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

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At least three Palestinians were killed and others injured in Israeli shelling targeting the Al-Sikka area and the town of Suheila in the southern Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, in the occupied West Bank, illegal Israeli settlers attacked a group of Hajj pilgrims near Jenin.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 54,381 and injured 124,054 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sun, Jun 1, 12:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Media: Death of Dr. Hamdi al-Najjar

QNN: Dr. Hamdi Al-Najjar, a Palestinian physician, has died from injuries he sustained when Israel bombed his family home in Khan Yunis, killing nine of his children.

Sun, Jun 1, 12:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes on Northwestern Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli airstrikes targeted the northwestern area of Khan Yunis city, southern Gaza Strip.

Sun, Jun 1, 12:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: Hamas's Response Unacceptable and Sets Back Situation

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority quoted Netanyahu as saying: "Israel agreed to Witkoff's updated plan for the release of hostages, but Hamas insists on rejecting it." He added, "We will continue to work for the return of hostages and the defeat of Hamas. Hamas' response is unacceptable and sets back the situation."

Sun, Jun 1, 12:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff: Received Hamas's Response and It Is Absolutely Unacceptable

US MEDIA: US Envoy to the region Stephen Witkoff stated: "I received Hamas's response to the United States' proposal, and it is absolutely unacceptable and will only lead to our retreat." He reiterated, "I received Hamas's response to the United States' proposal, and it is absolutely unacceptable."

Sat, May 31, 10:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Ceasefire – Full Translation of Hamas' Response to Witkoff Proposal

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Al-Jazeera Arabic website says that it had "obtained a copy of Hamas' response to the proposal from US envoy Steve Witkoff for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and prisoner exchange."

The document was produced in Arabic by Al-Jazeera and translated by the Palestine Chronicle below. Therefore, please note that the English translation provided here is not the official response from Hamas and other Palestinian groups.

Sat, May 31, 9:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Al Jazeera Obtains Exclusive Footage of Al-Quds Brigades Operation

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera reported that it obtained exclusive footage of a security operation carried out by Al-Quds Brigades (the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement) in Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

The group stated that in the operation, they seized approximately 170 kilograms of highly explosive material dropped by Israeli drones. They added that "the explosives were in preparation for a security operation by Israeli special units or their agents in Al-Tuffah neighborhood." They revealed that "the explosive materials have become activated and ready for use, awaiting the occupation's incursion east of Gaza."

Sat, May 31, 9:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Shelling of Homes in Al-Zaytoun Neighborhood, South of Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli warplanes shelled a number of homes in Al-Zeitoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City.

Sat, May 31, 9:41 PM (Palestine Time)

US Official: Hamas's Response Largely Positive

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom quoted a US official as saying that the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas's response does not fully support the framework proposed by US Envoy to the region Steve Witkoff, but it is largely positive.

Sat, May 31, 9:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Second Italian Region Announces Cutting Ties with Israel

ITALIAN MEDIA: The President of the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy announced the cutting of his region's ties with Israel, explaining that the move came in protest of what is happening in the Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 9:11 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Responds to US-Backed Ceasefire Initiative Led by Witkoff

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hamas has formally responded to US envoy Steve Witkoff's ceasefire proposal, backing the plan in principle while demanding amendments that include a permanent ceasefire.

Sat, May 31, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Blows Up Residential Buildings in Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli artillery shelling on Al-Fukhari, Qa' Al-Qareen, and Al-Manara neighborhood east of Khan Yunis city. The Israeli army is blowing up residential buildings in Al-Qarara town, northeast of Khan Yunis city.

Sat, May 31, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Netanyahu Expressed Disappointment in Dermer

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth quoted government officials stating that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently criticized his friend Ron Dermer for not anticipating Washington's change in stance towards Israel. Netanyahu expressed his disappointment with his close friend Dermer during internal discussions.

Sat, May 31, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

US State Department: Witkoff and Trump Focused on Stopping Slaughter in Gaza

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The US State Department spokesperson told Fox News: "Envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump are focused on stopping the slaughter in Gaza."

