

# LIVE BLOG: Famine Threshold Crossed as Abu Obeida Conditions Red Cross Visits – Day 668

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Israel has continued to use starvation of civilians as a weapon of war against Palestinians in Gaza.  
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In response to Witkoff's claims, Hamas issued a categorical denial, stating that it has no intention of disarming.

Meanwhile, scores of Palestinians were killed or injured on Saturday, as Israeli forces targeted the tents of displaced people, civilian homes, and people waiting for aid across the Gaza Strip, amid the Israeli army's ongoing demolition of neighborhoods.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 60,430 and injured 148,722 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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#### **Clashes Between Protesters and Police in Central Tel Aviv**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported clashes between demonstrators and police in central Tel Aviv, with several protesters arrested.

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#### **Woman Killed and Others Wounded in Israeli Strike on Nuseirat Camp**

AL-AWDA HOSPITAL: A woman was killed and several others wounded in an Israeli airstrike targeting Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

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## **Abu Obeida: Captives Will Receive No Special Privileges**

ABU OBEIDA STATEMENT:

Al-Qassam is ready to cooperate with the Red Cross's requests to deliver aid.

"We do not intentionally starve the captives—they eat what our fighters and our people eat.

"Captives will not receive special treatment under conditions of starvation and siege.

"Humanitarian corridors must be permanently opened to allow food and medicine across Gaza.

"Drone flights must stop during food handovers for the Red Cross to deliver to hostages."

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## **Al-Qassam Brigades: We Shelled Israeli Troops and Vehicles East of Al-Tuffah**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), announced that it shelled a gathering of Israeli soldiers and military vehicles east of Al-Tuffah neighborhood in Gaza City using several mortar rounds.

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## **Ansarallah: We Carried Out Three Drone Operations Targeting Israeli Sites**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESPERSON: BTwo drones targeted sites in Jaffa and Ashkelon. A third targeted the port of Haifa. rigadier General Yahya Saree, military spokesperson for Ansarallah (Houthis), said the group conducted three drone operations targeting Israeli sites in Jaffa, Ashkelon, and Haifa.

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## **German Chancellor: Hamas Must Have No Role in Gaza's Future**

GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE: The German Chancellor stated that a ceasefire and the release of hostages are unavoidable, and Hamas must have no role in the future governance of Gaza.

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## **92 Palestinians Killed in Gaza Since Dawn, Including 56 Aid Seekers**

GAZA EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency sources in Gaza reported that 20 Palestinians were killed and 150 wounded while waiting for aid in northern Gaza. Hospital sources confirmed that 92 Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire since dawn, including 56 aid seekers.

Sun, Aug 3, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

## **79 Palestinians Killed in Gaza since Dawn, Including 41 Aid Seekers**

GAZA HOSPITAL SOURCES: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 79 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli gunfire since dawn today, including 41 people who were waiting for humanitarian aid.

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## **Israeli Media: 3 Soldiers Injured in Alleged Military Vehicle Rollover in Southern Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that three Israeli soldiers were injured when their military vehicle overturned near the Kerem Shalom crossing in southern Gaza.

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## **600 Former Israeli Security Officials Urge Trump to Force Netanyahu to End Gaza War**

JERUSALEM POST: According to the Jerusalem Post, over 600 former Israeli security officials sent a letter to US President Donald Trump calling on him to pressure Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to end the war in Gaza.

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## **Palestinian Prisoner from Jenin Dies in Israeli Custody**

PALESTINIAN PRISONER SOCIETY: The Palestinian Commission for Prisoners' Affairs and the Palestinian Prisoners' Club announced the death of detainee Ahmad Tazaz'a from Jenin governorate in Israeli occupation prisons.

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## **Red Cross 'Appalled' by Killing of Worker, Injury of Two Others in Khan Yunis Strike**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS: The International Committee of the Red Cross said it is "appalled" by the killing of one of its staff members and the injury of two Palestinian Red Crescent workers in an Israeli airstrike on its compound in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

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## **UK Foreign Secretary: All Hostages Must Be Freed, Hamas Must Disarm**

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTRY: The British Foreign Secretary stated that all hostages must be released unconditionally, Hamas must hand over its weapons, and relinquish control of Gaza.

