

# LIVE BLOG: Zamir-Netanyahu Conflict over Gaza Occupation as Naim Qassem Declares: No Surrender – DAY 670

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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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Activists from 44 countries gathered in Tunis to prepare for a coordinated maritime effort known as the Global Sumoud Flotilla, aimed at breaking the Israeli blockade on Gaza.

Meanwhile, Yedioth Ahronoth quoted sources saying that US President Donald Trump gave Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu the green light for an intensified military operation against Hamas.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 60,933 and injured 150,027 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Israeli Airstrike Destroys UNRWA Clinic Sheltering Displaced in Gaza City**

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli airstrike destroyed a UNRWA clinic that was sheltering displaced persons in the Al-Maqousi area, west of Gaza City.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:40 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Police Arrest Anti-War Protester in Tel Aviv**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORPORATION: Israeli police arrested one protester in central Tel Aviv during a demonstration calling for an end to the war and the release of captives.

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## **Israeli Chief of Staff Warns Gaza Occupation Would Exhaust Military**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Channel 12, Israeli Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi warned during security consultations that a full occupation of Gaza would endanger Israeli captives, exhaust both reserve and regular forces, and could last for months.

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## **Israel Evacuates Embassy Staff in Athens amid Anti-Israel Protests**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that Israeli embassy staff in Athens were evacuated due to growing public protests in Greece against Israel.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:45 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Shifa Hospital: One killed from Israeli Targeting of Aid Seekers**

STATEMENT: Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza reported that a Palestinian was killed when Israeli forces opened fire on people seeking aid in the northern part of the Strip.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:45 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Al-Qassam: We Targeted an Israeli APC, Killing and Wounding Its Crew**

STATEMENT: The Al-Qassam Brigades stated that they targeted an Israeli armored personnel carrier with a high-explosive device, killing and wounding its crew northeast of Khan Yunis.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:43 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Former 'Gaza Foundation' Contractor: I Saw the Army Shooting at Palestinians**

ARABIC MEDIA: Anthony Aguilar, a former security contractor with the “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation,” told Al Jazeera:

- There is no logical plan for distributing aid.
- The distribution method endangers civilians.
- The foundation was unable to establish other distribution centers.
- Centers were designated in the south to clear out the central part of the strip.
- I saw the army shooting at Palestinians.
- The Israeli army is shooting to kill civilians.
- I never saw a Palestinian who was armed or posed a threat.
- I realize I may be at risk as a result of my testimony.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:41 PM (Palestine Time)

## **83 Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire Since This Morning**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources in Gaza hospitals report:

83 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since this morning.

Among today's martyrs, 58 were people seeking aid.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:40 PM (Palestine Time)

## **UN Official: Women and Children in Gaza at Risk While Searching for Food**

ARABIC MEDIA: The spokesperson for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Gaza told Al-Jazeera:

Children, women, and the elderly are at risk while searching for food.

We are facing a very difficult situation and are trying to ensure there is enough aid.

Truck delays due to inspections make their staff's work very difficult.

Only a very small fraction of the aid is entering the Gaza Strip.

Civilians have been killed after aid packages were dropped on their heads.

Tue, Aug 5, 9:01 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Netanyahu to Meet Opposition Leader Tomorrow, Protest Demands End to War**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12: Netanyahu will meet with opposition leader Yair Lapid tomorrow in light of reports about the complete occupation of the Gaza Strip.

Tue, Aug 5, 8:17 PM (Palestine Time)

## **UN Experts Recommend Arms Embargo on Israel and Dismantling of 'Gaza Foundation'**

AL-JAZEERA: UN experts have recommended that member states impose a comprehensive arms embargo on Israel due to its multiple violations of international law. They also called for the immediate dismantling of the "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation," asserting that it is carrying out "military and geopolitical objectives" under the guise of aid distribution.

In a report published today, Tuesday, the experts stated that Palestinians are paying the price for the international community's legal, political, and moral failure. They emphasized that preventing or delaying aid is a war crime aimed at starving civilians in the context of documented and condemned genocide.

The experts added that the sight of children dying of starvation in their parents' arms should shake us and pull us out of inaction.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:36 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Walla: Chief of Staff Has Not Changed His Stance on the Plan to Occupy the Gaza Strip**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to sources cited by the Hebrew news website Walla, the Israeli army Chief of Staff did not change his position on the plan to occupy the Gaza Strip during today's security consultations.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:25 PM (Palestine Time)

## **'Children Are Dying in Large Numbers, and 60,000 Pregnant Women Suffer from Severe Anemia'**

ARABIC MEDIA: The Director-General of Gaza's Health Ministry told Al-Jazeera:

No medicine is available for children suffering from starvation and malnutrition in the strip.

There are mass deaths among children who are victims of starvation in the strip.

60,000 pregnant women suffer from severe anemia, general weakness, and an increased risk of bleeding.

