

LIVE BLOG: Gaza City under Intense Israeli Attacks, Hospitals Targeted, Homes Demolished – Day 682

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Israel has continued to use starvation of civilians as a weapon of war against Palestinians in Gaza.
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Israeli forces have intensified airstrikes and advanced plans to occupy Gaza City as starvation deaths and amputations among children surge under the ongoing blockade.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army targeted the area around the Baptist Hospital in Gaza City with artillery shelling.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 61,944 and injured 155,886 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Protesters Set Fire Near Likud Headquarters in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported clashes between protesters and police in Tel Aviv, with demonstrators setting fires near the headquarters of the ruling Likud Party. Police used force to suppress the protests. Biggest rally yet sends clear message: halt bloodshed or face rebellion.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Families of Israeli Captives: Over One Million Participated in Protests

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Families of Israeli Captives Committee announced that more than one million people participated today in protests and demonstrations across Israel.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Casualties in Israeli Strike on Al-Bureij Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local Palestinian sources reported casualties in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: We Intercepted Rocket Fired from Central Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced it intercepted a rocket launched from central Gaza.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Rubio: US to Temporarily Suspend Visa Program for Gaza Applicants

US MEDIA: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told CBS that Washington will temporarily suspend the visa program for applicants from Gaza, stressing that the suspension covers children and some adults, and that vetting mechanisms will be re-evaluated.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Over 150,000 Participate in Protests in Central Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Families of Israeli Captives Committee said police estimates show more than 150,000 people participated in protests in central Tel Aviv.

Mon, Aug 18, 12:39 AM (Palestine Time)

Resistance Warns of New Massacres as Israel Readies for Gaza City Operation

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: As the military moves to escalate its assault on Gaza City, Hamas and other Palestinian movements warn of more massacres and call for regional mobilization against the occupation.

Sun, Aug 17, 8:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Thousands of Israelis Prepare to March in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that thousands of Israelis are preparing to march toward the Hostages' Square opposite the Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv.

Sun, Aug 17, 8:06 PM (Palestine Time)

57 Palestinians Killed in Gaza Since Morning, Including 38 Starving Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza said 57 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in the southern Gaza Strip since this morning, including 38 starving civilians waiting for aid.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Words as Bullets, Poems as Truth: Gazan Journalists and the Triumph of the Palestinian Narrative

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Palestinian journalists seek to document the truth about the Zionists' brutal siege, while their detractors are working to erase all evidence of the crime scene.

Read [the latest article by Benay Blend](#).

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz Threatens Ansarallah

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz warned that the Ansarallah will pay a heavy price for any attempt to fire at Israel. He said Israel has imposed a painful air and sea blockade and attacked infrastructure, stressing "this is only the beginning."

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Sirens Activated following Missile from Yemen

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army reported it intercepted a missile launched from Yemen, which triggered sirens in several areas.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Announce Tank Strike in Gaza City

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said their fighters targeted a Merkava tank with a Yassin-105 shell in Gaza City's Al-Zeitoun neighborhood.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Civil Disobedience in Israel Paralyzes Daily Life

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel witnessed large-scale civil disobedience today, with over a million people refraining from work, paralyzing the labor market and freezing daily life across multiple sectors.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Red Crescent: Israel Targets Roads Leading to Hospitals

PALESTINIAN RED CRESCENT: A spokesperson for the Palestinian Red Crescent said ambulance and emergency services are running out of fuel, and Israel is deliberately targeting roads leading to hospitals.

Sun, Aug 17, 6:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Sa'ar Urges Netanyahu to Close French Consulate in Jerusalem

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Israel Hayom reported that Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar has recommended Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shut down the French consulate in Jerusalem in response to France's recognition of the State of Palestine.

Sun, Aug 17, 3:10 PM (Palestine Time)

Severe Shortage of Medicines and Blood Bags in Gaza

GAZA MINISTRY OF HEALTH: The Director-General of Gaza's Health Ministry told Al Jazeera that 52% of essential medicines are at zero stock, with a severe shortage of blood bags. He added that 44,000 children have been orphaned and more than one million are suffering psychological trauma in the Strip.

Sun, Aug 17, 3:10 PM (Palestine Time)

47 Palestinians Killed in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that 47 Palestinians were killed and 226 others wounded by Israeli fire in the past 24 hours. This brings the total death toll since October 7, 2023, to 61,944, with 155,886 injured.

Sun, Aug 17, 3:10 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Gaza Occupation Plans a Major War Crime

HAMAS: Hamas said the Chief of Staff's approval of plans to occupy Gaza amounts to a declaration of a new wave of genocide and mass displacement. The movement stressed that such plans constitute a major war crime and reflect Israel's disregard for international and humanitarian law.

Sun, Aug 17, 1:30 PM (Palestine Time)

Tensions Rise after Israel Freezes Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Accounts in Jerusalem

Israel's freeze on Patriarchate bank accounts has escalated tensions with Christian institutions, prompting sharp condemnation from Jordan.

Sun, Aug 17, 1:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Yemen Condemns 'Criminal' Israeli Airstrike on Sanaa Power Plant

The Israeli military has announced that it is responsible for an attack on a power station in the Al-Haziz district of Yemen's capital, Sanaa.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Hospitals Report New Massacres amid Worsening Starvation Crisis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces killed scores in fresh Gaza attacks, including a massacre near the Baptist Hospital, as UN agencies warn of mass starvation.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Killed in Israeli Strike on Deir al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital confirmed that two Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike east of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:50 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Aqsa Hospital: Israel Destroying All Means of Life in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: A spokesperson for the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told Al Jazeera that Israel is destroying all foundations of life in Gaza, particularly hospitals. He added that there is no way to deliver food to those forcibly displaced, while hospitals are overwhelmed and unable to accommodate the large numbers of wounded and sick.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel on Hold: General Strike, Civil Disobedience Explained

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A nationwide general strike paralyzed Israel as thousands protested to pressure the government into a hostage exchange deal with Hamas and to end the ongoing war in Gaza.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:24 PM (Palestine Time)

14 Palestinians Killed while Waiting for Aid in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nasser Medical Complex reported that 14 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire while waiting for aid near the Morag corridor and at aid distribution centers across Gaza.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:24 PM (Palestine Time)

11 Protesters Arrested in Tel Aviv Demonstrations

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 13 reported that 11 protesters were arrested during demonstrations in Tel Aviv demanding an end to the war and the return of captives.

