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Iran's 200 drones & 150 missiles of 46 tons intercepted by Israel & coalition jets

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Over 200 drones & missiles fired from inside Iran Sunday, IDF jets intercepted 99%

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IDF says some 40 rockets fired by Hezbollah on Naftali & Galilee

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Target of Israeli attack in Iran was a military base near Natanz, report says

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The target of the Israeli retaliatory attack on Iran was a military base near Natanz in Isfahan, rather than the nuclear facilities themselves, senior US military sources said on Friday.

According to Fox News, citing the sources, "the Israelis hit what they intended to strike," indicating that a single primary target was struck multiple times and that Iran's Russian-made air defense system proved ineffective.

The purpose of Israel's strike was to convey a message to Iran that "we can reach out and touch you," the source mentioned.

Meanwhile, the Saudi television channel "Al-Hadath" reported, citing sources, that in the alleged Israeli attack in Iran was carried out using "three Israeli F-35 fighter jets."

The Saudi channel further reported that "the Israeli strike aimed at the airbase from which the UAVs were launched six days ago" during Iran's attack on Israel, which saw over 300 ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and UAVs fired.

Also on Friday, Iraq expressed its deep concern over the attack targeting the city of Isfahan in central Iran, warning of the dangers of military escalation, the Iraqi state news agency says.

In addition, the White House refrained from commenting on reports of Israeli attacks in Iran overnight, White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre says.

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Reuters, Lior Ben Ari|04:47

Explosions echoed over an Iranian city on Friday in what sources described as an Israeli attack, but Tehran played down the incident and indicated it had no plans for retaliation - a response that appeared gauged toward averting region-wide war.

The limited scale of the attack and Iran's muted response both appeared to signal a successful effort by diplomats who have been working round the clock to avert all-out war since an Iranian drone and missile attack on Israel last Saturday.

Iranian media and officials described a small number of explosions, which they said resulted from Iran's air defenses hitting three drones over the city of Isfahan. Notably, they referred to the incident as an attack by "infiltrators", rather than by Israel, obviating the need for retaliation.

An Iranian official told Reuters there were no plans to respond against Israel for the incident.

"The foreign source of the incident has not been confirmed. We have not received any external attack, and the discussion leans more toward infiltration than attack," the official said.

Israel said nothing about the incident. It had said for days it was planning to retaliate against Iran for Saturday's strikes, the first ever direct attack on Israel by Iran in decades of shadow war waged by proxies which has escalated throughout the Middle East through six months of battle in Gaza.

The two longstanding foes had been heading toward direct confrontation since a presumed Israeli airstrike on April 1 that destroyed a building in Iran's embassy compound in Damascus and killed several Iranian officers including a top general.

Iran's response, with a direct attack on Israel, was unprecedented but caused no deaths and only minor damage because Israel and its allies shot down hundreds of missiles and drones.

Allies including the United States had since been pressing hard to ensure any further retaliation would be calibrated not to provoke a spiral of hostilities. The British and German foreign ministers visited Jerusalem this week, and Western countries tightened sanctions on Iran to mollify Israel.

In a sign of pressure within Israel's hard-right government for a stronger response, Itamar Ben-Gvir, the far-right national security minister tweeted a single word after Friday's strikes: "Feeble!".

Countries around the world called on Friday for both sides to avert further escalation.

"It is absolutely necessary that the region remains stable and that all sides restrain from further action," EU Commission head Ursula von der Leyen said. Similar calls came from Beijing and from Arab states in the region.

In financial markets, global shares eased, oil prices surged and U.S. bond yields fell as traders worried about the risks.

No mention of Israel

Within Iran, news reports on Friday's incident made no mention of Israel, and state television carried analysts and pundits who appeared dismissive about the scale.

An analyst told state TV that mini drones flown by "infiltrators from inside Iran" had been shot down by air defenses in Isfahan.

Shortly after midnight, "three drones were observed in the sky over Isfahan. The air defense system became active and destroyed these drones in the sky," Iranian state TV said.

Senior army commander Siavosh Mihandoust was quoted by state TV as saying air defense systems had targeted a "suspicious object".

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi had warned Israel before Friday's strike that Tehran would deliver a "severe response" to any attack on its territory.

Iran told the United Nations Security Council on Thursday that Israel "must be compelled to stop any further military adventurism against our interests" as the U.N. secretary-general warned that the Middle East was in a "moment of maximum peril". By morning, Iran had reopened airports and airspace that were shut during the strikes.

Still, there was alarm over security in Israel and elsewhere. The U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem restricted U.S. government employees from travel outside Jerusalem, greater Tel Aviv and Beersheba "out of an abundance of caution".

In a statement, the embassy warned U.S. citizens of a "continued need for caution and increased personal security awareness as security incidents often take place without warning".

Israel's assault on Gaza began after Hamas Islamists attacked Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200, according to Israeli tallies. Israel's military offensive has killed about 34,000 Palestinians in Gaza, according to the Gazan health ministry.

Iran-backed groups have declared support for Palestinians, carrying out attacks from Lebanon, Yemen and Iraq, raising fears the Gaza conflict could grow into a wider regional war.

Meanwhile, Iran-affiliated Iraqi news agency Sabareen claimed Friday morning that an "Israeli" missile was found in Wasit Province, bordering Iran, presumably having fallen during an attack.

However, Ynet security analyst Ron Ben-Yishai notes that it cannot be definitively determined that the object is a missile. It could possibly be a detached aircraft fuel tank. These tanks are used by combat aircraft to extend their operational range and the duration they can remain and maneuver in enemy territory.

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US vetoes Palestinian full membership bid in UN Security Council

Israel's UN envoy criticized the international body, and said that member states' willingness to vote on the request rewards Hamas for terrorism, calling it 'the vilest reward for the vilest crimes'; 12 member states supported the resolution and 2 abstained
Itamar Eichner, AP|Updated:16:34

The United States vetoed a resolution that would have granted the Palestinians full membership in the United Nations Security Council and essentially recognizing it as a state. The measure was supported by 12 member states of the 15-member council - Slovenia, Sierra Leone, Russia, South Korea, Mozambique, Malta, Japan, Guyana, France, Ecuador, China, Algeria; two countries - Great Britain and Switzerland - abstained. The U.S. veto means that the council automatically rejects the measure.

The UN Security Council on Thursday spent several hours discussing the Palestinian request for full membership as a state in the international body. Israel's ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, opposed the request during the discussion and clarified that the Palestinian Authority doesn't meet the required conditions. Erdan also told the council that supporting the request constitutes "a huge reward for terror."

"The U.S. has worked vigorously to support Palestinian statehood in the context of an agreement that would solve the Israel-Palestinian conflict. We have been clear that premature actions in New York, even with the best intentions, will not achieve statehood for the Palestinian people. As members of the security council, we have a special responsibility to ensure our actions further the cause of international peace and security, and are consistent with the requirements of the UN charter," said Robert A. Wood, the U.S. alternate representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, after the vote.

Foreign Minister Israel Katz praised the U.S. veto. "The proposal to recognize a Palestinian state, half a year after the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust and after the sex crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Hamas terrorists is a reward for terrorism. I congratulate the US for vetoing this twisted proposal that was rejected today by the UN Security Council."

"It is outrageous that even half a year after the massacre of October 7, the Security Council failed to condemn the terrible crimes of Hamas," Katz added. "There will be no prizes for terrorism. Israel will continue to fight until the fall of Hamas and the release of all 133 Israeli abductees."

The session was attended by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who was joined by Iran's foreign minister and other foreign officials. The vote on the Palestinian request will take place later on Thursday evening in New York.

"Ending the hostilities in Gaza will significantly diffuse tensions across the region," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the opening of the discussion. "The Middle East is on the precipice. One miscalculation, one mistake, could lead to a full-scale regional conflict that would be devastating for all involved."

Palestinian Observer State representative Ziad Abu Amr thanked Guterres for his "wise leadership" of the organization. "We would like to express our gratitude to the countries that recognize the state of Palestine. The attacks of the Israeli army continue to terrorize our people. It's high time to stop and for this occupation to end. We call on the august council to intervene and take the necessary measures to compel Israel to put an end to its aggression."

Israel's Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan criticized the Security Council for its inaction in the case of Israeli hostages still held in Gaza. "Rather than condemning Hamas' atrocities, this council will be voting upon a resolution to recommend granting the Palestinian Authority full membership status, a Palestinian state," he said.

"Six months after October 7, the most brutal massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, this council seeks to reward the supporters and perpetrators of these atrocities with statehood. There's no bigger prize for terror than today's meeting," he added.

"The Palestinian Authority not only haven't [sic] condemned the October 7 massacre, they are also paying monthly salaries to all the terrorists that took part in it. This is a genocide-loving entity that doesn't deserve any status here. Granting the perpetrators and supporters of October 7 full membership status in the UN is the vilest reward for the vilest crimes. If this resolution passes, this council should no longer be known as the Security Council, but as the terror council," Erdan told the council.

Erdan also attacked Iran during the discussion over Tehran's attack against Israel last week. "Iran exposed itself as the terrorist state that it is. This council will be addressed by an arch-terrorist who funds and directs Hezbollah. Both I and my Arab and American colleagues agree that the man who'll be addressing the council later today is a terrorist," he said.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian threatened Israel publicly during the meeting. "In case of any use of force by the Israeli regime and violating our sovereignty,

the Islamic Republic of Iran will not hesitate a bit to assert its inherent rights to give a decisive and proper response to it to make the regime regret its actions,” he said. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas first delivered the Palestinian Authority’s application for U.N. membership to then-Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2011. That initial bid failed because the Palestinians didn’t get the required minimum support of nine of the Security Council’s 15 members. Under the U.N. Charter, the Security Council must recommend membership to the 193-member General Assembly, where there are no vetoes, for a final vote. After the Palestinians’ initial bid for full U.N. membership was rejected, they went to the General Assembly and by more than a two-thirds majority succeeded in having their status raised from a U.N. observer to a non-member observer state in November 2012. That opened the door for the Palestinian territories to join U.N. and other international organizations, including the International Criminal Court. The Palestinians revived their bid for U.N. membership in early April, backed by 140 countries that have recognized Palestine as an independent state.

