

# LIVE BLOG: Gaza Prepares for Exchange as Israel, Backed by PA, Escalates Jenin Assault; Hezbollah: ‘Leave Lebanon’ – Day 475

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Israeli occupation forces intensified restrictions of movement in the West Bank. (Photo: via QNN)

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Over 162 bodies have been recovered in the Strip amid ongoing Israeli violations of the ceasefire and Gaza's calls for international support.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army has escalated its attack on Jenin, aided by undercover Palestinian Authority units.

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## **Israeli Media: Israel Will Not Leave South Lebanon as Part of Ceasefire Agreement**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 14 reported, citing official sources, that Israel will not withdraw from South Lebanon on Sunday as initially stated in the ceasefire agreement between Lebanon and Israel, mediated by the US and France. Israel claims that the Lebanese army has not fulfilled its commitments under the agreement.

Earlier, the Lebanese resistance group Hezbollah stated that Israel must adhere to the timeline and withdraw on schedule, warning of consequences if Israel fails to do so.

Fri, Jan 24, 2:46 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli Forces Raid Ain Sultan Refugee Camp in Jericho**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces have raided the Ain Sultan refugee camp in Jericho.

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## **Israeli Forces Raid Tulkarm City in Northern West Bank**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces have raided Tulkarm city in the northern West Bank.

Fri, Jan 24, 2:36 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Trump: Gaza Ceasefire Would Not Have Happened Without His Envoy**

US MEDIA:

Former U.S. President Donald Trump stated that the ceasefire in Gaza would not have occurred without his Middle East envoy, Steve Wietkoff.

Trump also warned that if the ceasefire collapses, there would be consequences.

Speaking at the Davos Forum, he emphasized the pivotal role of his administration's team in negotiating the ceasefire.

Fri, Jan 24, 2:36 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Poll: 70% of Israelis Support Full Prisoner Exchange Deal**

ISRAELI MEDIA:

A survey conducted in Israel by Israel Hayom revealed that 70% of Israelis support the completion of all stages of the prisoner exchange deal with Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza.

The poll also found that 58% of respondents from the Likud Party, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, support the full completion of the deal, while 95% of opposition party members back it.

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## **Israeli Forces Impose Curfew in Jenin Refugee Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces have raided the Qusra village, south of Nablus, and have imposed a curfew in Jenin Refugee Camp.

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## **Palestinian Official Warns of Potential Israeli Massacre in Jenin Refugee Camp**

ANADOLU NEWS AGENCY:

Jenin Deputy Governor Mansour Al-Saadi warned of an Israeli military plan to carry out a large-scale invasion of the Jenin Refugee Camp in northern occupied West Bank, comparing the potential massacre to the Israeli operation in northern Gaza.

Al-Saadi told Anadolu Agency that Israeli forces have blocked all four entrances to the city of Jenin and its refugee camp with dirt barriers, preventing entry and exit. He also warned of ongoing demolitions around the camp as Israeli forces prepare for a larger offensive.

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### **Clashes Between Resistance Fighters and Palestinian Security Forces in Jenin**

AL-JAZEERA: Armed clashes between Palestinian resistance fighters and security forces after they besieged fighters in Ya'bad, west of Jenin. Palestinian security forces beat several resistance fighters during their arrest in Jenin.

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### **Israeli Forces Raid Ein Yabrud Area in Ramallah**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces have raided the Ein Yabrud area in the Ramallah district, West Bank.

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### **UNRWA: 660,000 Children in Gaza Still Out of School**

UNRWA:

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) stated that approximately 660,000 children in Gaza are still unable to attend school.

Additionally, the agency reported over 14,500 children killed in the conflict, with 88% of schools in Gaza damaged.

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### **Israeli Forces Raid Anata Town North of Jerusalem**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces have raided the town of Anata, located north of Jerusalem.

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### **Explosion Targets Israeli Occupation Forces in Nazareth Street, Jenin**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces were targeted with an explosive device on Nazareth Street in Jenin.

