

LIVE BLOG: Witkoff Plans Meeting with al-Hayya as Gaza Winter Deepens Humanitarian Crisis – Day 773

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Freezing temperatures and heavy rainfall are worsening already dire living conditions for hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians across the Strip. (Photo: via QNN)

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Washington's envoy Steve Witkoff is reportedly preparing for a direct meeting with senior Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya, marking a new phase in behind-the-scenes diplomacy over Gaza's future.

Meanwhile, freezing temperatures and heavy rainfall are worsening already dire living conditions for hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians across the Strip.

.Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 69,187 and injured 170,703 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sun, Nov 16, 12:58 AM (Palestine Time)

‘They Tried to Break Us’: Three Freed Palestinian Teens Detail Abuse in Israeli Custody

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Three Palestinian minors freed in a prisoner exchange say they were tortured, electrocuted, and psychologically abused in Israeli detention, according to a report by DCIP.

Sun, Nov 16, 12:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Demolish Buildings in Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera's correspondent reported that the Israeli army carried out a demolition operation in the city of Rafah in southern Gaza.

Sun, Nov 16, 12:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir Calls on Netanyahu to Reject Palestinian Statehood

BEN-GVIR: I call on the prime minister to make clear that Israel will not allow the establishment of a Palestinian state under any circumstances. Our party will not participate in any government that agrees to the creation of a Palestinian state.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:26 PM (Palestine Time)

How Zionism and Its Traditional Relationship to Antisemitism is Playing Out Today

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Given that antisemitism in the West has declined almost to the vanishing point, and arguably only exists because the Zionist movement associates Jews with Israel's genocide, they can live with those contradictions. (Tony Greenstein, "[How Zionism and Its Traditional Relationship to Antisemitism is playing out Today](#)", Palestine Chronicle, November 15, 2025)

Sat, Nov 15, 9:31 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: 6,000 Aid Trucks Await Entry Into Gaza

UNRWA: UNRWA spokesperson Adnan Abu Hasna said the agency has 6,000 aid trucks waiting at Gaza's entry points, enough to support 1.3 million Palestinians for three months.

Sat, Nov 15, 9:31 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Needs 300,000 Tents for Displaced Families

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: We are living an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe despite the ceasefire.

Israel destroyed 288,000 housing units; we need at least 300,000 tents to shelter displaced families.

We call on mediators and guarantors to pressure Israel to fulfill its obligations and allow aid into Gaza.

Sat, Nov 15, 9:31 PM (Palestine Time)

Maduro: No Peace in Gaza Without Justice

AL-JAZEERA: Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro said true peace in Gaza cannot be achieved without accountability for crimes and genocide committed against Palestinians.

Sat, Nov 15, 9:31 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Disputes Between Israel and US Over Next Phase of Trump Plan

ISRAEL'S CHANNEL 13: Washington is pushing to implement the next phase of the agreement to end the Gaza war based on Trump's plan. There are major disagreements between Israel and the United States regarding how to move forward.

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Al-Shifa Medical Complex Director Calls for Urgent Shelter Aid

AL-JAZEERA: Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya said Gaza is facing an unprecedented humanitarian disaster and called for the immediate entry of tents to house thousands of families who lost shelter due to heavy rainfall and severe weather conditions.

Sat, Nov 15, 9:31 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: Israel Violating International Law by Restricting Aid

THE GUARDIAN (citing UNRWA's deputy commissioner general): Israel is violating international law by continuing to restrict humanitarian aid entering Gaza.

Sat, Nov 15, 7:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Hebron Under Lockdown as Raids Sweep West Bank ahead of Jewish Holiday

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation forces launched a new campaign of raids across the occupied West Bank on Saturday, detaining 15 Palestinians after storming homes, searching properties, and destroying personal belongings in several towns and refugee camps.

Sat, Nov 15, 7:19 PM (Palestine Time)

‘Weaponizing Music’ – Hind Rajab Foundation Files Complaint Against Israeli Soldier in Czech Republic

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Hind Rajab Foundation has urged Czech authorities to open an investigation, impose a travel ban or arrest Tsourieli, and seize his electronic devices to secure evidence, emphasizing that Europe should not serve as a safe haven for perpetrators.

Sat, Nov 15, 7:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Strikes Target Areas East of Khan Yunis and Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera's correspondent reported that Israeli airstrikes targeted areas located beyond the yellow line east of Khan Yunis and Gaza City.

