

# LIVE BLOG: Brokers Confident War Has Ended as Israel Continues to Violate Ceasefire – Day 748

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Three Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in Tuffah in yet another violation of the ceasefire agreement. (Photo: Khames al-Refi, social media, via QNN)

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Meanwhile, according to reports, US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that any actions jeopardizing the Gaza agreement are unacceptable.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 68,229 and injured 170,369 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Hamas: We Reaffirmed to Turkey Our Commitment to Ceasefire despite Israel's Repeated Violations**

HAMAS STATEMENT:

Hamas stated that a delegation from its leadership, headed by Chairman of the Leadership Council Mohammed Darwish, met in Doha with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Intelligence Chief Ibrahim Kalin.

Darwish reviewed the progress of the Gaza agreement's implementation and the mechanisms for aid delivery, stressing that the Israeli occupation is stalling in meeting its obligations and has not reopened the Rafah crossing.

He reaffirmed the movement's full commitment to maintaining the ceasefire despite Israel's repeated violations.

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### **Plans in Israel to Cut Defense Budget**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 14 reported that officials from the Finance Ministry and sources close to the minister confirmed plans to reduce Israel's defense budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

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### **The Times: Britain Deploys Troops to Israel**

THE TIMES: The Times reported that British troops have been deployed to Israel to join a multinational force tasked with monitoring the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

Tue, Oct 21, 10:23 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Media: National Security Adviser Dismissed for Opposing Netanyahu's Decisions**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 10 reported, citing officials, that National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi was dismissed after objecting to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decisions, including a proposed occupation of Gaza City.

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### **Witkoff Told Netanyahu the Next 30 Days Are Critical for Gaza Agreement**

WASHINGTON POST: The Washington Post quoted a source saying that US envoy Steve Witkoff informed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — wanted by the International Criminal Court — that the next 30 days will be “critical for advancing to the second phase” of the Gaza agreement.

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### **New Handover of Bodies of Two Israeli Captives**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said that the Red Cross headed to a location in southern Gaza to receive the bodies of two Israeli captives.

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### **One Killed, Several Injured by Israeli Drone Fire East of Khan Yunis**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that a Palestinian was killed and others wounded by Israeli drone fire east of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Oct 21, 8:50 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Sources Close to Netanyahu: National Security Adviser Leaked Information Against Prime Minister**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported, citing sources close to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, that recently dismissed National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi had leaked information against the prime minister.

Tue, Oct 21, 8:50 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Axios: US Secretary of State Plans Visit to Israel**

AXIOS: The US news website Axios quoted officials as saying that US Secretary of State Marco Rubio is planning to visit Israel later this week.

Tue, Oct 21, 8:50 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israel Hayom Reveals Reasons Behind Dismissal of National Security Adviser**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that Netanyahu's decision to dismiss National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi, who opposed occupying Gaza and attacking Qatar, stemmed from their sharp policy disagreements.

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## **Netanyahu Dismisses National Security Adviser**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dismissed his National Security Adviser, Tzachi Hanegbi.

Tue, Oct 21, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

## **No Peace without Justice: Disarming Hamas Means Disarming the Palestinian Cause**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The colonizers insist on Hamas being disarmed so that peace can be delivered, but peace without justice will only entrench apartheid.

Read [the latest article by Ranjan Solomon](#).

Tue, Oct 21, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Israeli President Discussed Possible Pardon for Netanyahu with Families of Captives**

HAARETZ: The office of Israeli President Isaac Herzog told Haaretz that the president discussed with the families of Israeli captives the possibility of granting a pardon to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his ongoing corruption trial.

Tue, Oct 21, 7:10 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Hamas to Hand Over Two More Bodies of Israeli Captives in Ceasefire Deal**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian Resistance movement Hamas, has announced it will hand over the bodies of two Israeli captives on Tuesday evening.

Tue, Oct 21, 6:54 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Canadian Taxpayers Subsidize Zionist Racism at Montreal Jewish School**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A Jewish private school in Montreal is benefiting from a \$5 million public subsidy. While described as 'religious', its instructions are heavily Zionist.

Tue, Oct 21, 6:47 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Vance: Implementation of Trump's Gaza Plan Going Better Than Expected**

AL-JAZEERA: US Vice President JD Vance announced the opening of the Civil-Military Cooperation Center for Gaza Reconstruction. He stated that “some violence in Gaza does not mean the end of peace,” adding that “the situation is excellent, and we are achieving remarkable progress.”

Tue, Oct 21, 6:47 PM (Palestine Time)

## **US Embassy in Jerusalem: Washington Committed to Returning All Bodies**

US EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM: The US Embassy in Jerusalem stated that Washington remains firmly committed to returning all the bodies of Israeli captives to their families.

