

LIVE BLOG: Ben-Gvir Bemoans ‘Total Surrender’ as One Million Gazans Return to the North – Day 478

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Displaced Palestinians return to their home city of Rafah on the first day of the ceasefire agreement.

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Israel continues to maintain a closure around Netzarim despite earlier commitments to withdraw.

Meanwhile, heightened military mobilization along the Israeli-Lebanese border is accompanied by Israeli forces opening fire on civilians attempting to return to their towns.

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Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

STATEMENT: Hamas releases a statement declaring the return of displaced people a major victory for the Palestinian people, confirming the failure and defeat of Israeli occupation and its plans for forced displacement. The statement highlights the images of large crowds returning to their homes as proof of the resilience and steadfastness of Palestinians, demonstrating the failure of Israeli objectives to break the will of the people or achieve their aims of displacement.

Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli army radio reports that Hamas achieved its goal this morning with the return of displaced people to northern Gaza. The station points out the difficulty Israel faces in resuming combat in the densely populated northern Gaza area after the initial phase of the agreement. The prospect of returning to battle in such a complex environment is described as nearly impossible within a few weeks.

Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

Ben Gvir: This Is Not Complete Victory, But Total Surrender

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's former National Security Minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, responds to the return of displaced people to northern Gaza, calling it an image of Hamas' victory. Ben Gvir states that this is "not the look of absolute victory, but rather complete surrender." He condemns the move as part of an "unlawful deal," urging a return to war to destroy everything in Gaza and asserting that Israeli soldiers did not sacrifice their lives for these images.

Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

Joy Among Palestinians as Displaced People Begin Returning to Northern Gaza

SOCIAL MEDIA: Activists in Gaza share videos showing the continued flow of displaced people returning to northern Gaza via Rashid Street. The footage captures the joy of returnees, who can be heard chanting Takbirs (God is Great), celebrating their return despite the challenges they face.

Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad: Return of Displaced People Is a Reply to Those Dreaming of Displacing Our People

STATEMENT: The Islamic Jihad Movement issues a statement regarding the return of displaced people to northern Gaza. The group describes the return of hundreds of thousands of displaced people to northern Gaza, which Israel had reduced to rubble, as a powerful response to those dreaming of displacing the Palestinian people. The statement emphasizes the resilience of the Palestinian people, declaring that their steadfastness will crush any Zionist dreams of depriving them of joy and breaking their spirit.

Mon, Jan 27, 9:08 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Military Sources: Keeping Netzarim Route as a Negotiation Card Was Crucial

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israeli military sources cited by Yedioth Ahronoth, Israel paid the full price of a deal by opening the Netzarim route without receiving the full counterpart. The importance of the Netzarim route to Hamas was clear, and it should have been maintained as a key negotiation card.

Mon, Jan 27, 7:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Military Begins Withdrawal from Netzarim Axis

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reports that the Israeli military has begun withdrawing from the Netzarim axis in central Gaza, in preparation for the return of displaced citizens to northern Gaza.

Mon, Jan 27, 7:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Interior Ministry: Al-Rashid Street Opened for Pedestrian Crossings at 7 AM

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Gaza Ministry of Interior announced that Al-Rashid Street would be opened for pedestrians in both directions starting at 7 AM today. It was emphasized that no vehicles would be allowed on the street as per the agreement. Additionally, Salah al-Din Street will open for vehicles traveling north to south at 9 AM, with all vehicles undergoing inspection before crossing.

Mon, Jan 27, 7:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Issues Demolition Notices for 45 Homes in West Bank

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli authorities have issued demolition orders for 45 homes in Al-Nu'man village, east of Bethlehem, citing a lack of permits. The homes were built before 1948, with the latest one constructed in 1993.

Mon, Jan 27, 7:11 AM (Palestine Time)

First Moments of Return to Northern Gaza

SOCIAL MEDIA: A video captured the first moments of displaced citizens returning to northern Gaza via Al-Rashid Street. The return follows a deal between Israel and Hamas, with Hamas agreeing to release certain prisoners in exchange.

Mon, Jan 27, 7:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Thousands Gather Near Netzarim for Return to Northern Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Thousands of displaced Palestinians are gathering near the Netzarim axis, preparing to return to northern Gaza via Al-Rashid Street. The agreement allows the return of displaced people, starting today, while Israel will provide a list of 400 Palestinian prisoners to be released in stages.

Mon, Jan 27, 3:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff: A Great Day for the Hostages

US MEDIA: Steve Witkoff, the US special envoy to the Middle East under President Donald Trump, commented on the agreement regarding the detained hostages as saying that this is a great day for the hostages, and we hope to reach the next stages of the ceasefire agreement.