We have recorded cases of congenital deformities as a result of the tragic conditions in which the strip and its people live.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Hezbollah's Qassem Warns against Foreign Intervention, Internal 'Betrayal'**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Sheikh Naim Qassem, the deputy secretary-general of Hezbollah, delivered a forceful televised address today, warning against what he described as foreign intervention and internal collaboration that threaten Lebanon's stability.

In his speech, Qassem asserted that the nation's future hinges on its ability to confront both external pressure and internal division.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:20 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Farhan Haq: Limited Chances of Survival in Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: Farhan Haq, the Deputy Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, stated that the international organization and its partners face obstacles preventing them from delivering and distributing sufficient quantities of aid in Gaza. He added that food aid partners are warning that the severe food shortage in Gaza is limiting people's chances of survival.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:15 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Medical Relief Director in Gaza: Starving People Are Dying Due to Lack of Resources**

ARABIC MEDIA: The Medical Relief Director in Gaza told Al-Jazeera:

A large number of children, women, and the elderly are at risk of death.

The medical supplies entering the strip are not enough to meet even the minimum needs.

Wounded people arriving at hospitals are dying because there are no means to treat them.

We suffer from a major shortage of both staff and medical supplies.

The wounded and starving people in the strip are constantly dying because there's no way to save them.

Our teams are exhausted as a result of the continuous targeting by the occupation and the lack of resources.

Tue, Aug 5, 7:04 PM (Palestine Time)

### **74 Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire Since Dawn, Including 51 Aid Seekers**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 74 people have been killed by Israeli army fire since dawn today, including 51 Palestinians who were seeking aid.

Tue, Aug 5, 5:51 PM (Palestine Time)

### **15 Killed, Over 100 Injured by Israeli Fire on Aid Seekers**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source in Gaza's emergency services reported that 15 Palestinians were killed and more than 100 others injured when Israeli forces opened fire on people waiting for humanitarian aid in northern Gaza.

Tue, Aug 5, 5:51 PM (Palestine Time)

### **UK Spy Planes over Gaza Supporting Israel**

BRITISH MEDIA: The Times newspaper quoted British government sources saying that UK surveillance aircraft continue to fly over Gaza to assist Israel in locating captives.

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### **Sisi: Egypt Will Not Facilitate Displacement of Palestinians**

AL JAZEERA: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi stated that the war in Gaza has become one of starvation, extermination, and the liquidation of the Palestinian cause. He stressed that Egypt will not serve as a gateway for the displacement of the Palestinian people from their land.

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### **Lapid: Attacks on Chief of Staff Zamir Are Cowardly and Harmful**

AL JAZEERA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid voiced his support for Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, saying the attacks against him were cowardly, detached from reality, and harmful to the military during wartime.

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### **Israeli Cabinet Discusses Cost of Controlling Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israel Hayom, a senior official said that the Israeli Cabinet is currently discussing the financial costs of controlling the Gaza Strip. Initial estimates place the cost between \$2.9 and \$5.8 billion. Prime Minister Netanyahu reportedly did not invite Ministers Ben-Gvir or Smotrich to the meeting.

Tue, Aug 5, 4:23 PM (Palestine Time)

### **UN Experts: Blocking or Delaying Aid to Gaza Is a War Crime**

UN EXPERTS: UN experts expressed grave concern about the activities of the "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation." They stated that Palestinians are paying the price for the legal, political, and moral failure of the international community.

Tue, Aug 5, 4:23 PM (Palestine Time)

## **52 Killed in Gaza by Israeli Army since Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources in Gaza hospitals confirmed that 52 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip by Israeli army fire since dawn on Tuesday, including 28 aid seekers.

Tue, Aug 5, 4:23 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Army Announces Officer Injured in Gaza**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that one of its officers was moderately injured in southern Gaza.

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## **Norwegian Official: Israel Violates International Law in Gaza Daily**

AL-JAZEERA: Jan Egeland, Secretary-General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, told Al Jazeera that Israel violates international law in Gaza daily and that they expect Norwegian divestment from Israeli companies complicit in violations in Gaza and the West Bank.

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## **European Commission: The Situation in Gaza Is Unbearable**

AL-JAZEERA: The European Commission stated that the situation in Gaza is unbearable and that the European Union continues to pressure Israel to allow aid in.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:13 AM (Palestine Time)

## **25 Killed in Gaza by Israeli Army Fire since Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 25 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire since dawn on Tuesday, including 14 aid seekers.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:13 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Killed and Wounded Near Aid Center in Central Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Awda Hospital announced that 8 Palestinians were martyred and 9 others injured by Israeli army fire near an aid center on Salah al-Din Street, south of Wadi Gaza in central Gaza.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:13 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Ben Gvir Urges Israeli Chief of Staff to Obey Gaza Occupation Orders**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Far-right Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said Israeli army Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi must clearly declare his full compliance with political orders, even if that includes occupying the entire Gaza Strip.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:13 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Yahya Saree: We Targeted Lod Airport in Occupied Jaffa With Hypersonic Missile**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN:

Our forces carried out an operation targeting Lod Airport in occupied Jaffa with a hypersonic ballistic missile.