Thu, Jan 23, 10:52 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Gaza Police Announce Redeployment Across the Entire Strip**

GAZA POLICE SPOKESPERSON: The spokesperson for Gaza's police force, Muhammad Al-Zarqa, announced that all police stations in the Gaza Strip have resumed operations. Police forces have redeployed across all areas of the region and will continue their duties to ensure the security and stability of Gaza's citizens.

Thu, Jan 23, 10:52 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Occupation Forces Set Fire to Homes and a Vehicle in Jenin Refugee Camp**

AL-JAZEERA: Sources informed Al-Jazeera that Israeli occupation forces deployed additional reinforcements to the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank. The sources reported that the forces set fire to two homes and a vehicle in the Al-Jabriyat area.

Thu, Jan 23, 9:13 PM (Palestine Time)

## **70% of Israelis Want a Complete Prisoner Swap Deal**

ISRAEL HAYOM: A survey published by Israel Hayom revealed that 70% of Israelis want the prisoner swap deal to be completed in all its stages, with 59% of Likud, Religious Zionism, and Shas supporters backing the deal.

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## **Gaza Municipality Spokesperson: We Have a Recovery Plan**

GAZA MUNICIPALITY SPOKESPERSON (to Al-Jazeera):

We have started opening the main streets in the city in preparation for the return of the displaced. Over 70% of the roads have been completely or partially damaged by Israeli shelling.

We have a recovery plan to address the effects of the aggression, and we need support from everyone. The list of needs has been sent to international organizations, and we hope for urgent intervention.

Thu, Jan 23, 9:13 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Palestinian Injured by Israeli Fire in Jenin**

AL-JAZEERA: Medical sources reported to Al-Jazeera that a Palestinian was injured by Israeli gunfire in Jenin after being shot while in his vehicle.

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## **Resistance Announces Exploding a Bomb in Jenin**

AL-JAZEERA: The Jenin Brigade of the Al-Quds Brigades announced the detonation of an explosive device targeting an Israeli military vehicle in the Jalboni area, confirming casualties.

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## **Israel Prepares for a Series of Operations in Jenin Refugee Camp**

ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESMAN: An Israeli military spokesperson stated that the Chief of Staff and the Shin Bet head assessed the situation in Jenin and confirmed that Israel is ready for a series of operations in the refugee camp, vowing not to give the “enemy” any opportunity to harm Israeli forces.

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## **Explosion Sounds in Jenin Refugee Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Explosion sounds were reported in Jenin refugee camp, caused by Israeli attempts to destroy explosive devices.

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## **Israeli Captives' Families Call for Protests to Follow Up on Deal**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The families of Israeli detainees called on the government to take immediate action to ensure the agreement ends only after all captives are returned and urged for large-scale protests next Saturday to follow up on the implementation of the exchange deal.

Thu, Jan 23, 6:02 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Saudi Foreign Minister Discusses Ceasefire with Lebanese President**

SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY: Saudi Foreign Minister emphasized the importance of adhering to the ceasefire agreement and implementing Resolution 1701.

Thu, Jan 23, 6:02 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Hezbollah Urges Full Israeli Withdrawal from Lebanon**

HEZBOLLAH:

The 60-day deadline for the enemy's final withdrawal from Lebanon is nearing its end and must be fully implemented as agreed.

Any reports of delaying the withdrawal should prompt political pressure on the mediating nations.

No violations or evasion of the agreement will be tolerated.

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## **Iranian President Criticizes World Silence on Israeli Crimes**

IRANIAN PRESIDENT: Those who bombed thousands in Gaza cannot lecture us on human rights.

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## **Clashes Erupt Between Palestinians and Israeli Forces near Hebron**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported confrontations between youths and Israeli forces in Halhul, north of Hebron.

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## **Norway Pushes for Accelerated Efforts to Build Palestinian State**

NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY:

We must rebuild Gaza both materially and politically.

A broad coalition supports the two-state solution to expedite the creation of a genuine Palestinian state.

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### **Nahal Brigade Redeployed to West Bank for Military Operations**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: The Israeli Nahal Brigade, which left Gaza last Friday, has been reassigned to the West Bank to participate in recent military campaigns.

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### **Israel Appoints Haim Katz as Acting Minister in Multiple Portfolios**

KAN: Haim Katz was approved as acting minister for national security, heritage, and Negev and Galilee affairs.