Tue, Oct 21, 5:27 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Illegal Settlers Launched 71 West Bank Attacks in One Week – UN Repo**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Illegal Israeli settlers have carried out 71 attacks against Palestinians across the occupied West Bank in one week, resulting in the killing of one Palestinian and the injury of 99 others, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

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

## **At Least 135 Mutilated Bodies Returned to Gaza were Held at Sde Teiman – Report**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: At least 135 mutilated bodies of Palestinians returned by Israel to the Gaza Strip came from the Sde Teiman detention facility, notorious for cases of torture, abuse and even deaths in custody, according to a Guardian report citing Gaza health ministry officials.

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

## **Israeli Army: Two Soldiers Wounded in Khan Yunis**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that two of its soldiers were lightly wounded when an explosive device detonated in an area it said is under its control in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

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

## **Al-Qassam Brigades to Hand Over Two Israeli Prisoners' Bodies Tonight**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they will hand over the bodies of two Israeli prisoners recovered today in Gaza at 9:00 PM local time.

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

## **Trump: Not Yet Time for Military Intervention against Hamas**

US PRESIDENCY: US President Donald Trump revealed that regional allies told him they would welcome a large-scale military operation in Gaza to “discipline Hamas” if it violates the agreement.

Trump said he informed both Israel and those allies that “the time has not yet come for military intervention.”

He added: “There is hope Hamas will do the right thing. If not, its end will be swift, violent, and brutal.”

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

### **Trump: Not Yet Time for Military Intervention against Hamas**

WASHINGTON POST: According to The Washington Post, US Vice President JD Vance will visit Israel's Civil-Military Coordination Center overseeing the Gaza ceasefire implementation. He will also visit the Israeli Defense Command headquarters before meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday.

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

### **FAO Advisor: Gaza Situation Extremely Dire**

AL-JAZEERA: Fadel Al-Zoubi, an advisor at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), told Al-Jazeera that the humanitarian response in Gaza remains severely insufficient and that the situation in the Strip is "extremely dire."

Tue, Oct 21, 4:19 PM (Palestine Time)

### **How Israel Killed Its Own Soldiers, Blamed Hamas and Violated the Ceasefire again**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli Transportation Minister Miri Regev stated on Monday that she had proposed to the security cabinet that the body of former Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar be burned.

Tue, Oct 21, 3:55 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Army: Chief of Staff Says the Battle Is Not Over**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said that its Chief of Staff affirmed the battle is not over and that the army faces major challenges on all fronts, particularly in the occupied West Bank.

Tue, Oct 21, 3:55 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Macron Calls on UN Security Council to Act Urgently on Gaza**

FRENCH MEDIA: French President Emmanuel Macron urged the UN Security Council to adopt an urgent resolution on Gaza to establish a framework for governance and security. He called for reopening the crossings and relief routes to allow full humanitarian access and for evacuating the wounded from Gaza for treatment abroad.

Tue, Oct 21, 2:09 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Gaza Death Toll Rises**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health reported that hospitals received 13 bodies and 8 wounded over the past 24 hours. The ministry added that the total death toll from the Israeli assault has risen to 68,229, with 170,369 injured since October 7, 2023.

Tue, Oct 21, 2:09 PM (Palestine Time)

### **Hind Rajab Foundation Calls on ICC to Arrest Perpetrators of Hind's Killing**

HIND RAJAB FOUNDATION: The Hind Rajab Foundation called on the International Criminal Court to issue arrest warrants for 24 Israeli soldiers and commanders involved in the killing of Palestinian child Hind Rajab and her rescuers. The Foundation said it submitted a 120-page legal file under Article 15 to the ICC in The Hague, identifying the responsibility of 24 individuals

belonging to the “Vampire Empire” unit, the 52nd Armored Battalion, and the 401st Armored Brigade.

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### **JD Vance Arrives in Israel for Two-Day Visit**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that US Vice President JD Vance arrived in Israel for a two-day visit.

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### **Nasser Medical Complex: 15 Bodies Received**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Nasser Medical Complex said the facility received 15 bodies belonging to Palestinians recently released as part of the sixth batch of returned prisoner remains.

Tue, Oct 21, 12:21 PM (Palestine Time)

### **News Roundup: Gaza Aid, West Bank Incidents, and Diplomatic Meetings**

#### **World Food Programme: Aid Insufficient, Access Limited:**

The World Food Programme (WFP) stated that current aid entering Gaza is enough for about half a million people for two weeks.

Some supplies are reaching northern Gaza, but not in the required quantities.

WFP notes that not all crossings are open, preventing aid from reaching the necessary levels.

