

LIVE BLOG: Genocide Continues as Israel Kills, Wounds Scores of Palestinians in Gaza – Day 746

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135 bodies arrived in Gaza, with clear signs of torture, and gunshot wounds to the chest and head. (Photo: via QNN)

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the war will conclude only after the completion of the second phase of the ceasefire agreement, which involves the disarmament of Hamas.

Meanwhile, the Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they will hand over two bodies of Israeli captives recovered earlier today in the Gaza Strip.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 68,159 and injured 170,203 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sun, Oct 19, 11:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: ‘No Timeline’ for Hamas to Disarm Under Gaza Ceasefire Deal

FOX NEWS: US President Donald Trump told Fox News on Sunday there is “not a timeline, not a hard line” for Hamas to disarm under his Gaza ceasefire agreement, though he suggested the US or “a proxy, could be Israel with our backing,” could act if necessary.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:25 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Delegation Arrives in Cairo as Netanyahu Orders Return to Ceasefire

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A Hamas delegation led by Khalil al-Hayya arrived in Cairo to discuss ceasefire implementation as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered a halt to airstrikes following US pressure and mounting civilian casualties in Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Security Officials ‘Frustrated’ Over Resumption of Gaza Aid

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israel Hayom, Israeli security officials expressed frustration over the decision to resume aid deliveries to Gaza at Washington’s request. They said there is now “no doubt about American interference,” adding that Israel “will never move in Gaza without US approval.” The officials noted that any decision conflicting with Washington’s wishes “will be immediately canceled,” emphasizing that Israel “cannot make its own decisions on Gaza nor apply the Lebanon model,” which they described as “deeply concerning.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Ceasefire Restored in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian sources told Al-Jazeera that mediation efforts succeeded in restoring the ceasefire in Gaza, effective immediately. Discussions are reportedly underway to establish a binding mechanism for addressing future violations.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Official: Decision to Close Crossings Reversed

ABC NEWS: An Israeli official told ABC News that Israel initially decided to close Gaza crossings and halt aid but later reversed the decision. The official said aid deliveries were temporarily suspended due to airstrikes and that the Rafah crossing will remain closed until Hamas continues handing over the bodies of Israeli captives at a “reasonable pace.”

WASHINGTON POST: The Washington Post cited relief officials saying that humanitarian aid deliveries to Gaza will resume on Monday.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

42 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 42 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across several areas of the Strip since the morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Ceasefire Reinstated

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that it has begun reapplying the ceasefire agreement “in accordance with political directives” after what it described as a Hamas violation. The army said it would continue enforcing the agreement and “respond forcefully to any future breach.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir: Netanyahu’s Reversal on Aid Suspension ‘Shameful’

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s reversal of the decision to halt Gaza aid “shameful,” saying Israel must “stop backtracking and return to full-scale fighting, including maneuvers, occupation, and encouraging migration.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

35 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza said the number of Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on several areas of the Strip has risen to 35 since morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich: Destroying Hamas Is the Main Goal of the War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said that “destroying Hamas and restoring security is a moral duty and the main goal of the war,” adding that “we will not rest until the mission is accomplished.”

Sun, Oct 19, 9:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Scores of Palestinians, Including Journalist and Children, Killed in New Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli air and artillery attacks on schools, homes, and refugee camps across Gaza killed at least 32 Palestinians, among them eight children and a journalist, amid ongoing ceasefire violations.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

32 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza Today

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 32 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes targeting multiple areas across the Gaza Strip since this morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Does Not Want Ceasefire to Collapse

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 quoted an Israeli security source as saying there is no reason to worry about the agreement, as Israel does not want the ceasefire to collapse. The source added that a violation occurred and was met with a response, which will continue if Hamas breaches the deal again.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Axios: Gaza Crossings to Reopen Tomorrow Under Trump Pressure

AXIOS: Axios cited Israeli officials saying the decision to close Gaza crossings was reversed following pressure from the Trump administration. The crossings will reportedly reopen, and aid deliveries will resume Monday morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Halted Truck Movement Due to Heavy Bombing

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported, quoting a political source, that Israel suspended the movement of aid trucks due to heavy airstrikes and will resume once bombing stops. The source added that Rafah Crossing will not reopen until Hamas returns hostages' bodies “at a reasonable pace.” However, the channel also quoted a US source confirming that Israel has promised to reopen Gaza's crossings Monday morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Kushner: Success of Peace Plan Depends on Finding an Alternative to Hamas

CBS NEWS: Jared Kushner told CBS News that the success of the Gaza peace plan depends on Israel and its international partners finding a viable alternative to Hamas. He added, "If Israel and its partners can establish a sustainable alternative, Hamas will fail, and Gaza will cease to pose a threat to Israel."

