

# LIVE BLOG: Ben-Gvir Threatens Barghouti | Israel Prepares for General Strike | New Gaza Massacres – Day 680

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Israel committed horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: social media, via QNN)

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Meanwhile, families of Israeli captives in Gaza announced that Israel will come to a standstill next Sunday as massacres across the Strip continued.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 61,827 and injured 155,275 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Former Israeli Intelligence Chief: Netanyahu is a Coward and Failed the Test**

AL-JAZEERA (Citing Israeli media): Channel 12, citing a leaked recording of the former head of the Israeli Military Intelligence Directorate:

We had plans to assassinate (Yahya) Sinwar and (Mohammed) Deif before October 7.

Netanyahu is a coward and failed the test.

(Hezbollah leader Hassan) Nasrallah made a mistake by engaging in a small battle and did not expect to be killed.

Sat, Aug 16, 12:00 AM (Palestine Time)

### **31 Arab and Islamic States Condemn Netanyahu's Statements**

AL-JAZEERA: Thirty-one Arab and Islamic countries issued a joint statement strongly condemning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks regarding what he called "Greater Israel." The statement described Netanyahu's comments as a blatant and serious violation of law and the foundations of international relations

Fri, Aug 15, 10:32 PM (Palestine Time)

### **KAN: Israeli Army Preparing to Accelerate Occupation of Gaza City**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORPORATION: The Israeli army is preparing to accelerate its military operation aimed at occupying Gaza City, following directives from the political leadership.

Army commanders are scheduled to hold a meeting tomorrow at the Southern Command regarding operations in Gaza.

The Chief of Staff will arrive at the Southern Command on Sunday to approve the occupation plans, which reportedly include measures to reduce the risk to captives. The method of carrying out the operation will determine the size of forces to be deployed, with efforts to limit the call-up of reservists.

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### **Israeli Forces Force Thousands to Evacuate Al-Zaytoun**

AL-JAZEERA:

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### **Israeli Fans Spark Diplomatic Crisis with Poland over 'Shameful' Banner**

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PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Fans of Israel's Maccabi Haifa soccer club have ignited a wave of outrage in Poland after displaying a large banner that read "Murderers since 1939" during a match against Poland's Raków Częstochowa.

Fri, Aug 15, 9:35 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Injuries in Strike Targeting Tent Shelter for Displaced West of Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source in Gaza's ambulance and emergency services reported that several Palestinians were injured in an Israeli strike targeting a tent sheltering displaced people in the Al-Rimal neighborhood, west of Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:30 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Six Palestinians Injured in Settler Attacks, 15 Detained in West Bank Raids**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Six Palestinians were injured on Friday in attacks by illegal Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank towns of Ramallah and Hebron (Al-Khalil), while the Israeli occupation army arrested at least 15 Palestinians in multiple raids across the territory.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:01 PM (Palestine Time)

## **‘Lord is Counting on Me’ – Ugandan ICJ Judge Defends Stance on Israel**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ugandan Judge Julia Sebutinde, who serves as vice-president of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), has claimed that “the Lord is counting on me to stand on the side of Israel.”

Fri, Aug 15, 7:57 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Detainee Transferred to Hospital after Torture by Palestinian Authority Security**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian news outlets, citing human rights sources, reported that political detainee Mohammed Al-Hashlamoun was transferred to a hospital in critical condition after being arrested and tortured by the Palestinian Authority’s Intelligence Service.

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## **Report: Arrest Warrants for Ben-Gvir, Smotrich Ready at ICC**

AL-JAZEERA (citing ICC): Arrest warrants are being pursued against two senior Israeli ministers on charges of apartheid, though concerns remain that the move may not be carried out due to heavy pressure on the International Criminal Court and its judges.

Fri, Aug 15, 7:34 PM (Palestine Time)

## **British MPs Call on Starmer to 'Immediately Expel' Israeli Ambassador**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A group of British MPs has sent a letter to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, calling for the immediate expulsion of the Israeli ambassador to the UK as well as a total arms embargo on Israel.

Fri, Aug 15, 7:34 PM (Palestine Time)

## **41 Killed by Israeli Fire Across Gaza since Dawn**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 41 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces in various parts of the Gaza Strip since dawn today.

Fri, Aug 15, 7:34 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Army: Anti-Tank Missile Fired at Forces in Al-Zaytoun**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said its 99th Division began operating in the Al-Zaytoun area on the outskirts of Gaza City. According to the statement, forces destroyed a booby-trapped building used to store weapons.

Fri, Aug 15, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Palestinians with Disabilities Face ‘Immense Challenges’ in Gaza – UNRWA**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Palestinians with disabilities face “immense challenges” in their daily lives and in accessing essential services in the Gaza Strip, the UN Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) has warned.