Mon, Jan 27, 3:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Storm Several Towns in the West Bank

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that Israeli occupation forces stormed several towns in the occupied West Bank, including Shuafat refugee camp north of Jerusalem and the towns of Sebastia and Fureik in Nablus. Raids and arrests were carried out on local residents.

Mon, Jan 27, 3:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Lebanon Commits to Extending Ceasefire Agreement Until February 18

LEBANESE MEDIA: The Lebanese government has announced its agreement to extend the ceasefire with Israel until February 18, following American mediation. This comes after Israel failed to meet the deadline to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon.

Mon, Jan 27, 3:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Storm Jenin Governmental Hospital

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces stormed Jenin Governmental Hospital early this morning and carried out searches on patients and doctors, according to Palestinian sources.

Mon, Jan 27, 3:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Occupation Forces Storm Nablus and Hebron

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources confirmed that Israeli occupation forces stormed the village of Tell, southwest of Nablus, and the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron. Palestinian media outlets reported that the forces also stormed the Al-Jabari neighborhood in Hebron, conducting raids and arrests among the citizens.

Mon, Jan 27, 1:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Resistance Proposed Increasing Number of Prisoners in Swap

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian sources:

The proposal to increase the number of Israeli prisoners to be released before Friday came as a decision by the Resistance in Gaza, not due to a negotiation crisis.

The number of living Israeli prisoners in the first phase is higher than expected, sufficient for more than 6 weeks of exchange.

The Resistance preferred not to limit the remaining number of prisoners for exchange in the final week, as per the agreement.

This initiative by the Resistance came to bring more relief to our people and to avoid limiting the exchange count to the final week as per the agreement.

The Resistance's initiative to increase the released prisoners coincided with the crisis of displaced persons' return, offering a solution to that problem.

Mon, Jan 27, 1:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Official: Most of Those on Hamas' List are Alive

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli newspaper Yisrael Hayom reported an Israeli official stating that most of the individuals on the list provided by Hamas to mediators in the first phase are still alive. Israeli media confirmed that the list aligns with what is known in Tel Aviv, with 18 hostages alive and 8 bodies.

Mon, Jan 27, 1:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: We will Allow Displaced People to Return on Monday Morning

STATEMENT: The spokesperson for the Israeli army has announced:

Displaced people will be allowed to return on foot to northern Gaza via the Netzarim route and Al-Rashid Street from 7:00 AM local time.

Vehicles will be allowed to pass after inspection to northern Gaza via the Salah al-Din Road starting from 7:00 AM local time.

Access to the Rafah crossing, the Philadelphia corridor, and areas where our forces are stationed in Gaza is prohibited.

We warn against swimming, fishing, diving, or entering the Gaza Sea in the coming days.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:26 AM (Palestine Time)

Watch: Displaced Gaza Residents Celebrate News of Return to Northern Gaza

SOCIAL MEDIA: Palestinian media outlets have shared footage showing the joy of displaced residents on Al-Rashid Street in central Gaza as they received the news that they would be allowed to return to northern Gaza on Monday morning.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Cancels Minister's Trip to Brussels Due to Security Threats

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Prime Minister's Office has announced that, due to security warnings, Minister of Diaspora Affairs Amichai Chikli has been instructed to cancel his planned trip to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Shabak Cancels Flights to Cyprus Amid Security Concerns

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's internal security service (Shabak) has instructed Israeli airlines to cancel flights to the Cypriot city of Paphos for security reasons, according to Israeli public broadcasting.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Lebanon Calls on Mediators to Condemn Israeli Attacks on Civilians

LEBANESE MEDIA: Lebanon's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has urged countries facilitating the ceasefire agreement to condemn Israeli attacks on civilians in southern Lebanon. The ministry also called for pressure on Israel to honor its commitments and withdraw from occupied Lebanese territories immediately.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Commends Egypt and Jordan's Rejection of Palestinian Displacement

STATEMENT: Hamas has praised Egypt and Jordan for their firm stance against the forced displacement of Palestinians. The group emphasized Palestinians' unwavering commitment to their land and rejected any attempts at expulsion. Hamas called on the Arab League and the Organization

of Islamic Cooperation to take a strong stand against all forms of displacement and to support Palestinians' national rights.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Three Palestinians Injured by Israeli Gunfire North of Jerusalem

