Diplomatic Efforts

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals report that 19 Palestinians have been killed since this morning in various parts of the strip due to Israeli shelling and gunfire.

In a separate incident, a Palestinian was killed in Khan Yunis when an Israeli drone struck him in the Al-Amal neighborhood.

EGYPTIAN MEDIA: During talks in Cairo, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani reaffirmed their rejection of any reoccupation of the Gaza Strip or the displacement of Palestinians.

Both leaders stressed the importance of intensifying efforts to reach a ceasefire agreement in Gaza. They also emphasized that the establishment of an independent Palestinian state is the only true path to achieving peace and stability in the region.

Mon, Aug 18, 3:52 PM (Palestine Time)

60 Killed and 344 Injured in Gaza Within 24 Hours

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Ministry of Health in Gaza announced that 60 Palestinians were killed and 344 others injured by Israeli forces in the past 24 hours. This brings the total toll of

Israel's ongoing assault on the Strip since October 7, 2023, to 62,004 killed and 156,230 injured, the majority of them children and women.

Mon, Aug 18, 3:52 PM (Palestine Time)

22 Palestinians Waiting for Aid Injured in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Awda Hospital announced that 22 Palestinians waiting for aid were injured by Israeli army fire near the Netzarim axis in central Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 2:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Ceasefire and Prisoner Exchange Deal Back on Table as New Proposals Emerge

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: New efforts are underway to secure a comprehensive deal for a ceasefire and a prisoner exchange between Israel and Hamas, with a new proposal reportedly being crafted by mediators.

Mon, Aug 18, 1:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Government to Approve Additional Budget Tomorrow

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli government will hold a session tomorrow to approve an additional budget for the year 2025.

Mon, Aug 18, 1:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Famine Death Toll Rises to 263

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY:

Five deaths due to malnutrition were recorded in the past 24 hours, including two children.

The total number of deaths caused by famine and malnutrition has risen to 263, including 112 children.

Mon, Aug 18, 1:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Walla: Operation to Occupy Gaza City Will Be Large-Scale

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Around 80,000 Israeli soldiers will take part in besieging Gaza City.

The operation to occupy Gaza City will be large-scale and pose a major risk to the Israeli army.

There are fears the army may become responsible for distributing aid if Gaza City is occupied.

Mon, Aug 18, 1:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Aid Box Kills Elderly Man in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An elderly man was killed after succumbing to wounds sustained when an aid box fell on tents of displaced people in Al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis.

Mon, Aug 18, 11:21 AM (Palestine Time)

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Canberra has denied entry to far-right Israeli lawmaker Simcha Rothman, saying his visit would spread division and threaten public safety.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

11 Palestinians Killed Since Dawn, Including Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that 11 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire in several parts of the Strip since dawn on Monday, including four who were waiting for aid. Nasser Medical Complex reported that three of those killed were aid seekers in southern Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Activists Call for Protest Outside Netanyahu's Office

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that activists have called for protests outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem this evening to demand the return of captives. Israel witnessed mass protests and a nationwide strike on Sunday, organized by the Families of Captives, which paralyzed public life. Police cracked down on demonstrators outside Likud headquarters in Tel Aviv, arresting several.

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Israeli Army Considers Recruiting Jews Abroad

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: The Israeli army is considering reaching out to Jewish communities abroad to recruit soldiers amid manpower shortages. Estimates suggest more than 10,000 young Jews overseas could be drafted. The move comes as the refusal of ultra-Orthodox Jews (Haredim) to enlist exacerbates the army's shortages.

Mon, Aug 18, 1:07 AM (Palestine Time)

World Food Programme: Half a Million in Gaza on Brink of Famine

UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: The UN World Food Programme said on Sunday that "half a million Palestinians in Gaza are on the brink of famine," stressing that a ceasefire is the only way to expand aid delivery to the besieged enclave. The agency wrote on X that "the aid reaching Gaza remains far below needs, and food distribution, hot meals, and bakery operations we support cannot resume without a major increase in supplies."

Mon, Aug 18, 1:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Bombards Gaza, Rafah, and Khan Yunis

AL-AQSA TV: Al-Aqsa TV reported that heavy Israeli artillery shelling targeted the Al-Sabra neighborhood south of Gaza City, while additional bombardments struck residential areas in Rafah and Khan Yunis in southern Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Protesters Set Fire Near Likud Headquarters in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported clashes between protesters and police in Tel Aviv, with demonstrators setting fires near the headquarters of the ruling Likud Party. Police used force to suppress the protests.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Families of Israeli Captives: Over One Million Participated in Protests

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Families of Israeli Captives Committee announced that more than one million people participated today in protests and demonstrations across Israel.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Casualties in Israeli Strike on Al-Bureij Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local Palestinian sources reported casualties in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: We Intercepted Rocket Fired from Central Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced it intercepted a rocket launched from central Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Rubio: US to Temporarily Suspend Visa Program for Gaza Applicants

US MEDIA: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told CBS that Washington will temporarily suspend the visa program for applicants from Gaza, stressing that the suspension covers children and some adults, and that vetting mechanisms will be re-evaluated.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Over 150,000 Participate in Protests in Central Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Families of Israeli Captives Committee said police estimates show more than 150,000 people participated in protests in central Tel Aviv.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Resistance Warns of New Massacres as Israel Readies for Gaza City Operation

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: As the military moves to escalate its assault on Gaza City, Hamas and other Palestinian movements warn of more massacres and call for regional mobilization against the occupation.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Yedioth Ahronoth: Netanyahu Prepares for Possible Early Elections

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth, citing sources, reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has recently intensified meetings with close associates in preparation for possible early elections.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Amnesty International: Israel Deliberately Starving Gaza

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL:

Israel is deliberately implementing a starvation policy in Gaza.

New testimonies provide irrefutable evidence of Israel's deliberate starvation of Palestinians in Gaza.

Israel is systematically working through this policy to destroy Palestinian health and society.

Testimonies about starvation in Gaza are a damning indictment of an international system that has granted Israel near-total impunity for decades.

The blockade on Gaza must be lifted immediately and unconditionally, and a permanent ceasefire imposed.

Any plan to entrench the occupation or escalate military assault on Gaza must be stopped.

Israel continues its deliberate, systematic starvation campaign in Gaza, leaving children to starve to death.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Australia Cancels Visa for Knesset Member Simcha Rothman

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 reported that Australia canceled the visa of MK Simcha Rothman one day before his planned participation in a Jewish community conference.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Four Killed in Strikes on Gaza and Al-Nuseirat

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Aqsa TV reported that an Israeli strike on displaced people at the Education Directorate in Al-Daraj neighborhood of Gaza City killed 3, including a girl.

Mon, Aug 18, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Helicopters Bomb Gaza and Al-Bureij Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported Israeli helicopter strikes on Al-Rimal neighborhood, west Gaza City, and on Al-Bureij camp, central Gaza.

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Sun, Aug 17, 8:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Thousands of Israelis Prepare to March in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that thousands of Israelis are preparing to march toward the Hostages' Square opposite the Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv.

Sun, Aug 17, 8:06 PM (Palestine Time)

57 Palestinians Killed in Gaza Since Morning, Including 38 Starving Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza said 57 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in the southern Gaza Strip since this morning, including 38 starving civilians waiting for aid.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Words as Bullets, Poems as Truth: Gazan Journalists and the Triumph of the Palestinian Narrative

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Palestinian journalists seek to document the truth about the Zionists' brutal siege, while their detractors are working to erase all evidence of the crime scene.

Read the latest article by Benay Blend.