

LIVE BLOG: Joy and Bombs: Gazans Celebrate Ceasefire Deal as Israeli Strikes Persist – Day 735

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Palestinian journalists celebrate the news of a ceasefire agreement after prolonged genocide. (Photo: Mohammed al-Haddad)

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US President Donald Trump said that a Gaza agreement is now imminent and indicated that he may travel to the Middle East on Saturday or Sunday, as the third day of negotiations continued in Sharm el-Sheikh.

Meanwhile, Israeli occupation forces carried out intense bombardments across several areas of the Gaza Strip, killing and wounding dozens in recent hours. The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that the death toll since the outbreak of the war two years ago has now exceeded 67,000.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 67,194 and injured 169,980 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Fri, Oct 10, 12:36 AM (Palestine Time)

‘They Stood Like Mountains’: Al-Hayya Hails Gaza’s People as Ceasefire Takes Effect

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya announced the complete end of Israel’s two-year genocidal war on Gaza following the Sharm el-Sheikh ceasefire agreement brokered under US President Donald Trump’s plan.

Fri, Oct 10, 12:36 AM (Palestine Time)

27 Palestinians Killed in Gaza in the Past 24 Hours

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 27 Palestinians were killed by Israeli army fire over the past 24 hours, including 18 in Gaza City.

Fri, Oct 10, 12:02 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Massacre Civilians in Gaza Hours before Ceasefire Takes Effect

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel launched a series of deadly raids across Gaza, killing and wounding civilians just hours before the ceasefire agreement with Hamas was set to take effect.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Ceasefire Deal ‘Will Bring Respite’: UNRWA Supplies ‘Ready to Go’ into Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini has said the agreement “to finally secure a ceasefire in Gaza and release the hostages is a huge relief” after the devastating two years of Israel’s genocidal assault on the enclave.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Condemns Gaza City Massacre

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas called on mediators and the US administration to “assume their responsibilities regarding the occupation’s crimes and intervene to compel it to stop bombing civilians.”

The movement said that “the systematic massacres committed by the occupation reveal its government’s insistence on continuing the genocide until the very last moment.”

Hamas added that “the massacre west of Gaza City aims to obstruct mediators’ efforts and disrupt the implementation of the agreement.”

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff and Kushner Join Netanyahu in Cabinet Session

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel’s Channel 12 reported that US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner entered the cabinet meeting alongside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Cabinet Meeting Postponed Again

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media outlets reported that the cabinet session was delayed again due to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s meeting with US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Heavy Israeli Airstrikes Hit Southwestern Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera’s correspondent reported a series of heavy Israeli airstrikes targeting several areas in the southwestern part of Gaza City.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Four Killed, 40 Missing in Gaza City Airstrike

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The Gaza Civil Defense said four Palestinians were killed and 40 others went missing after an Israeli airstrike hit a house in the Al-Sabra neighborhood, south of Gaza City.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir: Netanyahu Promised to Dismantle Hamas

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said, “We are happy for the release of all hostages, but we will vote against freeing murderers.” He added that Netanyahu “promised to dismantle Hamas, and if that doesn’t happen, we will dismantle the government.”

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Cabinet Vote Postponed Until 10 PM

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that no vote on the Gaza agreement took place during the cabinet session, which was postponed until 10 PM.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Khalil al-Hayya: Gaza’s People Fought a War the World Has Never Seen

HAMAS: Hamas leader in Gaza Khalil al-Hayya said:

“The people of Gaza fought a war unlike any the world has ever seen, standing firm against the enemy’s tyranny, massacres, and destruction.”

He praised Gaza’s steadfastness “in the face of killing, displacement, hunger, and loss,” honoring fallen leaders Haniyeh, al-Arouri, al-Sinwar, and al-Deif.

Al-Hayya said, “Our fighters stood like mountains before the enemy’s tanks and defeated all its plans of displacement and chaos.

As they were men on the battlefield, we were men at the negotiation table.”

