

# LIVE BLOG: Gruesome Shejaiya Massacre | Shekel Collapsing | Balata under Attack – Day 551

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Israel continued to carry out massacres in Gaza. (Photo: social media, via QNN)

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## **Staff**

The United Nations has rejected an Israeli proposal to oversee aid delivery into Gaza, stating it will not take part in any arrangement that fails to uphold humanitarian principles.

Meanwhile, tensions continue to rise in Israel over the attempted dismissal of Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar. The Supreme Court has urged the parties involved to reach a compromise and has ordered Bar to remain in his post while refraining from appointing a successor.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 50,846 Palestinians and injured 115,729 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Yedioth Ahronoth: Trump Losing Patience, Pushing Comprehensive Deal**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH:

U.S. officials report:

- Trump is working behind the scenes for a comprehensive deal to release all captives and end the Gaza war
- Netanyahu given limited time (2-3 weeks) to continue military operations

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## **Israel Sees Record Low Birth Rate in 2024**

KAN:

Israel's birth rate hit a 15-year low due to:

- Gaza war casualties
- Young families emigrating
- Extended military reserve duty
- Declining desire to expand families

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### **Netanyahu Accuses Negotiation Team of Undermining Him**

NETANYAHU'S OFFICE: Netanyahu claimed elements in Israel's negotiation team repeatedly "undermined his directives" and accepted Hamas demands.

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### **Hamas Calls for Mass Uprising in West Bank**

HAMAS STATEMENT: The movement denounced Israel's Balata camp operation as an extension of the Gaza genocide and urged widespread popular uprising against occupation. Hamas vowed resistance would foil attempts to break Palestinian resolve.

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### **Red Crescent: Wounded in Balata Camp Rises to 6**

PRCS: Injuries from Israeli gunfire in Balata refugee camp increased to six

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### **Israeli Air Force Threatens to Discharge Pilots over Anti-War Letter**

HAARETZ: 970 pilots face dismissal unless they retract a letter demanding an end to Gaza's "politically motivated" war.

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### **Palestinian Child Injured by Israeli Tear Gas in West Bank**

PALESTINIAN RED CRESCENT. A child was hit in the face during a gas attack in Balata camp, east of Nablus.

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### **Gaza Health Ministry: Most Israeli Strike Victims are Children**

AL JAZEERA:

Health Director Munir Al-Bursh reported:

- 50 killed in today's massacre; children form the majority.
- 18 of Gaza's 38 hospitals partially operational amid severe shortages of blood, beds, and vaccines.
- Patients are dying due to blocked aid and medicine entry.

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## **Israel Orders Closure of Six UNRWA Schools in East Jerusalem**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli officials from the Jerusalem Municipality, accompanied by security forces, stormed six UNRWA schools in East Jerusalem on Tuesday and ordered their closure within 30 days, the UN agency said.

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## **International Court of Justice Holds Public Hearings on Israel**

AL-JAZEERA: The International Court of Justice announced public hearings on Israel's obligation to maintain the presence of UN organizations in the Palestinian territories.

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## **Israeli Army Probe: 41 Hamas Fighters Stormed Sderot**

AL-JAZEERA:

An investigation revealed:

Security forces failed to defend Sderot on October 7, 2023.

41 Hamas fighters attacked from three axes.

37 settlers, 3 soldiers, and 13 security personnel killed.

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## **Gaza Prisoner Dies in Israeli Custody**

AL-JAZEERA: Ayman Qudaih, missing since the war began, was confirmed dead in Israeli prisons.

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## **Army Killing Civilians to Appease Israeli Public**

HAARETZ: An officer alleged soldiers target civilians in Gaza due to public sentiment, with units competing to maximize destruction.

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## **Moroccan Engineer Calls for Microsoft Boycott**

AL-JAZEERA: Engineer Ebtihal Abu al-Saad urged a boycott of Microsoft and demanded employees reject work with occupation-supporting firms.

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## **45 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 45 Palestinians were killed in ongoing Israeli strikes.

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## **Unprecedented Poll Shows Most Americans Hold 'Unfavorable Opinion' of Israel**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A growing majority of Americans now hold unfavorable views of Israel and strongly oppose US control over Gaza, according to new Pew survey data.

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## **Israeli Army Publishes Findings on October 7 Sderot Events**

HAARETZ:

The Israeli army has released its investigation results regarding October 7 events in Sderot:

Primary failures attributed to Gaza Division's Northern Brigade

Northern Brigade failed to train security forces for 2 years and wasn't prepared for large-scale attack

Brigade ignored 2022 removal of weapons from emergency rooms

Security apparatus failed to protect Gaza border communities on October 7

Lack of coordination between security forces and military in border areas

Friendly fire incidents occurred between army and security forces

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## **Israeli Shekel Experiences "Sharp" Decline**

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: The Israeli shekel has seen a sharp drop in value amid the escalating trade war between the US and China.

