

LIVE BLOG: Qassam Kill Two Soldiers as Reasons behind Israeli Killing of Journalists Revealed – Day 677

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A civil defense worker was injured by an Israeli strike in Gaza. (Photo: via social media)

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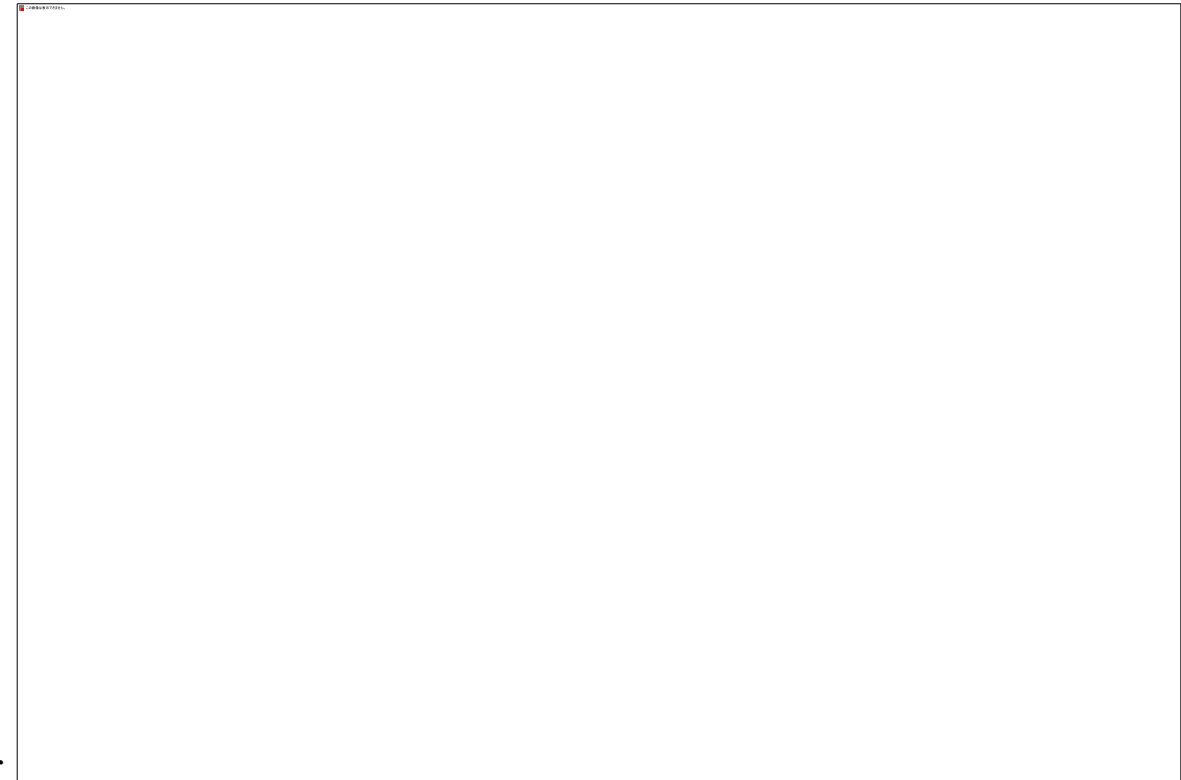
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Meanwhile, Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya, the director of al-Shifa Hospital, warned that Israel has killed Al-Jazeera's journalists in the Gaza Strip in preparation for "a major massacre" that it does not want to be covered by the media.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 61,499 and injured 153,575 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Tue, Aug 12, 11:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Why Did Netanyahu Suddenly Back Down from a Full Occupation of Gaza?

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Netanyahu's recent plan to occupy Gaza City was preceded by a broader one to occupy the entire Gaza Strip. He was forced to abandon this larger plan due to opposition from military chief Eyal Zamir.

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Tue, Aug 12, 11:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Created 'Legitimization Cell' to 'Whitewash' Journalists' Killings in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel's military intelligence established a special unit aimed at justifying the army's actions in Gaza, including the killing of journalists, according to Israeli investigative journalist Yuval Abraham.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah: We Successfully Struck Vital Israeli Targets

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN: The military spokesman for the Ansarallah said they successfully struck “Israeli enemy sites” in Haifa, the Negev, Umm al-Rashrash, and Beersheba. He added that four military operations targeted vital Israeli sites in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

US State Department: We Will Not Dictate to Israel What to Do in Gaza

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The US State Department said it would not dictate to Israel what it should do in Gaza or who it should allow or deny entry.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

