

LIVE BLOG: Resistance Undermines Israel's Occupation Plan as Gaza's Children Starve – Day 673

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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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As Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presses forward with plans to reoccupy the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Resistance continues to challenge the military campaign on multiple fronts, exposing deep divisions within Israel's own leadership.

Meanwhile, the humanitarian catastrophe worsens: children are starving, families are displaced, and aid remains dangerously insufficient.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 61,330 and injured 152,359 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sat, Aug 9, 1:19 AM (Palestine Time)

NBC: Criticism of Netanyahu From Israel's Allies in US Congress

NBC: NBC reported that a number of the most pro-Israel Democrats in the US Congress have begun escalating their criticism of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The network quoted Senator Dan Goldman as saying that Netanyahu's personal and political interests are clearly influencing Israel's decisions and actions.

Sat, Aug 9, 1:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Factions: We Call on the Egyptian People to Act to Open the Crossing

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian factions on Saturday called on the Egyptian people to lead crowds towards the Rafah crossing to pressure for its opening, the entry of aid, and the breaking of the siege.

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Jewish Group “J Street” Condemns Netanyahu’s Gaza Plan

US MEDIA: The American Jewish lobby group J Street stated:

As American Jews and supporters of Israel, we condemn Netanyahu’s plan to occupy Gaza. Relief agencies say the occupation of Gaza will worsen atrocities.

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Ansarallah: We Carried Out Three Attacks on Israeli Targets

YAHYA SAREE:

We carried out three military operations with three drones.

We targeted Lod Airport and two other sites in Beersheba and Ashkelon.

Our military operations against the Zionist enemy achieved their objectives.

Our position stems from our religious and moral commitment to the people of Gaza under attack.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:29 PM (Palestine Time)

36 Palestinians Killed since Dawn, Including 21 Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that the death toll from Israeli army fire since dawn on Friday has risen to 36, including 21 Palestinians seeking aid in various areas of the besieged Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:29 PM (Palestine Time)

WFP Calls for 100 Aid Trucks Daily into Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The World Food Programme called for the urgent entry of at least 100 humanitarian aid trucks per day through the northern, central, and southern crossings into the Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz Plans to Call Up 430,000 Reservists

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli website Walla reported that Defense Minister Yoav Gallant plans to formally propose issuing call-up orders for about 430,000 reservists, as part of efforts to boost the army’s capabilities in its ongoing military operations in Gaza.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Security Council to Hold Emergency Session on Gaza Tomorrow

AL-JAZEERA: Diplomatic sources told Al Jazeera that the UN Security Council will convene an emergency session tomorrow, Saturday, to discuss Israel’s plans to take control of the Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Washington Blocks UN Session on Gaza

AL JAZEERA: Diplomatic sources told Al Jazeera that the United States is exerting heavy pressure to prevent the convening of an emergency UN Security Council session to discuss Israel’s plans to occupy the Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Criticizes Germany for Halting Arms Exports to Israel

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed disappointment during a phone call with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz over Berlin's decision to suspend arms exports to Israel.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Five European Countries Call for UN Session on Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Sources told Al Jazeera that the UK, Denmark, France, Greece, and Slovenia have submitted a formal request to hold an urgent UN Security Council meeting to discuss Israel's full takeover plans for the Gaza Strip, amid growing international warnings about the move's impact on regional stability and the humanitarian situation.

Fri, Aug 8, 8:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: We Won't Occupy Gaza, We'll Liberate It from Hamas

NETANYAHU: "We will not occupy Gaza; we are going to liberate it from Hamas. Gaza will be demilitarized, and a peaceful civilian administration will be established—one not affiliated with the PA, Hamas, or any other terrorist organization."

Fri, Aug 8, 6:07 PM (Palestine Time)

European Council President Urges Israel to Reconsider Gaza Decision

AL-JAZEERA: European Council President Antonio Costa urged the Israeli government to reconsider its decision to seize Gaza City, calling it a dangerous move amid worsening humanitarian conditions.

Fri, Aug 8, 6:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Tensions Inside Israeli War Cabinet Over Gaza

CNN: CNN reported that a recent Israeli war cabinet meeting was marked by severe tensions, with several members shouting at Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi during discussions on Gaza.

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Upcoming UK-US Talks on Gaza War

AL-JAZEERA: British Foreign Minister David Lammy said he will meet US Vice President J.D. Vance to discuss the situation in Gaza and the broader Middle East, along with the war in Ukraine. Vance confirmed the talks will cover regional tensions, especially the escalation in Gaza and Eastern Europe.

Fri, Aug 8, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Chief of Staff: Army to Expand Military Plans in Coming Days

AL JAZEERA: Israel's Chief of Staff stated that in the coming days the army will increase its military plans while ensuring the safety of its forces. He added that the aim is to create conditions for the return of captives and the removal of Hamas rule in Gaza. According to CNN, an Israeli official said the comprehensive plan to control Gaza is expected to take five months.

Fri, Aug 8, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Four People Die in Gaza from Famine in One Day

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army announced that Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi convened a strategic assessment meeting today at the Southern Command headquarters. Army leaders discussed the development of plans and preparations to continue operations in the Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 8, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officers: Political Leadership Pushing Army into Unexamined Steps

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH (via Al-Jazeera): Israeli military sources told Yedioth Ahronoth that the humanitarian crisis in Gaza has caused the greatest political tsunami in Israel's history. The political leadership is pressuring the army into actions it has not studied, exposing it to potential war crimes allegations. Army leaders have warned internally of exhaustion among both regular and reserve forces.