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## **Netanyahu Calls Cabinet Meeting**

MAARIV:

PM Netanyahu has summoned cabinet ministers to:

Brief them on his Budapest and Washington visits

No changes to standard cabinet meeting format

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## **Gaza Death Toll Rises**

AL-JAZEERA: Gaza's Health Ministry announced Wednesday that the death toll from Israel's ongoing genocide has reached 50,846, with 115,729 injured since October 2023.

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## **Horrific Massacre in Shejaiyya: Scores Killed in Israeli Shelling across Gaza**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Scores of Palestinians were killed and many others sustained injuries on Wednesday, due to Israeli shelling that targeted both the southern and central areas of the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, the Gaza Municipality issued a warning about an impending water crisis affecting the civilian population.

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## **Gaza Hospitals Director: Israel Using New Weapons**

AL JAZEERA:

Marwan Al-Hams, Director of Field Hospitals for Gaza's Health Ministry, told Al Jazeera:

- Borders must open immediately for food, water, and medicine.
- No medicines available for sick children.
- Spread of diarrhea and hepatitis among children due to lack of clean water and food.
- Most casualties arrive with full-body burns; Israel is using new weapons.

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## **US Demands Answers from Israel on Killing of American Child in West Bank**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reports the US is pressing Israel for more details after its forces killed a child with American citizenship in the West Bank.

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## **Israeli Official: Negotiations Highly Secretive**

AL-JAZERA: The Israeli coordinator for prisoners of war stated to Israel Hayom that the hostage exchange negotiations with Hamas are taking place amid high secrecy and constant contact with the Americans and mediators.

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## **60,000 Children Threatened by Malnutrition Complications**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The lack of proper nutrition sources and drinking water in the Gaza Strip is exacerbating health challenges. The ministry added that 60,000 children in the Strip are threatened by serious health complications due to malnutrition

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## **Israeli Army Expands Ground Operations in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom quoted sources claiming that the Israeli army is expanding its ground operations in the Gaza Strip.

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## **Ansarallah Vows to Continue Operations**

YAHYA SAREE, ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN: The group's operations will not stop until the aggression against Gaza and its siege cease. Saree mentioned that the American

aggression launched strikes on several sites, leading to civilian casualties. He also pointed to the downing of an American “MQ-9” aircraft while it was carrying out a hostile act.

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### **Occupation Detains Palestinians in Balata Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces detained 5 Palestinians, including the mother of a martyr, during their raid on the Balata camp, east of Nablus city.

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### **Injuries in Stabbing Attack in West Jerusalem**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Maariv newspaper reported injuries in a stabbing attack in West Jerusalem, noting that authorities are investigating the background of the incident.

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### **Israeli Bombing of Khan Yunis**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces are shelling with artillery and firing east of Khan Yunis city.

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### **Pew Center: Americans' View of Israel Has Worsened**

PEW RESEARCH CENTER POLL:

Americans' view of Israel has become more negative over the past three years.

53% of Americans express negative views towards Israel compared to 42% before October 7th.

32% of Americans do not trust Netanyahu.

31% of Americans believe Trump shows excessive bias towards Israel compared to 29% who see him as balanced.

62% of Americans oppose the idea of the United States controlling Gaza

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### **Israeli Media: Netanyahu Asked Trump to Dismantle Iranian Nuclear Facilities**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 13 (citing an Israeli official): Netanyahu asked Trump to dismantle all Iranian uranium enrichment facilities. Netanyahu asked Trump to remove the enriched materials and have them destroyed by the Americans.

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### **New York Times: Pentagon Concerned About Consequences of US Campaign in Yemen**

NEW YORK TIMES:

Pentagon officials informed Congress of limited success in destroying Ansarallah missiles and drones.

A Pentagon official expressed concern to congressional aides about the speed at which the military is expending munitions in Yemen.

A defense official informed congressional aides about the risk of facing operational problems if any conflict erupts in Asia.

Congressional sources told the newspaper:

Leaders are concerned that the campaign in Yemen could deplete weapons needed to deter China.

The Pentagon may need to transfer weapons from the Asia-Pacific region to the Middle East.

The Pentagon's deployment of ships and aircraft in the Middle East harms readiness in the Pacific.

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## **Trump Vows to Free US Hostages From Gaza**

AFP:

US President Donald Trump:

We want to release those held in Gaza quickly, and we hope to do it the right way.

We are working to return American hostages, and if I were president, the October 7th attack would not have happened.

Trump delivers a speech during a dinner hosted by the Republican Congressional Committee on Tuesday evening

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## **26 Killed in Gaza Strikes**

AL-JAZEERA: 26 Palestinians were killed as overnight attacks continued across the enclave.

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## **US Strikes Hit Sanaa and Hodeidah**

YEMENI MEDIA: Six people were killed and 16 were wounded in a residential area in Hodeidah, while ten airstrikes targeted Sanaa's Nuqum Mountain.