

LIVE BLOG: Hundreds of Thousands Return to Gaza City as Israel Refuses to Release Palestinian Leaders – Day 737

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Major challenges persist as Gaza's health system collapses and hospitals lie in ruins. (Photo: social media, via QNN)

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Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are returning to what remains of their homes in Gaza City and across the northern Gaza Strip, as Israeli forces withdraw behind the so-called Yellow Line.

At the same time, Israel continues to refuse the release of Marwan Barghouti and other Qassam leaders. According to Israeli media, the first prisoner exchange is expected to take place on Sunday.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 67,211 and injured 169,961 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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UNRWA: We Need More Corridors for Humanitarian Convoys

UNRWA:

The media adviser to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) told Al Jazeera:

“There must be more corridors to bring aid trucks into the Gaza Strip.

UNRWA remains the only functioning UN body on the ground in Gaza.

There is no alternative to relying on UNRWA to fulfill its essential role in the territory.”

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El-Sisi: Egypt to Host International Conference on Gaza Reconstruction

AL-JAZEERA:

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi said:

“We affirm the importance of granting international legitimacy to the Gaza agreement through the UN Security Council.

We stress the need to deploy international forces in the Gaza Strip.

Egypt intends to host an international conference for early recovery and reconstruction in Gaza.”

Sat, Oct 11, 4:10 PM (Palestine Time)

News Roundup: US Commander in Gaza as Death Toll Climbs and Local Services Resume

CENTCOM Commander Visits Gaza Border:

US Envoy Stephen Witkoff, Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, and CENTCOM Commander Brad Cooper visited Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip after their withdrawal to the “Yellow Line,” according to Israel’s Channel 13.

Admiral Cooper stated the visit aimed to discuss the establishment of a “coordination center for post-war stability support activities.”

He emphasized that this “immense effort” will proceed without any American forces on the ground in the Gaza Strip.

Trump Visit Preparation:

Israeli media reported that six large US Boeing C-17 transport aircraft are en route to Israel in preparation for President Donald Trump’s expected visit next Monday.

Rising Death Toll Post-Ceasefire:

The Gaza Ministry of Health announced the retrieval of 116 bodies in the past 24 hours. Hospitals received an additional 35 bodies and 72 wounded individuals.

This raises the total reported toll of the conflict since October 7, 2023, to 67,682 killed and 170,033 injured. Officials noted many victims remain under rubble.

Rantisi Hospital Destruction:

Visual evidence published on Palestinian social media showed the massive scale of destruction at the Al-Rantisi Children’s Hospital in western Gaza City following direct Israeli targeting over the past months.

Gaza Internal Security Deploys:

Gaza’s Interior and National Security agencies have continued their second day of deployment at major intersections and markets in areas from which the Israeli army withdrew.

Goal of Security Deployment:

This is being done to restore order and address the chaos which local authorities say the occupation sought to spread over the past two years.

Banking Services Restoration:

The Palestinian Monetary Authority announced it is urgently working to restore banking services in Gaza following the ceasefire's implementation.

Facilitating Aid:

The PMA stressed its commitment to taking necessary measures to provide financial and banking services to facilitate the flow of humanitarian aid through local and international partners.

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The Pro-War Nobel Peace Prize Winner is A Friend Of Netanyahu – Profile

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Venezuelan opposition figure, Maria Corina Machado, has been named by the Norwegian Nobel Committee as the Nobel Peace Prize winner of 2025, a title which US President Donald Trump had hoped to receive after being nominated by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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Israeli Airstrikes Hit South Lebanon, Killing One and Injuring Five

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ongoing Israeli raids continue to violate the Lebanon ceasefire, obstructing reconstruction efforts while killing and wounding civilians in the south.

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Civil Defense Urges Action on Missing Persons File in Gaza

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: Gaza Civil Defense spokesman Mahmoud Basal told Al-Jazeera that 9,500 Palestinians remain missing across the Gaza Strip. He called for the International Committee of the Red Cross to urgently address this issue and assist in locating the missing individuals.

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Trump Confident Gaza Truce 'Will Hold' as Resistance Rejects Foreign Control

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: US President Donald Trump expressed confidence that the Gaza ceasefire "will hold," calling the agreement a "great deal" for all sides, as Palestinian factions welcomed the prisoner exchange but rejected any foreign interference in Gaza's governance.

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85% of Khan Younis Governorate Destroyed

KHAN YUNIS MUNICIPALITY:

The mayor of Khan Younis announced in a press conference that 85% of the governorate has been destroyed.

He said about 400,000 tons of rubble must be cleared from the city's streets, while 300 kilometers of water networks and 75% of the sewage system have been destroyed.

The municipality is dealing with over 350,000 tons of waste and has nine teams working to reopen roads but urgently needs diesel fuel and modern equipment to complete the task.

He added that new electricity generators are required to replace destroyed and worn-out units.

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Gaza Municipality: We Began Clearing Main Streets in the City

GAZA MUNICIPALITY: Gaza Municipality spokesman Assem Al-Nabih told Al Jazeera: “More than 85% of the municipality’s heavy and medium machinery has been destroyed. We have started clearing some of the city’s main streets. Our priorities are securing water, reopening roads, collecting waste, and addressing sewage issues.”