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Six Killed in Israeli Strike on Displacement Tent in Nuseirat

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Awda Hospital reported that six Palestinians were killed when Israeli forces bombed a tent sheltering displaced civilians in the Abu Suleim area west of Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Confirms Killing of Israeli Officer and Soldier in Rafah Clashes

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that an officer and a soldier from the 932nd Battalion of the Nahal Brigade were killed, and another soldier wounded, during clashes in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Medical Source: Casualties in Israeli Strike on Tent in Nuseirat

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An emergency services source in Gaza reported deaths and injuries after an Israeli airstrike targeted a tent sheltering displaced Palestinians south of Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 8:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Holds Security Meeting to Discuss Escalation in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is holding a meeting with Defense Minister Yisrael Katz, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, and security chiefs to discuss the ongoing escalation in Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu's Trial Sessions Canceled Due to Political Meetings

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio announced that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's court sessions scheduled for tomorrow and the following day have been canceled due to upcoming political meetings and the absence of one of the judges.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir Calls for Resumption of War on Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir welcomed Netanyahu's decision to halt aid deliveries to Gaza, saying, "There is no need to resume aid — what must resume immediately is the war."

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Channel 12: All Crossings to Gaza Closed

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that the political leadership accepted the army's recommendation to stop aid deliveries to Gaza until further notice, adding that all Gaza border crossings have been closed.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

CNN: Israeli Military Casualties Behind the Yellow Line

CNN: CNN cited a knowledgeable source confirming casualties among Israeli forces in the incident that occurred behind the "yellow line," the buffer zone separating Israeli-controlled areas in Gaza from those accessible to Palestinians.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: We Fully Complied with Agreement, Urge Mediators to Stop Israeli Aggression

HAMAS STATEMENT:

The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) stated that it has strictly adhered to the ceasefire agreement and that mediators have presented no evidence of violations on its part.

The group accused Israel of breaching the deal since day one, committing serious crimes against civilians, and operating beyond the "yellow line" defined in the agreement.

Hamas said Israel failed to uphold humanitarian protocols, prevented the entry of food and essential reconstruction materials, and delayed the release of women and children detainees.

The statement added that Israeli forces mutilated the bodies of Palestinians, calling it a war crime and a crime against humanity, and held Israel fully responsible for any collapse of the agreement, urging mediators to act to stop the ongoing aggression.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Channel 12: Washington Seeking to Prevent Escalation in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that the US administration is working to prevent escalation in Gaza that could lead to the collapse of the ceasefire deal. The report added that Israel informed Washington in advance of its military operation in Gaza but did not request authorization to carry it out.

Sun, Oct 19, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Bombs School Shelter in Nuseirat

AL-JAZEERA: An Al-Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli warplanes bombed a school sheltering displaced Palestinians in Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Over 20 Israeli Airstrikes on Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: An Al Jazeera correspondent reported renewed Israeli airstrikes on eastern Khan Yunis, adding that Israeli aircraft carried out more than 20 strikes on the city's eastern areas in southern Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

US Official: We Are Responsible for Implementing the Gaza Agreement

AXIOS:

According to Axios, a US official said Washington urged Israel to respond with restraint and in a proportionate manner.

US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner reportedly coordinated with Israeli officials, including Ron Dermer, to discuss next steps.

The official added that no one wants a return to war and that Israel aims to show Hamas there are consequences without undermining the agreement.

He emphasized that the Trump administration will significantly expand its role in enforcing the Gaza peace deal, stating, “We are responsible for implementing the agreement, and we are the ones who decide.”

Sun, Oct 19, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu’s Office: We Will Weaken Hamas’ Grip on Gaza

NETANYAHU’S OFFICE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office said Hamas continues to pose “the greatest threat to both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples” and vowed to respond forcefully, adding that Israel “will weaken Hamas’ crumbling grip on the Gaza Strip.”