Fri, Aug 15, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Child Dies of Starvation in Gaza**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry announced the death of a young girl due to starvation and the lack of food, raising the total number of starvation-related deaths to 240, including 107 children.

Fri, Aug 15, 6:17 PM (Palestine Time)

## **More Than 61,000 Killed in Gaza since Start of Genocide**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Israeli offensive has killed 61,827 people and wounded 155,275 others since October 7, 2023. Between March 18 and today alone, 10,300 Palestinians were killed and 43,234 wounded. The number of “bread seekers” killed while attempting to obtain aid has risen to 1,898, with more than 14,113 injured. The ministry also confirmed the death of a child due to famine, bringing starvation-related fatalities to 240, including 107 children.

Fri, Aug 15, 5:14 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Six Palestinians Killed While Seeking Aid in Northern Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza said six Palestinian civilians were killed and others wounded by Israeli army fire while they were waiting for humanitarian aid in the northern Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 15, 5:14 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Oxfam: Israel Uses Obstruction Tactics as a Weapon**

AL-JAZEERA: Oxfam spokesperson Chris McIntosh told Al Jazeera that the organization faces major obstacles in Gaza, including ongoing bombardment and drone activity. He accused Israel of deliberately delaying the entry of aid, preventing the import of electric generators under “security” pretexts, and using obstruction tactics as a weapon to hinder relief efforts for Gaza’s population.

Fri, Aug 15, 4:10 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Soldier Commits Suicide After Returning from Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that a reserve soldier from Tiberias took his own life yesterday in the Swiss Forest in northern Israel, shortly after returning from fighting in Gaza. His unit remains on duty there.

Fri, Aug 15, 3:29 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Ben-Gvir Threatens Marwan Barghouti in Prison Visit, Family Fears for His Life**

THE PALESTINE CHORNICLE: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir has threatened prominent Palestinian prisoner Marwan Barghouti after entering his cell, leaving the detainee’s family alarmed by his deteriorating appearance and fearful for his life.

According to the Israeli Channel 7, Ben-Gvir entered the solitary confinement ward where Barghouti is held and told him: “Whoever kills our children or women, we will wipe them out. You will not defeat us.”

Fri, Aug 15, 3:27 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Sheikh Qassem: Lebanese Government Made Dangerous Decision, Bears Responsibility for Any Strife**

THE PALESTINE CHORNICLE: The Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Sheikh Naim Qassem, said that the Lebanese government's decision on August 5th "strips Lebanon of its defensive weapons during aggression and makes it easier to kill resistance fighters and their families."

Fri, Aug 15, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Three Killed, Including Two Children, Near Netzarim Aid Center**

STATEMENT: Al-Awda Hospital reported that three Palestinians, including two children, were killed by Israeli occupation forces near the Netzarim aid center in the central Gaza Strip.

Fri, Aug 15, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

### **17 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn**

PALESTINAIN MEDIA: Sources in Gaza hospitals announced that 17 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire in various parts of the Strip since dawn today.

Fri, Aug 15, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

### **15,000 Sick and Wounded People in Gaza Need Medical Evacuation**

AL-JAZEERA: The director of the NGO network in Gaza stated that over 15,000 sick and wounded people are in urgent need of medical evacuation outside of the Gaza Strip. He called for urgent international action to save the patients and the injured and to send field hospitals to the area.

Fri, Aug 15, 2:50 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Woman Killed by Israeli Fire in Khan Yunis**

STATEMENT: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that a Palestinian woman was killed by Israeli forces in the al-Mawasi area, southwest of Khan Yunis.

Fri, Aug 15, 2:45 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Family of Prisoner Ali Samoudi Pleads to Save His Life**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The family of the imprisoned journalist, Ali Samoudi, said that he faints daily in the occupation's prisons and suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes. They are appealing to the relevant institutions to save the life of the journalist, who is being held in very difficult conditions in the Negev prison.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:49 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Poll on Gaza War**

MAARIV: A poll conducted by the Israeli newspaper *Maariv* found that 69% of Israelis fear the continuation of the Gaza war could erode social cohesion in Israel, 66% worry it will harm their economic situation, and 63% are concerned about potential security threats inside or outside Israel if the war persists.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:49 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Mass Demolitions in Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local sources said the Israeli army is carrying out large-scale demolitions in southern areas of Gaza City. Al Jazeera's correspondent reported airstrikes, artillery shelling, and the demolition of residential buildings south of the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:49 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Forces Besiege Building in Jenin**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Armed clashes erupted as Israeli forces surrounded a building near Ibn Sina Hospital in Jenin.

Israeli forces arrested Musa Turkman and Abdullah Sawafteh from inside a building they besieged near Ibn Sina Hospital in Jenin, northern West Bank.

