

LIVE BLOG: Israel Kills Scores of Palestinians in Gaza in Renewed Aggression as Hamas Heads to Cairo – Day 747

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Scores of Palestinians were killed and wounded as Israel renewed airstrikes on Gaza. (Photo: video grab)

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Medical sources in Gaza reported that 42 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across several areas of the Strip since the morning.

Meanwhile, a Hamas delegation led by Khalil al-Hayya arrived in Cairo to discuss ceasefire implementation as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered a halt to airstrikes following US pressure and mounting civilian casualties in Gaza.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 68,159 and injured 170,203 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Mon, Oct 20, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff and Kushner to Netanyahu: Endangering the Ceasefire Is Unacceptable

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israeli Channel 12, US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that any actions jeopardizing the Gaza agreement are unacceptable. They stressed the importance of advancing toward phase two of the ceasefire plan.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Mayor: We Need Heavy Machinery to Recover the Missing

AL-JAZEERA: The Mayor of Gaza said that most of the missing under the rubble are women and children, and that the municipality urgently needs heavy equipment and construction materials to recover victims and repair water and sewage networks.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu's Office: Body of Israeli Prisoner Received

NETANYAHU'S OFFICE: The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israeli forces in Gaza received from the Red Cross the body of one of the captives.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Case Filed at Germany's Top Court to Challenge Arms Exports to Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A group of Palestinians have filed a complaint at Germany's Federal Constitutional Court challenging the country's arms exports to Israel, their lawyers announced Monday.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:14 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Seizes Over 70 Dunams of West Bank Land amid Raids, Settler Attacks

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel has seized over 70,000 square meters of land in the Nablus governorate, as occupation forces conducted arrests and raids across the occupied West Bank.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Asks Washington to Delay Gaza Reconstruction

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that Israel has asked the United States to delay the start of Gaza's reconstruction until Hamas demonstrates its willingness to disarm.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff and Israeli Officers Discuss Readiness for Phase Two of Gaza Agreement

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that US envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner met with Israeli army officers to discuss military readiness for the next phase of the Gaza agreement.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Red Cross Receives Body of Israeli Prisoner

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli occupation army announced that the Red Cross has received the body of one of the captives and is transferring it to Israeli forces inside the Gaza Strip.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

US Government Knew Hamas Was Not behind Rafah Blast – Reports

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The White House and Pentagon knew that the "security incident" in Rafah on Sunday which killed at least two Israeli soldiers was caused by an unexploded ordnance, not Hamas, according to Drop Site News and other reports.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades Hand Over Israeli Soldier's Body

ABU AI MUSTAFA BRIGADES: The Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades, the military wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, announced that they handed over the body of an Israeli soldier in accordance with the Gaza agreement, describing the move as part of their national responsibility.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Red Cross En Route to Receive Prisoner's Body in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli occupation army announced that the Red Cross is on its way to receive the body of one of the "captives" held in Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump Threatens to "Eliminate Hamas" If It Violates the Agreement

TRUMP: "Hamas is a violent organization that killed people, and we'll deal with them soon. I'm not sending troops to Gaza. Many countries have signed the war-ending agreement. If Hamas violates the deal, it will be eliminated."

Mon, Oct 20, 9:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Strikes East of Deir al-Balah

AL-JAZEERA: An Al-Jazeera correspondent reported Israeli artillery shelling targeting areas east of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 8:39 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire in Tuffah Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source in Gaza reported that two Palestinians were killed by Israeli occupation fire in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

Mon, Oct 20, 6:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Sánchez Calls for Continuation of Ceasefire and Delivery of Aid to Gaza

REUTERS: Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez stressed the importance of moving toward a peaceful solution between Israel and Palestine. In his remarks, he said Spain supports the continuation of the ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 6:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Nasser Medical Complex: Two Bodies Recovered after Israeli Strike on Bani Suhaila

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that the bodies of two Palestinians were recovered after an Israeli airstrike targeted a house in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Yunis.

Mon, Oct 20, 6:12 PM (Palestine Time)

'Tsunami' of Israelis Leaving since 2020 and Not Returning – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: An increasing number of Israelis are leaving the country, with 145,900 more leaving than returning since 2020, according to a special Knesset report cited in an Israeli media report.

Mon, Oct 20, 6:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Pentagon: 200 US Soldiers Arrive in Israel to Monitor Gaza Agreement

WSJ: According to a Pentagon official quoted by The Wall Street Journal, about 200 US soldiers arrived in Israel today.

Mon, Oct 20, 5:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Knesset Members Disrupt Netanyahu's Speech

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli lawmakers interrupted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address during the opening of the Knesset's winter session.

Mon, Oct 20, 5:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: Determined to Disarm Hamas and Recover Prisoners

ISRAELI MEDIA: Speaking before the Knesset, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said: "We are committed to bringing back all the captives. As we promised to return the living and did so, we are committed to bringing back all the bodies from Gaza."

Mon, Oct 20, 5:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades to Hand Over Israeli Prisoner's Body at 8 P.M.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas, announced that they will hand over the body of an Israeli prisoner, recovered yesterday in Gaza, at 8 PM local time.