The operation achieved its objective, causing millions of settlers to flee to shelters and halting airport operations.

This was in response to the genocide and starvation crimes against the Palestinian people.

Tue, Aug 5, 11:13 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Army: Government Approves Gradual Resumption of Commercial Entry into Gaza**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army stated that the Israeli government has approved the gradual resumption of the mechanism for allowing goods to enter the Gaza Strip through the private sector.

Tue, Aug 5, 8:36 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Al-Awda Hospital: 11 Martyrs Received in the Past 24 Hours**

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Awda Hospital reported receiving 11 martyrs over the past 24 hours, including a woman, as well as 78 injuries resulting from Israeli attacks on gatherings of civilians at an aid distribution point south of Wadi Gaza and in various areas of central Gaza Strip.

Tue, Aug 5, 8:36 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Palestinian Resistance Leader Severely Beaten in Israeli Prison**

AL-JAZEERA: According to media reports citing organizations concerned with Palestinian prisoners, resistance leader Abbas Al-Sayed was severely beaten by Israeli forces while being transferred to solitary confinement in Megiddo Prison.

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### **Israeli Forces Arrest Palestinian North of Ramallah**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that Israeli forces arrested a young man in the village of Al-Mazraa Al-Gharbiya, north of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank.

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### **Israeli Airstrike on Al-Bureij Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources said that an Israeli airstrike targeted Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza.

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### **Two Martyred, Others Wounded Northwest of Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Shifa Medical Complex reported two martyrs and several injuries in an Israeli airstrike on a residential apartment northwest of Gaza City.

Tue, Aug 5, 12:42 AM (Palestine Time)



## **Breaking the Siege: Global Sumoud Flotilla to Set Sail for Gaza from Spain**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Activists from 44 countries gathered in Tunis to prepare for a coordinated maritime effort known as the Global Sumoud Flotilla, aimed at breaking the Israeli blockade on Gaza.

Mon, Aug 4, 11:42 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Osama Hamdan: We Call on UNSC to Pressure Israel to End the Gaza Catastrophe**

OSAMA HAMDAN:

“The occupation continues its war of extermination and starvation against the Gaza Strip, with American support and international silence and impotence.

“Washington and the occupation are trying to turn a Security Council session on Gaza into one about Israeli hostages.

“These figures are a message to Security Council members to pause and confront the catastrophe experienced by over two million Palestinians.”

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## **Sources Close to Israeli Army Chief: Zamir Rejects Strategic Trap**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israel Hayom, sources close to Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir said that his objective is “to defeat Hamas and retrieve the hostages without falling into a strategic trap,” amid reports that the government is preparing a new plan in Gaza that may include expanding military operations or fully occupying the territory.

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## **Al-Shifa Hospital Director: We Are Recording Daily Deaths from Famine**

AL-JAZEERA:

Dr. Mohammad Abu Salmiya, Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza, said:

“Children and the elderly in Gaza have wasted away, and we are now recording daily deaths due to famine.

We call on the world to visit the hospitals, the tents, and the homes that are empty of even a piece of bread.”

Mon, Aug 4, 10:13 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Channel Leaks Netanyahu’s March Negotiation Stance**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 reported that protocols from negotiations held in March show Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted on resuming the war after a temporary ceasefire. The report said Netanyahu’s insistence came despite recommendations from security agency leaders to halt the war and retrieve the hostages.

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## **Israeli Official: Netanyahu Has Not Yet Made Final Decision on Expanding Gaza Offensive**

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to an Israeli security official quoted by Israel Hayom, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “has not made a final decision regarding expanding operations to the remaining areas of the Gaza Strip, but momentum is building in that direction.”

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## **Families of Israeli Captives: Gaza Occupation Will Lead to Their Deaths**

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Families of Israeli hostages in Gaza said:

“The occupation of Gaza will cause us to lose the captives and lead to more soldier deaths.

“The government deliberately sabotaged rescue deals and misled public opinion.

“Security officials offered options for retrieving the captives, but the government missed the opportunities.

“Dozens of hostages were killed in captivity while awaiting a deal that the government never pursued.

“Since the war resumed, 50 soldiers have died without any military achievement. The government is responsible for sabotaging the deals.”

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## **1,000% Increase in Mental Health Treatment Requests by Israeli Reservists**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Jerusalem Post quoted the head of the Israeli army’s mental health unit as saying that the number of reservist soldiers requesting psychological treatment has increased by 1,000%.

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## **Israeli Attorney General Denounces Her Dismissal**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara denounced the government’s decision to dismiss her from her position, asserting that it is illegal.