He confirmed that the agreement includes Israeli withdrawal, aid entry, reopening of the Rafah crossing, and a prisoner exchange.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Casualties in Israeli Strike on Residential Building in Central Gaza City

GAZA EMERGENCY SERVICES: Medical sources reported deaths and injuries following an Israeli airstrike on a residential building in central Gaza City.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

WSJ: Gaza Ceasefire to Take Effect Once Israeli Cabinet Approves It

WSJ: The Wall Street Journal quoted informed sources saying the Gaza ceasefire agreement will come into force as soon as it receives approval from the Israeli government.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Peace Accords in the Middle East Will Expand Rapidly

WHITE HOUSE:

US President Donald Trump said he had agreed to deliver a speech before the Knesset “if invited.”

He stated that Hamas will be disarmed, and “Gaza will become a livable place where people can have better conditions.”

Trump added that the US is in contact with wealthy nations that will contribute to Gaza’s reconstruction and said, “I expect the peace accords in the Middle East to expand rapidly.”

He concluded, “We know where most of the hostages are, though finding some of the dead may be difficult.”

Thu, Oct 9, 8:12 PM (Palestine Time)

‘Heavy Price’ – Concerns over Ceasefire Deal Emerge in Israeli Politics

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Concerns emerged within Israeli political circles on Thursday following the announcement of an agreement having been reached between Hamas and Israel for a ceasefire in Gaza and prisoner exchange deal.

Thu, Oct 9, 8:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: We Ended the War in Gaza, and Many Countries Will Fund Reconstruction

TRUMP: US President Donald Trump declared, “We ended the war in Gaza,” adding that “peace in the Middle East will be lasting.”

He said the release of hostages is expected on Monday or Tuesday, and praised Qatar, Egypt, and Türkiye for their roles in reaching “this great outcome.”

Trump announced plans to travel to the Middle East for a signing ceremony in Egypt, adding that “many countries will contribute large sums to rebuild Gaza.”

He claimed Hamas lost about 70,000 fighters and said “the war must end,” also noting that “the strike on Iran was important for reaching the Gaza deal.”

Thu, Oct 9, 8:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Conflicting Reports over Israeli Cabinet Vote on Gaza Agreement

CNN: CNN quoted an Israeli official saying the cabinet convened Thursday to vote on the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire deal. However, the Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that the session was postponed until 8 p.m. local time.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:54 PM (Palestine Time)

World Leaders Optimistic as Hamas, Israel Agree to First Phase of Gaza Ceasefire

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: World leaders have welcomed the announcement that Hamas and Israel agreed to the first phase of a US-proposed Gaza ceasefire deal.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli FM: We Have No Intention of Renewing the War

FOX NEWS: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar told Fox News that Israel is committed to President Donald Trump's plan and hopes all its clauses will be implemented, stressing that "Israel has no intention of renewing the war on the Gaza Strip."

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Source: Negotiations on Prisoner Lists Still Underway

AL-JAZEERA: A senior Hamas source told Al Jazeera that talks over prisoner-exchange lists are still ongoing, with mediators exerting intensive efforts to finalize the issue within hours.

The source said Hamas submitted its final response this morning regarding the implementation timeline and the exact date the ceasefire will take effect.

All meetings in Sharm el-Sheikh were conducted indirectly through mediators, without direct contact between the delegations.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Culture Minister: We Must Proceed with the Deal, Even at a High Price

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli Culture Minister Miki Zohar said, "We must move forward with the deal even if it comes at a heavy price."

He added that the hostage agreement will pass in the cabinet vote despite opposition from Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Killed in Israeli Strike on Central Khan Younis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A Palestinian was killed in an Israeli bombardment targeting central Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli PM's Office: Marwan Barghouti Not Included in Prisoner List

ISRAELI PM'S OFFICE: The Israeli Prime Minister's Office confirmed that Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti will not be released as part of the ceasefire agreement.

Barghouti has been imprisoned since April 2002, serving five life sentences and an additional 40 years for his role in operations carried out by Fatah-linked groups.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Injuries from Israeli Drone Fire at Al-Yarmouk School in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital reported several injuries from Israeli drone fire targeting Al-Yarmouk School in western Gaza City.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Government Spokesperson: Netanyahu's War Goals Have Been Achieved

ISRAELI MEDIA:

The Israeli government spokesperson said, “We have reached a decisive point in this war; all objectives set by the prime minister have been achieved.”

