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Israel continued to carry out massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN) Share

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Gaza faces a worsening humanitarian catastrophe as water, healthcare, and basic services collapse under Israeli attacks.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces intensify mass arrests across the West Bank, targeting refugee camps.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 50,021 Palestinians and injured 113,274 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Thu, Mar 27, 6:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Artillery Shelling North of Nuseirat Refugee Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local Palestinian sources reported that Israeli occupation forces shelled artillery north of the Nuseirat Refugee Camp in central Gaza Strip.

Thu, Mar 27, 6:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Occupation Forces Demolish Residential Homes North of Beit Lahia

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local Palestinian sources reported that the Israeli occupation forces demolished residential homes near Beit Lahia, in northern Gaza.

Thu, Mar 27, 4:21 AM (Palestine Time)

Nine Palestinians Killed in Airstrikes on Northern and Southern Gaza Since Dawn

MEDICAL SOURCES: Nine Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes on northern and southern Gaza Strip since dawn today.

Thu, Mar 27, 4:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Killed in Israeli Shelling of Displaced Persons' Tent in Al-Mawasi

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A Palestinian was killed and several others injured due to Israeli shelling on a tent sheltering displaced persons in the Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Yunis, in southern Gaza Strip.

Thu, Mar 27, 1:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrike Targets Beit Lahia

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local sources reported that Israeli occupation aircraft targeted the city of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza with an airstrike.

Thu, Mar 27, 1:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Person Killed in Targeted Car Attack in Southern Lebanon

LEBANESE MEDIA: The Lebanese Ministry of Health announced the killing of one person in an attack by an Israeli drone on a car in the town of Maroubi, southern Lebanon.

Thu, Mar 27, 12:07 AM (Palestine Time)

FloodGate Podcast: Do Palestinians Have the Right to Resist? w/ Richard Falk

PALESTINE CHRONICLE (PODCAST): In this unmissable, must-watch conversation, Professor Richard Falk—international law expert, former UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine, and leading scholar on global justice—breaks down the complexities of international law, the right of resistance, and the enforcement gaps in global governance.

From the historic context of decolonization to the current war in Gaza, Falk sheds light on the accountability challenges facing Israel and the role of civil society in pushing for change.

Listen to his insights on the urgent need for justice-driven action and the role of geopolitical dynamics in shaping the international order.

Wed, Mar 26, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah: New American Aggression on Sana'a

YEMENI MEDIA: American aggression targeted the south of the capital, Sana'a, with a series of airstrikes. The American aggression targeted the Jirban area in the Sanhan district of Sana'a with 3 airstrikes. It also targeted the Al-Jumaymah area in the Bani Hashish district of Sana'a with 2 airstrikes.

Wed, Mar 26, 11:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Bombs Hatzorim Base

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades announced that they had launched a rocket barrage targeting the Hatzorim airbase in the occupied city of Be'er Sheva.

Wed, Mar 26, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Demonstrations in Jerusalem Calling for a Prisoner Exchange Deal

SOCIAL MEDIA: A large number of Israelis protested in front of the government headquarters in occupied Jerusalem, demanding the cessation of the war on the Gaza Strip and the initiation of a prisoner exchange deal.

Wed, Mar 26, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

The Crisis of Reserve Forces in the Israeli Army Escalates

CALCALIST:

The crisis of the reserve forces is worsening, and the Israeli army is intensifying penalties for soldiers unable to continue their service.

The Israeli army is offering incentives in the form of additional financial sums to soldiers who agree to serve more days in the reserves.

Israeli army leaders have threatened soldiers with fines if they do not continue their reserve service.

The threat of fines for reserve soldiers who refuse to serve is a common phenomenon in the Israeli army.

The rate of enlistment of Israelis in the reserves has recently dropped and now does not exceed 60%.

The reasons for the decline in reserve enlistment include reduced endurance, physical and mental exhaustion, and disagreements with the government's policies in Gaza.

Units in the Israeli army are recruiting reserve volunteers through social media networks in exchange for various financial incentives.

Wed, Mar 26, 10:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Rocket Attack Targets Israeli Air Base

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian resistance forces launched rockets at Israel's Hatzerim airbase near Beersheba earlier this evening.

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Netanyahu Meets Security Officials amid Escalation

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli prime minister is holding emergency security consultations tonight to discuss both the military situation in Gaza and stalled negotiations over a potential prisoner exchange deal.

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Mass Protests in Jerusalem

ISRAELI MEDIA: Thousands of Israelis demonstrated against the firing of Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar, the attacks on judicial independence, and government corruption. Opposition leader Benny Gantz joined the protests, signaling growing political dissent.