She added, "We need to deliver more humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza." She noted that the world is watching and understands the volatility of the situation in Gaza.

She claimed the only reason the slaughter continues in Gaza is because Hamas has not laid down its arms, stating that Trump and Secretary Rubio's position is that Hamas cannot continue to exist.

She concluded that President Trump is determined to end the slaughter in Gaza, and Trump was very optimistic yesterday about a ceasefire in Gaza.

Sat, May 31, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Rockets Launched from Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that three rockets launched from the Gaza Strip were detected, noting that the rockets landed in open areas. The Israeli army stated, "We detected several rocket launches towards the Gaza envelope that fell in open areas." This comes after the Israeli

Home Front Command announced that sirens were sounding in Nir Am and Ein HaShlosha in the southern Gaza envelope.

Sat, May 31, 8:15 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Sirens Sounding in Gaza Envelope

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Home Front Command stated that sirens are sounding in Nir Am and Ein HaShlosha in the southern Gaza envelope.

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Hamas: We Delivered Our Response to Witkoff's Proposal Today

HAMAS STATEMENT: “After a round of national consultations, we delivered our response to US Envoy Steve Witkoff’s proposal to the mediating brothers today.

“We delivered our response in a way that achieves a permanent ceasefire, a full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and guarantees the flow of aid to our people.

“Within the framework of the agreement, 10 living captives held by the resistance will be released and 18 bodies will be handed over in exchange for an agreed-upon number of our prisoners.”

Sat, May 31, 6:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Civil Defense: Israel Bombed 60 Homes in Gaza Strip Within 48 Hours

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: the Israeli occupation army bombed 60 homes, including dozens of apartments and hundreds of families, in less than 48 hours in central and northern Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 6:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Targets Electrical Generators Supplying Hospitals

AL-JAZEERA: The spokesperson for Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told Al Jazeera: “The occupation systematically targets the healthcare system in the Gaza Strip.” He added that the occupation targets the electrical generators that supply hospitals and has destroyed the three largest electrical generators supplying hospitals in the Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 6:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Egyptian Foreign Minister: We Are Pressuring to End the War on Gaza

AL-JAZEERA (citing Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdel-Aty): “We are exerting all our strength to end the war on the Gaza Strip, and we hope to reach an agreement to stop the bloodshed in Gaza as soon as possible.” He emphasized the necessity of full and unrestricted access for aid to the Gaza Strip. He added that it is unacceptable to use hunger as a weapon against Palestinians in Gaza.

Sat, May 31, 4:13 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrike on Residential Tower in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli occupation army launched an airstrike on a residential tower in the Al-Karama area, northwest of Gaza City, southern Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 4:13 PM (Palestine Time)

Four Palestinians Killed by Occupation Fire While Attempting to Reach Aid

AL-JAZEERA: Sources at Nasser Medical Complex stated that four Palestinians were killed by Israeli occupation forces' fire while attempting to reach the American company's aid center in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 4:13 PM (Palestine Time)

25 Killed in Raids on Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Sources at Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis reported the martyrdom of 15 Palestinians in Israeli raids on several areas in the Strip. Additionally, sources at Al-Shifa Hospital reported the martyrdom of another 10 in Israeli raids on the Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 4:13 PM (Palestine Time)

'We Must Not Fail': Gaza Tribunal Urges End to Genocide, Zionism, Impunity

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In its final declaration, the Gaza Tribunal in Sarajevo outlined a comprehensive call for global accountability, resistance, and the dismantling of systems that sustain the oppression of Palestinians.

Sat, May 31, 3:24 PM (Palestine Time)

60 Killed in 24 Hours amid Aid Blockade, Worsening Famine in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Hospitals in the Gaza Strip have received the bodies of 60 Palestinians and treated 284 others wounded in the past 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Health.

As famine spreads rapidly, hundreds of aid trucks remain stranded at closed border crossings. Since October 7, 2023, the death toll from Israel's ongoing assault has reached 54,381, with at least 124,054 wounded.