She added that the ceasefire will come into effect within 24 hours following the cabinet meeting, with the army redeploying along the “yellow line,” representing control over roughly 53% of Gaza.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

CNN: Dispute Continues over Palestinian Prisoner List

CNN: An Israeli source told CNN that negotiations over the list of Palestinian prisoners are ongoing, as Hamas insists on including detainees Israel has not yet approved. The Israeli Prison Service has yet to receive the finalized list of names.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Radio: Yahya Sinwar’s Body Not Included in the Deal

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio cited a security source saying that the bodies of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar and his brother Mohammed will not be handed over under the current agreement.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Erdogan: Türkiye to Help Monitor Ceasefire and Rebuild Gaza

ANADOLU: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said Israel must immediately stop its attacks and withdraw to the agreed lines after signing the deal. He confirmed that Türkiye will take part in monitoring the ceasefire’s implementation and contribute to Gaza’s reconstruction.

Thu, Oct 9, 5:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Urgent Next Steps for Palestine at the UN: Time to Invoke ‘Uniting for Peace’

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The UN and world governments must urgently call up an Emergency Special Session under the title “Uniting for Peace” to vote for the official recognition of Palestine and other actions to isolate Israel.

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Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Spokesperson: Israel Is Trying to Manipulate the Terms of the Agreement

AL-JAZEERA:

A spokesperson for Hamas told Al Jazeera that the Israeli occupation is attempting to manipulate the agreed-upon timelines, prisoner lists, and withdrawal steps.

He added that Israel continues to stall on key issues, including the withdrawal process, the names of prisoners to be released, and the return of displaced Palestinians.

“We call on the occupation to abide by what was agreed upon and urge mediators to exert pressure,” he said, adding that mediators confirmed the deal marks the beginning of the end of the genocidal war on Gaza.

He also stated that all captives—both living and deceased—will be handed over in the first phase of the agreement.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Washington Post: Witkoff Arrives in Israel Today

WASHINGTON POST: The Washington Post reported that US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff is expected to arrive in Israel on Thursday evening.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Joint Task Force to Locate Remains of Israeli Captives in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: A senior Turkish official told Al Jazeera that Türkiye will join a joint task force—alongside the US, Qatar, Egypt, and Israel—to help locate the remains of Israeli captives in Gaza.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Prepares for Redeployment to New Lines

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli military announced preparations for redeployment to new lines, following a field assessment and based on political directives.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Lapid Demands Netanyahu Clarify All Clauses of Gaza Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Opposition leader Yair Lapid called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to convene a security briefing before the cabinet vote on the Gaza ceasefire deal, requesting a detailed explanation of all its terms, Yedioth Ahronoth reported.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Crowds Gather with Families of Israeli Captives in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that hundreds of demonstrators gathered in central Tel Aviv alongside families of Israeli captives following the announcement of the Gaza agreement.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Civil Defense Warns Citizens Against Returning Prematurely

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Civil Defense in Gaza urged residents of southern areas not to attempt to return to Gaza City, warning that Israeli forces remain in dangerous zones and random movement could endanger lives.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Official: Return of Captives Expected to Begin Monday

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli official told Channel 13 that the process of returning captives is expected to begin on Monday.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:40 PM (Palestine Time)

After The Prisoner Exchange, over 11,000 Palestinian Hostages Will Remain

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: More Palestinian hostages have been killed than Israelis, yet there is almost no coverage of this, as there is often no mention that the majority of Israeli captives who died in Gaza were killed by Israeli bombings.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Channel 12: Gaza Ceasefire to Begin at 9:00 GMT

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip will take effect at 12 p.m. local time (9:00 GMT) following the signing of the agreement.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Reuters: Release of 20 Captives from Gaza Expected Sunday or Monday

REUTERS: An Israeli official told Reuters that the release of 20 Israeli captives from Gaza is expected to take place on Sunday or Monday.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Resistance Factions Welcome Gaza Ceasefire Agreement

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian resistance factions hailed the ceasefire deal as "a natural result of our people's steadfastness," emphasizing that their priorities remain lifting the siege, ensuring aid delivery, reconstruction, and a prisoner exchange.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Casualties Reported in Israeli Strike on Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported several injuries following an Israeli airstrike on central Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Channel 13: Discussions Ongoing over Identities of Palestinian Prisoners to Be Released

ISRAEL'S CHANNEL 13: Israeli sources said that discussions are still underway regarding the identities of Palestinian prisoners who will be released under the agreement.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

WHO Ready to Expand Operations in Gaza

WHO: The World Health Organization said it is ready to scale up its work to meet urgent health needs in Gaza and support the rehabilitation of the enclave's devastated health system.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:00 PM (Palestine Time)

World Food Programme: We Must Move Now Toward Gaza

WFP: World Food Programme Executive Director Cindy McCain said the organization is prepared to expand its operations in Gaza and urged that "we must move now" to deliver life-saving assistance.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:43 AM (Palestine Time)

What's in the Israel-Hamas Gaza Ceasefire Agreement: All the Details of the First Phase

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: From the terms of the ceasefire to the prisoner exchange, Israeli withdrawal, aid convoys, and the fate of Gaza's governance, everything revealed about the first phase of Trump's plan.

Thu, Oct 9, 10:44 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Deal: International Scrutiny Continues Amid Calls for Accountability Germany (Chancellor Friedrich Merz):

Berlin is still monitoring the situation regarding the Gaza agreement but remains confident a solution will be reached this week.

Spain (Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares):

We must do everything to apply the agreement in Gaza.

The Netanyahu government must put an end to the genocide against the Palestinians and take real steps toward a final peace.

Final peace is conditional on the two-state solution and the establishment of a State of Palestine.

Those responsible for the genocide in Gaza must be held accountable.

Thu, Oct 9, 11:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Ceasefire Deal: Celebrations Erupt Amid Ongoing Israeli Attacks

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Early on Thursday, October 9, 2025, residents across the Gaza Strip poured into the streets to celebrate the announcement of a phased ceasefire agreement intended to halt the Israeli genocide and secure the release of captives, based on a plan by US President Donald Trump.

Thu, Oct 9, 10:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Ceasefire: Global Support Continues

France:

Welcomed the deal and the efforts of mediators (Trump, Qatar, Egypt, Turkey). Called on all parties to strictly adhere to the terms and ensure the agreement marks the end of the war and the start of a two-state solution.

China:

Hopes for a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire as soon as possible and stands ready to work with the international community for a just solution to the Palestinian issue.

Türkiye:

Expressed pleasure that negotiations led to a ceasefire. Vowed that Türkiye will closely monitor strict implementation and continue to contribute to the process.

Germany & Italy:

Berlin welcomed the deal as paving the way for hostage release and a ceasefire. Italian PM Giorgia Meloni saw the agreement as an opportunity to end the conflict.

Extremist Opposition:

Israeli extremist Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich announced he cannot vote for the deal due to “immense fear of the consequences of emptying prisons and releasing the next generation of terror leaders.” He stressed the necessity of destroying Hamas after the hostages return and warned against accepting a deal that exchanges hostages for an end to the war.

Preparations:

Israeli media reported that hospitals are preparing to receive and examine the living hostages upon their release.

Achievement for Resistance:

Both the Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front hailed the agreement as an achievement born from the sacrifices of the Palestinian people and the strength of the Resistance. They stressed that the deal broke the Zionist goals and was not a “gift from anyone.”

Thu, Oct 9, 8:58 AM (Palestine Time)

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Thu, Oct 9, 8:56 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza: Continued Shelling Despite Deal

Israeli Artillery Fire:

Israeli occupation forces reportedly shelled the vicinity of Al-Sina'a Street, southwest of the Al-Sabra neighborhood in Gaza City. This reflects the continued military activity despite the announced agreement.

Norway's Caution:

Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide expressed “cautious optimism” about the Gaza agreement, adding that it should be warmly welcomed.

Italy Ready to Help:

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani stated that “good news is coming from the Middle East” and affirmed that Italy is ready to help stabilize the ceasefire and participate in the reconstruction of Gaza. Italy is also prepared to send troops if an international peacekeeping force is formed.

UN Aid Preparedness:

The UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs confirmed that UN teams are ready to move large-scale aid trucks to save lives in Gaza.