UK Calls for Comprehensive, Independent Probe into Targeting of Journalists in Gaza

BRITISH MEDIA: The UK’s acting deputy permanent representative to the UN expressed deep concern over the targeting of journalists in Gaza and called for a comprehensive and independent investigation. She stressed that journalists must never be targeted.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Hind Rajab Foundation: ICC Cannot Ignore Israeli Admission of Journalists’ Assassination

AL-JAZEERA: HIND RAJAB FOUNDATION DIRECTOR: The director of the Hind Rajab Foundation told Al Jazeera that the International Criminal Court cannot ignore Israel’s admission to assassinating journalists, adding that Israeli military leaders bear criminal responsibility for the killings.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

71 Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 71 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in various areas of the Strip since dawn on Tuesday.

Tue, Aug 12, 9:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Chief Prevented from Entering Defense Minister’s Office

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation reported that Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir was prevented from entering the office of Defense Minister Israel Katz despite a scheduled meeting between them to approve military appointments.

Tue, Aug 12, 9:26 PM (Palestine Time)

White House: Gaza War Extremely Complex, Inherited from Biden

WHITE HOUSE: The White House said the Gaza war is “extremely complex” and was inherited from President Biden. It claimed to have made significant efforts to end the war but said Hamas had not agreed to US proposals.

Tue, Aug 12, 9:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades: We Destroyed Israeli Military Vehicle in Khan Yunis

AL-QUDDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades said their fighters destroyed an Israeli military vehicle with a high-explosive penetrator charge during its incursion into the Al-Katiba area in central Khan Yunis.

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Axios: Israel Considering Sending Negotiation Delegation to Doha

AXIOS: Axios, citing sources, reported that Israel is considering sending a high-level delegation to Doha later this week to meet Qatari officials as part of efforts to resume negotiations for a comprehensive deal to end the war and release all captives.

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Netanyahu: Partial Deal Is Behind Us

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Israel's i24 News that the partial deal is now "behind us," claiming Hamas had deceived them. He said he wants to recover all captives as part of ending the war on Israeli terms. Netanyahu insisted he makes the final decisions, that all his decisions have been correct, and that the Israeli public has decided he can deliver security, stability, and peace.

Tue, Aug 12, 7:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Netherlands Seeks Clarification from Israel over Killing of Al Jazeera Journalists

DUTCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: The Dutch Foreign Ministry has requested clarification from the Israeli embassy regarding the killing of six journalists, including Al Jazeera correspondent Anas Al-Sharif, in an Israeli strike on a tent in Gaza.

Tue, Aug 12, 7:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Air Force Reservists Protest Outside Defense Ministry for Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Air Force reservists staged a protest outside the Defense Ministry headquarters demanding a prisoner-exchange agreement.

Tue, Aug 12, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Announce Destruction of 52 Israeli Military Vehicles in Previous Operation

AL-QUDDS BRIGADES: A field commander with Al-Quds Brigades said that after a partial withdrawal of Israeli forces from mined areas east of Gaza, they confirmed the destruction of around 52 Israeli military vehicles.

Tue, Aug 12, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Injured in Israeli Drone Strike on Naqoura, South Lebanon

LEBANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH: The Lebanese Ministry of Health reported that two civilians were injured in an Israeli drone strike on the town of Naqoura in southern Lebanon.

Tue, Aug 12, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Rights Group: Six Israeli Army Commanders Responsible for Killing of Al-Sharif

HIND RAJAB FOUNDATION: The Hind Rajab Foundation said six Israeli military commanders are responsible for the killing of Anas Al-Sharif, including chiefs of staff, air force, and southern command.

Tue, Aug 12, 5:09 PM (Palestine Time)

‘Dozens of Boats’ – Global Sumud Flotilla Prepares to Break Gaza Siege

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Climate activist Greta Thunberg and Nelson Mandela’s grandson, Mandla Mandela, are among the activists from over 44 countries who are preparing for the “largest civilian maritime mission to Gaza” to break the siege on Gaza.

