

LIVE BLOG: Trump Backtracks on Gaza Comments, Sanctions ICC | Abu Obeida Issues Statement – Day 490

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A Palestinian family seeking refuge in a makeshift tent on the rubble of their home. (Photo: via QNN)

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The International Criminal Court condemned the US executive order imposing sanctions, calling for global unity to defend justice and human rights.

Israeli forces continue their aggression in the West Bank, with drone strikes, arrests, and home demolitions in Jenin, Nablus, and Tubas, forcing families to evacuate.

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Pentagon Announces New Arms Deals with Israel

US Department of Defense (Pentagon): The US State Department has approved the sale of Hellfire missiles to Israel worth \$660 million. The State Department also approved a potential sale of ammunition and guidance kits to Israel valued at \$6.75 billion.

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Majority of Israelis Support Ceasefire Agreement

ISRAELI MEDIA: A poll, reported by Israeli Channel 12, indicates that 70% of Israelis support implementing the ceasefire agreement in all its phases.

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US Arms Deal with Israel Includes Around 18,000 Air Bombs

AXIOS: The US arms deal with Israel includes around 18,000 air bombs, with deliveries starting in 2025. The deal also includes 3,000 Hellfire missiles, with deliveries beginning in 2028.

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Trump: We Consider Gaza Control as a Real Estate Deal

US MEDIA: US President Donald Trump:

There are no current discussions about the Gaza control plan.

We consider controlling Gaza as a real estate deal.

We will be investors in this part of the world and there's no need to rush anything.

We don't want to see everyone return only to leave in 10 years.

We want to see stability in the region, and my plan will ensure that.

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Shin Bet Admits Security Failures on October 7

CHANNEL 12: The head of Israel's internal security agency (Shin Bet), Ronen Bar, acknowledged the failure of security agencies during the October 7 attacks. Bar made the admission during a meeting with Gaza envelope settlement officials a month and a half ago, stating, "The security system failed, and I am here to apologize."

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Israel Warns Families of Released Palestinian Prisoners against Celebrations

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli security forces are making phone calls and visits to the families of Palestinian prisoners set to be released tomorrow as part of the ceasefire agreement, warning them against holding any celebrations.

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Gaza Government Media: Aid Entering Gaza Falls Short of Agreement

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: Only 8,500 out of 12,000 agreed-upon aid trucks have entered Gaza. Less than 3,000 trucks have reached northern Gaza, compared to the 6,000 stipulated in the agreement. Only 10% of the required tents have entered Gaza, and no mobile homes have been delivered. Additionally, only 15 fuel trucks are entering daily, far fewer than the 50 agreed upon.

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WSJ: Israel Failed to Comply with Gaza Ceasefire Agreement

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Mediators between Palestinian resistance groups and Israel reported that Tel Aviv has not complied with the ceasefire agreement, failing to deliver 60,000 mobile homes and 200,000 tents to Gaza.

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UN: Large Numbers in Gaza Need Medical Evacuation

UN DEPUTY SPOKESPERSON FARHAN HAQ: The United Nations stated that a large number of Gaza residents require medical evacuation from the Strip. Approximately one million displaced Palestinians are living in unsafe conditions in substandard tents.

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Trump: No Need to Rush on Gaza

TRUMP: President Trump stated that there is no need to rush the implementation of the Gaza plan. He described his proposal as a commercial approach that could bring peace, emphasizing that the matter will be handled carefully.

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Prisoners' Media Office: Israel to Release 183 Palestinian Prisoners Tomorrow

PRISONERS' MEDIA OFFICE: As part of the first phase of the prisoner exchange deal, Israel is set to release 183 Palestinian prisoners tomorrow. This includes 18 prisoners serving life sentences, 54 prisoners with high sentences, and 111 Gaza detainees arrested after October 7.

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ICC: US Sanctions Harm Court's Independence

ICC PRESIDENT TOMOKO AKANE: The International Criminal Court (ICC) expressed deep regret over the U.S. sanctions, stating that they undermine the court's independence and deny

justice to millions of victims. The ICC emphasized its commitment to the rule of law and rejected any attempts to influence its judicial independence or politicize its functions.

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Abu Obeida Announces Names of Israeli Detainees to Be Released Tomorrow

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES SPOKESPERSON:

Abu Obeida, spokesperson for Al-Qassam Brigades, announced that the group will release the following Israeli prisoners on Saturday:

Eliyahu Datsun Yosef Sharabi

Or Avraham Leshah Levi

Ohad Ben Ami

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Jordan's King: We Reject Annexation and Displacement of Palestinians

KING ABDULLAH II OF JORDAN: King Abdullah II of Jordan stated that Jordan rejects any attempts to annex territories or displace Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank. He emphasized the need to sustain the ceasefire in Gaza, increase humanitarian aid, and de-escalate tensions in the West Bank.

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Netanyahu: No Future for the Region if Hamas Rules Gaza

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: During a press conference with US House Speaker Mike Johnson, Netanyahu discussed efforts to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and completely destroy Hamas. He asserted that there can be no future for peace in the Middle East if Hamas remains in control of Gaza.

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Israeli Military Units Redeploy in Gaza as Part of Ceasefire Agreement

ISRAELI ARMY: The 99th, 162nd, and 143rd divisions are redeploying defensively in Gaza as part of the ceasefire agreement. The Southern Command conducted a security assessment in preparation for the upcoming prisoner exchange.

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Reuters: 79 Countries Reject US Sanctions on ICC

REUTERS: Seventy-nine countries issued a statement supporting the International Criminal Court (ICC) and warning that U.S. sanctions undermine international law and risk impunity for crimes. They expressed regret over attempts to undermine the ICC's independence and neutrality.

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Israel Warns Hamas Against Violating Ceasefire

CHANNEL 12: Israel warned Hamas against violating the ceasefire, accusing the group of delaying the release of detainees' names. Hamas, in turn, accused Israel of breaching the agreement by failing to deliver the agreed-upon aid to Gaza.

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Hamas: Committed to Ceasefire, Urges Pressure on Israel

HAMAS SPOKESPERSON: Hamas reiterated its commitment to the ceasefire but accused Israel of stalling on the humanitarian protocol. It called on mediators to pressure Israel to fulfill its obligations and praised countries rejecting Trump's displacement plan.

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Hungary Reconsiders Cooperation with ICC

CHANNEL 12: Hungary is reconsidering its cooperation with the ICC, a move praised by Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi as a "clear and moral stance in support of justice and sovereignty."

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Delegation to Doha Lacks Mandate and Authority - Israeli Media

ISRAEL HAYOM: The Israeli delegation expected to head to Doha for negotiations on the second phase of the deal is reportedly low-level and lacks the authority to make significant decisions.

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Israeli Negotiating Team Prepares to Head to Doha

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: The Israeli negotiating team may head to Doha on Saturday or Sunday to continue discussions on a prisoner exchange deal.

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Lebanese President: Israel Must Withdraw by February 18

LEBANESE MEDIA: The Lebanese President, Joseph Aoun, reiterated that Israeli forces must cease attacks and complete their withdrawal by February 18, as agreed.

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Netanyahu: No Palestinian State after October 7

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: Netanyahu said that "There will be no Palestinian state after what happened on October 7," claiming that Hamas-controlled territories pose a threat.

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Gaza Government Media: Unable to Recover 12,000 Martyrs' Bodies

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: Israel is renegeing on its ceasefire commitments, particularly regarding humanitarian issues. Only 10% of agreed-upon aid has entered Gaza, and

Israel is blocking reconstruction supplies. The office warned of the dire humanitarian situation and called for international pressure to ensure the implementation of the humanitarian protocol.

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HRW: US Sanctions on ICC Side with War Criminals

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH: HRW stated that US sanctions against the ICC place Washington on the side of war criminals, undermining justice for victims.