Mon, Oct 20, 5:21 PM (Palestine Time)

EU Official: Sanctions on Israel Still on the Table

EU FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF: European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas told reporters that sanctions against Israel remain on the table.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Palestinians Killed in Tuffah as Israel Violates Gaza Ceasefire again

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces violated the Gaza ceasefire again, killing civilians and striking schools and refugee camps, as mediators scramble to preserve the fragile truce amid catastrophic humanitarian conditions.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

73 Palestinians Killed Since End of Gaza War

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 73 Palestinians have been killed and more than 300 others wounded by Israeli occupation fire since the official decision to end the war on the Gaza Strip.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Discusses Latest Developments with Witkoff

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON: The Israeli government spokesperson said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu discussed the latest developments with US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir: Coalition Vote Depends on Executing Palestinian Prisoners

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said that if the Knesset does not vote on a bill to execute Palestinian prisoners, his party will not support coalition votes.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

57 Killed and 158 Injured in Gaza in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Gaza's Ministry of Health reported that hospitals in the Strip received 57 martyrs and 158 wounded in the last 24 hours. The total number of victims of Israel's ongoing aggression has risen to 68,216 killed and 170,361 injured since October 7, 2023.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Lapid: Israel Facing Its Worst Political Crisis

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid said Israel is still facing the worst political crisis in its history, even after signing the Gaza agreement. He noted that 142 countries have recognized the State of Palestine, and that Norway's sovereign wealth fund has divested from Israeli companies, including major banks.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Launches Strikes in South Lebanon

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that the Israeli army is currently carrying out a series of attacks on targets in southern Lebanon.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad: Prisoner Dies Under Torture in Israeli Custody

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad Movement, announced the death of Mahmoud Talal Abdullah, a fighter from the Jenin Battalion, inside Israeli prisons due to deliberate medical neglect and torture. The group held Israeli authorities fully responsible for his death.

Mon, Oct 20, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Prepares to Receive Soldier's Body from Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that preparations are underway for Israel to receive the body of a soldier killed in Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 1:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Killed with His Son: Yemen Bids Farewell to Lt. Gen. Al-Ghamari, Vowing Continued Resistance

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In a massive demonstration dubbed the "Day of Loyalty to the Loyal," Yemen's capital, Sana'a, hosted the funeral procession for the late Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Mohammed Abdul Karim Al-Ghamari.

Mon, Oct 20, 1:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Kushner and Witkoff Meet Netanyahu in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that US envoys Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff met today with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Tel Aviv to discuss developments in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as diplomatic efforts related to the ceasefire agreement.

Mon, Oct 20, 1:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Palestinians Killed in Al-Tuffah Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in the Gaza Strip confirmed the killing of three Palestinians by Israeli occupation forces' gunfire in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

Mon, Oct 20, 1:42 PM (Palestine Time)

Double Standards on Gaza: Calling On Universities to Pledge to Responsible Investment

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: As a student of history, I look for patterns and would suggest the following: the closer the links with Israeli institutions and industries, the more restrained the language will be in relation to Gaza.

Read [the article by Patrick Edgar](#).

Mon, Oct 20, 1:18 PM (Palestine Time)

A Strategic Analysis of Why Gaza Resistance Thwarted Israel's Military Objectives

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In an article published on the Arabic website of the Lebanese news network Al-Mayadeen, writer Ahmad Abdul Rahman argued that the unprecedented steadfastness of the Palestinian people and the Resistance in Gaza, along with the notable accomplishments achieved during the genocide despite massive losses, could signal the "beginning of the collapse of this savage entity," referring to Israel.

Mon, Oct 20, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shelling East of Deir al-Balah

AL-JAZEERA: An Al-Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli occupation forces carried out artillery shelling targeting areas east of Deir al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip.

Mon, Oct 20, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Escalate Operations in Tulkarm, Surround Thabet Thabet Hospital

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces intensified their presence in Tulkarm on Monday morning, deploying military vehicles and infantry units, particularly around Thabet Thabet Government Hospital.

Local sources said the army blocked roads, restricted civilian and vehicle movement, stormed the Al-Adawiya commercial building, and detained several Palestinians for field interrogations.

Mon, Oct 20, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Iranian Foreign Ministry: Disarming Palestinian Resistance Is a Decision for the Factions Themselves

IRANIAN FM: Iran's Foreign Ministry affirmed that any decision regarding the disarmament of the Palestinian Resistance is an internal matter that belongs solely to the Palestinian factions, which are the only legitimate entities authorized to make such a decision.

