

# LIVE BLOG: Israel Bombs Beirut | Ansarallah Strikes Tel Aviv | Ambush in Jabaliya – Day 608

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Israel committed another 'aid' massacre in Gaza. (Photo: social media, via QNN)

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Citing military sources, the Jerusalem Post reported that Israel plans to issue a direct warning to activists aboard the Freedom Flotilla's Madleen ship, instructing them not to approach Gaza.

Meanwhile, an investigation by CNN confirmed that the Israeli army opened fire on crowds of Palestinians attempting to reach an aid distribution site in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 54,510 and injured 124,901 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Thu, Jun 5, 11:08 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Beirut Suburbs Targeted as Israel Launches New Wave of Strikes**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Seven Israeli drone strikes and artillery shells targeted the southern suburbs of Beirut on Thursday, shortly after the Israeli military issued evacuation warnings for buildings in Hadath, Haret Hreik, and Burj al-Barajneh.

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### **Al-Qassam Brigades Announce Jabalia Ambush, Enemy Casualtie**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES:

A complex ambush was carried out in the eastern line area near Al-Mabhough site, east of Jabalia camp last Sunday.

A “Namer” armored personnel carrier was destroyed with an Al-Yassin 105 shell and a Shuwaz explosive device, resulting in killed and wounded crew members.

When a reinforcement force intervened, an explosive device was detonated on a Hummer jeep, causing further casualties.

Clashes ensued with the remaining soldiers.

A Yasour helicopter attempting an evacuation was targeted with machine guns and forced to withdraw.

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### **Ben Gurion Airport Temporarily Halted by Yemen Missile**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 12: Operations at Ben Gurion Airport were temporarily halted due to a missile launched from Yemen.

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### **Khalil al-Hayya: Hamas Did Not Reject Latest Proposal, Offered Amendments**

AL-JAZEERA:

The head of Hamas in Gaza conveyed that the Palestinian people are fighting alone, forsaken by the world.

Conspiracies are being hatched against Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa Mosque, and all of Palestine, with residents in the West Bank enduring the enemy’s criminality and settlement projects.

The occupation seeks to displace Palestinians and practices ethnic cleansing. The current battle is one of steadfastness, requiring resistance to occupation plans by all means.

Hamas did not reject the latest Witkoff proposal; rather, amendments were offered.

The American veto in the Security Council against a Gaza ceasefire resolution was deplored.

A salute was extended to those in Yemen who continue launching missiles despite facing consequences.

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### **Israeli Drone Strike on Beirut's Southern Suburb**

LEBANESE MEDIA: Beirut’s southern suburb was struck by an Israeli drone.

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### **Israeli Media: Beirut Suburb Strike Largest Since Ceasefire**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Reports from Israeli media indicate that the strike on Beirut’s southern suburb will be the largest since the ceasefire. Missile defense systems in northern Israel were placed on high alert. Israeli drones were flying heavily over Beirut, and northern residents were advised to heed Home Front instructions.

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## **Smotrich Proposed Transferring Aid to Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that Smotrich presented the government with the proposal to transfer hundreds of millions in aid to Gaza, with government sources indicating he claimed an urgent security need for it.

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## **Israeli Army Issues Evacuation Orders for Buildings in Beirut Suburb**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army issued evacuation orders for buildings in Al-Hadath, Haret Hreik, and Burj al-Barajneh in Beirut's southern suburb in preparation for shelling.

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## **Israeli Army to Issue 50,000 Conscription Orders for Haredi Jews**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority (KAN) reported that the army will issue 50,000 conscription orders for Haredi Jews next month.

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## **Israel Transferred Weapons, Equipment, and Funds to Gaza Elements**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority (KAN) cited a security official as saying that Israel transferred weapons, equipment, and funds to elements in Gaza. This involved a military force receiving instructions from high levels, arming gangs in Gaza, and working under the direction of Shin Bet officers accompanying army forces. Similar activities were noted in various points in Gaza at the request of intelligence and Shin Bet.

Thu, Jun 5, 9:06 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Remembering the Naksa: 58 Years since Palestine's Second Displacement**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Marking 58 years since the Naksa, Palestinians remember the 1967 war as a second mass displacement that deepened Israel's occupation and reshaped their ongoing struggle for return and liberation.