Thu, Oct 9, 8:09 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Ceasefire Deal: Israel Prepares Redeployment as World Calls for Full Implementation

Israeli Redeployment:

Israeli Army Radio reported that combat teams in the Gaza Strip received orders to prepare for redeployment. Occupation forces are preparing for either a full withdrawal or to reposition in rear lines over the coming days.

Release Timeline:

The New York Times and the Israeli Ambassador to Washington both suggested the release of all living captives held in Gaza is likely to occur on Sunday or Monday. President Trump mentioned Monday as the release day for both the captives and the bodies of the deceased.

Israeli Withdrawal Speed:

A White House official told ABC that the Israeli withdrawal to the separation line in Gaza will take less than 24 hours.

Hamas Action:

Hamas announced it has submitted the lists of Palestinian prisoners to mediators, following agreed-upon criteria, pending final agreement on the names.

Trump's Guarantee:

A source close to the mediators reported that President Trump provided guarantees not to allow Israel to resume the war after the captives are recovered.

Israeli Army:

The Israeli Army welcomed the agreement and said the Chief of Staff instructed all forces to prepare for a strong defense and for the expected operation to return the captives with "sensitivity and professionalism."

Israeli Justice Minister:

Israeli Justice Minister Yariv Levin told Channel 12 that the agreement with Hamas includes "painful concessions." He claimed that Israel will work to ensure that Hamas does not regain possession of weapons.

Global Calls for Implementation:

UK PM Keir Starmer welcomed the agreement, calling for its full implementation without delay and the immediate lifting of all restrictions on aid to Gaza.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged all parties to fully commit to the agreement, ensure the dignified release of all detainees, a permanent ceasefire, and the immediate, unimpeded entry of humanitarian and essential commercial supplies.

Australia and Canada also welcomed the step as necessary progress toward peace and called for swift implementation.

Hamas Statement:

Hamas Political Bureau member Izzat Al-Rishq hailed the agreement as a “national achievement,” stressing that what Israel failed to achieve through genocide and starvation it did not achieve through negotiation.

Calls for a Permanent Solution:

Amnesty International stressed that the ceasefire must be a step toward ending the illegal Israeli occupation and the genocide, warning that a temporary cessation is not enough.

Celebrations in Gaza:

Footage showed Gazans celebrating in the streets of Gaza City, Khan Yunis, and other areas following the agreement announcement. Journalists were seen driving around to inform residents.

Continued Israeli Attacks (Despite Deal):

Israeli warplanes launched raids on the Al-Hawa neighborhood in southern Gaza City and carried out heavy shelling in western Gaza, hitting a house in Al-Shati camp.

Airstrikes and artillery shelling continued in the central area of Khan Yunis.

Israeli forces continued to detonate explosive armored vehicles between homes in the Al-Sabra neighborhood.

Israeli Army Warning:

An Israeli army spokesperson warned that forces still surround Gaza City and that the area north of the Gaza Valley remains a dangerous combat zone; residents must refrain from moving north.

Trump Invited to Knesset:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu invited President Trump to speak in the Knesset (Israeli Parliament).

Trump's Intent:

Trump told Axios that he is likely to visit Israel in the coming days and would certainly address the Knesset if they wished. He also mentioned a “wonderful” call with Netanyahu, who is “very happy.”

Thu, Oct 9, 2:39 AM (Palestine Time)

BREAKING: Gaza War to End as Hamas Confirms First Phase Agreement

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hamas and Israel have reached the first phase of a US-brokered Gaza ceasefire under Trump's plan, ending the war, ensuring Israeli withdrawal, and initiating a prisoner exchange.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Confirms Agreement to End War

Official Confirmation of Agreement (Hamas):

Hamas officially announced that an agreement has been reached to end the war on Gaza.

Key Terms: The deal includes:

Ending the Israeli war on Gaza.

Withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces.

Entry of humanitarian aid.

Prisoner exchange (swap).

Acknowledgement of Mediators:

Hamas praised the efforts of the mediators in Qatar, Egypt, and Türkiye, as well as the efforts of President Trump, who sought to permanently stop the war.