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Defense Minister in letter to Netanyahu claims Smotrich in 'non-compliance' over funding War Cabinet decision to deliver 600 million shekels from budget to increase humanitarian aid to Gaza

Itamar Eichner|13:26

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant issued a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday in which he claimed Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich refused to fund decisions made by Israel’s War Cabinet to increase humanitarian aid to Gaza from the state’s budget.

According to Gallant’s letter, the issue involves a budget related to humanitarian efforts, including the purchase of tents for the displaced Gaza population from Rafah, renovation of Route 10 used by humanitarian aid trucks in the Strip, extending operational hours at the Kerem Shalom, Nitzana, and Allenby border crossings, opening the Ashdod port for cargo delivery, and opening an additional crossing in the northern Gaza Strip to allow more aid trucks to enter the Palestinian enclave.

Gallant noted that the cabinet’s ministerial team expanded on these issues as an integral part of the efforts to achieve Israel’s war objectives. The minister added that the costs are estimated at 600 million shekels, which, according to the cabinet, is supposed to come from the war budget.

In his letter to Netanyahu, Gallant asserted these were operational **decisions** that were directly **impacting** the ongoing **war**. "Despite the guidelines provided by the ministerial team and immediate instructions to implement its decision, some actions **aren't being carried out due to** conflicting **directives from** Finance Minister Bezael **Smotrich**." **Gallant accused Smotrich** of delaying the implementation of the decision by **refusing** to deliver the **required funds**, thereby jeopardizing Israel's management of the war. "Non-compliance with these directives will jeopardize the required humanitarian response to **allow the continuation of IDF operations in the Gaza Strip**," Gallant wrote.

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Qatar funds Gaza & criticizes Israel; the world should declare Qatar a terrorist state

4.17. 24 – We

Qatar ending role as mediator in Israel-Hamas talks

Qatari prime minister claims leaders 'exploited' the country's willingness to oversee hostage deal negotiations to further own political agenda

Itamar Eichner, Lior Ben Ari | 15:56

Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed Al Thani said on **Wednesday** that his country was **"reconsidering" its role as a mediator** between Israel and Hamas in negotiations **for a deal** to release the 133 Israeli hostages held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, since the role "has been harmfully **exploited by certain politicians for their private interests.**"

Al Thani didn't name anyone but **Doha** had **criticized** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on **several occasions** in recent months - and **at the same time** was on the **receiving** end of **criticism from Israeli** government **officials** and lawmakers.

Qatar's critics claim the Gulf nation has **not been an fair and impartial** mediator since it **maintains close ties with Hamas** and is **responsible for its financing**. On the other hand, **Qatar** said its **funding** of the **Gaza** terror group, was at Netanyahu's behest.

Earlier, Al Thani said the negotiations for a deal were in a "sensitive spot," and a senior Arab diplomat told NBC that the **talks** were "almost completely frozen."

"Qatar funds Hamas and provides political asylum to the heads of terror organizations in its territory, so it's **no wonder** that it was involved in the **negotiation's failure while blaming Israel,**" Economy Minister Nir Barkat said. **"Qatar is a wolf in sheep's clothing. The world should declare Qatar a terrorist state and isolate it - just like Iran,"** he added.

Meanwhile, **Hamas** blamed the fact the **United States** "fully adopted the Israeli position," as the **reason** for the **lagging negotiations** and added, "This American behavior won't lead to a deal but **will escalate the situation and lead to more bloodshed.**"

Israel, on the other hand, refuses Hamas's demand to commit to a complete **stop** to the fighting as part of the deal and is only willing to agree to a temporary cease-fire. Another obstacle to the deal is the **plan to return Gazans to the northern Gaza Strip**, which has **not yet been decided on.**

An American official commented on the deadlock in the negotiations, saying, "The negative dynamic that has emerged needs to be changed, not abandoned." Meanwhile, Israeli officials are disappointed with the line led by the United States vis-a-vis Qatar. "We didn't expect much from the Qataris, but we did from the Americans - and they're not pressuring Qatar enough," an Israeli source said.

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Senior Arab diplomat said that Hamas' refusal of the latest proposal led to a suspension of contacts, while an official in the terrorist organization's leadership claims the US proposal 'fully adopted the Israeli position'

Alexandra Lukash, Moran Azulay, Einav Halabi|08:31

In the shadow of Hamas' "scandalous" refusal of the American proposal for a hostage deal, a senior Arab diplomat told the NBC network that the negotiations are "almost completely frozen."