Sun, Oct 19, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Axios: Israel Informed Trump Administration in Advance of Gaza Strikes

AXIOS: Axios reported that Israel informed the Trump administration in advance of its airstrikes on Gaza through the US command center overseeing the ceasefire. An Israeli official told the site that Tel Aviv did not seek permission to launch its attacks on Hamas.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Qassam Brigades Find Israeli Prisoner’s Body, Blame Escalation for Delays

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced the discovery of an Israeli prisoner’s body in Gaza, warning that Israel’s renewed airstrikes are hampering ongoing efforts to recover and return the remains of captives under the ceasefire agreement.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

15 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Attacks on Gaza Today

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza said that 15 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes on multiple areas across the Gaza Strip since this morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Hamas Pledged to Disarm, Now Says It Targets Gangs

TRUMP: US President Donald Trump said Hamas had pledged to disarm but now claims to be targeting gangs. He added that the Gaza agreement is respected by all parties, with approval from Arab and Islamic states as well as Israel, noting that Gulf leaders provided major support and that Qatar faced the greatest risk due to its proximity to Iran.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed, Including Two Children, in Israeli Strike on Mawasi Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Nasser Hospital reported that three people, including two children, were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a tent sheltering displaced civilians in the Mawasi area west of Khan Yunis.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

US Official: Efforts Underway to De-escalate Gaza Tensions

AL-JAZEERA: A US official told Al Jazeera that Washington is working with mediators to de-escalate the current situation in Gaza, emphasizing that peace requires adherence to the 20-point Trump plan. The official said the US continues coordination with Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey and that the Gaza Civil-Military Coordination Center began operations Friday in Israel, with plans to include international representatives in the coming weeks.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Lieberman Calls for Full Occupation of Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Avigdor Lieberman, leader of the Yisrael Beiteinu party, called for the full occupation of Gaza and the overthrow of Hamas, saying, "There is no room for hesitation."

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians, Including Journalist, Killed in Israeli Strike on Al-Zawaida

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital reported that two Palestinians, one of them a journalist, were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a building housing journalists in Al-Zawaida, central Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Injuries Reported in Israeli Strike on Mawasi Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An emergency services source reported several injuries in an Israeli airstrike targeting a tent sheltering displaced Palestinians in Mawasi, west of Khan Yunis.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Bureij and Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: An Al Jazeera correspondent reported that an Israeli airstrike destroyed a home in Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, while another strike hit a tent sheltering displaced civilians in the Asda area northwest of Khan Yunis, resulting in several injuries.

Sun, Oct 19, 5:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Strikes Rafah After 'Security Incident', Al-Qassam Denies Involvement

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli strikes on Rafah, Khan Yunis, and central Gaza killed several Palestinians on Sunday after Tel Aviv accused Hamas of breaching the ceasefire, charges the resistance denied, saying Israel continues to violate the agreement.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam: Any Israeli Escalation Will Hinder Search and Recovery of Bodies

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said they discovered the body of an Israeli captive during ongoing search operations and will hand it over once field conditions permit. The group warned that any Israeli escalation will hinder excavation and recovery efforts, delaying the return of Israeli soldiers' bodies.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strike on Nuseirat Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Al-Awda Hospital reported that three Palestinians were killed and others wounded in an Israeli airstrike targeting Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Six Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strike on Al-Zawaida

GAA HEALTH MINISTRY: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 51 Palestinians have been killed and more than 150 wounded by Israeli forces since the announcement of the end of the war.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Launches 20 Strikes Across Gaza Following Rafah Incident

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli army carried out 20 airstrikes across the Gaza Strip following the Rafah incident, according to Israeli media.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Orders Strikes after Alleged Ceasefire Breach

ISRAELI PM'S OFFICE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu instructed the army to strike "terrorist targets" in Gaza following what he called a Hamas violation of the ceasefire.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Denies Involvement in Rafah Incident

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades denied any involvement in the Rafah incident, reaffirming full commitment to the ceasefire and clarifying that they have no contact with their units in Rafah, an area now under Israeli control.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Vows Strong Response to Rafah Incident

ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESPERSON: An Israeli army spokesperson described the Rafah incident as a "blatant violation" of the ceasefire and said Israel would respond with force.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

18 Palestinians Killed in Gaza in One Day

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry reported that 18 Palestinians were killed and three others were injured in the past 24 hours. The total death toll since October 7, 2023, has risen to 68,159, with 170,203 wounded.

