## LIVE BLOG: Israel Resumes Genocide | PIJ Spokesman Killed – Day 529

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Hundreds of Palestinians were killed and many more wounded were killed as the Israeli occupation resumed its genocidal war on Gaza, after a hiatus of nearly two months. The extensive Israeli bombing targeted various parts of the Strip.

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#### Woman and Child Killed in Israeli Airstrike in Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A woman and her child were killed, and others were injured, in an Israeli airstrike targeting a tent housing displaced people west of Khan Yunis.

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### Olmert: War Kills Innocents in Gaza, Israel Has Achieved All It Can

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli PM Ehud Olmert said that Israel has achieved all it can through military operations, but enough is enough. He added that the war is killing innocents in Gaza, endangering the remaining captives and Israeli soldiers.

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#### Netanyahu Reappoints Ben-Gvir as National Security Minister

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reported Netanyahu's government approved the reappointment of Itamar Ben-Gvir as National Security Minister, despite opposition from the government's legal advisor.

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#### UN Official: We Failed to Prevent Genocide in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Francesca Albanese stated that what is happening in Gaza aims at ethnic cleansing in the remaining parts of Palestine. She admitted the failure to prevent genocide in Gaza and emphasized that the struggle for the rights of Gaza's people is a moral necessity.

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#### Hamas Appreciates Arab Stances, Calls for Pressure on Washington

HAMAS STATEMENT:

Hamas called on friendly nations to pressure Washington to stop the aggression and genocide against civilians in Gaza.

The movement appreciated Arab, Islamic, and international stances rejecting Israel's resumption of aggression on Gaza and urged the UN to take urgent action against Zionist violations of international law.

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#### 50,000 Protest in Tel Aviv Demanding Return to Negotiations

ISRAELI MEDIA: Around 50,000 people protested in Tel Aviv tonight, demanding a return to negotiations. Opposition leader Yair Lapid called on Israelis to take to the streets and protest.

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#### Hamas Leader al-Nono: : Bombing Will Lead to Killing Many Israeli Captives

TOP HAMAS OFFICIAL:

Taher Al-Nono stated that Hamas has not closed the door to negotiations and agreed to proposals by Bowler and Wittkof.

He emphasized that Netanyahu is gambling with the lives of the remaining captives and that the US is complicit in the crimes.

Over 70% of the victims are children, women, and the elderly, constituting a war crime.

Al-Nono stressed that Hamas is working to stop the aggression and defend its people if Israel invades.

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## Gaza Health Ministry Calls for Urgent Field Hospitals

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry called on the international community to urgently provide field hospitals.

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#### Series of Explosions Shake Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A series of explosions shook Gaza.

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#### Netanyahu: What Happened in Gaza is Just the Beginning

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that what happened in Gaza is just the beginning. He vowed to continue the war until all captives are freed, Hamas is eliminated, and Gaza no longer poses a threat to Israel.

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#### Ansarallah Leader al-Houthi: Leader: Israel Strikes Palestinians with American Bombs

#### ABDUL-MALIK AL-HOUTHI:

The Ansarallah leader accused Israel of using American bombs to target the Palestinian people in Gaza. He claimed that Israel, with American advice, has massacred hundreds of Palestinians.

There is no alternative to taking responsibility in confronting the Israeli enemy.

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#### Israeli Army Prepares for Ground Operations and Cutting Water to Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 14 reported that the Israeli army is preparing to expand its aerial operations and is gearing up for ground operations, including cutting off water to northern Gaza.

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#### Medical Sources to Al Jazeera: Death Toll Reached 429 Martyrs in Gaza

MEDICAL SOURCES (to Al-Jazeera): Medical sources reported that 429 Palestinians have been martyred in the ongoing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza.

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#### Maersk Denies Shipping Weapons or Ammunition to Israel

REUTERS: Danish company Maersk denied shipping weapons or ammunition to Israel but acknowledged transporting military-related shipments.