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## **Netanyahu: I Asked Red Cross to Provide Food and Medical Aid to Hostages**

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he spoke with the head of the Red Cross mission and asked him to urgently intervene to provide food and medical care for the Israeli hostages.

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## **Israeli Army: We Intercepted a Drone Launched from Yemen**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said it intercepted a drone launched from Yemen, following an earlier statement that sirens had sounded in the settlement of Bnei Netzarim due to suspected drone infiltration. Israeli media reported the drone was intercepted over the town of Bnei Netzarim near the Gaza envelope.

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### **Air Raid Sirens Sound in Gaza Envelope**

ISRAELI HOME FRONT COMMAND: Israel's Home Front Command reported that sirens were activated in the Gaza envelope over concerns about a drone infiltration.

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### **Macron: Hamas Must Be Disarmed and Removed from Power**

FRENCH PRESIDENCY:

The priority is the immediate release of all hostages, the restoration of a ceasefire in Gaza, and the delivery of humanitarian aid.

We demand that Hamas be disarmed and completely excluded from any form of governance.

Palestine must recognize Israel.

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### **OXFAM Coordinator: What's Happening in Gaza is Genocide**

OXFAM: Oxfam's humanitarian coordinator told Al Jazeera:

Israel is preventing the entry of various forms of aid into Gaza. What is happening is genocide.

Israel is not allowing UN staff into Gaza to assess the situation.

People in Gaza are dying from disease due to a lack of access to medical supplies.

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### **119 Killed and 866 Injured in Gaza over Past 24 Hours**

GAZA MINISTRY OF HEALTH: The Gaza Ministry of Health reported that hospitals received 119 martyrs and 866 injured people over the past 24 hours.

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### **57 Killed in Gaza since Dawn, Including 27 Aid Seekers**

GAZA HOSPITAL SOURCES: Hospital sources in Gaza said that 57 people have been martyred by Israeli fire since dawn, including 27 who were waiting for aid.

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### **Sanders: Opposing Netanyahu is Not Anti-Israel**

CNN Senator Bernie Sanders told CNN that opposing Netanyahu and his far-right, racist government does not equate to being anti-Israel. "My colleagues risk losing touch with voters if they don't change their stance on Israel."

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### **Yadlin: Israel Approaching Strategic Defeat**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli military intelligence chief Amos Yadlin told Channel 12: Israel is nearing a deep strategic defeat. The captives have not returned, and Israeli legitimacy is at its

lowest. Israel faces depletion and isolation and is bogged down in Gaza without a clear political goal. The proposal of total victory in Gaza was unrealistic— Hamas remains in place. The war must end, and the captives should be brought back all at once.

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### **Gaza Government: Israel Blocks Entry of 22,000 Trucks**

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: Israel continues to engineer starvation and blockade by preventing the entry of 22,000 aid trucks stuck at border crossings. We demand the unconditional opening of crossings to bring in aid before it's too late.

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### **Former Israeli Diplomats: Peak of International Pressure Yet to Come**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Channel 12, former Israeli foreign ministry officials said that international pressure on Israel is increasing, and the peak is still ahead. Annexing parts of Gaza would harm Israel's global standing and incur heavy costs. European countries might suspend agreements, halt arms exports, and the EU could impose visa requirements on Israeli citizens.

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### **Protesters Rally outside Dermer's Home Demanding Captive Exchange Deal**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported a protest in front of Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer's home, demanding a prisoner exchange deal with Hamas.

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### **Gaza Hospitals Overcrowded, Patients Treated in Hallways**

AL JAZEERA: The spokesperson for Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told Al Jazeera: The occupation continues its starvation policy in Gaza and blocks all aid. Hospitals are overcrowded, and patients are being treated in corridors and open areas.

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### **3,000 Settlers Storm Al-Aqsa Mosque**

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera reported, citing sources, that approximately 3,000 Israeli settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque this morning under the protection of occupation police.

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### **Mother of Israeli Captive: We Must Submit to Hamas' Demands**

HAARETZ: The mother of an Israeli captive killed by the army in Gaza said that Israel must agree to Hamas' demands to retrieve the captives.