Sun, Oct 19, 4:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed in Israeli Airstrike on Jabaliya

WAFA: Two Palestinians were killed and others were injured in an Israeli airstrike east of Jabaliya, according to the Palestinian news agency WAFA. Ambulances were unable to reach the site due to ongoing danger in the area.

Sun, Oct 19, 2:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Hand Over 15 Palestinian Bodies to Gaza Health Ministry

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza announced that it had received the bodies of 15 Palestinians released by the Israeli occupation today, confirming that signs of beating and abuse were found on several of them.

Sun, Oct 19, 2:16 PM (Palestine Time)

PFLP Warns Against Turning Aid into Political Blackmail

PFLP: The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine warned against turning humanitarian aid into a tool of political blackmail and rejected any arrangements that undermine Gaza's unity or Palestinian sovereignty.

Sun, Oct 19, 2:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich Calls for Resumption of Fighting in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich called for the resumption of military operations in Gaza after what Israel claimed was a breach of the ceasefire in Rafah. His call came shortly after National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir made a similar demand.

Sun, Oct 19, 2:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Jabaliya

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that the air force launched strikes on areas in Jabaliya, northern Gaza, adding that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu left a cabinet meeting to hold urgent security consultations.

Sun, Oct 19, 12:25 PM (Palestine Time)

BREAKING: Gaza Truce Erupts as Israel Strikes Rafah after Deadly Breach

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel has launched air raids on Rafah in southern Gaza, citing a "breach of the ceasefire" after an alleged attack resulted in the deaths of two Israeli soldiers and the wounding of two others.

Sun, Oct 19, 12:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Air Strikes Target Jabaliya; Fighting in Rafah

Israeli Attacks on Jabaliya

Israel's Channel 12 reported that the Israeli Air Force is conducting strikes in the Jabaliya area of northern Gaza.

The report also noted that Benjamin Netanyahu left a cabinet session for urgent security consultations.

Heavy Clashes Continue in Rafah

The Israeli Army Radio, citing a military source, reported that heavy clashes are still ongoing in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

Sun, Oct 19, 12:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir Calls for Resumption of War in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to order the army to resume full-scale fighting in the Gaza Strip, following what Tel Aviv described as a breach of the ceasefire agreement in Rafah.

Sun, Oct 19, 12:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Rejects US Claims of 'Imminent Attack' as Netanyahu Closes Gaza's Lifeline

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A fragile ceasefire in Gaza faces twin threats: a diplomatic crisis fueled by US claims of an impending Hamas attack and Israel's refusal to reopen the crucial Rafah crossing.

Sun, Oct 19, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Fragile Gaza Truce Erupts: Israel Escalates in Rafah Citing Ceasefire Breach

The ceasefire agreement faces immediate collapse as Israel launches air raids on Rafah, claiming a security breach, while Netanyahu holds emergency security talks.

LATEST: Israel Strikes Rafah After Alleged Attacks on Troops

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is currently evaluating the security situation in the Gaza Strip with Defense Minister Yisrael Katz and other officials following what they termed a "breach of the ceasefire" in Rafah, southern Gaza.

Israeli Channel 14 reported that the Israeli occupation Air Force launched a series of raids on Rafah in response to this alleged breach.

The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) stated the Air Force's attacks followed an exchange of fire between the Israeli military and 'armed militants'.

Al Mayadeen, citing Israeli media, said that two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed, and two others were injured, as a result of a sniper operation and the detonation of an explosive device in Rafah.

Israeli Channel 12, citing sources, claimed that the raids on Rafah were also an effort “to protect the militias of Yasser Abu Shabab,” a reference that suggests Israel may be targeting Palestinian groups responsible for attacking these militias or providing them with cover.

This is What We Know So Far:

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is holding an urgent security assessment with his defense minister and top officials over the situation in Rafah.

The meeting was prompted by an alleged “breach of the ceasefire” in southern Gaza.

Israeli Air Force jets have launched strikes on Rafah, with Israeli media characterizing the attacks as a response to the ceasefire violation.

The immediate cause of the escalation appears to be a deadly incident, as alleged by Israeli sources: two Israeli soldiers were reported killed and two wounded in Rafah by a combination of sniper fire and an explosive device.