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources from Palestine report that three young men were injured, one critically, after Israeli forces opened fire at them near the Qalandiya checkpoint, north of Jerusalem. In a separate incident, extremist settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles and attacked them on Begin Street in occupied Jerusalem.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Resistance Fights Back in Jenin as Israeli Forces Reinforce Presence

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: In Jenin, Palestinian resistance fighters targeted Israeli forces with an explosive device at the city's main roundabout. In response, Israel deployed additional military reinforcements from the Jalameh checkpoint toward Jenin. Israeli bulldozers are also continuing to demolish homes in the Talat al-Ghabz area, attempting to open a route toward the al-Damaj neighborhood in the Jenin refugee camp.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

One Killed, Two Injured in Israeli Shooting North of Jerusalem

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Palestinian Ministry of Health has reported that one young man was killed, and two others were injured by Israeli forces at the Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Qatar: Israel to Allow Displaced Gaza Residents to Return Starting Monday Morning

AL-JAZEERA: Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Majed Al-Ansari, confirmed that an agreement has been reached allowing Hamas to release Erbil Yehud and two others before Friday. Starting Monday morning, Israel will permit displaced Gaza residents to return to northern Gaza. Hamas is also set to hand over three additional Israelis on Saturday. Furthermore, Israel will provide a list of 400 individuals detained since October 7.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: List of Prisoners to Be Released Submitted to Mediators

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hamas has announced that it provided mediators with the list of prisoners to be released as part of the first phase of the ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement. The list was handed over on Sunday evening, as per the terms of the ceasefire deal.

Mon, Jan 27, 12:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel to Allow Gaza Residents to Return North on Monday Morning

ISRAELI MEDIA: An official statement from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirms that Israel will allow Gaza residents to return to the northern part of the region starting Monday morning. The release of Israeli hostages Erbil Yehud, soldier Agam Berger, and other captives will also take place. The Israeli government has received a list from Hamas detailing the hostages to be freed during the first phase of the ceasefire agreement.

Sun, Jan 26, 11:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Egypt Rejects Displacement of Palestinians

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY:

We reject any violation of Palestinian rights, whether through displacement, settlement, or annexation of land.

We remain committed to supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights to their land and homeland.

We oppose the evacuation of Palestine's rightful owners through displacement or the encouragement of transferring or uprooting Palestinians from their land.

We call on the international community to take concrete steps to implement the "two-state solution" and establish a Palestinian state on its entire territory.

Sun, Jan 26, 9:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Security Warnings Cancel Minister's Trip to Brussels

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE: The Israeli Prime Minister's Office announced that, due to security warnings from the Israeli security apparatus, Minister of Diaspora Affairs Amichai Chikli was requested to cancel his planned trip to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Sun, Jan 26, 9:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Pushes for Arbel's Release by Wednesday

KAN: An agreement is in place regarding the release of detainee Arbel Yehud, and negotiations with mediators are ongoing.

CHANNEL 13: Tel Aviv expects the exact timing for Arbel Yehud's release to be finalized soon, with Israel aiming for it to occur on Wednesday.

Sun, Jan 26, 8:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Explosive Device Detonated in Jenin Military Convoy

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Our fighters detonated an explosive device targeting Israeli military vehicles in the Cinema axis of Jenin.

Sun, Jan 26, 8:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad: We Took Necessary Steps to Facilitate Return of Gazans to the North

AL-JAZEERA:

Abu Ahmed, the Secretary-General of the Military Council for Saraya al-Quds, stated that mediators have received assurances confirming that Israeli captive Arbel Yehud is alive and in good health.

He accused Israel of deliberately attempting to spoil the joy of the Palestinian people and stated that they had taken the necessary steps to remove the pretexts used by the enemy to obstruct the return of displaced Gazans to the northern Gaza Strip.

Sun, Jan 26, 6:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Graham Criticizes Trump's Idea of Expelling Palestinians

SENATOR GRAHAM: Senator Lindsey Graham criticized Donald Trump's idea of relocating Palestinians from Gaza, calling it impractical. He stated that Arab nations would not support the expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza.

Sun, Jan 26, 6:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad Agrees to Release Arbel Yehud

ISLAMIC JIHAD: Mohammad Hindi, the deputy secretary-general of Islamic Jihad Movement, confirmed that Arbel Yehud is alive. He stated that they accept the mediator's proposal for Yehud's release before Saturday in exchange for the release of 30 Palestinian prisoners.

Sun, Jan 26, 6:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Safadi: Jordan for Jordanians, Palestine for Palestinians

SAFADI: Ayman Safadi, Jordan's Foreign Minister, emphasized Jordan's stance on the peace process, stating that a Palestinian solution should be Palestinian-led. He reiterated that Jordan rejects the displacement of Palestinians and supports the two-state solution as the path to peace.