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### 2 Killed and Injured in Israeli Strike on Home in Deir Al-Balah

AL-JAZEERA: Two Palestinians were killed and others injured in an Israeli strike targeting a home in Deir Al-Balah, in central Gaza.

https://twitter.com/PalestineChron/status/1902073544542187995

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### Yahya Saree: We Struck Israeli Nevatim Airbase

ANSARALLAH: Yahya Saree announced that the Ansarallah targeted the Israeli Nevatim Airbase with a hypersonic missile, confirming hits. He warned that they would expand their targets in occupied Palestine unless the aggression on Gaza stops, vowing to use all capabilities to defend and support the oppressed in Palestine.

https://twitter.com/PalestineChron/status/1902080430880530885

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#### **UNICEF: No Safe Place in Gaza**

UNICEF: UNICEF described the reports and images coming from Gaza as beyond horrific. Over 130 children were killed in Israeli airstrikes, marking the highest number of child casualties in a single day. Some strikes hit shelters where children and families were staying.

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#### Former Israeli Captive: Bombing Threatens Lives of Hostages in Gaza

FORMER HAMAS CAPTIVE SASHA TURBANOV: Sasha Turbanov, a former Israeli captive held by Hamas, stated that the collapse of negotiations will prevent the return of the remaining hostages. He added that the military operation in Gaza endangers the lives of the captives.

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#### 'Voice of Resistance' – Abu Hamza, Military Spokesperson of Al-Quds Brigades Killed

#### PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine (IJP) announced on Tuesday the killing of its leader, Naji Abu Seif, known by the nom de guerre 'Abu Hamza,' the military spokesperson for Al-Quds Brigade (Saraya al-Quds), the movement's military wing.

"With great pride and honor, the Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine announces to our great Palestinian people and to the Arab and Islamic nations the martyrdom of leader Naji Abu Saif Abu Hamza", PIJ said, adding that he was "assassinated by the criminal army in a treacherous attack that also targeted his family and the family of his brother."

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#### Sirens Sound in Southern Israel Due to Missile Launched from Yemen

ISRAELI MEDIA: Sirens sounded in Beersheba, Dimona, and several towns in southern Israel after a missile was launched from Yemen, according to Israeli Channel 14.

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#### Israel Killed 174 Children and 89 Women in Gaza Aggression

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Israeli occupation has killed 174 children and 89 women in its ongoing aggression on Gaza, with children, women, and the elderly making up 73% of the victims. The government media office accused the occupation of having a "premeditated intent" to complete the genocide against the Palestinian people.

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#### China Criticizes Israel's Use of Force

CHINESE UN DELEGATE: China's delegate to the UN called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, emphasizing the need to end what he described as Israel's "obsession" with using force. He urged Israel to immediately halt military operations and the collective punishment of civilians in Gaza.

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#### Bombing Gaza is 'Negotiating Tactic' - Washington Post

WASHINGTON POST (citing Israeli officials): The bombing of Gaza is being used as a pressure tool to force Hamas to ease its demands in negotiations.

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## Key Figures Killed in Israeli Assassinations Following Resumption of Assault on Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Two months after the ceasefire agreement in Gaza on January 17, 2025, the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas announced the death of several governmental leaders in the Gaza Strip following Israel's resumption of military operations on March 18, 2025.

The officials killed include: Issam al-Daalis, head of the Government Follow-up Committee; Ahmed al-Hatta, deputy minister of justice in Gaza; Major General Mahmoud Abu Wafteh, deputy minister of the interior; and Major General Bahjat Abu Sultan, director of the Internal Security Service.

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# **Eisenkot: Bringing Ben Gvir Back into the Government Sacrifices Living Hostages**

FORMER ISRAELI WAR CABINET MEMBER GADI EISENKOT: Gadi Eisenkot, a former member of Israel's War Cabinet, stated that the return of the "Jewish Power" party led by Itamar Ben Gvir to the government represents a sacrifice of living hostages. Israeli Channel 12 quoted Eisenkot criticizing Ben Gvir's performance, emphasizing that he "clearly failed as National Security Minister."