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Italy: Rafah Crossing to Open for Two-Way Truck Traffic on Tuesday

AL-JAZEERA: Italian Defense Minister Guido Crosetto announced that the Rafah Crossing will open in both directions for truck traffic on Tuesday.

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UNRWA Calls for Aid Entry to Halt Famine in Gaza

UNRWA: The UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said it has enough food to feed Gaza’s population for three months, stressing that this is crucial to contain the spread of famine. It called for the immediate entry of food aid into the Gaza Strip to help stop starvation.

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Elderly Man Killed by Israeli Gunfire East of Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital announced that an elderly man was killed by Israeli army fire in the town of Al-Qarara, northeast of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza.

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Israel Starts Prisoner Transfers, Excludes Key Palestinian Figures from Exchange Deal

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli media revealed new details about the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire prisoner exchange, which includes the release of hundreds of Palestinians—excluding key figures such as Marwan Barghouti and Ahmed Saadat—in return for all living Israeli captives held by Hamas.

Sat, Oct 11, 11:36 AM (Palestine Time)

155 Palestinians Martyred in Gaza Over 24 Hours

WAFA: Medical sources reported that 155 bodies arrived at Gaza hospitals over the past 24 hours, including 135 recovered from under the rubble. Among the victims were 16 people killed in an airstrike on the Ghboun family home south of Gaza City, one killed in Sheikh Radwan, and two killed in an airstrike on Khan Younis.

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Palestinian Committee: Israel Holds 735 Palestinian Bodies

AL-JAZEERA: The Palestinian National Campaign to Retrieve the Bodies of Martyrs said Israel continues to hold 735 Palestinian bodies, including those of 67 children. It added that 256 of them are buried in “cemeteries of numbers” — unmarked graves with numbered metal plates instead of names, each linked to a secret security file.

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Palestinian NGO Network: Awaiting Implementation of Humanitarian Protocol for Tents

PALESTINIAN NGO NETWORK: Amjad Al-Shawa, head of the Palestinian NGO Network in Gaza, said resources are extremely limited for road clearing and retrieving bodies from under the rubble. He noted that authorities are waiting for the implementation of the humanitarian protocol to allow tents into the Strip.

Sat, Oct 11, 12:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza's Aftermath: Massive Destruction, 155 Bodies Found as Ceasefire Takes Hold

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A fragile Gaza ceasefire holds as recovery efforts reveal the horrific scale of the genocide, with 155 bodies recovered and local authorities cataloging the catastrophic destruction of 85% of Khan Yunis and Gaza City.

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Fears of Armed Infiltration into West Bank Settlement

ISRAELI MEDIA: Sirens sounded in the "Eli Hezav" settlement, built on Palestinian land near Kafr Malik northeast of Ramallah, amid fears of an armed infiltration.

Sat, Oct 11, 2:21 AM (Palestine Time)

News Roundup: Trump Hails 'Great Deal' as Factions Reject Foreign Control US President Donald Trump's Comments:

Trump hailed the agreement as a historic diplomatic success:

He called it a great deal for Israel, for the Arabs, for the Muslims, and for the entire world.

He announced that hostages will return on Monday, and approximately 28 bodies will be recovered.

He noted that the difficult process of recovering bodies from under the ground has begun.

He claimed that the entire Middle East will enjoy peace, not just Gaza.

He confirmed that Gaza will be rebuilt, with several wealthy countries assisting in the effort.

He announced plans to visit Israel, speak in the Knesset, and travel to Egypt.

He expressed confidence that the ceasefire will hold and will continue.

Palestinian Joint Faction Statement:

Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front issued a joint statement emphasizing unity and autonomy:

They appreciated the efforts of Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey, and called upon these nations and Washington to ensure the occupation's full commitment to the agreement.

They rejected any foreign guardianship and affirmed that determining the form of administration for the Gaza Strip is an internal Palestinian matter.

They characterized the release of hundreds of female and male prisoners as reflecting the solidity of the Resistance and the unity of the position.

They viewed the agreement as a political and security failure of the occupation's plans to impose displacement.

They renewed the call for national unity to begin a unified national political process with all factions.

European Union Support:

The EU offered to contribute to the implementation of the comprehensive plan via available tools, specifically offering to help with the stabilization and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.

West Bank Raids:

Israeli occupation forces conducted simultaneous raids into Palestinian cities and villages in the occupied West Bank, including Nablus, Silwad, Ni'lin, Rima (where live fire was used), and Ras Karkar.

Gaza Resistance Activity:

Palestinian news sites reported that Resistance elements in Gaza attacked militias supported by the occupation forces in the Strip, noting that the militias were operating without air cover, unlike previous instances.

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Gaza Health Ministry: We Need Continuous Supply Convoys and Specialist Doctors

AL-JAZEERA: Dr. Munir Al-Bursh, Director-General of Gaza's Health Ministry, told Al Jazeera:

"There are immense challenges with the collapse of the health system and the destruction of hospitals.