Sat, Nov 15, 7:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Large Demonstration in Bilbao, Spain, in Support of Palestine

AL-JAZEERA: The city of Bilbao in northern Spain witnessed a large demonstration and solidarity march today, ahead of the friendly football match between the Basque national team and the Palestinian national team at San Mamés Stadium.

Sat, Nov 15, 7:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Report: Settlers Assaulted 23 Journalists in the West Bank in 2025

CPJ: The Committee to Protect Journalists documented 11 separate incidents this year in which Israeli settlers assaulted 23 Palestinian and international journalists in the occupied West Bank — compared to just one such incident in 2024.

Sat, Nov 15, 6:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamis Details Arms Position Amid Preparations for UNSC Vote on Trump Gaza Plan

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The UN Security Council is set to vote on a revised US draft resolution supporting the Trump Gaza plan, while Hamas affirms its readiness for the next phase of negotiations.

Sat, Nov 15, 6:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Demolishes Rafah Homes as More Palestinian Bodies Returned

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel continued demolishing homes in Rafah while Gaza's Health Ministry received 15 unidentified Palestinian bodies under the ongoing prisoner exchange arrangement.

Sat, Nov 15, 5:35 PM (Palestine Time)

CNN: Trump Administration Pressuring Israel over Rafah

CNN (Citing two Israeli sources): The Trump administration is pressuring Israel to advance discussions on Hamas fighters in Rafah. The possibility of deporting fighters to a third country has been raised. US officials want to move to the next phase and close the file on Hamas fighters in Rafah.

Sat, Nov 15, 5:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Close Ibrahimi Mosque for "Sarah's Holiday"

AL-JAZEERA: Since Friday, Israeli forces have imposed a full curfew on Palestinians in Hebron's Old City and closed the Ibrahimi Mosque to worshippers under the pretext of marking the Jewish holiday known as "Sarah's Shabbat."

Sat, Nov 15, 5:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Guardian: US Proposes Dividing Gaza into "Red" and "Green" Zones

THE GUARDIAN: The British newspaper The Guardian reported that the United States has been developing a post-war plan for Gaza based on dividing the Strip into two areas — a "green zone" and a "red zone."

Sat, Nov 15, 5:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Only 150 Aid Trucks Enter Gaza Daily

AL-JAZEERA: Al-Jazeera correspondent Hisham Zaout documented the sharply increasing humanitarian needs in Gaza as winter sets in, with only 150 aid trucks entering the Strip per day.

Sat, Nov 15, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Severe Weather Exposes Gaza's Shelter Shortages – UN Reports Aid Blocked

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Heavy rainfall has flooded displacement camps in Gaza, worsening already severe humanitarian conditions as aid agencies warn that essential shelter supplies remain blocked from entering the Strip.

Sat, Nov 15, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad – Nablus Unit: We Detonated an Explosive Device Targeting Israeli Military Vehicle

ISLAMIC JIHAD STATEMENT: The Islamic Jihad's Nablus Battalion stated that its fighters detonated an explosive device targeting an Israeli military vehicle during the army's raid on the Old Askar refugee camp.

Sat, Nov 15, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Islamic University in Gaza Preparing to Receive New Students

AL-JAZEERA: The Islamic University of Gaza is preparing to receive new students following the announcement of high school exam results, despite suffering near-total destruction during Israel's two-year campaign of genocide.

Sat, Nov 15, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Raid Ramallah and Neighborhoods in Al-Bireh

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli military vehicles stormed Ramallah in the central West Bank. Israeli forces raided several neighborhoods in the nearby city of Al-Bireh.

Sat, Nov 15, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Demolish Residential Buildings Beyond the Yellow Line

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera's correspondent reported that Israeli forces are demolishing residential buildings beyond the yellow line in Rafah, southern Gaza.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Continues to Block Entry of Shelter Materials

AL-JAZEERA: Israel continues to prevent the entry of shelter materials, including tents and mobile housing units, despite obligations outlined in the ceasefire agreement that took effect on October 10.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Poll: 67% of Israelis Support Formal Inquiry Into October 7 Events