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#### European Council President: News from Gaza is Shocking and Sad

EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT: The European Council President expressed shock and sadness over the news from Gaza. He called for an end to violence in Gaza, respect for the ceasefire terms, and the release of hostages and detainees.

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### **Hezbollah: We Stand Firmly with the Resistance and the People of Gaza** HEZBOLLAH STATEMENT:

Hezbollah strongly condemned the Zionist enemy's resumption of the genocide war against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

The group affirmed its full and steadfast support for the brave Palestinian resistance and the honorable people of Gaza.

Hezbollah stated that the Zionist enemy, which failed to break the resistance over 15 months, will not achieve its goals with its new aggression.

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### 'Hell on Earth' – UN Rights Chief, UNRWA Condemn Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza

#### PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The UN human rights chief and the UN refugee agency both condemned Israel's renewed airstrikes on Gaza, calling them a clear breach of ceasefire agreements and urging an immediate end to the violence.

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## 'Israel Defies Humanity' – World Reaction to Renewed Genocidal Assault on Gaza

Several world leaders and UN officials condemned on Tuesday Israel's renewal of airstrikes on the Gaza Strip which has resulted in the killing of over 400 Palestinians by midday.

'Blatant Violation' - Egypt

The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned Israel's latest airstrikes as "a blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement," adding that it "represents a dangerous escalation that threatens to have severe consequences for the stability of the region."

'Barbaric Bombing' – Jordan

Jordanian Prime Minister Jaafar Hassan reportedly called on the international community to halt Israeli "barbarism" in the Gaza Strip, describing its actions against the Palestinians as a "war on humanity."

'Threatens Regional Stability' - Turkiye

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said, "The massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Israel's attacks on Gaza this morning (18 March) demonstrates that the Netanyahu government's genocide policy has entered a new phase."

Leaders 'Doing Nothing' - Francesca Albanese

"As the world wakes up to the harrowing images of children slain by Israeli bombs across the entire Gaza Strip AGAIN, we cannot bear witness to global leaders JUST. DOING. NOTHING," UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese said on X.

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#### UN Refugee Agency Condemns Israeli Strikes on Gaza

ANADOLU: The UNRWA condemned Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, which killed over 400 people, including children, despite a ceasefire agreement. UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said, "Awful scenes of civilians killed, among them children, following waves of heavy bombardment from Israeli Forces overnight." He called for a return to the ceasefire, warning that renewed violence would only increase suffering.

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#### Unconfirmed Reports of Abu Hamza's Killing

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

Naji Abu Saif, the military spokesman for the Al-Quds Brigades (the military wing of Islamic Jihad), known as "Abu Hamza," was martyred during the Israeli aggression on Gaza at dawn today.

The Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades also mourned Muhammad Mahmoud al-Batran, commander of the artillery unit and member of the military council of the Central Brigade, who was martyred in an Israeli airstrike.

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#### Israeli Attorney General Objects to Ben Gvir's Return

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara objected to former minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's return to the government coalition.

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## Israeli General: Military Operation in Gaza Will Not Help Return Prisoners

FORMER HEAD OF ISRAELI MILITARY INTELLIGENCE: A former Israeli general stated that if the attack on Gaza ends within hours, it would make sense to return the captives.

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### Qatar Condemns Israel's Resumption of Aggression on Gaza

QATARI FOREIGN MINISTRY: Qatar condemned Israel's resumption of aggression on Gaza, calling it a blatant challenge to the international will for peace. The statement warned that Israel's escalating policies risk igniting the region and undermining its security.

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#### Saudi Arabia: Palestinians Must Be Protected from Israeli War Machine

SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Saudi Foreign Ministry emphasized the importance of an immediate halt to Israeli killing, violence, and destruction, and the protection of Palestinian civilians from the unjust Israeli war machine. It stressed the need for the international community to fulfill its responsibilities in ending the harsh suffering of the Palestinian people.