#### **Settlers Erect New Structures Near Ramallah:**

Palestinian platforms documented settlers building new rooms in an outpost in Al-Qalaa area of Al-Mughayyir village, east of Ramallah in the West Bank.

#### **Israeli Navy Detains Three Fishermen Off Gaza Coast:**

The Union of Fishermen’s Committees reported that the Israeli Navy arrested three fishermen after firing at them while they were working off the coast of Gaza City.

#### **Witkoff and Kushner Meet Recently Released Israeli Captives:**

The Israeli Hostage Families Forum announced that Witkoff and Kushner met with hostages released from Gaza last Monday in Tel Aviv.

The released captives urged them not to give up until all remaining hostages return.

Witkoff affirmed Washington’s commitment to securing the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza.

#### **Gaza Government Media: 986 Aid Trucks Entered Since Ceasefire:**

The Government Media Office in Gaza reported the entry of 986 aid trucks since the ceasefire, including 14 trucks of cooking gas and 28 trucks of diesel fuel.

### **Settlers Storm Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound:**

Illegal Jewish settlers stormed the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque and performed Talmudic rituals in front of the Dome of the Rock under heavy security.

### **UN: 71 Settler Attacks on Palestinians in West Bank:**

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) documented 71 attacks by settlers against Palestinians and their property in the West Bank within one week.

Half of the settler attacks targeted the olive harvest season, affecting residents of 27 villages.

Data indicates a dangerous escalation in settler violence compared to previous years.

Tue, Oct 21, 11:37 AM (Palestine Time)

### **Israeli Army Detains Three Fishermen off Gaza Coast**

AL-JAZEERA: The Fishermen's Committees Union said that the Israeli occupation army arrested three fishermen after opening fire on them while they were working off the coast of Gaza City.

Tue, Oct 21, 11:28 AM (Palestine Time)

### **'Vampire Empire': Investigation Reveals Israeli Soldiers Who Killed Hind Rajab**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: An Al-Jazeera investigation, produced in collaboration with Forensic Architecture, has identified Israeli officers and units responsible for the killing of six-year-old Hind Rajab, sparking new international legal action.

Tue, Oct 21, 10:27 AM (Palestine Time)

### **News Roundup: Hamas Told War Has Ended, Identities of Soldiers Confirmed Hamas Faces 'Extreme Difficulty' Locating Remains:**

Hamas negotiating chief Khalil Al-Hayya affirmed the movement's seriousness in retrieving the remains of all Israelis killed by Israeli bombing during the war but noted they are facing "extreme difficulty" in the process.

#### **Hamas: War is Over, Trusting US Brokers:**

Al-Hayya expressed confidence in the full implementation of the deal, stating that "what we heard from the brokers, and the US President assures us that the war in Gaza has ended."

#### **Identities Confirmed:**

Families confirmed the identities of three of the four Israeli detainees whose remains were returned by Hamas on Tuesday evening.

The Israeli army identified the body recently recovered from the resistance as that of Major (res.) Tal Haimi.

#### **US Envoy to Ensure Ceasefire:**

A White House official told News Nation that US Vice President JD Vance is traveling to Israel to demonstrate US commitment to the ceasefire and to ensure both parties agree on its terms.

### **US Anxiety Over Netanyahu's Withdrawal:**

The New York Times reported US officials are concerned that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu might withdraw from the ceasefire deal, with US envoys focused on preventing a resumption of the war.

### **WFP: Aid Insufficient; Needs 'Intense Medical Effort':**

The World Food Programme (WFP) spokesperson stated that the volume of aid entering Gaza is inadequate and stressed the need to "inundate Gaza with foodstuffs" and provide intensive medical efforts to reverse the famine.

### **Artillery and Tank Fire East of Gaza City:**

Israeli artillery and tanks continue to target areas east of the Shujaiya neighborhood in Gaza City.

### **Journalist Challenges:**

The Director of the Press House institution stated that Palestinian journalists faced immense challenges and that the Israeli army is preventing the entry of professional safety equipment for journalists).

### **Five Palestinians Injured by Settler Attack in Silwad:**

The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that five Palestinians sustained various injuries after being beaten by settlers in the town of Silwad, north of Ramallah.

### **Settlers Attack Vehicles and Property (Various):**

Settlers attacked a Palestinian vehicle in the Wadi Ammar area near Turmus Ayya, north of Ramallah.

Settlers attacked a Palestinian vehicle near Yatta, south of Hebron.

Settlers burned agricultural tents belonging to residents in the Al-Karmel area, south of Hebron.

### **Arrests and Incursions:**

Israeli occupation forces arrested a young man and confiscated a vehicle during a raid on the Old City of Nablus and arrested another young man during an incursion into Al-Bireh.

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.

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## **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, 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.