Demand for Compliance:

Hamas called on President Trump, the guarantor nations, and Arab/Islamic parties to compel Israel to fully implement the agreement and not allow the occupation to evade or delay its application.

Continued Military Attacks:

Al-Jazeera's correspondent reported that Israeli warplanes launched raids on Gaza City early this morning (Thursday).

These strikes occurred simultaneously with the announcements from both the US President and mediators regarding an agreement to end the war.

Thu, Oct 9, 2:09 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Israel and Hamas Signed First Phase of Peace Plan

Major Announcement:

Agreement Signed: US President Donald Trump announced that Israel and Hamas have signed the first phase of their peace plan.

Imminent Captive Release: This signing means that all hostages will be released very soon.

Israeli Withdrawal: Israel will withdraw its forces to an agreed-upon line as a first step toward a strong and lasting peace.

Fair Treatment: Trump assured that all parties will be treated fairly.

Thu, Oct 9, 1:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Impending Gaza Deal: Agreement Expected Today

Agreement Signing Today:

Israeli officials told Channel 12 that the Gaza deal is expected to be signed today (Thursday).

Final Drafting Stage:

Sources told Al-Jazeera that the agreement is currently in "final drafting" with both the Palestinian and Israeli delegations, having overcome all major obstacles.

Positive Responses:

Mediators received positive responses from both sides regarding the first phase of the Trump Plan.

Official Announcement Soon:

An Israeli official told the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation that an announcement of the deal is likely within hours.

US Preparation:

Washington is preparing the text of a speech for President Donald Trump to announce the deal, with him also expected to post on Truth Social soon. A memo handed to Trump by Secretary of State Marco Rubio reportedly indicated the agreement is “very close.”

Captives Release Timeline:

Israeli officials stated the first release of captives held in Gaza is anticipated on Saturday or Sunday.

Negotiation Photos:

Palestinian media published photos from the Sharam El Sheikh negotiation sessions, showing the Qatari, Turkish, and Hamas delegations.

Ongoing Devastation:

The Government Media Office in Gaza reported that despite international calls for a ceasefire amid the talks, the Israeli genocide continues. They recorded 271 raids over the past five days, resulting in 126 martyrs.

Demolition in Al-Sabra:

The Israeli forces detonated an explosive armored vehicle containing tons of explosives to destroy citizens' homes in the Al-Sabra neighborhood in southern Gaza City.

Humanitarian Moment:

Activists circulated a video clip of a paramedic comforting sibling children injured in an Israeli raid on Gaza City.

Funeral in Deir Jarir:

Palestinians mourned and participated in the funeral of captive Jihad Ajaj, who was killed on Wednesday evening by settler gunfire while confronting their attack on Deir Jarir village, northeast of Ramallah.

Jerusalem Incursion:

Israeli forces raided the Shafat refugee camp north of occupied Jerusalem early on Wednesday.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Bombards Eastern Gaza Neighborhoods

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that Israeli artillery shelled the neighborhoods of Al-Sheja'iya, Al-Tuffah, and Al-Daraj in eastern Gaza City early Thursday. Simultaneously, Israeli warplanes were seen flying at low altitude over Gaza City.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Eight Palestinians Killed While Seeking Food Aid in Gaza

AL-AQSA TV: Medical sources told Al-Aqsa TV that eight Palestinians suffering from hunger and siege conditions were shot and killed by Israeli forces in Gaza over the past 24 hours while trying to obtain humanitarian aid. The victims were among thousands of displaced civilians trapped under severe food shortages across the besieged Strip.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Wounded Soldiers Evacuated from Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that a military evacuation helicopter transported wounded soldiers from the Gaza Strip to Beilinson Hospital in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night.

Thu, Oct 9, 12:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump Hints at Imminent Gaza Agreement

WHITE HOUSE: US President Donald Trump said an agreement on Gaza is near, adding that he may visit Egypt and possibly the Middle East before the release of Israeli captives.

When asked whether he would consider visiting Gaza, Trump replied, "I might, but no decision has been made yet."

He added that Secretary of State Marco Rubio informed him that negotiators "are very close to a Middle East agreement," stressing that "peace in the region is within reach."