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### **Gaza Health Ministry: 175 Dead from Famine**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that the number of victims of famine and malnutrition has risen to 175, including 93 children. Hospitals in the Strip recorded 6 deaths due to famine and malnutrition in the past 24 hours.

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### **Witkoff: Working with Israel to End the War**

REUTERS: US envoy Steve Witkoff told families of Israeli captives that the US is working with the Israeli government on a plan to rebuild Gaza, which would mean an end to the war.

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### **The Times: UK to Host 300 Gaza Children for Medical Care**

THE TIMES: According to a senior British source cited by The Times, the Starmer government will allow around 300 children from Gaza to enter the country and receive medical treatment.

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### **Nine Killed by Israeli Fire in Rafah**

AL JAZEERA: Emergency services reported that nine Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces near aid centers north of Rafah in southern Gaza.

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### **Israeli Army Radio: Soldier Fatigue Increasing**

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: According to sources cited by Israeli Army Radio, fatigue among Israeli soldiers is increasing due to the prolonged war in Gaza. Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi is reportedly considering a plan for soldier leave rotations.

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### **Ben Gvir Storms Al-Aqsa Mosque**

AL JAZEERA: Al Jazeera sources reported that Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque accompanied by several of his followers.

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### **16 Soldiers Have Committed Suicide This Year**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING AUTHORITY: Israeli army investigations reported by the broadcasting authority reveal that most suicide cases among soldiers are linked to the war in Gaza and the difficulty of prolonged deployments in combat zones. Since the start of the year, 16 soldiers have taken their own lives, four of them in the past month.

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### **Maariv: Netanyahu Blocks Discussion Requested by Zamir on Gaza**

MAARIV: Israeli newspaper Maariv reported that Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi has been requesting for days to hold a session to present plans regarding the continuation of fighting in Gaza, but Prime Minister Netanyahu has blocked the meeting and the presentation of any plans.

The army reportedly does not understand what the political leadership wants and warned that continuing the mission will result in negative consequences. There is “enormous exhaustion” in frontline army units, and extending the war will have long-term effects on the troops.

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## **Only 36 Aid Trucks Entered Gaza**

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Government Media Office in Gaza announced that only 36 aid trucks entered the Strip on Saturday. Most of the contents were reportedly looted due to the security chaos fostered by the Israeli occupation. The statement emphasized that Gaza's daily basic needs are no less than 600 aid and fuel trucks to meet minimum life requirements for health, service, and food sectors amid total infrastructure collapse caused by the genocidal war.

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## **Two Killed in Israeli Strike on Khan Yunis School**

NASSER HOSPITAL: A source at Nasser Hospital reported the arrival of two martyrs and several wounded after an Israeli airstrike targeted Faisal School in the Japanese neighborhood of western Khan Younis.

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## **Air Raid Sirens Sound in Gaza Envelope**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced the activation of air raid sirens in the Gaza Envelope. Sirens were heard in Nirim and Ein HaShlosha warning of incoming rocket fire. Later, the Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported the interception of a rocket fired toward the area.

Sun, Aug 3, 12:04 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Forces Detonate Explosive Robots in Eastern Gaza City**

AL JAZEERA: The Israeli army detonated explosive-laden robots around the al-Sakhra area and the UNRWA clinic on Salah al-Din Street in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

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## **Smotrich: The Response to Captive Videos Must Be Complete Annihilation**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said Hamas' aim in publishing captive videos is "to manipulate our emotions and break our hearts to pressure us into surrender and stopping the war."

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## **Israeli Army Chief Cancels Visit to Washington**

THE JERUSALEM POST: According to The Jerusalem Post, citing informed sources, Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir a planned visit to Washington scheduled for next Tuesday. Halevi had conditioned the visit on achieving a permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

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## **US Senator: Gaza Has Turned Into 'Hell on Earth'**

ASSOCIATED PRESS: US Senator Chris Van Hollen said the humanitarian crisis in Gaza has shifted from being "horrific" to "hell on earth." Children are starving, and the population faces the threat of full-scale famine.

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## **Al-Quds Brigades Claim Joint Strike on Israeli Command in Khan Younis**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of Islamic Jihad, announced that in cooperation with the Al-Amoudi Brigade of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, they struck an Israeli command center on Street 5 in Khan Younis using a 107mm rocket.