Fri, Aug 15, 8:49 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Marwan Barghouti's Lawyer Urges Protection**

AL-JAZEERA: The lawyer for Palestinian prisoner Marwan Barghouti said his client faces death threats and urged the international community to guarantee he will not be executed or assassinated. The lawyer described the raid on Barghouti's cell — while he was shackled — and threats to kill him as "fascist."

Fri, Aug 15, 8:49 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Qassam Carries Out Complex Ambush in Southern Gaza**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said they carried out a complex ambush on Wednesday targeting an Israeli force in southern Al-Zaytoun, Gaza City. The group said it used a shell and machine guns against the soldiers, planted two anti-armor explosives in armored personnel carriers, and hit a Namer APC with a Yassin-105 shell. Fighters also shelled two houses where Israeli soldiers had taken cover, claiming casualties among the troops.

Fri, Aug 15, 1:30 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Two Killed, Injured in Israeli Airstrike West of Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at the Al-Shifa Medical Complex in the Gaza Strip reported that two people were killed and others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Rimal neighborhood west of Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 15, 1:30 AM (Palestine Time)

## **UN Condemns Smotrich's Settlement Plan**

AL-JAZEERA: Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General:

Our position is clear: settlements in the West Bank are a violation of international law.

Settlements fuel tensions and systematically undermine the possibility of a Palestinian state as part of a two-state solution.

Construction in the 'E1' area would lead to the separation of the northern West Bank from the south, which would undermine the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Fri, Aug 15, 1:29 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Qassam Claims Ambush in Southern Gaza City**

STATEMENT: The Al-Qassam Brigades stated:

On Wednesday, we carried out a complex ambush against an Israeli force south of the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood in southern Gaza City, targeting its members with a shell and machine guns.

During the ambush, we targeted two armored personnel carriers with two explosive devices placed inside the cockpit.

We also targeted a “Nimr” type armored personnel carrier with a “Yassin 105” shell.

Our fighters, while withdrawing from the ambush site, targeted two houses where occupation soldiers were fortified with shells.

Our fighters confirmed that they had inflicted casualties among the occupation soldiers, leaving them dead or wounded.

Fri, Aug 15, 1:29 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Marwan Barghouti's Lawyer Calls for Protection from Assassination**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The lawyer for Palestinian prisoner Marwan Barghouti stated:

Marwan is under threat of being killed, and the world must provide assurances that he will not be executed or assassinated.

Storming Marwan’s cell while he is shackled and threatening him with death is fascism.

Israel must provide guarantees to protect Marwan Barghouti’s life.

Fri, Aug 15, 1:29 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Airstrikes Hit Southern Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media outlets reported that Israeli artillery shelling targeted the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeastern part of Gaza City and the Al-Sabra neighborhood in the southwest.

Fri, Aug 15, 12:34 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Qassam Brigades: Merkava Tank Targeted in Southern Al-Zaytoun**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said they targeted a Merkava tank with a Yassin-105 shell in southern Al-Zaytoun, the largest neighborhood in Gaza City. The group added that its fighters also shelled two houses where Israeli soldiers had taken cover during their withdrawal from an ambush site in the neighborhood, claiming they inflicted both deaths and injuries among the troops.

Thu, Aug 14, 11:55 PM (Palestine Time)



## **Itamar Ben-Gvir Threatens Imprisoned Palestinian Leader Marwan Barghouti**

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian sources reported on Thursday that Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir issued a direct threat to the imprisoned Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti after storming his cell at Ganot Prison, which was formerly known as Ramon and Nafha Prisons.

Barghouti's family, speaking to Al Jazeera, expressed their deep concern. "We fear Marwan will be executed inside the cell by a decision from Ben-Gvir following his threat," the family said. They also noted that they are "shocked by the change in his facial features, and the exhaustion and hunger he is experiencing."

Thu, Aug 14, 10:15 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Families of Israeli Captives in Gaza Announce Nationwide Strike**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli captives in Gaza announced that Israel will come to a standstill next Sunday, with hundreds of thousands expected to join a strike. Dozens of municipalities and hundreds of thousands of businesses will close, and mass protests will be held to demand the return of captives and an end to the war.

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## **Protesters Block Main Ayalon Highway Near Tel Aviv**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that protesters blocked the main Ayalon Highway near Tel Aviv to demand the return of captives from Gaza.

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## **Islamic Jihad's Al-Quds Brigades Announce Attack on Israeli Forces**

SARAYA AL-QUDS: The Al-Quds Brigades, the armed wing of the Islamic Jihad Movement, said its fighters yesterday destroyed two Israeli military vehicles with anti-armor explosives during an incursion into the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood.