

# LIVE BLOG: Qassam Blows Up Tunnel | 'Netanyahu Will Not Win | Massacres in Gaza – Day 563

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Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza are displaced. (Photo: via social media, QNN)

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Israeli media quoted Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich as saying that returning the captives from Gaza is not the most important goal.

Meanwhile, at least four Palestinians were killed and others injured following an Israeli airstrike on a house in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, as Israel continued to pound the Strip.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 51,201 Palestinians and injured 116,869 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Sirens Sound in Settlement in Central West Bank**

ISRAELI HOME FRONT COMMAND: The Israeli Home Front Command announced that sirens sounded in the Eli Zahav settlement, east of Salfit in the central West Bank.

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## **Israeli Army Complains of Fatigue**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronoth reported that the Israeli army is complaining of fatigue after some soldiers exceeded 300 days of reserve duty.

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## **Police Use Force to Disperse Protest Demanding Netanyahu's Resignation**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli police forcibly dispersed a demonstration in Tel Aviv demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and arrested a number of protesters.

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## **Lapid: Netanyahu's Government Will Not Win the War**

CHANNEL 13 (quoting opposition leader Yair Lapid): "Netanyahu and Smotrich are selling a false equation: either victory in the war or the return of the hostages, and this is incorrect. The government will not win the war because it does not know how to win."

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## **Smotrich: I'm Considering Resigning If Fighting in Gaza isn't Intensified**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The newspaper Israel Hayom quoted Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich as saying that he is considering resigning from the government if his request to intensify the fighting in Gaza is not accepted.

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## **Al-Qassam Brigades Announces New Operation**

AL-JAZEERA (citing Al-Qassam Brigades leader):

After our fighters returned from the front lines, they confirmed luring a Zionist engineering force to a previously booby-trapped tunnel entrance.

As soon as the force arrived, our fighters detonated the tunnel entrance and inflicted casualties among the occupation soldiers, both killed and wounded, east of the Al-Tuffah neighborhood in eastern Gaza City.

The Beit Hanoun ambush occurred in the buffer zone from which the occupation forces did not withdraw.

The carefully planned ambush occurred on Al-Awda Street in Beit Hanoun, only 300 meters from the separation line.

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## **3 Occupation Soldiers Injured in Northern Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Three occupation soldiers were injured in an attack in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip.

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## **PA Security Forces Arrest Wanted Man in Jenin**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Forces affiliated with the Palestinian Authority arrested Mohamed al-Husseini, wanted by the Israeli occupation, from Jenin.

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## **Israeli Forces Raid Houses around Jenin Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces raided several homes in the Khalla Al-Souha neighborhood around Jenin camp in the northern occupied West Bank.

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## **Gaza Suffers Severe Water Shortage**

GAZA MUNICIPALITY:

- “The Mekorot water line is not sufficient to meet the needs of all city neighborhoods.
- The water shortage in the western areas of the city is due to the destruction of the desalination plant, wells, and water tanks.

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## **Lapid: Netanyahu Poses a Danger to Israel's Security**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid said that the Shin Bet chief's testimony proves that (Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu poses a danger to Israel's security and cannot continue in his position.

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## **Serious 'Security Incident' in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli websites reported that there is a serious “security incident” in the Gaza Strip.

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## **Legs of Two Israeli Soldiers Amputated after Hamas Ambush**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Channel 7 reported the amputation of the legs of two female soldiers who were injured in a Hamas ambush near Beit Hanoun.

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## **Footage of Al-Qassam Ambush in Beit Hanoun**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades carried out an ambush against an Israeli force east of Beit Hanoun, which they called “Breaking the Sword,” resulting in the death of an Israeli soldier and the injury of several others. Video footage showed a number of Al-Qassam fighters attacking a military vehicle from point-blank range and overturning it with its occupants.

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## **Ansarallah Announces New Operations**

YAHYA SAREE:

We carried out two military operations with drones on two targets in Ashkelon and Umm al-Rashrash (Eilat).

We targeted the American aircraft carriers Truman and Vinson and their naval units.

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### **Dozens Protest as Netanyahu Arrives at Court**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Channel 12 reported that dozens are protesting in front of the court after the arrival of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, raising slogans accusing him of being “the head of a government of killing and massacres.”

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### **Reserve General Denies Israeli Achievements in Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA (citing Israeli reserve general Yitzhak Brik):

The claim that the army has achieved significant accomplishments in the Gaza Strip is incorrect.

The army suffered a painful defeat from Hamas. The Israeli army has not achieved any of the war’s objectives, whether defeating Hamas or releasing the hostages.

The Israeli army’s method of fighting in Gaza does not allow it to destroy hundreds of kilometers of Hamas tunnels.

The Israeli army is unable to form a military government to replace the Hamas government in the Strip.

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### **Families of Israeli Prisoners: Smotrich's Statements on Hostages Are a Disgrace**

AL-JAZEERA: Families of Israeli prisoners, in response to Smotrich, said, “The Finance Minister’s statements about the hostages are a disgrace. Smotrich revealed the difficult truth, which is that the government decided to deliberately give up on the hostages.”

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### **Smotrich: Returning Hostages from Gaza Is Not the Most Important Goal**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 quoted Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich as saying, “The truth must be told, which is that returning the hostages from Gaza is not the most important goal.”

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### **65,000 Settlers Stormed Ibrahimi Mosque During Passover**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The newspaper Yediot Ahronot reported that Israel is banning the entry of 27 French officials and deputies after President Emmanuel Macron’s statements about his intention to recognize the State of Palestine.

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## **Majority of Israelis Supports Returning Captives in Exchange for Deal with Hamas**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORPORATION: A poll by the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation found that 56% of Israelis support returning the hostages in exchange for a deal with Hamas that ends the war.

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## **Al-Quds Brigades Target Israeli Forces West of Jenin**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Quds Brigades – Jenin Battalion said that its fighters were able to target Israeli forces that stormed the town of Sila al-Dhahr, west of Jenin, with a number of high-explosive devices.

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## **Airstrikes and Artillery Shelling on Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli aircraft launched airstrikes on Gaza City early this morning, Monday, without immediate reports of martyrs or injuries. The platforms also indicated that the occupation carried out artillery shelling on the Al-Zaytoun and Al-Shuja'iya neighborhoods east of Gaza City.

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## **Artillery Shelling on Rafah City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli artillery shelling targeted Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip.

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## **Injuries Following Israeli Bombing of House in Bani Suhaila**

AL-JAZEERA: Four Palestinians were killed and others injured following an Israeli airstrike on a house in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Yunis city in the southern Gaza Strip.

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## **New US Airstrikes on Yemen**

YEMENI MEDIA: Three US raids targeted the Harf Sufyan district in Amran north of Sana'a, in addition to a raid on the Sahar district in Saada in northern Yemen.

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## **Israeli Forces Storm Towns, Refugee Camps in West Bank**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

Israeli forces stormed the Wadi Abu Ktila area in Hebron in the West Bank.

Israeli forces stormed the Al-Fawwar camp south of Hebron city in the occupied West Bank.

Israeli forces stormed Nablus city in the West Bank.

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### **Israeli Forces Blow Up Buildings East of Gaza City**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli army is carrying out operations to blow up residential buildings northeast of Gaza City.

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### **12 Killed and 30 Injured in US Raid on Sana'a**

YEMENI MEDIA: 12 people were killed and 30 injured in an American raid on the Fruwa popular market and neighborhood in the center of Sana'a.

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### **Injuries in Bombing of Displaced Persons' Tent West of Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: Several Palestinians were injured when an Israeli helicopter shelled a tent sheltering displaced persons in Al-Mawasi, west of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

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### **Israeli Helicopters Shell Al-Mawasi Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli helicopters are shelling a target in the Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.