A young girl died today due to a lack of medical supplies.

We need continuous supply convoys and the entry of specialist doctors into the Strip.

Hospitals urgently require drinking water and electricity generators.

The world must act quickly to deliver aid and medical supplies.

There are 10,000 missing people in the Strip so far, and many bodies remain under the rubble of destroyed homes.

Civil defense teams must be supported to locate unexploded ordnance."

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Israeli Reports: Prisoner Release Expected Sunday

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media outlets, citing official sources, reported that estimates in Israel indicate the release of detainees from Gaza will be moved up to Sunday.

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Joint Statement by Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front on Gaza Agreement

AL-JAZEERA:

Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine issued a joint statement:

“We value the efforts of Egypt, Qatar, and Turkiye and call on them and Washington to ensure Israel’s compliance with the agreement.

We appreciate the global solidarity movement rejecting genocide and demanding accountability for Israel’s crimes.

We are ready to engage in Arab and international efforts for Gaza’s reconstruction.

The agreement represents a political and security failure of Israel’s plans to impose displacement.

The release of hundreds of our prisoners, including women, reflects the resilience of the resistance and unity of purpose.

We reject any foreign guardianship and affirm that Gaza’s administration is a purely Palestinian matter.

We renew the call for national unity and a unified political path involving all factions.”

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Al-Jazeera Reveals Implementation Steps of Gaza Ceasefire Plan

AL-JAZEERA:

Al Jazeera obtained a detailed document outlining the implementation steps of US President Donald Trump’s plan to end the war on Gaza. Key points include:

- The war will end within 72 hours of approval by Hamas and Israel.
- Aid deliveries will begin immediately, following the January 19, 2025 agreement.
- Hamas will provide information about Israeli captives once Israel begins a gradual withdrawal.
- Within 72 hours, Hamas will hand over all living Israeli captives, followed by remains of the dead.
- Israel will provide information on Palestinian prisoners in its custody.
- A mechanism will be formed to exchange information between Hamas and Israel via mediators and the Red Cross.
- At least 600 trucks will enter Gaza daily, including 50 carrying fuel and gas.
- UN agencies and other organizations will distribute the aid.

- Rafah Crossing will reopen in both directions, and work will begin to restore electricity and fuel supply.
- A joint operations room will include Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, the US, Hamas, and Israel to oversee implementation.
- Prisoner exchanges will take place between Sunday and Monday morning without media coverage.

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MSF Director: Israel Waged War on All the People of Gaza

AL-JAZEERA

The Director-General of Doctors Without Borders told Al Jazeera:

“Israel did not declare war on Hamas alone but on all the people of Gaza.

Humanitarian workers were deliberately targeted by the Israeli army.

During the war, 560 aid workers and 1,200 medical personnel were killed.

Many detainees from Gaza were subjected to torture in Israeli prisons.”

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As Ceasefire Takes Effect, Al-Qassam Revives Abu Obeida’s Words of Faith and Defiance

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Qassam Brigades released a past address by their spokesman, Abu Obeida, invoking divine victory and resilience as Gaza marks the end of two years of genocide and mass displacement.

Fri, Oct 10, 8:43 PM (Palestine Time)

Colombian President: Without Struggle, the Child Killers in Gaza Would Not Have Receded

REUTERS: “The return to Gaza represents a temporary victory for humanity. Without human struggle, the killers of children would not have retreated.”

Fri, Oct 10, 7:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Agrees to Add Ten New Names for Release, Refuses Marwan Barghouti

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Under the agreement, Israel will release 250 prisoners sentenced to life in prison and 1,700 prisoners detained from Gaza since October 7, 2023, in exchange for 20 Israeli prisoners.

Fri, Oct 10, 5:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Begins Gaza Withdrawal to ‘Yellow Line’ – Phase 1 of Ceasefire Deal

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel’s initial withdrawal from parts of Gaza City on Friday exposed the vast scale of destruction across residential neighborhoods and infrastructure, where entire districts have been reduced to rubble.

Fri, Oct 10, 1:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Publishes Names of Palestinian Prisoners to Be Released

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israel's Army Radio reported that the Ministry of Interior has published the names of Palestinian prisoners set to be released as part of the deal. According to the report, 100 of the 250 prisoners with high sentences will be allowed to return to the occupied West Bank, while five will head to Jerusalem.

Fri, Oct 10, 1:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Psychological Warfare and Bombing after The Ceasefire – Analysis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Upon the announcement that a ceasefire agreement had been reached, the Israeli military decided to carry out more airstrikes against civilian targets, while repeatedly delaying the deal's implementation. This occurred as Palestinians attempted to celebrate the developments, in some cases, losing their loved ones with whom they hoped to console at the end of the war.

Read [the latest analysis by Robert Inlakesh](#).

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Al-Rashid Road Reopens as Displaced Residents Return to Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera's correspondent reported that Al-Rashid Road has reopened, allowing displaced residents to begin returning to Gaza City as Israeli forces withdraw toward what is known as the "Yellow Line."