

LIVE BLOG: Vance Slams Israel's Annexation Plan as 'Stupid' as Fatah, Hamas Meet in Cairo – Day 751

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Israeli forces prevent Palestinian farmers from reaching their land in the occupied West Bank.

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US Vice President JD Vance rejected Israel's proposed annexation of the West Bank as a "stupid political stunt," reaffirming Washington's opposition to unilateral actions and commitment to the Gaza ceasefire.

Meanwhile, Palestinian factions gathered in Cairo to discuss the post-war future of Gaza, rejecting international control proposals and affirming that resistance weapons remain a national matter not open for negotiation.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 68,234 and injured 170,373 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sat, Oct 25, 12:23 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Factions Back Plan for Technocratic Gaza Committee, Call to Revive PLO

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Palestinian factions meeting in Cairo agreed to hand Gaza's administration to an independent technocratic committee, endorsed Egypt's postwar vision, and called for revitalizing the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

Fri, Oct 24, 11:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Ministers Call to Shoot 'Children and Donkeys' Near Gaza's Yellow Line

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli cabinet convened on Friday to discuss how to deal with Palestinians who approach the so-called "yellow line" in the Gaza Strip, where some ministers reportedly called for shooting even "children and donkeys," Israeli media reported.

Israeli Ministers Call to Shoot ‘Children and Donkeys’ Near Gaza’s Yellow Line

Fri, Oct 24, 11:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Raid Eastern Area of Nablus

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera’s correspondent reported that Israeli occupation forces raided the eastern area of the city of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank.

Fri, Oct 24, 11:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Clashes Erupt After Israeli Forces Storm Tuqu‘ Near Bethlehem

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Clashes broke out on Friday night between Palestinians and Israeli occupation forces following the army’s incursion into the town of Tuqu‘, southeast of Bethlehem.

Fri, Oct 24, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Why Israel Never Intended to Respect the Gaza Ceasefire – Analysis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Rubio said Hamas “cannot govern Gaza” while UNRWA would have no role in the enclave, calling the UN agency “a subsidiary of Hamas.”

Read [the latest analysis by Robert Inlakesh](#).

Fri, Oct 24, 10:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Civil Defense: We Are Operating with Almost No Resources

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

The Civil Defense in Gaza stated that there has been no real change on the ground except for the entry of a limited number of trucks that do not meet the needs of the devastated population.

The agency warned that the humanitarian catastrophe in the Strip continues, saying teams are operating with almost no resources amid massive destruction.

It urged the international community to act immediately to begin reconstruction, remove debris, and bring in heavy equipment, and called for the establishment of safe humanitarian corridors for rescue and medical teams to reach destroyed areas.

Fri, Oct 24, 10:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Poll: 52% of Israelis Oppose Netanyahu’s Candidacy

ISRAELI MEDIA: A new poll conducted by Israel’s Channel 12 found that 52% of Israelis oppose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu running in the next elections, while 41% expressed support for his candidacy.

Fri, Oct 24, 9:03 PM (Palestine Time)

US Military Operating Drones Over Gaza to Monitor Ceasefire Implementation

US MEDIA: The New York Times, citing Israeli and American officials, reported that the US military has begun operating drones over the Gaza Strip. The purpose of the surveillance flights is to monitor field conditions and ensure compliance with the terms of the ceasefire agreement currently in effect.

Fri, Oct 24, 9:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Required to Coordinate “Yellow Line” Operations with the US

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 quoted Israeli security sources as saying that Israel is now required to coordinate all its operations in the “Yellow Line” area in advance with the United States.

Fri, Oct 24, 9:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Security Source: No New Body Exchange Expected Soon

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli security source told the national broadcaster that the Red Cross has not given any indication of a new body exchange round taking place in the coming hours.

Fri, Oct 24, 9:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed in Israeli Shelling on Deir al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Gaza confirmed that Israeli shelling on eastern Deir al-Balah in central Gaza killed two Palestinians.

Fri, Oct 24, 7:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza and the Nakedness of the Emperor: A Reflection on ‘Peace’

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel claims the ‘right’ to exist. In fact, states do not exist as of right and, for Israel to claim a right to exist is a bit rich, seeing that it has done its best for the past 80 years to make sure that Palestine does not exist. Read [the latest article by Jeremy Salt](#).