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Former Defense Minister Barred from Bases

AL-JAZEERA: Defense Minister Israel Katz banned Moshe Ya'alon from military facilities over comments accusing the army of "ethnic cleansing" in Gaza.

Wed, Mar 26, 7:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir, Netanyahu, and the Deadly Dance of Power in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ramzy Baroud explains how the situation in Gaza embodies Orwell's concept of "doublethink"—the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously and accepting both.

Wed, Mar 26, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Target Residential Home in Deir al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli artillery struck a family home in central Gaza's Deir al-Balah on Tuesday evening, with the extent of casualties still unclear as rescue teams search through the rubble

Wed, Mar 26, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Heavy Shelling Hits Northern and Southern Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Continuous Israeli artillery bombardment is simultaneously targeting Beit Lahia in northern Gaza, and Rafah in the south, previously designated as a "safe zone".

Wed, Mar 26, 7:22 PM (Palestine Time)

ICJP to Romania: Investigate, Arrest Israeli Soldier over War Crimes in Gaza PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The International Centre of Justice for Palestinians (ICJP) submitted a criminal complaint to Romanian authorities on Tuesday, calling for the investigation and arrest of a suspected Israeli soldier currently in the country.

The complaint was filed under the ICJP's Global 195 initiative, launched to ensure that domestic and international legal mechanisms are utilized to pursue individuals, Israeli or dual nationals, across military and political ranks, suspected of war crimes.

Wed, Mar 26, 6:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Yemen's Ansarallah Launches Drone, Missile Attacks on US, Israeli Targets PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the military spokesperson for Ansarallah, confirmed on Wednesday that the group had launched a joint military operation involving their missile force, air force, and naval forces.

Saree said in a statement that the operation targeted US naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, positioned in the Red Sea.

Wed, Mar 26, 6:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Strikes Hit Northern and Southern Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera's correspondent reported intense Israeli artillery bombardment targeting the town of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza and the city of Rafah in the south late Tuesday afternoon. The shelling comes as Israeli forces continue their offensive across the besieged enclave.

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Gaza Death Toll Rises to 26 Since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): At least 26 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes across Gaza since early Tuesday morning. The attacks have targeted multiple residential areas throughout the coastal territory.

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Drone Strike Kills 11 at Displacement Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: In one of the deadliest incidents of the day, an Israeli drone strike hit tents housing displaced families and a charity food kitchen in central Gaza, killing 11 civilians. Eyewitnesses described horrific scenes as rescue workers pulled bodies from the wreckage of the makeshift shelters.

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Hamas Official Accuses Israel of Violating Ceasefire Agreement

AL-JAZEERA: Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas official in Gaza, stated that the movement had "responded positively" to recent ceasefire proposals but accused Israel of reneging on agreements. "The occupation went back on the deal it signed and guaranteed through mediators, then resumed its aggression against Gaza," al-Hayya said in a televised address.

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More Casualties Reported in Central Gaza Strike

AL-JAZEERA:

Al Jazeera's correspondent reported additional deaths and injuries when Israeli forces struck another displacement camp west of al-Zawaida in central Gaza. The attack targeted tents housing families who had fled previous bombardment, further straining Gaza's overwhelmed hospitals.

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PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The recently leaked group chat messages between top-ranking officials belonging to the Trump administration have served as a revelation of sorts as to how serious policy is made in such crass manners. While it may give us indications about what is happening behind the scenes, the story is also serving as a convenient distraction. Robert Inlakesh breaks it down.

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Israel Uses Water as 'Tactic of War' in Gaza – Doctors Without Borders PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Water is being used as "another tactic of war" in Gaza with Israel's military assault on the enclave essentially blocking the population's access to water by cutting off electricity and fuel, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has warned.

These resources are essential to operate desalination plants, water pumps, and other infrastructure, the humanitarian body said in a statement on Tuesday.

Wed, Mar 26, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Begins Process to Replace Shin Bet Chief

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to interview four candidates today for the position of Shin Bet director, following the controversial dismissal of former chief Ronen Bar. The hurried selection process comes after Israel's Supreme Court criticized what it called political interference in key security appointments.

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Lebanese Prime Minister Rejects Normalization With Israel

LEBANESE MEDIA: At a press conference in Beirut, Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam firmly ruled out any possibility of normalizing relations with Israel. "This is completely unacceptable to all Lebanese people," Salam stated, adding that diplomatic options to pressure Israel remain available despite ongoing border tensions.

Wed, Mar 26, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Agency Reports Catastrophic Toll in Renewed Gaza Bombing

AL-JAZEERA: UNRWA officials revealed today that hundreds of Palestinians have been killed since Israel resumed intensive bombing of Gaza last week, including 180 children in a single day.

