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

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu canceled Eli Sharafit's appointment as head of Shin Bet over an article he wrote opposing US President Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, Israel bombed Gaza and Lebanon, while US airstrikes targeted multiple locations in Yemen.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 50,399 Palestinians and injured 114,583 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Wed, Apr 2, 5:27 AM (Palestine Time)

16 Killed in Gaza Since Early Morning Today

MEDICAL SOURCES (Cited in Al-Jazeera): 16 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip since the early hours of Wednesday.

Wed, Apr 2, 5:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Announces Targeting of US Aircraft Carrier Truman

STATEMENT (The military spokesman for Ansarallah, Yahya Saree):

We targeted hostile warships in the Red Sea with missiles and drones.

We targeted the US aircraft carrier Truman with cruise missiles in an ongoing confrontation.

This confrontation is the third within the last 24 hours.

Our operations will continue at an escalating pace against the US enemy by targeting its warships.

Our operations against the Israeli enemy aim to stop the genocide of the Palestinian people.

Our operations will not cease until the aggression against Gaza stops and the blockade is lifted.

Wed, Apr 2, 5:12 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Rapporteur Calls for Punishing Israel for Hunger Campaign against Gaza Civilians

AL-JAZEERA: The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Michael Fakhri, condemned Israel's hunger campaign against civilians in the Gaza Strip. He urged countries to exert various pressures on Israel and impose sanctions to force it to stop practices that violate international humanitarian law.

Wed, Apr 2, 5:09 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes in Gaza Result in Multiple Deaths and Injuries

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

Two Palestinians killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike targeting a house in the center of Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

One Palestinian killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike on a tent sheltering displaced people in Rafah Mawaasi, southern Gaza Strip.

Israeli occupation aircraft bomb the destroyed Indonesian mosque in the Ma'an area, east of Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

Two Palestinians killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike targeting a house in Al-Nuseirat camp, central Gaza Strip.

25 Palestinians killed in the ongoing Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip since the dawn of Tuesday, according to medical sources.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Sami's Pain is the Pain of Every Child in Gaza: A Doctor's Testimony

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: "One of those patients was an 8-year-old little boy named Sami. He was carried in by another boy not much older than him. He was transported by a donkey cart because automobiles had been destroyed for the most part, and new ones were blocked from entering," writes Dr Mimi Syed in the Palestine Chronicle. Learn more about Sami's story here.

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Child Killed in Israeli Strike on Displaced Camp in Khan Younis

AL-JAZEERA: A child succumbed to her wounds after an Israeli airstrike targeted a tent sheltering displaced people in northern Khan Younis.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Hungary Considers Withdrawing from ICC ahead of Netanyahu's Visit to Budapest

HUNGARIAN MEDIA: Hungary is considering withdrawing from the International Criminal Court (ICC) ahead of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to Budapest. The government has instructed parliament to draft a resolution for a vote on the withdrawal.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Strikes Kill Three in Rafah, Hit Bureij Camp and Tuffah Neighborhood

AL-JAZEERA: Three people were killed and others wounded in an Israeli strike on a house in northern Rafah, southern Gaza.

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UK Minister: Israel Continues to Block Aid to Gaz

ISRAELI MEDIA: The UK Minister for the Middle East stated that Israel is obstructing humanitarian aid to Gaza and endangering aid workers.

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Germany Seeks to Deport Pro-Palestine Supporters from Euro

FINANCIAL TIMES – Germany is moving to deport EU citizens over pro-Palestine protests.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Another Heinous War Crime: Israeli Army Slaughters 15 First Responders in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The genocide in Gaza is part of Israel's long-standing policy of ethnic cleansing in Palestine, often concealed behind euphemisms like "evacuations" or "protecting civilian lives."

Read the latest article by Jamal Kanj.

Tue, Apr 1, 10:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Over 1,500 Humanitarian Workers Killed in Gaza since October 2023

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: At least 1,513 humanitarian workers have been killed and hundreds of medical and civil defense facilities destroyed since the beginning of Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip in October 2023, according to the Government Media Office in the enclave.

On Sunday, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) announced the recovery of 14 bodies after an Israeli attack in Rafah in southern Gaza, including eight PRCS workers, five Civil Defense personnel and one staff member from a UN agency.

Tue, Apr 1, 9:28 PM (Palestine Time)

2.4 Million Palestinians Facing Starvation

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza Government Media Office warned that Israel's closure of bakeries and blockade on flour and fuel are deepening famine conditions for Gaza's 2.4 million residents.