Fri, Oct 24, 7:23 PM (Palestine Time)

ICJ Ruling on Israel’s Conduct in Gaza Will Generate More Heat against the Zionist Regime

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In another fatal blow to its pariah status as a rogue regime, the settler colonial regime, Israel, has once again been found to be in grave violation of International Law.

Read [the latest article by Iqbal Jassat](#).

Fri, Oct 24, 7:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Factions Conclude Cairo Meetings

AL-JAZEERA:

A senior Palestinian political source told Al-Jazeera that the factions have concluded their meetings in Cairo and will resume discussions in less than a month to address the future administration of Gaza.

According to the source, Egypt presented its vision for the day after the war, which involves governing Gaza through a technocratic committee made up of figures who remained in the Strip during the war.

The factions reportedly gave preliminary approval to the proposed names for the administrative committee and were informed that Cairo is engaging with both Washington and Tel Aviv to advance its proposal.

Fri, Oct 24, 7:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Municipality: We Call for the Full Opening of Crossings

AL-JAZEERA: A spokesperson for Gaza Municipality said that “everything done so far in the Gaza Strip is merely emergency relief.” He called for the full reopening of all crossings and noted that a list of urgent needs has been prepared, along with plans for their delivery into the Strip.

Fri, Oct 24, 7:21 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: Water and Sanitation Situation in Gaza Extremely Critical

UNICEF: The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported that the water, sanitation, and hygiene sectors in Gaza are in a severely critical state. It added that families’ basic needs for water and sanitation remain unmet amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Fri, Oct 24, 7:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Amnesty International: Over 860 Settler Attacks in the West Bank in 2025

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Amnesty International documented more than 860 violent settler attacks across the occupied West Bank during 2025. The organization stated that world leaders have a legal obligation to dismantle Israel’s occupation and end the apartheid regime in the West Bank.

Fri, Oct 24, 5:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Over 170,000 Injuries with 5,000 Amputees – WHO Details Gaza Health Crisis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the crisis in Gaza “is far from over and the needs are immense” despite the fragile ceasefire.

Fri, Oct 24, 5:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Preparing for Possible Handover of More Captives’ Bodies – Israeli Media

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel is preparing for the possible handover of the bodies of more Israeli captives, as part of the US-brokered ceasefire agreement, Israeli media reported on Friday.

Fri, Oct 24, 5:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Tribunal Holds Final Session in Istanbul to Examine Israeli Genocide in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The four-day session at Istanbul University brings together legal experts, survivors, and academics to evaluate evidence of Israeli genocide and systemic violations of international law in Gaza.

Fri, Oct 24, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Factions in Cairo Affirm Support for Ceasefire Agreement

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: In a joint statement from Cairo, Palestinian factions reaffirmed their support for the continued implementation of the Gaza ceasefire agreement. They agreed to hand over Gaza’s administration to an independent temporary committee composed of local figures from the Strip and called for a UN resolution authorizing the international force meant to monitor the ceasefire.

Fri, Oct 24, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: No Organization Can Replace Us in Supporting Gaza's Population

UNRWA: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) stated that its presence is vital to meeting urgent humanitarian needs across the occupied Palestinian territories. UNRWA stressed that the International Court of Justice “affirmed that no organization can replace us in supporting Gaza’s population.”

Fri, Oct 24, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Women Official: Gaza's Women Desperately Need Basic Supplies

UNITED NATIONS: A senior UN Women official told Al Jazeera that women in Gaza are in *urgent need* of basic necessities, noting that while aid deliveries have increased, they remain “far below what is required.”

Fri, Oct 24, 5:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Reaffirms Commitment to Ceasefire

HAMAS STATEMENT: The Hamas movement reaffirmed its full commitment to the Gaza ceasefire agreement, saying it completed the first phase by releasing live prisoners and several bodies and is working to finalize the remainder. Hamas warned that Israel might use the humanitarian file “as a tool for political blackmail” and urged mediators to pressure the occupation to honor its obligations, including lifting the blockade and allowing immediate aid entry.

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Rubio: No Alternative to Trump's Gaza Plan, We're Ensuring Its Success

US SECRETARY OF STATE MARCO RUBIO: During his visit to the Civil-Military Coordination Center in Tel Aviv, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said there is “no alternative” to President Donald Trump’s peace plan for Gaza, affirming Washington’s commitment to implementing it.

Rubio said:

“There are challenges in implementing the Gaza agreement, but also reasons for optimism.”

“Israel and Hamas must adhere to the ceasefire agreement.”