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US Envoy Deputy: Israel Defeated Hezbollah

AL-JAZEERA: The US Deputy Envoy to the Middle East claimed Israel defeated Hezbollah and emphasized the need to ensure Hezbollah remains disarmed and outside the government.

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Israeli Defense Minister Reprimands Military Intelligence Chief

CHANNEL 12: The Israeli Defense Minister ordered a reprimand for the Military Intelligence Chief over his comments against Trump's Gaza plan.

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49 Patients and Wounded Leave Gaza via Rafah Crossing

AL-JAZEERA: 49 patients and wounded individuals left Gaza via the Rafah crossing as part of the sixth batch. The World Health Organization is overseeing the evacuation under the truce agreement, which allows 50 patients and three companions each to exit.

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ICC Condemns US Executive Order

ICC:

We condemn the US executive order imposing sanctions on the Court.

We call on members, civil society, and nations worldwide to unite for justice and fundamental human rights.

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Israeli Drone Strikes Western Entrance of Jenin Refugee Camp

AL-JAZEERA: Sources reported that an Israeli drone struck the western entrance of Jenin camp. The Israeli occupation continues its aggression in the northern West Bank for the 18th consecutive day, carrying out military operations, including raids, arrests, home demolitions, and forced displacement, while blocking journalists and medical teams.

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Israeli Army to Fully Withdraw from Netzarim Axis by Sunday Morning

CHANNEL 12:

Anticipation and concern in Israel over Hamas potentially not submitting the list of captives scheduled for release tomorrow.

Israel views Hamas' submission of the list today as a test of commitment to the agreement following Trump's statements.

The Israeli army will fully withdraw from the Netzarim axis by Sunday morning if the fifth exchange batch is implemented.

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Israeli Drone Drops Bomb on Tamoun

AL-JAZEERA: Sources reported that an Israeli drone dropped a bomb on the town of Tammoun, south of Tubas in the northern West Bank.

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European Council: Sanctions on ICC Threaten Its Independence

AL-JAZEERA: The European Council President stated that sanctions on the ICC threaten its independence and undermine the international justice system. Hours earlier, the White House announced that President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing sanctions on the ICC, criticizing its arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

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Military Officials Doubt Trump's Gaza Plan - Reports

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH:

Military officials expressed doubts in secret meetings about Trump's plan to displace Gazans and its feasibility.

Officials said they want to solve Gaza's problem without further accusations of war crimes against Israel.

Military leaders believe Hamas still controls Gaza, complicating the displacement plan.

Officials stated that Trump's plan's success depends on Gazans' willingness and a country accepting them.

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Netanyahu Thanks Trump for ICC Decision

ISRAELI PM NETANYAHU:

Thank you, President Trump, for the bold executive order regarding the ICC.

Trump's order will defend America and Israel against the corrupt, anti-American, and anti-Semitic ICC.

The ICC has no jurisdiction or basis to wage a legal war against us.

The ICC launched a fierce campaign against Israel as a trial move against America.

Trump's executive order protects the sovereignty of America, Israel, and their brave soldiers.

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Israeli Forces Force Citizens to Evacuate Homes South of Tubas

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian platforms shared footage of families evacuating their homes in Al-Fara'a camp south of Tubas in the occupied West Bank amid ongoing Israeli military operations. Local reports stated that occupation forces are forcing residents to leave their homes and using them as military barracks.

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New York Times: Shock in White House After Trump's Gaza Remarks

AL-JAZEERA: The New York Times, citing informed sources, reported that Trump's remarks about controlling Gaza caused shock, even among senior White House and government officials. The sources added that there were no meetings or planning to examine the idea's feasibility.

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Al-Quds Brigades in Jenin Announce Operation

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Quds Brigades—Jenin Battalion announced that its fighters detonated an explosive device targeting an Israeli vehicle at the entrance of Silat al-Harithiya, west o