At the same time, as discussions continue about a response to the extensive Iranian attack on Saturday night, Shas Party Chairman Aryeh Deri told his party's newspaper, "Haderech" (The Way), referring to a possible retaliation against Iran, that "we need to remember that there is a campaign that we have not finished in the Gaza Strip, our hostages are still there. There are also about 100,000 residents in the north who have not returned to their homes. Therefore, the right thing at this time is to focus on that, and not open more arenas."

An official in the Hamas leadership claimed Wednesday morning in an interview with Al Jazeera that "we presented a vision for the deal based on the proposal of the mediators, including the U.S., based on the outline of the second Paris summit," but the American outline "fully adopted the Israeli position." He added that: "This American behavior will not lead to a deal, but will escalate the situation and lead to more bloodshed."

Al-Thani accused Israel of "collectively punishing the Strip and escalating in the West Bank," and said: "The policy of siege and starvation against the Palestinians cannot be allowed to continue. We call on all parties to reduce the escalation and avoid the region slipping into a new cycle of violence."

Hamas' claim against the U.S. proposal comes after a senior U.S. official said on Sunday that "it is scandalous" that the terrorist organization "refused an offer in which we gave it everything it asked for." The official added that: "It is quite clear that Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar wants to continue to keep the hostages around him - including the young

women. He refuses to release the elderly and the sick, knowing that this would result in an immediate cease-fire - and this is precisely what indicates the nature of Hamas." Eli Shtivi, whose son, Idan, is held by the terrorist organization in Gaza, told Ynet on Wednesday morning that, in view of Hamas' position, "we need to enter Rafah as soon as possible. Don't wait and say 'we have a date'; enter and defeat Hamas. Nothing else will help. We talked about 40 hostages and they are down to 20 and even less than that. We need to go into Rafah and look for every piece of information, otherwise we will not receive anything. It is simply impossible to reach an agreement with Hamas." Shtivi added that "we have no one to negotiate with; In Hamas they feel like they are in heaven right now, they are sure that Iran will help them. I don't get into the army's plans, but the goal is to return the hostages first."

Regarding the intention of some of the families of the hostages to intensify the protest against the government - and even act to overthrow it - Shtivi said that "some of the families advocate this and others do not. My only goal is to return the hostages, to bring my son home. All this nonsense against the government is precisely to bury the issue of the hostages. I'm against it. I can also make my protest worse; I went on a hunger strike in front of the Prime Minister's Residence, but to shut down the economy and say that the government doesn't want to bring home the hostages? I think whoever says this is himself against their return." He added that "these are hard words, but I love them all, and it doesn't matter to me - I won't let the government fall and I won't let Netanyahu go before he brings my son back. I will not give him the privilege of leaving before the hostages return."

Yael Ader, who was informed of the death of her abducted son, Tamir, at the beginning of the year, emphasized her desire to avoid using the description that "his body is being held in Gaza."

"The reality we are facing today is illusory and unacceptable. There was complete negligence here in the lack of protection of the country's borders, which allowed thousands of terrorists to infiltrate and do as they please. Hundreds of them entered Kibbutz Nir Oz, where they kidnapped and murdered. It is important for me to have a place where we can go to rest with his memory. Tamir was married and the father of children, they also need the tangible part of the person who was dearest to them," she said.

Ader added that "Tamir loved this country, where his life was sacrificed. He was a very dedicated citizen, and there is no question here about the obligation to return all the hostages, the living and the murdered." Regarding the families' protest measures, she said: "Everything is legitimate, each family acts in its own way. I believe that the goal of all these actions is solely the return of the hostages, and if we are missing something in this whole equation it is not just a military action, because there were good military actions with excellent achievements, and according to my understanding the government did not preserve these achievements because they did not create an alternative governmental solution for Gaza."

"We took care of the north of the Gaza Strip from a civilian point of view in an amazing way, and the IDF, which failed on October 7, came to its senses, asked for forgiveness when no one else did, and then did an amazing job in the Gaza Strip," according to Ader.

"Soldiers paid with their lives and families are dealing with the bereavement that I know today, but we did not know how to take this achievement and leverage it for something political, because without it Sinwar will remain in his position. He really scoffs at the proposals when he suggests returning 20 hostages in dire condition, or maybe fewer than that. Hamas is laughing at us; why didn't we establish a civil government in northern Gaza? If there was an alternative civil government there, it is possible that Sinwar would be under pressure today."

She added that: "After half a year, Sinwar still has the ability to mock us. We simply need to make the decision to defeat Hamas. If this decision had been made, the hostages would already be here for Seder night." Yael said that "Passover is the holiday of freedom, and we are also just before Memorial Day, but dozens of families do not have a place to celebrate with their loved ones. Everything must be done to return the dead hostages for burial so that we have a place in the land of Israel to visit them."

4.17. 24 – We

13 injured, 4 seriously, in heavy rocket attack on northern Bedouin border town

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13 injured, 4 seriously, in attack on northern Israel community center
Hezbollah says launched missiles and drones on Israeli military facility in Arab al-Aramshe in response to the recent assassinations of Hezbollah members and commanders in Lebanon; car hit by rocket, injuring passenger
Yair Kraus|05:38

Thirteen people who were injured, four of them seriously, in a series of attacks on the northern Israeli border town of Arab al-Aramshe were transported to the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, the hospital said on Wednesday.
Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the attack, with the Iran-backed group saying it launched missiles and explosives-laden drones on an Israeli military facility in Arab al-Aramshe in response to the recent assassinations of Hezbollah members and commanders in Lebanon by Israel.