Sun, Aug 17, 12:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Seven Deaths in Gaza from Starvation in Past 24 Hours

GAZA MINISTRY OF HEALTH: The Ministry of Health in Gaza announced seven new deaths due to malnutrition in the past 24 hours, including two children, raising the total number of famine-related deaths to 258, among them 110 children.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Five Israelis Arrested during Protests Demanding End to War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported the arrest of five people during protests calling for an end to the war in Gaza and the return of captives.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Protesters Block Highway to Tel Aviv

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio reported that demonstrators blocked the highway leading to Tel Aviv.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Israeli Soldiers Killed in Accident in Hula Valley

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 14 reported that two Border Guard soldiers were killed in a collision between a car and two motorcycles in the Hula Valley.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Protests in Tel Aviv Demand Prisoner Exchange

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli captives gathered outside ministers' homes in Tel Aviv, including Defense Minister Yisrael Katz, demanding a prisoner exchange. Demonstrators also blocked major intersections, including Ra'anana.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Euro-Med Monitor: Israel Destroying Gaza's Largest Neighborhood

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR: Euro-Med Monitor said Israeli forces have been flattening Gaza City's largest neighborhood, Al-Zaytoun, since August 11, destroying around 400 homes with drones and explosive-laden robots as part of a plan to seize the city and displace its population.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Seven Killed in Israeli Strike on Baptist Hospital Courtyard in Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Baptist Hospital reported that seven people were killed in an Israeli drone strike on its courtyard.

Sun, Aug 17, 11:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Casualties in Israeli Strike near Baptist Hospital in Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported deaths and injuries from an Israeli drone strike near Baptist Hospital in Gaza City.

Sun, Aug 17, 1:19 AM (Palestine Time)

PFLP: Evacuating Gaza City is the Pinnacle of the Genocide Project

STATEMENT: The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has issued a statement regarding the Israeli announcement to evacuate Gaza City.

The PFLP declared that the occupation's announcement is a major war crime that represents the "pinnacle of the project of genocide and ethnic cleansing." The group stated that this announcement is part of a systematic policy aimed at emptying Gaza and attacking its national identity, with the entire world as a witness.

The PFLP also added that Netanyahu's recent statements, which have placed new obstacles in the way of any potential agreement, serve as further proof that the occupation's ultimate goal is genocide.

Sat, Aug 16, 11:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Shelling Targets Area Around Baptist Hospital in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army targeted the area around the Baptist Hospital in Gaza City with artillery shelling.

Sat, Aug 16, 11:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad Calls on Free Peoples to Reject Israeli Policies

ISLAMIC JIHAD: Islamic Jihad stated that Israel's plan to move displaced people to tents in southern Gaza is contempt for international law and UN institutions.

Sat, Aug 16, 11:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Says Gaza Residents Will Be Relocated South

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that it will begin providing tents to Gaza City residents starting tomorrow, to move them from combat areas to the south.

Sat, Aug 16, 11:54 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz: Plan in Place to Defeat Hamas and Free Captives

ISRAELI MEDIA: Defense Minister Yisrael Katz said that Israel is preparing a "coherent and strong plan" to defeat Hamas and free captives.

Sat, Aug 16, 8:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Microsoft Orders External Review over Unit 8200 Use of Cloud to Store Palestinian Calls

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Microsoft has opened an "urgent" external review into allegations that Israel's Unit 8200 used its Azure cloud platform to store millions of intercepted Palestinian phone calls.

Sat, Aug 16, 8:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: US Pressures UN over 'Gaza Foundation'

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that the United States is pressuring the United Nations to ease its criticism of the so-called "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation."

Sat, Aug 16, 8:44 PM (Palestine Time)

German Police Arrest Pro-Gaza Protesters

AL-JAZEERA: German police arrested several participants in a demonstration in Berlin calling for an end to the war on Gaza.

Sat, Aug 16, 8:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Prepares to Displace Gaza City Residents

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli army announced that it will resume bringing tents and shelter equipment into the Gaza Strip tomorrow to move the population southward, in accordance with directives from the political leadership. The army said that the tents and equipment will be brought in via the United Nations and relief organizations after undergoing inspection.

Sat, Aug 16, 8:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Ehud Barak: Trump Doesn't Understand Military Matters

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said that Netanyahu is fighting a futile war to avoid his trial and the crisis over the military conscription law. He claimed that Netanyahu misled Trump and his close associates, convincing them there were only two options: surrender to Hamas or continue the military operation until the last fighter is killed.

Barak added that Trump “doesn’t understand a thing about military matters” and relies on Netanyahu, giving him approval to continue this futile war. He also warned that the continued war benefits Hamas as Israel will sink deeper into the quagmire without eliminating the movement.

Sat, Aug 16, 8:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz: We're Still Working on a Plan to Defeat Hamas

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Defense Minister Yisrael Katz stated that they are developing a “plan to defeat Hamas and bring back the hostages,” promising it will be a “cohesive and strong plan to accomplish the mission.”

Sat, Aug 16, 6:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll from Starvation Reaches 251 as Israel Prepares to Accelerate Offensive

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