Tue, Aug 12, 5:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Guterres Sends Israel Letter Accusing It of Sexual Violence in Gaza

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO THE UN: Israel’s UN ambassador said he received a letter from UN Secretary-General António Guterres containing allegations that Israel committed acts of sexual violence against Palestinians in Gaza.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Reports of Interception of Yemeni Drone over Eilat

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media, citing eyewitnesses, reported seeing an interceptor missile in the skies over Eilat, southern Israel, and said a drone launched from Yemen was intercepted in the Eilat area.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

500 Infants in Gaza Hospitalized Due to Hunger and Malnutrition

AL JAZEERA: Munir Al-Bursh, Director-General of the Ministry of Health in Gaza, told Al Jazeera that 1,750 people have been killed while waiting for aid in the Strip. He said there have been more than 28,000 cases of malnutrition since the beginning of the year, with 500 infants currently hospitalized due to hunger and malnutrition.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

WHO Urges Israel to Allow Stockpiling of Medical Supplies

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: The World Health Organization called on Israel to allow it to store medical supplies in Gaza to address the catastrophic health situation in the Strip.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Belgian Trade Union Urges Airport Workers Not to Handle Tel Aviv Flights

NATIONAL LABOR UNION OF BELGIUM: The National Labor Union of Belgium called on Brussels Airport workers not to handle flights bound for Tel Aviv, citing ongoing genocide and violations of international law in Gaza and the West Bank since October 2023, and reaffirmed its support for workers refusing to normalize relations with Israel.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Announce Attacks on Israeli Tank and Soldiers

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said they targeted an Israeli Merkava tank with a Yassin-105 shell east of Al-Sheja'iya in Gaza City on July 4, 2025. They added that on July 5, they struck a house containing Israeli soldiers in the same area, killing and wounding them.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Shifa Hospital Director: Gaza Famine in Advanced, Dangerous Stage

AL JAZEERA: Mohammed Abu Salmiya, Director of Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza, told Al Jazeera that famine in Gaza has reached advanced and dangerous stages affecting all age groups, with 350,000 children under five suffering serious health conditions due to malnutrition.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Doctors' Union Allows Members to Join Captives' Families Strike

ISRAELI DOCTORS' UNION: The Israeli Doctors' Union announced it will allow members to join the general strike called by families of Israeli captives on Sunday, aimed at pressuring the Netanyahu government into a ceasefire deal and the release of captives.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

14 Wounded by Israeli Drone Fire in Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: The Gaza Civil Defense reported that 14 people were injured by Israeli drone fire in Al-Mawasi, Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Aug 12, 4:03 PM (Palestine Time)

100 Killed in Gaza in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza said hospitals have received 100 dead and 513 wounded in the past 24 hours, including 31 killed and 388 injured among those waiting for aid. The ministry said the total death toll since October 7, 2023, has risen to 61,599, with 154,088 wounded.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Italian FM: Israel Has 'Lost Reason and Humanity' over Gaza Occupation

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Italian Defense Minister Guido Crosetto condemned Israel's occupation of Gaza as "unacceptable," accusing Netanyahu's government of pursuing territorial conquest and of having "lost reason and humanity."

Tue, Aug 12, 1:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Medical Relief Director: Airdropped Aid Saves No Lives, Increases Theft

AL-JAZEERA: Mohammed Abu Afash, Director of Medical Relief in Gaza, told Al Jazeera that airdropping aid does not save lives and has led to deaths and injuries. He said the practice failed to avert famine risks, increased the number of thieves, and that incoming aid is looted before reaching citizens. He stressed that what enters Gaza is insufficient.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Civil Defense Member Killed in Al-Mawasi

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The Gaza Civil Defense mourned one of its members who was killed along with his parents in an Israeli strike on their tent in the Al-Mawasi area. The Civil Defense said its death toll across Gaza's governorates has risen to 137 since the start of the Israeli assault.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital Spokesman: Israel Determined to Block Baby Formula

AL JAZEERA: Khalil Al-Daqran, spokesman for Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, said the Israeli army is determined not to allow baby formula into the besieged Gaza Strip and that the aid that does enter does not reach those in need. He warned that around 300,000 people with chronic illnesses — most of whom are dying due to malnutrition — are at risk.

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Israeli Army Short by 10,000 Soldiers before Gaza Operation Expansion

ISRAELI CHANNEL 12: Israeli army assessments ahead of expanding operations in Gaza indicate a shortfall of about 10,000 soldiers compared to the required numbers. The army has also identified gaps in spare parts for some military vehicles due to foreign companies boycotting Israel.

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50 Palestinians Killed in Gaza since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 50 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces in various parts of the Strip since dawn Tuesday.

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Israeli Reserve General: 'This War Has No Benefit'

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Reserve General Nimrod Shefer said there is no benefit to this war, only harm, noting that Israel has deployed an unprecedented military force in Gaza for two years without success.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:28 PM (Palestine Time)

28 Killed in Strikes on Homes in Al-Zaytoun

AL-JAZEERA: The Gaza Civil Defense told Al Jazeera that 28 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes on homes in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, southeast Gaza City.