At least four rockets managed to pierce through air defenses before hitting a community center in the city, where at least seven were injured, and a car, injuring one of the passengers. The IDF responded with artillery fire targeting the sources of the rocket launches.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah-affiliated Lebanese network Al Mayadeen reported that two "heavy" rockets hit an Israeli target in Arab al-Aramshe.

Two more sirens were activated in the small Bedouin border town shortly after. A short clip circulating on social media purports to show one of the attacks on Arab al-Aramshe. In the footage, the buzzing of a drone engine can be heard as an object is seen zooming down from the sky before detonating.

4.17. 24 – We

Israel conducts over 900 West Bank raids during Ramadan; 300 arrested

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Israel conducts over 900 West Bank counterterror raids in Ramadan crackdown
IDF, Shin Bet and Border Police data show 300 terror suspects arrested, 10 terrorists eliminated in airstrikes and another 15 terrorists arrested en route to execute attacks
Elisha Ben Kimon|00:09

Following the Israeli defense establishment's preparations for Ramadan fearing escalations amid the war in Gaza, new data seen by Ynet sheds light on the IDF Central Command, Shin Bet and Border Police's operations in the West Bank throughout the most important Muslim holiday.

A total of 900 offensive operations were carried out (arrests, searches for military equipment, terror infrastructure raids, and questionings), 300 terror suspects were arrested, 10 terrorists were eliminated in airstrikes, and another 15 terrorists were arrested on their way to execute attacks by the Shin Bet.

Alongside these missions, several shooting attacks occurred in the West Bank, during one of which 21-year-old Sergeant Major Ilay David Garfinkel was killed near Ramallah. Other Israelis were injured in various incidents.

During the month of Ramadan, 23 IDF battalions and 20 Border Police companies operated under Shin Bet coordination in the area. The soldiers eliminated dozens of terrorists (including the 10 killed in airstrikes), and over 40 firearms and military equipment were seized. Additionally, around NIS 100,000 intended for terror operations were confiscated.

A military official at the IDF Central Command said, "IDF, Shin Bet, and Israel Police forces worked around the clock to counter-terrorism throughout Ramadan via airstrikes, targeted elimination, broad divisional operations, and hundreds of arrests of wanted suspects. We will continue to operate on high alert anywhere and at any time. Anyone who threatens Israeli citizens should know we'll reach them, one way or another."

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Iran-Russia alliance deepens weapons trade as Moscow supports attack on Israel

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Iran-Russia alliance deepens as Moscow backs Tehran's attack on Israel
Cooperation between Moscow and Tehran has grown throughout the war in Ukraine, and this week the close alliance was further seen in Russia's steadfast support for Iran's massive attack on Israel ; This new relationship is a challenge to Israel's ties to Russia

Lior Ben Ari|13:00

While many Western leaders rushed to issue statements supporting Israel and condemning Iran's unprecedented attack, Russia took the opposite approach, justifying the massive attack on several occasions. President Vladimir Putin remained silent on the attack, but Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Vasily Nebenzya, justified the Iranian action, criticized Israel and used the entire issue to accuse Western countries of "bias."

Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, harshly attacked Israel's ambassador in Moscow, Simona Halperin, for demanding Russia condemn the Iranian attack on Israel. In recent days, Russia's state media outlets have expressed strong criticism against Israel and expressed support for Iran.

One media personality, Sergey Mardan, said on a program aired on Russian state radio that "Russia supports the Iranian attack on Israel because the Iranians are military partners of Russia." He also expressed hope that Iran would succeed in shooting down Israeli fighter jets. All of this is not just happening randomly, but serves as a demonstration of the significant importance Russia currently places on its relations with Tehran, with a focus on strengthening security and military ties. Intelligence sources in the West currently describe Moscow-Tehran relations as a deepening strategic partnership. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 was a major factor contributing to the consolidation of this partnership, due to Russia's reliance on Iranian military assistance in the early months of the war. Russia began acquiring military equipment from Iran on a large scale and made deadly use of it against Ukraine. Since then, this cooperation has deepened into other areas, and now, amid escalating tensions between Iran and Israel, it is gaining special importance in the Israeli context. The Iranians themselves have learned much and gleaned lessons from the way the Russians operated Iranian equipment across Ukraine, seemingly enhancing their capabilities. Additionally, Iran is expected to provide Russia with short- and medium-range surface-to-surface missiles. But what will Moscow give in return to the Iranians?

In this context, the deepening military cooperation between Moscow and Tehran reveals additional significant aspects from the Israeli perspective. Russia is expected to soon provide Iran with advanced fighter jets of the SU-35 model, which will become the most modern in the Iranian Air Force's aging fleet, along with, likely, advanced air defense technologies to help Iran defend against any Israeli aerial attacks. This is particularly relevant today as reports increase about Israeli intentions to strike military targets on Iranian soil in response to the Iranian attack over the weekend.