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### **Microsoft Strengthens Support for Israeli Army during Gaza War**

GUARDIAN: Microsoft deepened its collaboration with the Israeli military, providing technology for ground, air, and naval units. Israel's Ministry of Defense entrusted Microsoft with highly sensitive and classified projects.

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### **Hamas Calls for Unity to Confront Israeli Expansionism**

HAMAS STATEMENT: The occupation's plans to build 10,000 settlement units in Jerusalem are part of its war on our people. The movement called for Palestinian unity to counter Israeli aggression.

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### **Israeli Government Admits Paying 'Heavy Price' for Hostage Release**

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT: The Israeli government spokesperson stated, "We were forced to pay a heavy price to secure the release of our hostages from Gaza."

Thu, Jan 23, 3:20 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Occupation Tightens Measures to Divide the West Bank**

PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS: The Jerusalem Governorate reported that the Israeli occupation is establishing new checkpoints and intensifying measures to fragment the West Bank, aiming to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

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### **Two Killed in Tank Strike in Rafah**

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The Gaza Civil Defense reported that two Palestinians were killed after an Israeli tank targeted them in the Tel Al-Sultan neighborhood, west of Rafah.

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## **Occupation Executed Palestinian Detainee**

PRISONER AFFAIRS COMMISSION: The Commission for Prisoner Affairs stated that Israeli forces executed Mohammed Al-Aref from Nur Shams Refugee Camp during interrogation on November 28.

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## **Israel Wants to Delay Withdrawal From South Lebanon By 30 Days**

KAN: Tel Aviv requested the United States to delay the withdrawal of the Israeli army from South Lebanon for a full month.

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## **Multinational Company To Monitor Palestinians' Return To Northern Gaza**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: A multinational company will monitor and manage the safe passage of cars and the return of Palestinians to northern Gaza. Representatives of an American security company arrived in Israel to conduct security checks at the Netzarim axis to prevent the return of militants to northern Gaza.

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## **Al-Quds Brigades: Fighters Confront Attempt To Storm Jenin Camp**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Jenin Battalion of Al-Quds Brigades said its fighters are confronting an attempt by Israeli occupation forces to storm the camp, noting that the fighters faced the occupation with a barrage of bullets and explosive devices.

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## **Israel Welcomes Trump's Decision To Designate Ansarallah As Terrorist Group**

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar welcomed U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to designate the Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization. Sa'ar said Trump's decision is an important step in combating terrorism and eliminating destabilizing elements in the region.

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## **Israeli Army Continues Activities In South Lebanon**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army's 7th Brigade, led by the 91st Division, continues its activities in southern Lebanon to protect the security of the State of Israel. The army acts according to the understanding between Israel and Lebanon while maintaining the terms of the ceasefire.

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## **Ministers Not Informed of Cabinet Meeting Agenda**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: Ministers have not yet been informed of the agenda of the Security Cabinet meeting, which will be chaired by Benjamin Netanyahu this evening. The Security Cabinet



convenes before the release of the second batch of prisoners and the approaching date of the withdrawal from South Lebanon.

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### **Gaza Health Official: No Hospital In Gaza Operating Fully**

GAZA HEALTH OFFICIAL: An assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Health in Gaza said no hospital in Gaza is operating fully.

Northern Gaza has been subjected to a frenzied attack targeting all aspects of life. Kamal Adwan Hospital, an icon of the health sector in northern Gaza, was completely destroyed.

The infrastructure of the Indonesian Hospital was destroyed, and Al-Awda Hospital was targeted.

We demand an investigation into the occupation's crimes against hospitals and the health system.

We demand the evacuation of thousands of patients and wounded for treatment abroad.

We demand the immediate release of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya.

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### **Hebron Prosecutor Refuses to Release Mohammed Al-Atrash**

AL-JAZEERA: The Hebron prosecutor refused to release Al Jazeera correspondent Mohammed Al-Atrash. Among the charges against him is working with a banned channel. Mohammed Al-Atrash is Al-Jazeera's correspondent in the West Bank.