Tue, Apr 1, 9:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza War Deadliest for Journalists in History

AL-JAZEERA:

The Brown University Costs of War Project reported that the Gaza war has killed more journalists than World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War.

At least 232 journalists and media workers have been killed since the war began. Israel has banned independent foreign journalists from entering Gaza while targeting local reporters at unprecedented levels.

Tue, Apr 1, 9:28 PM (Palestine Time)

UN: Gaza Aid Supplies Almost Depleted

UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN: UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric warned that humanitarian aid in Gaza is nearly exhausted, emphasizing that the World Food Programme is not shutting down bakeries "for fun."

Tue, Apr 1, 7:40 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Palestinians Shot by Settlers in Duma, South of Nablus

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that three Palestinians were injured by settler gunfire in the village of Duma, south of Nablus, in the West Bank.

Tue, Apr 1, 7:40 PM (Palestine Time)

'Major Aggression' – Al-Moussawi Urges Diplomatic Action over Beirut Attack PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Lebanese MP Ibrahim al-Moussawi has condemned Israel's latest attack on a residential building in Beirut as "a major act of aggression" that signals a significant escalation in the situation.

"We hold the international community and Washington responsible for this crime," al-Moussawi told NBC News on Tuesday morning.

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UN General Assembly President Condemns Killing of Aid Workers in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The UN General Assembly president condemned the killing of aid workers in Gaza and called for their protection, according to his spokesperson.

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Settlement Council to Discuss 2,545 New Units in Jerusalem

AL-JAZEERA: According to the Israeli group Peace Now:

- The settlement council will discuss plans tomorrow to build 2,545 new units east of Jerusalem.
- · Since the start of the year, 14,392 settlement units have been approved.
- · If construction continues at this pace, 50,000 units could be approved by year's end.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:06 PM (Palestine Time)

FloodGate Podcast Hosts Gerald Horne: How Global Power Shifts Affect Palestine

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In the latest episode of the FloodGate podcast, African-American historian Gerald Horne examines the evolving global order and its implications for Palestine.

The discussion, led by Pan-African activist and Pan-African League Umoja member Bouna Mbaye, analyzes the contradictions of international politics, the shifting balance of power, and the opportunities these changes create for Palestinian resistance, decolonization, and global solidarity.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

US Bombardment in Yemen: Ansarallah Reports Heavy Strikes in Saada, Sanaa

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: US airstrikes targeted Ansarallah-controlled areas in Yemen, as the group vows to continue its operations in the Red Sea and support for Gaza.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Kill Scores in Gaza, Including Journalist and Family

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: At least 42 Palestinians, including children, were killed, and 183 others were injured in the Gaza Strip in the last 24 hours, Al-Jazeera reported on Tuesday, citing medical sources.

Among those killed was Palestinian journalist Mohammed al-Bardawil, who perished alongside his wife and three children when an Israeli airstrike hit their home west of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

HRF Files Case in Romania against Israeli Soldier for Gaza War Crimes

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Hind Rajab Foundation (HRF) has filed another criminal complaint against an Israeli soldier, this time in Romania.

Orel Benyaish, an Israeli soldier from the 432nd Battalion of the Givati Brigade "is accused of committing war crimes and acts of genocide during Israel's ongoing military operations in the Gaza Strip," the Belgium-based rights group said in a statement on Tuesday.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Police Clash with Protesters in Jerusalem over Netanyahu's Policies

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Protests were held in response to the government's decision to dismiss Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar and withdraw confidence from Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara.

Tue, Apr 1, 6:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Cancels Shin Bet Appointment amid Trump Controversy

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Netanyahu reversed Eli Sharafit's appointment as Shin Bet chief following backlash over his past criticism of Trump and involvement in Israeli protests

Tue, Apr 1, 5:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Bakeries Association: Last Remaining Bakeries Shut Down

AL-JAZEERA:

The Gaza Bakeries Association:

- The last remaining bakeries have shut down due to the depletion of flour, cooking gas, and fuel.
- · We urge the international community to intervene to open crossings and deliver aid, especially flour.

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Israeli Opposition Leader: Time for Elections

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli opposition leader to Netanyahu:

- · Israel is not being governed as if it is ungovernable.
- The problem is not a deep state but the absence of a state—it's time for elections.