The deepening military collaboration between Moscow and Tehran reflects a clear shift in their relationship. While in the past Russia mainly supplied arms to Iran, today it's a two-way relationship, and importantly, it encompasses extensive technological cooperation, knowledge exchange and joint development – whether in the realm of military equipment, where Russia has established a special production facility for arms in the Republic of Tatarstan with Tehran's support, or in the areas of satellites and space, as well as various combat field systems.

It's important to remember that the West – particularly the US and NATO – is a common enemy for both Russia and Iran. The war in Ukraine helps both countries to "learn on the fly" and derive lessons. The close cooperation between the two countries serves their interests and greatly assists Tehran in enhancing its status from a minor partner to a strategic ally. In this regard, Israel must address the dramatic shift in Russia-Iran relations, which directly affects Israel's relations with Russia, posing a clear challenge to them.

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IDF launches counterterrorism operation in West Bank

Security force including troops and Shin Bet arrest 23 wanted suspects, operate in terror hotbeds and seize funds meant for to be used for terror

Elisha Ben Kimon|10:40

The Israel Defense Forces in cooperation with security forces, began a counterterrorism operation overnight, and have arrested 23 wanted suspects across the West Bank, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit announced Tuesday.

In addition, funds used for terror purposes were seized by forces during the night. IDF soldiers, Shin Bet and Border Police troops operated, among other places, in Jenin, Hebron, and Qalqilya.

His personal belongings were found nearby, along with other items now under investigation, including a weapon. It is suspected that Achimeir, who was employed as a shepherd in the vicinity, was killed after he left the farm in the early morning and did not return, while his flock of sheep did return on their own. The IDF, Shin Bet and the police jointly stated that Achimeir "was the victim of a terrorist attack," and a manhunt for the suspects is ongoing.

So far, 3,700 wanted suspects have been arrested across the West Bank since the beginning of the war in Gaza. About 1,600 of them are affiliated with the Hamas terrorist organization.

4.16. 24 – Tu

Iran briefed Gulf Arabs on attack timing; Saudi intel passed to US, provided warning

4.16. 24 – Tu

Saudi Arabia provides helpful intel to thwart Iran attack, report

Although **not allowing use** of its **airspace** to counter the Iranian drones and missiles targeting Israel, actions of Gulfkingdom are first example of successful regional defense alliance established to respond to Iran threat to region

Ynet, News Agencies|00:54

Saudi Arabia assisted Israel and the United States **during the Iranian attack** on Israel, by **providing** with the UAE, "**intelligence** that contributed to an overwhelmingly successful defensive response," the report said although the **Saudis stopped short of allowing** the U.S. to operate from its **airspace**.

According to officials speaking to the paper, this was the **culmination of years-long** American **efforts** to "break down political and technical barriers that thwarted military cooperation between Israel and the Sunni Arab governments. Instead of a Middle East version of the NATO alliance, the U.S. has **focused on** less formal **regionwide air-defense cooperation**," to face the threat from Iran including from its arsenal of drones and missiles.

The officials said that **cooperation** between Israel and moderate **Arab states on air defense with the U.S.** as an **intermediary** has become common, "even with **Saudi Arabia**, which still hasn't established diplomatic **relations with Israel**." An Israeli source said this was the first time that the defense alliance was observed in action.

WSJ reported that **Iran briefed the Saudis and others** in the Gulf **on the timing** and outline of the planned strike on Israel and that that **information was passed on to the U.S.** **providing crucial advance warning** to Israel and the American forces.

Meanwhile **China** said it was **willing to work together with Saudi Arabia to avoid further escalation of confrontation** in the Middle East, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said to his Saudi counterpart over a phone call.

"**China appreciates Saudi Arabia's emphasis on resolving** the issue of the **attack** on Iran's embassy in Syria **through diplomatic means**," the official Xinhua said.

4.15. 24 – Mo

IDF allowed PA women & children under age 14 to return to northern Gaza

4.15. 24 – Mo

Palestinians return to northern Gaza en masse amid uncertainty

IDF warns northern Gaza 'dangerous combat zone'; meanwhile; **aid continues to flow** into Gaza as **bakeries reopen** throughout Palestinian enclave

Einav Halabi, Elisha Ben Kimon|10:09

The mother of a 5-year-old Gazan girl claimed her daughter was shot in the head Monday morning by IDF soldiers while trying to return with her family to their home in the northern Gaza Strip, where **Palestinians continue to flock as the army is trying to prevent it.**

A man was seen carrying 5-year-old Sally Abu-Lila, who was bleeding from the head, as people gathered around her in panic and tried to cover her wound. The IDF has yet to officially comment on the incident.

Videos from Gaza taken on Monday show a mass return of civilians, even after confrontations with the IDF, and despite warnings not to return. The IDF, for its part, is not allowing the residents to cross to the north of the Strip, stopping them at a checkpoint and sending them back to the south.