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## Hamas Official: Netanyahu's Goals Will Fail, His Aggression is a Death Sentence for Captives

HAMAS OFFICIAL SAMI ABU ZUHRI (to Shehab News Agency):

The goals of the Israeli massacres in Gaza are to sabotage the ceasefire agreement and impose a surrender agreement written with Gaza's blood.

He asserted that Netanyahu's goals will fail and that his aggression represents a death sentence for Zionist captives.

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#### Jordan Condemns Israel's Resumption of Aggression on Gaza

JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY : The Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemned Israel's resumption of aggression on Gaza and stressed the need for Israel to adhere to the ceasefire agreement in all its stages. It called on the international community to fulfill its legal and moral responsibilities and compel Israel to immediately halt its aggression on Gaza.

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#### Itamar Ben-Gvir Returns to Government Today - Israeli Media

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported that far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir will return to the government today. Ben-Gvir's party, "Jewish Power," had resigned from the government following the approval of the prisoner exchange and ceasefire agreement in Gaza.

#### Euro-Med: International Silence Gave Israel a Mandate to Escalate Genocid

EURO-MED MONITOR: The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor stated that international silence has given Israel an absolute mandate to escalate genocide in Gaza. It described international inaction as not just a shameful failure but an actual mandate for Israel to escalate the crime of genocide through the resumption of large-scale killing of Palestinians.

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#### Israel Shuts Rafah Border Crossing as Genocidal Assault Continues

#### PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz ordered the closure of the Rafah crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt on Tuesday, preventing any medical evacuations of injured Palestinians for treatment abroad.

The closure follows the resumption of Israel's genocidal war on the enclave following a fragile two-month ceasefire.

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#### Hamas Calls for Global Uprising against Israel's Renewed Genocide on Gaza

#### PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas has called upon the people of Arab and Islamic nations, as well as all free people worldwide, to take to the streets in opposition to the resumption of Israel's war of extermination against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.

This came in a statement issued by the movement early Tuesday morning after Israel resumed its large-scale aggression on the Gaza Strip with a series of airstrikes that killed more than 300 people, the majority of whom were women and children.

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## Al-Shifa Director: One Wounded Dies Every Minute, Death Toll Expected to Double

#### PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya, the Director of Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, described the ongoing health situation as catastrophic, attributing the crisis to the relentless Israeli bombardment.

Al-Jazeera quoted him as stating that every minute, a wounded person dies because of the severe shortage of medical resources.

He warned that the death toll in Gaza could double in the coming hours as hospitals are unable to accommodate the increasing number of casualties. The healthcare system, he added, is on the brink of complete collapse.

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### Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Since dawn on Tuesday, Israeli airstrikes have claimed the lives of 412 Palestinians and injured over 500. Dr. Munir Al-Bursh, Director-General of Gaza's Health Ministry, condemned the occupation for launching ruthless attacks while civilians slept. With medical supplies running out, he urgently calls for blood donations to save lives. The horror in Gaza continues.

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#### **Guterres Expresses Shock Over Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza**

UN SPOKESPERSON FARHAN HAQ: UN Secretary-General António Guterres expressed shock over the Israeli airstrikes on Gaza and called for respecting the ceasefire and resuming humanitarian aid.

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## Hamas: Washington Bears Full Responsibility for Killing Women and Children in Gaza

#### HAMAS STATEMENT:

Hamas stated that the US administration's admission of prior knowledge of the Zionist aggression confirms its direct partnership in the genocide.

Washington, with its unlimited support for the occupation, bears full responsibility for the massacres and the killing of women and children in Gaza.

The international community must act urgently to hold the occupation and its supporters accountable for these crimes against humanity.

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#### Over 130 Children Killed in Ongoing Massacre in Gaza

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The ongoing Israeli massacre since dawn on Tuesday has claimed the lives of over 130 children and many women, according to Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Basal. He added that the number of critical injuries in hospitals is very high, and rescue teams are unable to reach all targeted areas.