With hospitals overwhelmed and rescue teams unable to reach many areas, doctors report watching patients die from treatable wounds due to lack of medical supplies.

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UN Report Calls for End to West Bank Land Grabs

A new report from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights demands immediate action to stop Israeli appropriation of Palestinian land. The document specifically calls for:

Dismantling of all illegal settlements

Reversal of policies leading to forced displacement

Return of confiscated properties in East Jerusalem

An end to the systematic demolition of Palestinian homes UN officials warned that continued land seizures constitute violations of international law.

Wed, Mar 26, 2:03 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Government: 85% of Population Faces Food Insecurity

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE:

Gaza's media office warned of impending famine:

85% of residents have lost primary food sources

Markets emptied of basic goods

Dozens of bakeries closed due to fuel blockade

Electricity blackout continues for 18th month "Israel's siege has created man-made starvation," officials declared as UN agencies report children dying from malnutrition.

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Drone Strike Kills Civilian in Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli drone targeted a civilian vehicle in Rafah's al-Zuhur district, killing one Palestinian and injuring two others. The attack occurred near makeshift shelters housing displaced families.

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Palestinian Resistance Fires Rockets

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: "We bombed the settlements around Gaza with a rocket barrage in response to the crimes of the zionist enemy against our Palestinian people."

Israeli media confirmed four separate launches in 72 hours, with two missiles intercepted by Iron Dome.

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Israeli Sirens Sound near Gaza Border

AL-JAZEERA: Red alert sirens blared across Israeli communities near Gaza as the military reported incoming fire. The attacks came hours after an Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian woman in Rafah's al-Mawasi "safe zone".

Wed, Mar 26, 11:50 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Netanyahu Lying to Captives' Families

HAMAS STATEMENT:

Netanyahu deliberately sabotaged the ceasefire deal to appease far-right ministers. His military approach has never returned living hostages — only coffins.

The international community must force Israel back to negotiations.

The group accused Israel's leader of deceiving families with false promises about military solutions.

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Tel Aviv University President Threatens Nationwide Shutdown

ISRAELI MEDIA: The president of Tel Aviv University warned: "We won't limit protests to campuses. We'll paralyze the entire economy if needed. Popular demonstrations strengthen the Supreme Court against illegal government actions."

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175,000 Tons of Waste Pile Up in Gaza City

GAZA MUNICIPALITY: "Israel blocks access to main landfills, forcing us to create hazardous dump sites near shelters. 175,000 tons of waste now endanger 1.7 million displaced people."

Wed, Mar 26, 10:44 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Academics Lead Jerusalem Protests Against Government Decisions

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli university professors are spearheading demonstrations in Jerusalem to protest two government actions: the dismissal of Shin Bet security chief Ronen Bar and a vote of no confidence against the government's legal advisor.

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Doctors Without Borders Warns of Gaza's Water Crisis

AL-JAZEERA:

The international medical organization Doctors Without Borders has issued a dire warning about Gaza's collapsing water infrastructure.

Their report details how Israeli restrictions on electricity and fuel have effectively blocked access to clean water, forcing desperate residents to consume contaminated supplies.

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Sniper Attack Wounds Palestinian in Gaza Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

An Israeli sniper shot and injured a Palestinian teenager in Gaza City's Zaytoun district earlier today. The victim was reportedly standing in his neighborhood when targeted.

Medical teams rushed to the scene, but the military prevented ambulances from approaching for nearly 30 minutes, according to local sources.

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UN Reports Collapse of Gaza's Health System

OCHA:

The United Nations humanitarian office issued an emergency alert about Gaza's medical infrastructure. Their report documents:

- · Exhausted medical staff working without supplies
- · Repeated attacks on ambulances and hospitals
- · Complete breakdown of emergency services "These aren't battlefield incidents – they're systematic attacks on healthcare that violate international law," stated the UN spokesperson, demanding immediate international

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intervention.

Family Massacred in Gaza: Israeli Bombing Kills Mother and Five Children

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli airstrikes on Gaza killed at least 31 people, including families, while Defense Minister Yisrael Katz vowed further escalation.

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Israeli Forces Conduct Mass Arrests in Refugee Camps

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli military units stormed two major Palestinian refugee camps overnight. In Aida camp near Bethlehem and Balata camp outside Nablus, soldiers conducted house-to-house searches, detaining dozens of young men.

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Palestinian Killed in Beit Lahia Airstrike

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An Israeli airstrike on Beit Lahiya killed at least one Palestinian civilian and wounded several others this morning. The victim, identified as a 42-year-old shopkeeper, was reportedly standing outside his home when targeted.

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Israeli Forces Storm Balata Camp Near Nablus

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli troops raided Balata refugee camp east of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.