Tue, Apr 1, 5:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Killed in Israeli Shelling North of Khan Younis

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was killed in Israeli shelling on Al-Qarara, north of Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

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Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Gaza: Israel Blocks Medicine for Children

AL-JAZEERA (Citing Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Gaza):

Israel is preventing the entry of medicines needed to treat children in the Strip.

A health disaster is imminent if Israel does not allow vaccinations for children.

The international community must pressure Israel to open the crossings.

Tue, Apr 1, 4:25 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinians Injured by Israeli Drones in Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Several Palestinians were injured by Israeli drone fire in central Rafah, southern Gaza.

Tue, Apr 1, 2:29 PM (Palestine Time)

UK Halts Arms Exports to Israel Over Gaza Violations Risk

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER: The UK has suspended arms exports to Israel after assessing a clear risk of international law violations in Gaza. The British government also reiterated that settlement expansion undermines peace efforts.

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40% of Israelis Want to Leave the Country - Study

AL-JAZEERA: A study by the Hebrew University found that government policies and deepening societal divisions have led 40% of Israelis to consider emigrating.

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21,000 Displaced in Jenin Facing Worsening Conditions

JENIN MEDIA COMMITTEE: The humanitarian situation for 21,000 displaced people in Jenin refugee camp is deteriorating as Israel's assault continues for the 71st consecutive day.

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UN: 100 Palestinians Killed Since Eid Began

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE: The UN has documented the killing of about 100 Palestinians in Gaza since the start of Eid al-Fitr, including 32 children. Essential goods and food supplies are rapidly dwindling.

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Al-Quds Brigades Launch Rockets at Sderot

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The military wing of Islamic Jihad said it fired a rocket barrage at Sderot and Israeli settlements near Gaza.

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Israeli Airstrike Hits Western Deir al-Balah

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli airstrike targeted the western part of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza, according to Al Jazeera's correspondent.

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Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Hospitals in Gaza received the bodies of 42 people killed and 183 injured in the past 24 hours. The total death toll since March 18 has risen to 1,042, with 2,542 wounded. Since October 7, 50,399 Palestinians have been killed and 114,583 injured.

Tue, Apr 1, 2:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Says It Targeted Hezbollah, IRGC Official in Beirut

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli military claimed it targeted Hassan Badr in southern Beirut, identifying him as a commander in Hezbollah's Unit 3900 and linked to Iran's Quds Force.

Tue, Apr 1, 2:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Seven Palestinians Killed in Gaza Airstrikes since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA: Seven Palestinians were killed and others wounded in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza since early morning, according to Al Jazeera.

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Israeli FM Sa'ar Threatens Full Resumption of War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar stated that Israeli warplanes struck Hezbollah targets in Lebanon this morning.

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Famine Has Entered a New Phase

GAZA NGO NETWORK: The head of the Gaza NGO Network told Al Jazeera that the blockade has driven Gaza into an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe. He warned that hunger is visibly affecting children and called for urgent international intervention.

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Number of Journalists Killed in Gaza Rises to 209

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza Media Office reported that journalist Mohammed Al-Bardawil, his wife, and their three children were killed in an Israeli airstrike on their home in Khan Younis. This raises the total number of journalists killed in Gaza to 209.

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Israeli Shelling Kills Farmer in Maghazi Cam

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A Palestinian farmer was killed in an Israeli artillery strike on Maghazi refugee camp in central Gaza, according to Palestinian media.

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Israel Intensifies Attacks on Aid Centers - Gaza Government

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza government accused Israel of systematically targeting aid centers, exacerbating famine in the besieged enclave. It called on the world to stop what it described as genocide and ethnic cleansing.

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Israeli Army Bombards Bani Suheila in Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces bombed the Bani Suheila area in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, according to Al Jazeera sources.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:02 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu's Dismissal of Shin Bet Chief Was Politically Motivated

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Maariv cited Israeli sources, who had previously filed legal petitions over the dismissal of Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar, as saying that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has proven that the decision was politically motivated.

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Warning of Large-Scale Cyberattacks Against Israelis

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reported that the Israeli Internet Association has warned of a major wave of cyberattacks targeting Israelis.

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Eisenkot: Netanyahu Can No Longer Serve Israel's Interests

ISRAELI MEDIA: Gadi Eisenkot, an Israeli Knesset member, stated that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has lost the ability to act in Israel's best interests.

Tue, Apr 1, 11:02 AM (Palestine Time)

US Backs Israel's Response to Rocket Fire from Lebanon

REUTERS: A US State Department spokesperson told Reuters that Washington supports Israel's response to rocket attacks from Lebanon.