“We are working with international and charitable organizations to coordinate aid distribution in Gaza.”

“We are creating conditions for an international security force to stabilize Gaza.”

“If Hamas refuses to disarm, it will be violating the ceasefire agreement.”

“Imposing Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank would threaten the peace process and, I believe, will not happen.”

“UNRWA cannot play a role in Gaza—it is affiliated with Hamas.”

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Civil Defense: The Humanitarian Catastrophe Remains Unchanged

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: Gaza's Civil Defense said that the humanitarian disaster remains unchanged, with the trucks entering the Strip failing to meet even the minimum basic needs. It called for urgent action to begin reconstruction and remove the vast quantities of rubble left by destruction.

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Municipality Appeals for Emergency Aid

GAZA MUNICIPALITY: The Gaza Municipality said it has not received any construction materials, heavy machinery, or essential spare parts since the ceasefire began. It appealed to international and humanitarian organizations to urgently provide emergency supplies to alleviate the humanitarian crisis.

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officers Concerned about Possible Turkish Deployment in Gaza

HAARETZ: Israeli officers expressed concern over the potential deployment of Turkish forces in Gaza, stressing that the identity of the forces entering the Strip "must be agreed upon by all parties."

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

WHO: All Gaza Crossings Must Be Opened

WHO: The World Health Organization called for the opening of all crossings into the Gaza Strip, warning that many medical facilities are non-functional or unreachable.

The organization stated that about 15,000 people, including 4,000 children, need urgent medical evacuation from Gaza.

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army to Demobilize More Reserve Soldiers

ISRAELI MEDIA: Haaretz reported that the Israeli army plans to release additional reserve soldiers and cancel upcoming call-ups in the coming months. An Israeli official also said that "Israel is preparing to hand over the bodies of two soldiers this evening."

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Erdogan Accuses Israel of Violating Ceasefire Agreement

TURKISH PRESIDENCY: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused Israel of violating the Gaza ceasefire, stating that " Hamas is the party adhering to the agreement."

He said preparations are underway for Gaza's reconstruction and called for diplomatic pressure on Israel. Erdogan noted that the composition of the proposed stabilization force for Gaza "has not yet been determined."

Fri, Oct 24, 2:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Scores of Palestinian Bodies Buried Without Identification in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Dozens of bodies of Palestinian martyrs returned by Israeli forces were buried in Gaza without identification due to signs of torture and disfigurement. ^[L]_{SEP} Authorities in Gaza continue efforts to identify the bodies through visible markers such as clothing, height, and body features using limited resources.

Fri, Oct 24, 10:29 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Child Killed in Nablus; US Officials Express Concern Israel is 'Out of Control'

Child Succumbs to Wounds in Nablus:

A Palestinian child in the Askar refugee camp in Nablus (West Bank) died from wounds sustained by Israeli forces' gunfire.

Settlers Torch Vehicle:

Settlers set fire to a vehicle during an attack in the Al-Tel area of the town of Deir Dibwan, east of Ramallah.

Israeli Incursions and Arrests:

Israeli forces raided the town of Aqaba, north of Tubas.

An Israeli force arrested freed prisoner Malek Al-Jallad during a raid on his home in Tulkarem.

A young man was arrested during a raid on the village of Tel, west of Nablus.

Two young men were arrested during an incursion into the southern area of Hebron.

Settler Attacks:

Local sources reported that settlers attacked Palestinian homes in the village of Al-Tuba in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron.

Olive Harvest Under Attack:

The UNRWA Director in the West Bank highlighted that Palestinian olive trees are a target of Israeli actions, noting that settler violence, coupled with natural factors, has led to a 75% reduction in production this season compared to last.

Homes Demolished:

Palestinian sources reported that the Israeli army demolished residential homes in the eastern areas of Gaza City.

Shots Fired in Khan Yunis:

Shots were heard from Israeli army vehicles southeast of Khan Yunis.

Air Raid Sirens Mistake:

The Israeli army stated that the activation of air raid sirens in the Gaza envelope area was the result of an error in target identification.

Dire Conditions for Displaced:

An aid worker emphasized that the camps for the displaced suffer from severe shortages of water, food, and medicine, with most families relying entirely on the few daily aid deliveries. If aid does not arrive, residents go without food for the day.

US Warns Israel Against Undermining Deal:

Security officials told Haaretz that the Americans have made it acutely clear they “will not tolerate any Israeli surprises that could undermine the agreement,” and expect Israel to provide advance notification of any exceptional attacks, including air raids.