Sat, May 31, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Reuters: Saudi Foreign Minister Postpones West Bank Visit

REUTERS: Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan postponed his visit to the West Bank after Israel prevented it.

Sat, May 31, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Shell Gathering of Soldiers and Vehicles in Khan Yunis

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The group announced that they shelled a gathering of Israeli occupation soldiers and vehicles with mortar shells in the vicinity of the customs checkpoint area, southeast of Khan Yunis.

Sat, May 31, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Intensifies Targeting of Old City in Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation aircraft have intensified their targeting of the Old City of Gaza in recent hours.

Sat, May 31, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll from the Israeli aggression has risen to 54,381 martyrs and 124,054 injured since October 7, 2023.

Sat, May 31, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: Aid Sent to Gaza Mocks Collective Tragedy

UNRWA: The Commissioner-General of UNRWA stated: "Reports indicate that 900 trucks were sent to Gaza within two weeks, representing about 10% of daily needs." He added, "The aid currently being sent mocks the collective tragedy unfolding before our eyes in Gaza."

Sat, May 31, 10:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Malaysian Prime Minister: Gaza is a Test of Our Conscience

AL-JAZEERA: The Malaysian Prime Minister stated that "Gaza is a test of our conscience, and the failure of international institutions requires more than just condemning the genocide."

Sat, May 31, 10:54 AM (Palestine Time)

WHO Director: Gaza Children Dying of Hunger

WHO: Dr. Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, stated that children in Gaza are dying from hunger and famine, which have reached extremely high levels due to the suffocating Israeli blockade.

Sat, May 31, 10:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Four Killed in Shelling of Displaced Persons' Tent North of Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: A body was recovered after an Israeli shelling on Beit Lahia city, northern Gaza Strip. Additionally, four people were killed in an Israeli shelling that targeted a tent sheltering displaced persons in the Al-Shanti area, northern Gaza City.

Sat, May 31, 10:15 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldiers Assault Hajj Pilgrims' Bus from Jenin

AL-JAZEERA: A video clip showed occupation soldiers assaulting a bus carrying Hajj pilgrims from Jenin, ramming it with their vehicles before the pilgrims departed for Hajj.

Sat, May 31, 10:15 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Official: We Have a Plan to Deliver Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

UNITED NATIONS: The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs at the United Nations stated: "We have a plan to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza on a large scale." He added, "Conditions are difficult, but we know how to implement the plan, and the world demands it."

Sat, May 31, 10:15 AM (Palestine Time)

Young Man Killed in Israeli Airstrike Targeting His Car in South Lebanon

LEBANESE NEWS AGENCY: A young man was killed in an Israeli airstrike today, Saturday, targeting a car in south Lebanon.

Sat, May 31, 10:15 AM (Palestine Time)

One Killed, Injured in Occupation Shelling in Central Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was killed and others were injured in an occupation shelling on the Al-Sikka area in central Khan Yunis city, southern Gaza Strip.

Sat, May 31, 8:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Killed in Israeli Drone Strike East of Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians killed in an Israeli drone strike targeting Palestinians in the town of Suheila, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Israel resumed its aggression on Gaza on March 18, overturning a ceasefire agreement. Since then, over 4,000 Palestinians have been killed and approximately 11,000 injured, according to data from the Strip's Ministry of Health.

Additionally, at least 200,000 people have been displaced from their areas, according to the United Nations.

Sat, May 31, 8:03 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Killed, Dozens Injured as Palestinians Attempt to Reach Aid Center in Rafah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians were killed and dozens injured by Israeli army fire as they attempted to reach an aid center west of Rafah.

Israel is implementing a policy of starvation against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza by closing crossings to humanitarian aid, especially food, since March 2, according to the government media office in the Strip.

Under the pressure of famine, the Israeli plan for aid distribution failed after desperate Palestinian crowds stormed an aid distribution center last Tuesday and Wednesday. The Israeli army shot and killed 10 of them and injured 62, leading the institution to "temporarily" suspend its activities.