Thu, Oct 9, 12:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Intercepts Second Drone from Yemen

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that its air force intercepted a second drone launched from Yemen, only hours after intercepting a first one near the Egyptian border.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Kills Two Medical Workers Daily, Journalist Every Three Days – Latest Data

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation forces are killing an average of two medical workers every day and causing 13 amputations every two days, according to Gaza's Government Media Office on Tuesday

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Al-Quds Brigades Strike Israeli Forces as Al-Nakhalah Reaffirms Refusal to Surrender

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Quds Brigades struck Israeli forces near Shati and Tel al-Hawa as PIJ leader Ziyad al-Nakhalah vowed that Palestinians "will not surrender," stressing that negotiations hinge on prisoner exchange and a full Israeli withdrawal.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Prominent Journalists Drafted Speeches for Israel's UN Ambassador – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hacked emails from the inbox of former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Ros Prosor, have revealed that "an array" of prominent journalists, including The

Atlantic's David Frum and British journalist Douglas Murray, offered "direct assistance" to Israeli officials, including writing their speeches, during Tel Aviv's 2014 attack on Gaza.

Wed, Oct 8, 11:27 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Source: Mediators Conclude Meetings with Palestinian Delegation

AL-JAZEERA: A senior Palestinian source told Al Jazeera that mediator meetings with the Palestinian delegation have just concluded, with mediators now meeting the Israeli side to obtain final responses on pending issues.

Progress was reportedly made on the lists for prisoner exchange and guarantees preventing a return to war after the release of Israeli captives.

Hamas agreed to release all Israeli captives while postponing the handover of bodies until field conditions allow.

Mediators asked both delegations to treat Friday as the final deadline for negotiations and acknowledged the Palestinian request to coordinate withdrawal maps before any releases.

They also told the Palestinian delegation that if a deal is reached, President Trump will officially declare the end of the war.

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Trump: Negotiations with Hamas Going Well

AL-JAZEERA: US President Donald Trump said that negotiations with Hamas "are going well," adding that he might travel to the Middle East on Sunday. He noted that "all Arab and Islamic countries are now involved in the process—something that has never happened before."

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Israel Intercepts Drone Launched from Yemen

ISRAELI ARMY: Israeli media, citing the army, reported that the Israeli Air Force intercepted a drone launched from Yemen near the Israeli-Egyptian border.

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CNN: Trump May Visit the Middle East

CNN: CNN quoted US Secretary of State Marco Rubio as saying that President Donald Trump may travel to the Middle East if a ceasefire agreement in Gaza is reached.

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Spanish Official: Israel Does Not Want a Palestinian State

AL-JAZEERA: Hana Moro, a senior figure in Spain's ruling party, told Al Jazeera that Israel's continued violations are fueled by the absence of international accountability. "The Israeli government does not want the establishment of a Palestinian state," she said, urging the UN to take concrete action to pressure Israel and its supporters to comply with international law.

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Israeli Airstrikes Hit Eastern Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera's correspondent reported that Israeli warplanes launched a series of intense airstrikes targeting the eastern areas of Gaza City, marking a new escalation in the ongoing military offensive.

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Axios: Rubio to Skip Paris Meeting at Israel's Request

AXIOS: According to Axios, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will not attend the Paris meeting of foreign ministers on Gaza's postwar arrangements, reportedly at Israel's request. An Israeli official told the outlet that Tel Aviv asked President Trump's administration to avoid participating, arguing that the meeting could "distract from Trump's plan and undermine the ongoing negotiations."

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Israel 'a Collapsing Entity' – Mandla Mandela Says Flotilla Activists 'Unshaken'

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: South African activist Mandla Mandela, who was detained in Israel for his participation in the Global Sumud Flotilla, has called Israel "a collapsing entity" and emphasized that there would "never be justice on stolen land."

Read [the latest article by Nurah Tape](#), reporting from Cape Town.

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Civil Defense in Gaza: Israel Using New Methods of Genocide

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE:

The Gaza Civil Defense said that while Israel has avoided committing large-scale massacres during the ongoing negotiations, it has intensified destruction across Gaza City.

"What is happening in Gaza is not calm—it is genocide by different means, aimed at depriving residents of any place to return to," the statement read.