Fri, Aug 8, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Bomb Israeli Troops in Al-Tuffah Neighborhood

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of Islamic Jihad, said it shelled Israeli troop gatherings near Jabal Al-Sourani, east of Al-Tuffah in Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 8, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Germany Suspends Military Exports to Israel

GERMAN CHANCELLOR: "We have decided to suspend military equipment exports to Israel that could be used in Gaza until further notice. Ceasefire negotiations and hostage releases remain top priorities. I remain deeply concerned about the suffering of civilians in Gaza and urge the Israeli government not to take further steps toward annexing the West Bank."

Fri, Aug 8, 12:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Zamir Says Gaza Occupation Would Require 200,000 Reservists

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation reported that Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi told the Israeli mini-cabinet that the plan to take control of Gaza would require about 200,000 reservists.

Fri, Aug 8, 11:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Lebanon Health Ministry: One Killed in Israeli Airstrike on Zahrani Road

LEBANESE MEDIA: The Lebanese Health Ministry reported one person killed in an Israeli drone strike on the Zahrani road in southern Lebanon.

Fri, Aug 8, 11:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Zamir Holds Emergency Meeting with Army Commanders

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Public Broadcasting Corporation reported that Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi decided to hold a meeting with senior army commanders to discuss the next steps following the decision to seize control of Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 8, 11:01 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Calls on Israel to Halt Gaza Occupation Plan

UN: The United Nations urged Israel to immediately halt its military control plan for the Gaza Strip, stating in an official release: “We call for the immediate cessation of the Israeli plan regarding Gaza.”

Fri, Aug 8, 11:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Sources Expect Israeli Chief of Staff to Be Dismissed

ISRAELI MEDIA: Haaretz quoted sources saying the rift between Netanyahu and Chief of Staff Zamir over the continuation of the war in Gaza is deeper than previously reported. The chief of staff reportedly views the occupation of Gaza as a “disaster,” and his dismissal is now being considered.

Fri, Aug 8, 11:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Families of Israeli Captives: Government Has Signed a Death Warrant

AL JAZEERA: Families of Israeli captives held in Gaza issued a statement:

“The government has effectively signed a death sentence for the living captives and condemned the dead to permanent disappearance.”

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Zamir: Long-Term Control of Gaza Will Be Difficult

AL JAZEERA: According to Yedioth Ahronoth, Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir said that reserve units are exhausted and that maintaining long-term control in Gaza will be difficult.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Resistance Committees: No Force Can Disarm Us

AL-JAZEERA: In a joint statement, the Palestinian “Resistance Committees” said no power on earth can disarm them. They asserted that Israel can only regain its captives through negotiations and emphasized that what the occupying army failed to achieve over 22 months will fail again.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

US Officials: Israeli Operation Will Be Limited to Gaza City

AXIOS: An Israeli official said the army’s current plan is limited to Gaza City. The aim is to evacuate all civilians from the city to central camps. The operation includes a ground offensive on Hamas fighters remaining in Gaza City, while imposing a siege.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Cabinet Approves Full Gaza Occupation Plan

ISRAELI MEDIA: The cabinet approved Prime Minister Netanyahu’s plan for a full occupation of the Gaza Strip following a ten-hour meeting. Axios confirmed the invasion plan was approved.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Most Gaza Farmland Destroyed and Inaccessible

FAO: The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization reported that more than 86% of Gaza's farmland is damaged, and only 1.5% remains accessible and undamaged. Agricultural land in Rafah, the northern Strip, and most of Gaza City is not accessible.

Fri, Aug 8, 10:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Israelis Block Aid Trucks from Entering Gaza

AL JAZEERA: A video surfaced Friday showing Israelis blocking the road to prevent aid trucks from entering Gaza through an Israeli checkpoint.

Thu, Aug 7, 10:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas to Treat Any Post-War Force in Gaza as an 'Occupation Force'

QUDS NEWS: Osama Hamdan, a senior leader in Hamas, stated that the movement will deal with any force established in Gaza based on Netanyahu's statements as an "occupation force linked to 'Israel'."

Thu, Aug 7, 10:42 PM (Palestine Time)

Zamir: Entering Gaza City Would Lead to Humanitarian Catastrophe

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 quoted Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Samir as saying that entering Gaza City and targeting its infrastructure would lead to a humanitarian catastrophe. He added that occupying Gaza endangers the lives of the captives and could lead to more soldiers being killed.

Thu, Aug 7, 10:42 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Proposes Gaza Occupation Plan

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed a limited plan to occupy Gaza, while far-right ministers are pushing for full occupation of the Strip. There is reportedly an understanding between Netanyahu and the Chief of Staff for a gradual occupation, starting with encircling Gaza City.

Thu, Aug 7, 10:42 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Netanyahu's Statements Undermine Negotiations

HAMAS STATEMENT: Netanyahu's statements represent a reversal of the negotiation track and reveal why he withdrew despite a deal being near. He seeks to dispose of the captives by expanding the aggression to serve his personal and ideological agenda. What Netanyahu is planning is a continuation of genocide, displacement, and the imposition of new control over Gaza. Gaza will not surrender to occupation, and escalating the aggression will not be easy — the cost will be high.