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#### Horrific Scenes of Civilians Killed, Including Children, in Gaza - UNRWA

UNRWA: UNRWA's Commissioner-General condemned the horrific scenes of civilians, including children, killed in Gaza due to relentless Israeli bombing. He stressed that escalating violence will only lead to more despair and suffering, urging an immediate return to the ceasefire.

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## Turkiye: Israel Has Entered a New Phase of Genocide

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Turkish Foreign Ministry stated that Israel's attacks on Gaza show it has entered a new phase of genocide. It called Israel's return to violence unacceptable and urged the international community to confront this approach.

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HAMAS: Hamas mourned a group of government leaders killed in the renewed Israeli war on Gaza, including Issam Al-Dalies, head of government operations in Gaza, and Ahmad Al-Hattah, Deputy Minister of Justice. It also announced the deaths of Mahmoud Abu Watfa, Deputy Interior Minister, and Bahjat Abu Sultan, Director-General of Internal Security.

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#### Kremlin: Concerned About Deteriorating Situation in Gaza

KREMLIN: The Kremlin expressed concern over the deteriorating situation in Gaza, particularly reports of civilian casualties. It stated that the escalation in Gaza and the civilian casualties are deeply troubling.

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#### Families of Captives: Military Pressure Will Lead to Killing of Living Captives

ISRAELI MEDIA: The families of Israeli captives stated that they are heading to Jerusalem and called for others to join them after the government's decision to sacrifice the captives. They warned that military pressure would lead to the killing of living captives and the disappearance of the dead.

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#### Spain: We Regret and Reject New Wave of Violence

SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER: The Spanish Foreign Minister expressed regret and rejection of the new wave of violence targeting civilians. He emphasized that the path to peace lies in a permanent ceasefire and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

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#### Netanyahu Wants to Bring Ben-Gvir Back into Government

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported significant progress in negotiations with resigned minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, noting that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wants to bring him back into the government this week.

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#### **China Expresses Concern Over Gaza Situation**

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Chinese Foreign Ministry expressed deep concern over the situation in Gaza and hoped that the parties could continue implementing the ceasefire.

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#### Switzerland Calls for Ceasefire, Release of Captives, and Aid Access

AL-JAZEERA: The Swiss Foreign Ministry called for an immediate return to the ceasefire, the release of all hostages, unimpeded aid access, and the protection of civilians.

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#### Australia Calls for Maintaining Ceasefire

AL-JAZEERA: The Australian Prime Minister called for maintaining the ceasefire in Gaza, citing the immense suffering in the territory.

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#### **Belgium Condemns Israeli Airstrikes**

AL-JAZEERA: Belgium's Foreign Minister condemned Israeli airstrikes and the resulting heavy losses, warning that they threaten the agreement between Israel and Hamas.

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#### Shelters Open in Towns South of Tel Aviv

#### ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli public radio reported that shelters were opened in several towns south of Tel Aviv.

Channel 12 stated that major cities, including Yavne, Rishon LeZion, Ramat Gan, Herzliya, and Rehovot, also opened shelters.

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#### **Amputations and Severe Blood Shortage in Gaza**

#### PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

The director of Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza told Al Jazeera that many injured are undergoing amputations.

Meanwhile, Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis issued an urgent call for blood donations as Israeli attacks continue.

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#### Israeli Navy Strikes Gaza Shores

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Army Radio reported that the Israeli Navy struck targets along Gaza's shores.

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## Israeli Security Source: We Will Resume Negotiations Under Fire

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli media quoted a security source saying the government will negotiate under fire to secure the release of captives.

According to Israel Hayom, the source stated, "We are entering a new phase to reach another prisoner exchange deal."

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### Father of Captured Soldier: War Renewal Serves the Government

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Army Radio quoted the father of captive soldier Omer Notra, who said that the renewed war serves the government and that captives could become its victims.

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#### **UNICEF: Israeli Strikes Hit Displaced Families' Tents**

AP: The Associated Press quoted a UNICEF spokesperson in Gaza, stating that Israeli airstrikes hit tents and shelters housing displaced families.