Thu, Jun 5, 8:53 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Special Rapporteur: UN Can Act where Security Council Fails on Gaza Ceasefire**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In an interview with Al-Jazeera, Fakhri stressed that international law, like Security Council resolutions, is binding, and that the UN General Assembly has the authority to implement resolutions when the Security Council fails.

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## **Settlers Injured in Jordan Valley Stone Attack**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 12: Two settlers were injured after being pelted with stones in the Jordan Valley area.

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## **Smotrich: Instructions Issued to Impose West Bank Sovereignty**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said he'd instructed civil administration staff to begin working on imposing sovereignty over the occupied West Bank.

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## **Three Killed in Khan Yunis Shelling**

AL-JAZEERA: A medical source at Nasser Hospital reported three Palestinians were martyred in a drone shelling in the Al-Amal neighborhood, west of Khan Yunis. Meanwhile, an Israeli warplane bombed a residential building in Hamad city, north of Khan Yunis, and an Israeli shelling targeted a fishing boat in Gaza port.

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## **UN Spokesperson: 20 Aid Trucks Sent to Gaza Today**

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL SPOKESPERSON: A spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General noted that Israeli authorities are preventing humanitarian aid coordination to Gaza. They stated that only around 20 aid trucks were directed to Gaza today, the limit imposed by Israeli authorities, and called for all Gaza Strip crossings to be opened for unobstructed aid delivery.

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## **Netanyahu: Lieberman's Leak Benefits Hamas**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu questioned, "What's wrong with us using families working against Hamas? That saves the lives of our soldiers." He accused Lieberman of benefiting Hamas by leaking this information, saying he "doesn't care."

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## **Lapid: Netanyahu Arming ISIS-Affiliated Groups in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Opposition Leader Lapid claimed that after providing millions to Hamas, Netanyahu moved to arm ISIS-affiliated organizations in Gaza. He criticized this as an impulsive, unplanned move that would lead to more disasters.

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## **Yoav Gallant: Netanyahu Prioritizes Coalition over Israel's Security**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 quoted former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant saying Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu prioritizes the security of his ruling coalition over Israel's security.

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## **Israeli Soldier Dies Eight Months after Gaza Injury**

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli staff sergeant died from severe injuries sustained during combat operations in Gaza eight months ago.

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## **Lieberman: Arming Gaza Gangs is Security Negligence**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Avigdor Lieberman, leader of the “Yisrael Beiteinu” party, called the decision to arm gangs in Gaza “security negligence” and demanded an immediate government replacement. He warned that weapons given to families and clans resembling ISIS would eventually turn against Israel.

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## **Al-Qassam: Mortar Attack on Enemy South of Khan Yunis**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam Brigades stated they shelled “enemy concentrations” with mortar shells near Umm Habiba Mosque in the Qizan Al-Najjar area, south of Khan Yunis.

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## **Former Mossad Chief: Gaza War is Futile, No End in Sight**

THE ATLANTIC: The Atlantic quoted former Mossad chief Tamir Pardo, who said he sees no end to the war in Gaza, calling it “futile and achieving nothing.”

He described the war as a waste of time, lives, money, and the future, reiterating his earlier belief that negotiations for hostage return should have preceded the war.

Thu, Jun 5, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Freedom Flotilla: We Evaluate Threats, May Leave Ship If Targeted**

AL-JAZEERA: A member of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition told Al Jazeera:

We are still trying to determine who the drone that followed us belongs to and its purpose.

We are evaluating any threat and may leave the ship if it is targeted.

Israel has no authority over international waters or Palestinian territories.

International Court of Justice decisions prohibit any party from preventing aid from entering Gaza.

Israel has previously arrested passengers of ships that broke the siege on Gaza, and we are not afraid of threats.

Two trips will depart from Cairo and Tunis towards Gaza to break the siege by land and sea.

Thu, Jun 5, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Political Earthquake in Israel: The Collapse of Netanyahu’s Government Grows Closer?**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Following a lack of process from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on a bill to ensure an exemption for Ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jews from serving in the military, two parties in his coalition verge on dissolving the Knesset. While this move could be averted, it signals a further erosion of leadership.

Read the latest article by Robert Inlakesh.