One Israeli media outlet suggested the air raids were also intended to “protect the militias of Yasser Abu Shabab,” indicating a complex security dynamic on the ground.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:54 AM (Palestine Time)

For First Time, Netanyahu Speaks on Israel’s Pager Bombings, Nasrallah’s Killing

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Netanyahu admitted orchestrating the deadly pager bombings in Lebanon and authorizing Nasrallah’s assassination, while hinting at future escalation against Iran.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Rafah in Southern Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli warplanes launched airstrikes on Rafah in southern Gaza, claiming to be responding to a breach of the ceasefire agreement, according to Israeli Channel 14.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

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Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

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Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Explosion Targets Israeli Military Vehicle in Rafah

ISRAELI MEDIA: An explosion hit an Israeli engineering vehicle in the Rafah area of southern Gaza, Israeli Channel 14 reported, without clarifying the cause.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Civil Defense in Gaza: 70,000 Tons of Unexploded Materials Threaten Residents

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: Mahnoud Basal, spokesperson for Gaza's Civil Defense, told Al Jazeera that the enclave lacks all basic life necessities and that 70,000 tons of unexploded materials pose a major threat to residents. He added that the search for bodies under the rubble requires significant time and equipment that civil defense forces do not possess.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Woman, Foreign Activist Injured in Settler Attack in Turmus Ayya

PRCS: A Palestinian woman and a foreign solidarity activist were injured after settlers attacked farmers in Turmus Ayya, north of Ramallah. The Palestinian Red Crescent said Israeli forces were preventing ambulances from reaching the wounded in Nablus's Al-Ain camp.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Second Captive's Body Identified

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 confirmed that the second body returned to Israel last night has been identified as that of an Israeli captive. Tel Aviv has now identified both bodies handed over by the Al-Qassam Brigades, while 16 others remain in Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Rejects US State Department Statement

HAMAS STATEMENT:

Hamas rejected the US State Department's claims about an imminent ceasefire violation, describing them as baseless.

The movement said Israel has "formed, armed, and funded criminal gangs" in Gaza, while Gaza's police, with community support, are pursuing them through legal channels.

Hamas called on the US to "stop echoing Israeli propaganda and instead restrain Israel's ongoing violations," saying the "false allegations align with Israeli narratives and provide cover for its crimes."

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Gantz: War Proved Israel Was Unprepared

ISRAELI MEDIA: Benny Gantz, leader of the National Unity Party, said the war proved Israel's lack of preparedness, noting a "collapse in public service and government ministries."

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Warns of Unexploded Ordnance Threats in Gaza

WAFA: Luke Irving, head of the UN Mine Action Service mission, warned that unexploded ordnance in Gaza poses growing risks as displaced residents begin returning to their homes. He said clearance efforts will take a long time and praised Palestinian civil society groups for their work in raising awareness.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Detonate Apartment in Tubas

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces blew up an apartment during their ongoing military operation in the city of Tubas, northern occupied West Bank.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Confirms Identification of Captive's Body

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed that the body of Ronen Engel, one of the Israeli captives, has been identified following its return from Gaza. The identification of the second body is still underway.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Euro-Med Monitor Condemns Israel's Destruction of EU-Funded Infrastructure in Gaza

EURO-MED MONITOR: The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor condemned Israel's systematic destruction of infrastructure and housing projects in Gaza funded by the European Commission and EU member states. It said the targeting of EU-funded projects — including hospitals, schools, and desalination plants — represents a grave violation of Israel's obligations as an occupying power under international law.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shells Eastern Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces fired artillery shells east of Gaza City, according to local Palestinian reports.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Gunboats Fire at Khan Younis Coast

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli naval vessels opened fire on the shores of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, according to Palestinian sources.

Sun, Oct 19, 1:24 AM (Palestine Time)

US State Department: Credible Reports of Imminent Hamas Violation of Ceasefire Agreement

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The US State Department said it had informed guarantor states of "credible reports" that Hamas is preparing to violate the Gaza ceasefire agreement by launching an attack against civilians in the Strip.

The statement described the alleged planned assault as a “direct and serious breach” of the ceasefire, warning that it undermines the significant progress achieved through mediation efforts.

Sun, Oct 19, 1:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: US Vice President’s Visit to Tel Aviv Postponed to Tuesday

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that US Vice President JD Vance’s visit to Israel has been postponed until Tuesday.