US Officials View Israel as ‘Out of Control’:

Politico, citing a source, reported that senior US officials informed an Arab ally that Israel is “out of control,” amid growing frustrations in Washington over the Israeli counter-offensive and the Knesset’s preliminary vote on annexing the West Bank.

Israel Prepares for Hostage Remains:

The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that Israel is preparing to receive a batch of captive bodies later this week as part of the first phase of the ceasefire agreement.

US Public Supports Palestinian State:

A Reuters/Ipsos poll showed that 59% of Americans support the US recognizing a Palestinian state, with support at 80% among Democrats and 41% among Republicans.

Support for Investigation:

A Maariv poll found that 64% of Israelis support the formation of an official commission of inquiry into the events of October 7, 2023.

Fri, Oct 24, 12:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Opposes Participation of States that Recognized Palestine in Gaza Stabilization Force

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported that Benjamin Netanyahu’s government informed Washington that it does not favor including countries that have recognized the State of Palestine in the stabilization force for Gaza.

Fri, Oct 24, 12:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Israel Will Do Nothing Regarding the West Bank

AP: US President Donald Trump said that Israel is “doing well” and “will do nothing regarding the West Bank,” following the Knesset’s preliminary approval of a bill to impose Israeli sovereignty over the occupied territory.

Fri, Oct 24, 12:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Fire Illumination Flares over Nour Shams Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that Israeli occupation forces fired illumination flares over the Nour Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarm, in the occupied West Bank.

Fri, Oct 24, 12:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Washington May Seek Alternative to Gaza Humanitarian Foundation

REUTERS: Reuters reported, citing a document, that the United States is studying an aid plan for Gaza that could replace the “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.”

Thu, Oct 23, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Premature, Low Birth Weight Babies Constitute 70% of Gaza Newborns – UN

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Premature and low birth weight babies now make up around 70 percent of newborns in Gaza, with one in three pregnancies regarded as high risk, a senior UN Population Fund (UNFPA) official has said..

Thu, Oct 23, 9:28 PM (Palestine Time)

‘Keep Riding Camels’: Smotrich Attacks Saudi Arabia over Palestinian Statehood Demand

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel’s far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich sparked outrage on Thursday after making disparaging remarks about Saudi Arabia, rejecting the idea of normalizing relations with the kingdom in exchange for recognizing a Palestinian state.

Thu, Oct 23, 9:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Zamir to Vance: Second Phase of Trump Plan Impossible Before Return of All Bodies

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir told U.S. Vice President JD Vance that progress toward the second phase of President Donald Trump’s Gaza plan “is not possible before the return of all the bodies of the detained Israelis.” Military intelligence officials also reportedly told Vance that Hamas is using the ceasefire period to rebuild its strength.

Thu, Oct 23, 9:15 PM (Palestine Time)

CENTCOM: Gaza Coordination Center Broader Than Military Alliance

CENTCOM: The U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) told the Jerusalem Post that the new coordination center in Israel “is fundamental to Gaza’s transition toward lasting stability.” The command added that many countries are interested in joining efforts to stabilize Gaza, stressing that “the Gaza Coordination Center is much broader than a military alliance” and that “emerging from two years of conflict will not be easy.”

Thu, Oct 23, 9:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu to Vance: Knesset Vote on Annexation Will Lead Nowhere

ISRAELI MEDIA: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Vice President JD Vance that the Knesset vote on annexing the West Bank “was only a preliminary reading and will not lead to any outcome.” Vance reportedly responded that “the vote should not have taken place while I am in Israel.”

Thu, Oct 23, 8:23 PM (Palestine Time)

‘World’s Against You’ – Trump Says He ‘Stopped’ Netanyahu from Continuing War

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: US President Donald Trump has said that he stopped Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from continuing the genocidal war on Gaza, else it might have “gone on for years.”

Thu, Oct 23, 8:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas and Fatah Delegations Meet in Cairo

AL-JAZEERA: Sources told Al Jazeera that a meeting took place in Cairo between delegations from Hamas, headed by Khalil al-Hayya, and Fatah, headed by Hussein al-Sheikh and Majed Faraj. The talks reportedly focused on the Palestinian political landscape and arrangements for the post-war period in Gaza.-

Thu, Oct 23, 4:12 PM (Palestine Time)

‘Very Stupid Political Stunt’ – JD Vance Says West Bank Will Not Be Annexed

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