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## **Al-Qassam Announces Operation Against Occupation in Khan Yunis**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam Brigades announced targeting “the tower of a military bulldozer (D9 type) with an Al-Yassin 105 shell near the Murtaja intersection in the Ma’an area in Khan Yunis.”

Thu, Jun 5, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Hamas: Occupation Arming Criminal Gangs is Marketing Starvation**

HAMAS STATEMENT: Lieberman’s statements reveal a dangerous truth: the occupation is arming criminal gangs in the Gaza Strip to create security and social chaos. The occupation’s arming of criminal gangs in the Strip is marketing the engineering of starvation and the organized theft of humanitarian aid.

Thu, Jun 5, 5:30 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israel Arming 'Criminal Gangs' in Gaza - Former Defense Minister**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel is arming “criminal gangs” in the besieged Gaza Strip, the former Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Thursday.

“Israel transferred assault rifles and light weapons to criminal gangs in Gaza,” Lieberman, leader of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu Party, told the public broadcaster KAN, according to the Anadolu news agency.

He said the weapons were transferred to the gangs upon orders of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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## **Child Killed in Khan Yunis Shelling**

AL-JAZEERA: A source at the Nasser Medical Complex reported the killing of a child in an Israeli artillery shelling on the Batn al-Samin area, southwest of Khan Yunis.

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## **Macron: Decision on Israel to Be Made in Days**

FRENCH MEDIA: French President Emmanuel Macron stated, “Discussions are ongoing, and we will decide within days whether we need to intensify our rhetoric and take concrete steps regarding Israel.”

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## **Israeli FM Criticizes "European Countries"**

GERMAN MEDIA: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar, at a press conference with his German counterpart in Berlin, claimed:

Pressure on Israel and threats of sanctions, as some European countries are doing, will complicate matters.

The new system for distributing aid does not allow Hamas to benefit from it.

Injuries from Artillery Shelling Southwest of Khan Yunis

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## **German FM on Gaza and Two-State Solution**

GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHANN WADEPHUL

The humanitarian aid reaching Gaza is insufficient, and I have reiterated the demand to facilitate its access.

Aid must reach Gaza quickly and be distributed by UN agencies.

We reject the settlement policy being implemented in the West Bank.

As a friend of Israel, I say that we would like to see Israel live in peace with its neighbors.

The only realistic solution for lasting peace in the Middle East is the two-state solution.

Unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state sends the wrong message.

It appears that Hamas will not pose a threat to Israel in the future, and there is a need to discuss the day-after plan in Gaza.

Pressure on Israel and threats of sanctions, as some European countries are doing, will complicate matters.

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## **‘Sitting Ducks’: WSJ Exposes US Navy’s Struggles against Ansarallah in Red Sea**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A Wall Street Journal investigation reveals that the USS Truman lost three jets during the Navy’s most intense combat since WWII, as US forces struggled to contain Ansarallah operations in the Red Sea while facing rising costs, operational strain, and shifting regional dynamics.

Thu, Jun 5, 3:52 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israel Kills over 16,000 Children in Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: The Director of the Ministry of Health in Gaza told Al Jazeera said:

Over 225 journalists have been killed by occupation forces.

The occupation has so far killed over 16,000 children and approximately 9,000 women.

The occupation continues its systematic plan to target the health system in the Gaza Strip.

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## **Brazilian President: Recognizing Palestinian State is a Moral Duty**

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT

Recognizing a Palestinian state is a moral duty.

What is happening in Gaza is not war, but an extermination perpetrated by Israel against children and women.

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### **Golan: Netanyahu Sells Israel's Security**

YAIR GOLAN, DEMOCRATS' PARTY LEADER:

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is selling Israel's security for an extra day in power.

Netanyahu must be immediately removed from the decision-making circle.

Netanyahu is creating a new time bomb in Gaza instead of reaching a deal and returning the hostages.

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### **Israel Transferred Weapons to Gangs in Gaza**

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO

Israel transferred weapons, including light arms confiscated from Hamas, to Yasser Abu Shab'ab's militia.

Abu Shab'ab's militia operates east of Rafah in areas controlled by the army.

The arming of Abu Shab'ab's militia was an initiative by security agencies and the political leadership.