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### **Occupation Fires Tear Gas at Palestinian Cars North of Jerusalem**

PALESTINIAN LOCAL SOURCES: Palestinian local sources said Israeli occupation forces fired tear gas at Palestinian cars stuck at the Jaba checkpoint north of Jerusalem.

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### **Gantz: Netanyahu's Government Failed to Topple Hamas**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Benny Gantz, leader of the National Unity Party, stated that Netanyahu's extremist government has failed to overthrow Hamas in Gaza. He accused the coalition of refusing to form an official inquiry committee and returning to authoritarian practices.

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### **Forced Evictions in Jenin Refugee Camp**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces are forcing residents of Jenin camp to leave their homes amidst a siege on the area.

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### **Gaza Municipality Appeals for Urgent Intl. Support**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza municipality called on international organizations to provide urgent support to mitigate the health and environmental disaster. The Deputy Minister of Public Works,

Naji Sarhan, noted that 80% of northern Gaza, including Jabalia, Beit Hanoun, and Beit Lahia, has been destroyed during Israel's offensive, describing the situation as ethnic cleansing.

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### **Hospital Reports 520 Attacks on Medical Facilities**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Awda Hospital in Gaza stated that Israeli forces carried out 520 attacks on hospitals throughout the war. Over 100 ambulance teams were targeted, 2,260 medical personnel were detained, and six staff members were killed during the siege of Tel Al-Zaatar.

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### **Israeli Tanks Fire Heavily on Rafah**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Heavy gunfire from Israeli tanks targeting central Rafah in southern Gaza.

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### **PA Forces Transfer Journalist to Court**

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian Authority security forces transferred journalist Mohammed Al-Atrash to Hebron Court. Earlier today, security forces raided his home in Hebron and arrested him after preventing him from covering the Israeli military operation in Jenin and its camp.

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### **Katz Vows to Destroy Resistance in Jenin**

ISREALI MEDIA: Defense Minister Yisrael Katz pledged to continue operations against what he called "terrorists," aiming to dismantle resistance factions and their infrastructure in Jenin camp, West Bank.

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### **Former Air Force Commander Demands Investigation into October 7 Events**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli Air Force Commander Amir Eshel called for an official investigation into the events of October 7, 2023, when Palestinian factions launched the "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation against Israel.

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### **Haaretz: Settlement Expansion Plans in East Jerusalem**

HAARETZ: Israel has proposed new settlement plans in East Jerusalem, including 9,000 housing units in Atarot and 1,100 units near Sharafat. Plans also include establishing a religious school in Sheikh Jarrah.

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## **Al-Qassam Mourns Two Fighters Killed in Burqin**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced the martyrdom of fighters Qutayba Al-Shalabi and Mohammed Asaad Nazzal, killed during clashes with Israeli forces in Burqin. The brigades warned that Israel's actions in the West Bank would only provoke more resistance.

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## **Heavy Gunfire near Kerem Shalom Crossing**

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera reported intense Israeli tank fire near the Kerem Shalom crossing, east of Rafah in Gaza.

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## **Nine Bodies Recovered in Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: Nine bodies were retrieved from rubble in Khuza'a, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

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## **Alleged Perpetrators of Qalqilya Attack Killed**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that Israeli forces assassinated the perpetrators of the Qalqilya attack in Burqin, near Jenin.

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## **162 bodies recovered after ceasefire**

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: Gaza's civil defense stated that 162 bodies have been recovered since the ceasefire began. Efforts to retrieve more remain hampered by a lack of equipment and Israeli restrictions.

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## **Rubio and Netanyahu Discuss Iran and Captives**

US STATE DEPARTMENT: Secretary of State Marco Rubio held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, affirming US support for Israel. Discussions included Iran and efforts to release Israeli captives in Gaza.

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## **Call to Name Settlement Project after Trump**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Settlement leader Yair Ifrach proposed naming the controversial E1 settlement project after Donald Trump. The project involves building 4,000 units, isolating East Jerusalem from the West Bank, and undermining the two-state solution.

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## **Occupation Arrests Palestinians in West Bank Raids**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al Jazeera reported that Israeli forces arrested several Palestinians during raids in West Bank towns and villages.