The Hamas-affiliated Quds network claimed Sunday that women and children under the age of 14 were allowed by the IDF to return from the southern Gaza Strip to the north. Footage circulating on social media also depicted adult men trying to move north. IDF forces deployed smoke bombs to disperse the crowds.

IDF Arabic Spokesperson Lt. Col. Avichay Adraee clarified Monday in a message addressed to the residents of the Gaza Strip, that "the northern region of the Gaza Strip is a dangerous combat zone, and therefore we repeat our calls to remain in the humanitarian and shelter areas in the southern Gaza Strip, and to avoid trying to return to the north the Strip in order to maintain your safety."

The repopulation of northern Gaza remains one of the major sticking points in hostage negotiations, with Hamas showing little to no flexibility on the issue.

On Sunday, Mossad reported that the terrorist organization responded negatively to the proposal conveyed by intermediaries."

Israeli officials estimated that securing a deal would be highly unlikely since they believed Hamas leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar was not interested in one, much preferring to sit out and wait for a potential conflagration between Israel and Iran which would plunge the Jewish state into a multi-front war. Yet, negotiations are ongoing.

Meanwhile, the General Authority for Crossings and Borders announced that the army released 150 Palestinians detained across the Gaza Strip.

Aid is flowing to northern Gaza

Ten aid trucks entered the northern Gaza Strip Monday night. Sunday morning, after coordinating the supply of flour and fuel over the past week, a World Food Program bakery began operating in the northern Gaza Strip for the first time in months. The bakery has a daily production potential of about 650,000 pita breads per day and joins the more than 21 bakeries opened in the south and center of the Gaza Strip, providing pita bread to more than 2.2 million Gazans every day.

In Gaza City, the bakeries opened Sunday in the Tufah, Al-Sultan, Sabra and Al-Nasr neighborhoods. The price of a bag of bread weighing more than 3 kilograms is 5 shekels, and one of the lines in front of a bakery in the Tufah neighborhood stretched for more than two miles. Each person is limited to one bag. "Bread has returned for the first time to the northern Gaza Strip. This news is more important than Iran and its stupid theatrics," said Gaza resident Raed Shniora.

Muhammad Sweid, also a resident of Gaza, arrived at the bakery at 5 a.m. "I am happy that the bakeries have finally opened, but the line is very long. We will be patient," he said.

These actions join the Israeli efforts led by the Coordinator of Government Operations in the Territories Major General Ghassan Alian to increase aid to the northern Gaza Strip. As part of the humanitarian effort, over 6,250 food packages were airdropped in 72 batches to distribution points in the Gaza Strip in recent months.

In addition, approximately 1,866 humanitarian aid trucks were inspected through the Kerem Shalom crossing of the Land Crossings Authority of the Defense and Transportation ministries last week. Another 1,463 food packages were airdropped in 12 batches.

Meanwhile, the IDF Coordination and Liaison Administration for Gaza and Southern Command coordinated the entry of 267 trucks carrying humanitarian aid into the northern Gaza Strip last week.

The Erez Crossing in the northern Gaza Strip was also opened this week for the first time since the October 7 attack to introduce more humanitarian aid into the territory's northern regions.

4.15. 24 – Mo

Rafah operation postponed, Hamas reclaims Khan Younis, Israel focus on Iran

4.15. 24 – Mo

Rafah operation pushed back, Israel could soon respond to Iran attack, reports say
Sources reveal Air Force was set to drop leaflets over Rafah, indicating readiness for operations, but plans postponed; Israeli official tells CNN, 'Israel is determined to carry out ground operation' but timing unclear

Ynet|09:24

Israel could "soon respond to Iran's Saturday attack," the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday, citing three Western officials.

Meanwhile, CNN reported, citing two Israeli sources, that Israel was set to take its first steps toward a ground offensive in Rafah this week, but has delayed those plans as it mulls a response to Iran's attack.

As Hamas reclaims Khan Younis, Israeli officers warn of protracted battle ahead
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was trying to arrange briefing meetings with opposition leaders, including Opposition Leader Yair Lapid, Gideon Sa'ar and Avigdor Liberman. This development unfolds amid discussions about Israel's response to Iran's missile attack in the Security Cabinet, which has adjourned and is expected to reconvene Tuesday.

The Iranian offensive peaked with the interception of hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles, including ballistic ones, leading to reported operational delays in Rafah. Currently, Rafah is home to over one million displaced Palestinians, evacuated from various regions of the Gaza Strip since the war began on October 7.

Sources indicated that the Air Force was prepared to drop leaflets over Rafah Tuesday, suggesting operations were ready to go ahead but have been postponed instead. An Israeli official clarified to CNN that "Israel remains determined to conduct a ground operation in Rafah, though the timing of civilian evacuations and the impending ground attack is still uncertain at this moment." The IDF has declined to comment on the report.