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### **38 Killed in Gaza since Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources at Nasser, Al-Ma'amdani, and Al-Shifa hospitals in Gaza reported the martyrdom of 38 Palestinians in Israeli raids on several areas of the Strip since dawn today.

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### **Killed in Various Raids on Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources):

Four Palestinians were killed and several injured in an Israeli raid targeting displaced people on Al-Shifa Street, west of Gaza.

A Palestinian was killed by Israeli drone fire in the town of Abasan Al-Kabira, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Two Palestinians were killed by Israeli drone fire in the Ma'an area, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

The bodies of three Palestinians were recovered after Israeli shelling on Jabalia camp, northern Gaza Strip.

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### **70 Killed in Gaza Within 24 Hours**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY:

We documented the martyrdom of 70 Palestinians and 189 injured in the past 24 hours.

The number of casualties from the Israeli aggression has risen to 54,677 martyrs and 125,530 injured since October 7, 2023.

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## **Hamis Condemns Targeting of Journalists at Baptist Hospital**

HAMAS STATEMENT:

The martyrdom and injury of several journalists at Al-Ma'amdani Hospital is a new crime by the Zionist occupation army.

The occupation's targeting of journalists is a systematic crime aimed at silencing their voices and erasing their testimonies of its crimes.

We call on the international community to take urgent action to protect journalists and hold the occupation accountable for its ongoing crimes.

Thu, Jun 5, 3:52 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Poll on Gaza War**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Institute for National Security studies published a new poll revealing that 75% of respondents trust the army, and only 21% trust the government. 48% believe that the goals of the Gaza war will be achieved to a small extent or never.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:42 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital Hit Again: Four Journalists Killed in Israeli Attack**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: At least 23 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes targeting multiple areas since dawn on Thursday.

Among the victims were four journalists killed in a direct Israeli attack on the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza City.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Gaza Faces Severe Malnutrition Crisis**

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM: Over 70,000 children in the Gaza Strip are experiencing severe levels of malnutrition. Any further escalation of the conflict could lead to a near-complete halt of relief operations. The aid reaching Gaza remains critically insufficient in both quantity and type of supplies.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Lieberman: Israel Supplied Weapons to Gaza Gangs**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Avigdor Lieberman, leader of the Yisrael Beiteinu party, conveyed via Israeli official radio that Israel provided weapons to criminal gangs in the Gaza Strip under orders from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Lieberman added that this arming of criminal groups did not receive the approval of the Security Cabinet, affirming that the head of the Shin Bet was aware. He also warned that no one can guarantee these weapons will not be used against Israel.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Four Journalists Killed in Israeli Shelling of Baptist Hospital**

AL-JAZEERA: A medical source at the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza City confirmed the deaths of four journalists after an Israeli shelling on the hospital. An Al Jazeera correspondent reported that an Israeli drone directly shelled the journalists who were at the hospital covering war developments.

<https://twitter.com/PalestineChron/status/1930570218725654942>

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Baptist Hospital Targeted Repeatedly**

AL-JAZEERA: Dr. Fadl Naim, director of the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza, stated that occupation forces directly targeted the hospital, resulting in three deaths. This marks the eighth time the hospital has been targeted since the war began. The hospital faces immense pressure after many facilities in the Strip became inoperable.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Freedom Flotilla Ship Alters Course**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources on the Freedom Flotilla ship Madleen indicate that the ship altered its course in response to a distress call from a boat carrying asylum seekers. The ship will proceed to the asylum seekers' boat and act in accordance with international law.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Casualties in Bani Suheila, Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: A medical source at Nasser Medical Complex reported the deaths of two Palestinians due to Israeli drone fire that targeted them in Bani Suheila town, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

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### **Israeli Shelling Targets Journalists**

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli occupation army shelled a group of journalists at Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza City, central Gaza Strip.

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### **Bodies of Detainees with US Citizenship Recovered**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli army radio reported that the bodies of the two detainees recovered by the army from the Gaza Strip held US citizenship. Earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israel had recovered the bodies of two captives from the Gaza Strip.