Tue, Aug 12, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

45 Palestinians Killed in Gaza since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 45 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces in various parts of the Strip.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Five Deaths from Starvation and Malnutrition in Gaza within 24 Hours

AL JAZEERA: The Ministry of Health in Gaza announced the death of five people, including two children, from starvation and malnutrition within 24 hours

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Child Dies in Gaza from Starvation and Malnutrition

AL JAZEERA: Nasser Medical Complex announced the death of six-year-old Jamal Fadi Al-Najjar due to starvation and malnutrition.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Letter to Israel over ‘Sexual Violence’ against Palestinian Prisoners

ISRAEL HAYOM: According to Israel Hayom, a letter from UN Secretary-General António Guterres to Israel’s UN envoy expressed concern over possible sexual violence by Israeli security personnel against Palestinians in prisons.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Aid Seekers Killed Near Netzarim Axis

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Awda Hospital reported that three Palestinians were killed and others injured by Israeli fire while waiting for aid near the Netzarim axis in central Gaza.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund Divests from Israeli Company

REUTERS: The head of Norway’s sovereign wealth fund said they have divested from Israeli holding company Beit Shemesh and expect to withdraw from more companies operating in Israel, continuing to reduce their Israeli portfolio

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

France Halts Renewal of Work Visas for El Al Airline Security Staff

JERUSALEM POST: France has stopped renewing work visas for security staff of Israeli airline El Al in Paris, part of its diplomatic missions, due to the war in Gaza.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Australian PM: Netanyahu in Denial over Gaza Situation

REUTERS: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Netanyahu is in denial about the humanitarian situation in Gaza and that his government’s reluctance to listen to allies contributed to Australia’s decision to move toward recognizing a Palestinian state.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Dispute Between Israeli Defense Minister and Army Chief

ISRAELI PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION: The army published an appointments list despite Defense Minister Katz’s opposition. Army Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir did not coordinate with the minister.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

UK MP Corbyn: Killing Palestinian Journalists ‘Disgusting’

AL-JAZEERA: Independent UK MP Jeremy Corbyn said the deliberate killing of Palestinian journalists is “utterly disgusting” and an attempt to cover up crimes against humanity.

Tue, Aug 12, 11:12 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes and Shelling on Gaza Strip

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli warplanes bombed the Al-Amal and Al-Katiba areas north of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, and shelled areas north of Nuseirat camp in central Gaza and central Khan Younis.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Snipe Occupation Soldiers East of Gaza – Resistance Roundup – Day 674

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Al-Qassam Brigades announced it had sniped two Israeli soldiers and bombed two occupation sites north and south of the Gaza Strip.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:40 AM (Palestine Time)

PA Security Forces Arrest Freed Prisoner in Northern Occupied West Bank

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian Authority security forces arrested freed prisoner Alaa Al-Din Hamdan from the city of Tulkarm in the northern occupied West Bank.

Tue, Aug 12, 1:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Killed Journalists in Preparation for ‘Major Massacre’ – Gaza Hospital Director

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel has killed Al-Jazeera’s journalists in the Gaza Strip in preparation for “a major massacre” that it does not want to be covered by the media, Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya, the director of al-Shifa Hospital, has warned.

Mon, Aug 11, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

UK: Targeting Journalists in Gaza ‘Deeply Concerning’

AL JAZEERA:

UK Minister of State for the Middle East:

The killing of five Al Jazeera journalists and the repeated targeting of journalists in Gaza is extremely concerning.

Journalists in Gaza risk their lives to report from the front lines.

Israel must ensure journalists can work safely.

Mon, Aug 11, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

France: We Condemn Killing of Journalists, Call for Border Access

AL JAZEERA:

The French president’s adviser told Al Jazeera:

We condemn the killing of journalists in Gaza and call on Israel to open the borders for journalists to carry out their duties.

Journalists' lives must be protected and we condemn what has happened.

Mon, Aug 11, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Municipality: Protect Civilians, Stop Destruction, Open Crossings Immediately

GAZA MUNICIPALITY:

The plan to occupy Gaza City is an assault on regional and international peace and security.

We call on the UN, the International Court of Justice, and all countries to act to stop the invasion of Gaza.

We call for ensuring the protection of civilians, halting destruction, and opening all crossings and borders immediately.

Mon, Aug 11, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

EU Condemns Killing of Five Al Jazeera Journalists in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said: "We condemn the killing of five Al Jazeera journalists in an Israeli airstrike on Gaza City."