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to a Maariv poll, 67% of Israelis support forming an official commission of inquiry into the October 7, 2023 events, appointed by the president of the Supreme Court. Twenty-three percent oppose the investigation, while 10% were undecided.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Trump Seeks to Persuade Netanyahu With Amnesty in Exchange for Peace Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Haaretz published an opinion piece arguing that US President Donald Trump is trying to entice Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with the promise of amnesty in exchange for signing a peace agreement with Palestinians.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Security Council to Vote Monday on US Gaza Resolution

AL-JAZEERA: Diplomatic sources said the UN Security Council will vote Monday on a US-drafted resolution supporting President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Municipalities: 700,000 Tons of Waste Pose Major Health Risks

AL-JAZEERA:

Alaa Al-Batta, deputy head of Gaza's Municipalities Union, stated:

Seven hundred thousand tons of waste are piling up in different areas of the Strip, posing severe health and environmental threats.

Municipalities are unable to provide even minimum essential services due to fuel shortages and lack of equipment.

Israel destroyed 700 water wells during the genocide.

Daily per-person water access has dropped from 90 liters to 15 liters.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Naval Forces Fire Toward Rafah Coast

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian media reported that Israeli naval gunboats opened fire toward the coast of Rafah in southern Gaza.

Sat, Nov 15, 11:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Use Sound Grenades During Raid in Balata Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources said Israeli forces fired sound grenades during a raid on the Balata refugee camp east of Nablus.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:47 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli-Linked Operation behind Gaza Evacuations, Source Reveals

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A covert, Israeli-linked network is allegedly facilitating costly and irregular evacuations of Palestinians from Gaza to South Africa, raising fears of a deliberate "soft displacement" scheme.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:44 PM (Palestine Time)

One Injured by Israeli Gunfire in Burqin near Jenin

AL-JAZEERA: The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that one person was injured after Israeli forces opened fire during their raid on the town of Burqin, west of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Dozens of Tents Flood in Khan Yunis Due to Heavy Rain

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media sources said that dozens of tents were flooded in the Al-Maslakh area, Al-Amal Camp, and near cemeteries by the Austrian neighborhood west of Khan Yunis following heavy rainfall. Residents issued urgent appeals for immediate intervention.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:05 PM (Palestine Time)

NYT: Trump Envoy Seeks Direct Meeting with Senior Hamas Leader Khalil al-Hayya

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The New York Times reports that US envoy Steve Witkoff is preparing to meet senior Hamas negotiator Khalil al-Hayya as part of ongoing ceasefire diplomacy.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

These Are the Countries Fueling Israel's Genocide in Gaza — Including Arab States

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A new report reveals that more than 20 million tonnes of oil and fuel were supplied to Israel during its genocidal war on Gaza.

Fri, Nov 14, 11:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Launch New Raids Across Occupied West Bank

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported that Israeli forces carried out fresh raids targeting the city of Tubas, the Al-Fari'a area, the towns of Aqaba, Qabatiya, and Al-Kafeer in the occupied West Bank.

Fri, Nov 14, 9:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Detains 95 Palestinian Health Workers – Some Missing, Killed

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel is currently detaining 95 Palestinian health workers, including 80 from the Gaza Strip and 15 from the occupied West Bank, according to a report by the non-governmental organization Healthcare Workers Watch (HWW).

Fri, Nov 14, 9:11 PM (Palestine Time)

NYT: Witkoff Plans Meeting with Khalil Al-Hayya Soon

NEW YORK TIMES: The New York Times reported, citing informed sources, that US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff is planning an upcoming meeting with Khalil Al-Hayya, head of Hamas in Gaza and the movement's chief negotiator.

Fri, Nov 14, 9:11 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Spokesperson: Hundreds of Tents in Gaza Flooded by Rain

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL DUJARRIC:

Hundreds of tents and temporary shelters in Gaza have been flooded by rain.

Thousands of families are now exposed to severe weather conditions.

Israel has denied 23 requests to allow nearly 4,000 pallets of essential supplies into Gaza, including tents.

Israeli presence and construction on Lebanese territory constitutes a violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Fri, Nov 14, 8:27 PM (Palestine Time)

Blackmail, Power, and Foreign Policy: The Epstein-Barrack Question

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: While the US media largely ignores infamous child trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's now-proven ties to Israel, it provides them space to disconnect the recent revelations about Donald Trump and his top officials, like Thomas Barrack, from foreign policy. Yet, the evidence suggests a further inquiry is desperately needed, and the rest of the evidence should be released.

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