Mon, Oct 20, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Explosions Heard East of Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: An Al-Jazeera correspondent reported hearing three explosions east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:52 AM (Palestine Time)

Talks Underway to Reinforce Gaza Ceasefire Mechanism after Israeli Violations

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Intensive discussions are currently underway to establish a binding mechanism aimed at preventing and addressing future violations of the Gaza ceasefire agreement, following Sunday's escalation across the Strip.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Reopens Karam Abu Salem and Kissufim Crossings

AL-JAZEERA: An Al Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli occupation forces reopened the Kerem Shalom and Kissufim crossings on Monday to resume the entry of humanitarian aid trucks into Gaza, following their closure yesterday amid an Israeli violation of the truce.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

UN: Urgent Need for Heavy Equipment in Gaza

UNITED NATIONS: UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Tom Fletcher stressed the urgent need for bulldozers and heavy machinery to help recover bodies from under the rubble and begin reconstruction in Gaza.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

France Calls for Opening All Crossings into Gaza

AFP: French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot urged both Hamas and Israel to respect the ceasefire agreement in Gaza, calling for the opening of all crossings into the Strip. He added that the European Union's mission in Gaza aims to assist in deploying a Palestinian police force.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire in Al-Tuffah Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Gaza's Baptist Hospital confirmed that two Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli forces in the Al-Shaaf area of the Al-Tuffah neighborhood in eastern Gaza City, in another violation of the ceasefire.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Confirms Drone Crash near Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that the army confirmed a drone crashed in an open area near the Gaza envelope due to a technical malfunction.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Bombs Central Gaza, Khan Yunis, and Rafah despite Ceasefire

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The Gaza Civil Defense confirmed that Israeli forces violated the ceasefire by bombing areas in central Gaza, Khan Younis, and Rafah, deliberately targeting schools sheltering displaced civilians, worsening the humanitarian crisis.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Shops and Restaurants in Thailand Ban Israelis

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that several restaurants and stores in Thailand have begun refusing service to Israeli tourists, posting anti-Israel signs on their doors.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump Confirms Gaza Ceasefire Still in Effect

TRUMP: US President Donald Trump reaffirmed that the ceasefire in Gaza remains in effect.

Mon, Oct 20, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Kushner: Hamas Appears Committed to Its Obligations

CBS NEWS: Jared Kushner told CBS News that Hamas "appears so far to be honoring its commitments." He added that both sides "wanted a real ceasefire and the release of captives" and that Israel must now "help Palestinians succeed if it wants to integrate into the Middle East."

Sun, Oct 19, 11:59 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: 'No Timeline' for Hamas to Disarm Under Gaza Ceasefire Deal

FOX NEWS: US President Donald Trump told Fox News on Sunday there is "not a timeline, not a hard line" for Hamas to disarm under his Gaza ceasefire agreement, though he suggested the US or "a proxy, could be Israel with our backing," could act if necessary.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:25 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Delegation Arrives in Cairo as Netanyahu Orders Return to Ceasefire

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A Hamas delegation led by Khalil al-Hayya arrived in Cairo to discuss ceasefire implementation as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered a halt to airstrikes following US pressure and mounting civilian casualties in Gaza.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Security Officials 'Frustrated' Over Resumption of Gaza Aid

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israel Hayom, Israeli security officials expressed frustration over the decision to resume aid deliveries to Gaza at Washington's request. They said there is now "no doubt about American interference," adding that Israel "will never move in Gaza without US approval." The officials noted that any decision conflicting with Washington's wishes "will be

immediately canceled,” emphasizing that Israel “cannot make its own decisions on Gaza nor apply the Lebanon model,” which they described as “deeply concerning.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Ceasefire Restored in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian sources told Al-Jazeera that mediation efforts succeeded in restoring the ceasefire in Gaza, effective immediately. Discussions are reportedly underway to establish a binding mechanism for addressing future violations.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Official: Decision to Close Crossings Reversed

ABC NEWS: An Israeli official told ABC News that Israel initially decided to close Gaza crossings and halt aid but later reversed the decision. The official said aid deliveries were temporarily suspended due to airstrikes and that the Rafah crossing will remain closed until Hamas continues handing over the bodies of Israeli captives at a “reasonable pace.”

WASHINGTON POST: The Washington Post cited relief officials saying that humanitarian aid deliveries to Gaza will resume on Monday.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

42 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 42 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across several areas of the Strip since the morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Ceasefire Reinstated

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that it has begun reapplying the ceasefire agreement “in accordance with political directives” after what it described as a Hamas violation. The army said it would continue enforcing the agreement and “respond forcefully to any future breach.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir: Netanyahu’s Reversal on Aid Suspension ‘Shameful’

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s reversal of the decision to halt Gaza aid “shameful,” saying Israel must “stop backtracking and return to full-scale fighting, including maneuvers, occupation, and encouraging migration.”

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

35 Palestinians Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza said the number of Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on several areas of the Strip has risen to 35 since morning.

Sun, Oct 19, 11:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich: Destroying Hamas Is the Main Goal of the War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said that “destroying Hamas and restoring security is a moral duty and the main goal of the war,” adding that “we will not rest until the mission is accomplished.”

Sun, Oct 19, 9:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Scores of Palestinians, Including Journalist and Children, Killed in New Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli air and artillery attacks on schools, homes, and refugee camps across Gaza killed at least 32 Palestinians, among them eight children and a journalist, amid ongoing ceasefire violations.