Sun, Oct 19, 1:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Receives Two Captive Bodies from Hamas

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel’s Channel 12 reported that the Israeli army received from Hamas the bodies of two Israeli captives, which are now en route to Israel.

Sun, Oct 19, 1:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Netanyahu’s Closure of Rafah Crossing Violates Agreement

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s decision to keep the Rafah crossing closed constitutes a violation of the ceasefire agreement.

Sat, Oct 18, 11:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Bombed Its Own People and Uses Their Bodies as Political Chips against Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: After having relentlessly bombarded Gaza for over two years, the Israelis insidiously use the remains of their own dead in order to threaten restarting the genocide.

Sat, Oct 18, 10:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff and Kushner to Draft Plan for Hamas Disarmament

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israeli Channel 12, citing American officials, the United States will be “deeply involved” in developments in Gaza.

US envoy Steve Witkoff and presidential adviser Jared Kushner will focus during their upcoming visit on continuing efforts to locate the bodies of Israeli captives and on establishing an international stabilization force in Gaza.

They reportedly requested that Israel allow a Turkish team to assist in the search for bodies and emphasized that Washington “will not allow Israel to reduce humanitarian aid to the Strip.”

The two will also work on formulating a plan for the disarmament of Hamas and Gaza.

Sat, Oct 18, 10:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Israel to Deport Foreign Activists in Solidarity with Palestinians

ISRAELI MEDIA: Haaretz reported that Israel will deport 32 foreign activists on Sunday after detaining them during an olive harvest in the village of Burin, in the occupied West Bank.

Sat, Oct 18, 10:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: War Will End Once Hamas Is Disarmed

NETANYAHU: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the war will conclude only after the completion of the second phase of the ceasefire agreement, which involves the disarmament of Hamas.

Sat, Oct 18, 9:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Confirms It Does Not Seek to Participate in Gaza's Governance Arrangements

HAMAS: Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem stated that the movement does not wish to take part in any administrative arrangements concerning the governance of the Gaza Strip.

He said Hamas agreed to form a Community Support Committee to assume governing responsibilities in Gaza and called for accelerating its establishment until a broader administrative body is agreed upon by all Palestinian factions.

Qassem noted that government institutions in Gaza continue to perform their duties, emphasizing that "any vacuum is extremely dangerous."

He added that discussions are underway with mediators to prepare for the second phase of negotiations, describing it as "complex," and said that efforts have begun to shape a unified national position on key issues.

Sat, Oct 18, 9:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Announce They Will Hand Over Two Bodies to Israel Today

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they will hand over two bodies of Israeli captives recovered earlier today in the Gaza Strip.

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Hamas: West Bank Resistance Will Not Break

HAMAS: Hamas said that the Tubas operation reaffirms that resistance in the West Bank "will neither break nor fade."

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'All Kinds of Torment' – Released Al-Awda Hospital Director Details Israeli Abuse of Doctors in Detention

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The recently released director of Al-Awda Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip, Dr. Ahmed Muhanna, revealed harrowing details of his nearly two-year detention by Israeli forces, accusing the occupation of deliberately targeting medical staff and subjecting detainees to severe abuse.

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Gaza Accuses Netanyahu of Obstructing Agreement, Urges Mediator Intervention

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza Government Media Office accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of obstructing the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and continuing to close border crossings and block food entry. The office called on guarantor parties to intervene immediately to compel Israel to fulfill its obligations under the agreement.

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Netanyahu Orders Rafah Crossing to Remain Closed

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu instructed that the Rafah border crossing remain closed until further notice, stating that it will not reopen until Hamas fulfills its commitments to return the bodies of Israeli captives.

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Gaza Health Ministry: 28 Palestinians Killed, 143 Wounded Since Ceasefire

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry said that 29 Palestinians have been confirmed killed since the ceasefire took effect—23 recovered from under rubble, two who succumbed to wounds, and four killed by direct Israeli attacks. It added that 143 Palestinians were injured over the past 48 hours, bringing the overall toll since October 7, 2023, to 68,116 killed and 170,200 injured.

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‘They Want Dignity, Not Just Aid’: UN Aid Coordinator Describes Gaza as ‘Wasteland’

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In an interview with Al-Araby, UN Humanitarian Coordinator Tom Fletcher described Gaza as a “wasteland” and said restoring basic services after two years of Israeli bombardment will be a “massive job.”