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### **Families of Israeli Captives Demand Return**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli captives in the Gaza Strip state that the return of Judy and Gadi's bodies serves as a reminder of the state's duty to bring everyone home. They urged decision-makers to do everything necessary to reach a deal that brings all "abductees" back, alive and dead.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Casualties in Jabaliya and Gaza City**

AL-JAZEERA: A medical source at Al-Shifa Hospital reported that two people died, one of whom was a pregnant woman, due to an Israeli shelling that targeted Jabalia Al-Balad, northern Gaza Strip. The source also confirmed the death of a child who succumbed to injuries from an Israeli shelling on Gaza City, central Gaza Strip.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Casualties in Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: A source at Nasser Medical Complex reported the deaths of two Palestinian women due to Israeli drone fire in Bani Suheila, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Thu, Jun 5, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Netanyahu Announces Recovery of Two Captives' Bodies in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the bodies of two “abductees” held by Hamas in Gaza had been recovered. He affirmed that Judy and Gadi were killed in the October 7 attack, and their bodies were “abducted” to the Gaza Strip. He pledged to continue efforts until all “abductees” are brought home, both living and deceased.

Thu, Jun 5, 9:15 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Israel Intends to Control the Madleen Ship and Arrest Activists**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to military sources cited by the Jerusalem Post, Israel plans to issue a direct warning to activists aboard the Madleen ship not to approach Gaza. Should activists disregard these orders, the military may intercept the ship and detain those on board. The Madleen, carrying symbolic aid, sailed from Sicily last Sunday with the aim of breaking the Israeli blockade on Gaza.

Thu, Jun 5, 9:15 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Three Killed in Israeli Airstrike on Home in Zaytoun Neighborhood**

AL-JAZEERA: A medical source at Al-Ma’amdani Hospital reported the killing of three Palestinians and injuries to others due to an Israeli airstrike that targeted a home in the Zaytoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City, central Gaza Strip.

Thu, Jun 5, 9:15 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Reserve Officer: Hamas Has Resumed Using Drones**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli website “Walla”, citing an Israeli reserve officer in the Gaza front, stated: “The prevailing assumption is that Hamas is collecting intelligence on us around the clock. Hamas uses remote monitoring, binoculars, and drones to collect information.”

Thu, Jun 5, 9:15 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Explosion Heard and Reconnaissance Aircraft Flying during Raid on Balata Camp**

AL-JAZEERA: The sound of an explosion was heard and an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft was flying coinciding with the Israeli occupation forces' raid on Balata camp, east of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

Thu, Jun 5, 9:15 AM (Palestine Time)

## **CNN Investigation: Israeli Army Fired on Aid Seekers in Rafah**

CNN: An investigation by CNN confirmed that the Israeli army fired on crowds of Palestinians while they were trying to reach an aid site in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. CNN quoted a former US military officer as saying that "the rate of fire is consistent with the rate of fire of a machine gun used by the Israeli army."

Thu, Jun 5, 7:21 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israel Bar Freedom Flotilla Ship from Approaching Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation reported that Israeli security agencies have decided not to allow the vessel Madleen to approach the Gaza Strip, aiming to avoid setting a precedent for breaking the blockade on the Strip.

It added that the Israeli Minister of Defense is expected to hold a session to discuss the ship's matter and make a decision regarding it and its passengers. Among the potential scenarios are preventing the ship from reaching Gaza and arresting the activists on board.

Thu, Jun 5, 7:19 AM (Palestine Time)

## **CNN Investigation: Israeli Army Opened Fire on Aid Seekers in Rafah**

US MEDIA (Cited in Al-Jazeera): A CNN investigation has confirmed that the Israeli army opened fire on crowds of Palestinians as they attempted to reach an aid distribution site in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

CNN cited a former US Army serviceman who stated that the rate of fire is consistent with the rate of fire of a machine gun used by the Israeli army.

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## **Occupation Vehicles Open Fire East of Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli Military vehicles are intensely firing on the eastern areas of Gaza City.

Thu, Jun 5, 4:04 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Rubio: United States Will Continue to Stand with Israel**

STATEMENT: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio:

- The United States will continue to stand by Israel.
- We used the veto against the UN Security Council resolution on Gaza because it would have served the interests of Hamas terrorists and undermined diplomatic efforts.

- We will not support any action that falsely equates Israel and Hamas and ignores Israel's right to defend itself.
- Any action by the United Nations should clearly condemn Hamas and call on it to disarm and leave Gaza.