Sun, Jan 26, 6:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Agreement Reached Over Arbel Yehud's Release

MAARIV: Israeli newspaper Maariv reported that an agreement has been reached regarding the release of Israeli prisoner Arbel Yehud, with her release scheduled for next Friday in exchange for 30 Palestinian prisoners serving life sentences.

Sun, Jan 26, 6:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad: Hope for Breakthrough in Arbel Yehuda Case Tonight

ISLAMIC JIHAD OFFICIAL (to Al-Jazeera): An Islamic Jihad official confirmed that there are hopes for a breakthrough in the case of Israeli prisoner Arbel Yehud tonight, with mediation efforts underway to secure her release before Saturday.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Complaint Filed for Arrest of Israeli Education Minister in Poland

KAN: A complaint has been filed with the Polish public prosecutor's office, demanding the arrest of Israeli Education Minister Yoav Kisch while he attends Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Displacement Plans Won't Succeed - PFLP

PFLP: New displacement plans, particularly those proposed by Trump, will not succeed, and the Palestinian people will resist them by all means. The statement condemned the U.S. administration's complicity in the crimes committed against the Palestinian people.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Arbel Yehud Will Be Handed Over as Agreed - Islamic Jihad

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Arbel Yehud, along with her companion, was captured by a joint resistance unit and will be handed over according to the agreement made between negotiators and mediators.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Our People Reject Any Plans for Their Expulsion

HAMAS: The Palestinian people, who have resisted the worst acts of genocide, completely reject any plans for expulsion or displacement. The movement called on the US administration to stop promoting such proposals, which align with Israeli plans and contradict Palestinian rights.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Air Defenses on High Alert

CHANNEL 14: The Israeli army has put its air defenses on high alert in anticipation of any emergencies on the northern front.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Drone Strikes Nablus' Balata Camp

ISRAELI ARMY: A drone from the air force targeted a location in the Balata refugee camp in Nablus.

Sun, Jan 26, 4:07 PM (Palestine Time)

11 Killed by Israeli Fire in Southern Lebanon

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: 11 Lebanese were killed and 83 injured by Israeli airstrikes in south Lebanon.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Lebanese Soldier Killed by Israeli Fire

AL-JAZEERA: The Lebanese Army announced the death of a soldier and the injury of another after being fired upon by Israeli forces in Marwahin and Meiss El Jabal in southern Lebanon.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamis Holds Israel Responsible for Ceasefire Disruption

HAMAS:

“We are coordinating with mediators regarding the occupation’s prevention of displaced persons returning to the north, which violates the ceasefire agreement.”

“The occupation delays under the pretext of captive Arbel Yehud, despite us informing mediators that she is alive and we guarantee her release.”

“We hold the occupation accountable for disrupting the agreement and are responsibly working with mediators toward a resolution that ensures the return of displaced persons.”

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Sa'ar Thanks Trump for Lifting 2,000-Pound Bomb Ban

AL JAZEERA: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar expressed gratitude to President Donald Trump for lifting the ban on exporting 2,000-pound bombs to Israel.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Mikati Urges Ceasefire Sponsors to Restrain Israel

AL JAZEERA:

Lebanese caretaker PM called on ceasefire sponsors to restrain Israel and compel its withdrawal, warning:

“Any deviation from the ceasefire agreement and Resolution 1701 will have severe consequences.”

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Government Warns against Approaching Netzarim

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE:

“The occupation has not fulfilled its commitments and remains in the Rashid and Salah Al-Din streets since 8 AM.”

“Avoid the area due to the risk of occupation gunfire.”

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Lebanese Health Ministry: Two Dead, 31 Injured by Israeli Fire

AL JAZEERA: The Lebanese Health Ministry reported that two citizens were killed, and 31 injured by Israeli gunfire targeting returnees in southern Lebanon.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Border Security Alert near Lebanon

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli media reported heightened security near the Lebanese border amid concerns of resumed fighting and GPS system disruptions in northern Israel.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich Supports Relocation of Gaza Residents

AL JAZEERA: Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich stated plans to work with PM Netanyahu to implement the relocation of Gaza residents to neighboring countries.

Sun, Jan 26, 12:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump Advocates Ethnic Cleansing of Gaza

REUTERS: Former US President Donald Trump proposed relocating large numbers of Palestinians from Gaza, suggesting it could be temporary or permanent. He added: "Given Gaza's destruction, I prefer involving Arab countries to build housing elsewhere for those moved."