4.15. 24 – Mo

Jordan water agreement extended for help with missiles & drones from Iran

4.15. 24 – Mo

Israel to extend water agreement with Jordan

Jordan actively helped thwart the Iranian threat against Israel and now it appears Israel is prepared to thank the Hashemite Kingdom by granting a year's extension, despite previous reluctance

Itamar Eichner|05:46

Following Jordan's involvement in the western coalition's efforts to intercept all missiles and drones fired from Iran toward Israel, it appears Israel has decided to reciprocate; Energy Minister Eli Cohen is widely expected to extend the Jordanian-Israeli water agreement for an additional year.

Reports indicate the Jordanian Air Force took part in intercepting Iranian UAVs, on top of allowing U.S. fighter jets to fly in its airspace in order to accommodate the same goal.

Extending the agreement has been a contentious issue for quite some time, especially as Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman al-Safadi has repeatedly made anti-Israeli comments and co-sponsored South Africa's legal action against Israel in the International Court of Justice.

Originally, Jordan asked for a five-year extension of the agreement. Following Israel's hesitation, the Hashemite Kingdom softened its request, asking for a one-year extension.

Due to the country's severe water crisis, Jordan has quite a bit invested in this agreement. It is a land-locked country with few water sources besides the Jordan River, an issue that also compromises the nation's overall economic output.

Following years of drought brought about by unstable weather conditions exacerbated by climate change, ever-growing population numbers and a huge influx of Syrian refugees escaping civil war, the economic conditions in Jordan have getting progressively worse,

and the discrepancy between the supply and demand of water now stands at about half-a-billion cubic meters.

The Jordan-Israel peace accord stipulates that Israel transfer 50 million cubic feet of water annually and, back in the summer of 2021, then-Prime Minister Naftali Bennett decided to double the amount to 100 million. That agreement was for three years, and ends next month. As it seems, a one-year extension will be granted following Jordan's help with the Iranian threat.

4.14. 24 – Su

British French & German Ministries urge sanctions on Iran to curb Iran's proxies

4.14. 24 – Su

West urges Israel not to respond to Iran's attack

After assault, foreign minister Katz receives urgent calls from British and French counterparts, expressing concerns about immediate response and potential escalation in the region

Itamar Eichner|15:51

Following the Iranian attack on Israel, the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem received urgent requests for calls with Foreign Minister Israel Katz. Two of the requests, from British Foreign Secretary David Cameron and French Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné, were particularly pressing.

According to ministry sources familiar with the details, the two top diplomats, whose countries were actively involved in mitigating the attack, sought to speak urgently with their Israeli counterpart due to concerns about an immediate Israeli response and escalation.

French Foreign Minister Séjourné expressed support for Israel and condemned the Iranian aggression but voiced sincere concern about escalation. "What are your plans now? We are very concerned about a regional escalation that will affect the entire region," the French minister told Katz.

Shortly after, British Secretary Cameron contacted Katz, saying, "Iran says that if you respond, their response will be greater. I think the smart thing would be not to react and prevent escalation. You have shown very clearly that Iran is the aggressor - as your friend, I ask that you not respond."

Katz thanked both for their support of Israel and their active assistance in mitigating the Iranian attack. He addressed his colleagues' concerns but made it clear: "Israel, like any country, has the right and obligation to defend its citizens. We live in a tough neighborhood, and in this neighborhood, it's not enough to be strong - everyone needs to know that you are strong."

The senior Israeli official further told his counterparts, "Help us make the situation easier. It's your time to weaken Iran - Israel expects its friends to block Iran's aggression, also by

declaring the Islamic Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist organization, imposing severe sanctions on Iran's missile project, and applying economic pressures that will curb Iran's proxies operating in the entire region."

Katz promised to update Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the call and agreed to inform French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak about the Israeli request to impose sanctions on Iran, and the dialogue between the parties will continue. Cameron and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock are set to arrive in Israel this week for a joint visit.

4.14. 24 – Su

Iran's 200 drones & 150 missiles of 46 tons intercepted by Israel & coalition jets

4.14. 24 – Su

Foiled Iranian strikes would have leveled two key IDF bases, officials estimate Israel shot down some 350 drones and missiles with a combined payload of over 60 tons with 99% success rate—a major win for its air defenses and allies

Itamar Eichner, Elisha Ben Kimon|13:48

In a remarkable feat, Israel's air defense array, in alliance with the United States military and an international coalition, successfully intercepted 99% of the missiles and drones targeted at its territory from Iran early Sunday.

The Islamic Republic had fired 150 missiles carrying a cumulative load of 46 tons of explosives, in addition to 200 drones loaded with a total of four tons of explosives. Based on assessments, the impact of explosives weighing 60 tons could have totally obliterated two military bases along with their contents. IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari shared video footage on Sunday evening demonstrating the interceptions executed by Israeli Air Force fighter jets.

Remarkably, not a single one of the 185 Shahed 238 drones — an enhanced version of the Shahed 136 model Russia deploys almost daily against Ukraine — launched by Iran and its allies managed to breach the country's airspace, and neither did any of the 36 cruise missiles that were fired. Out of the 110 ballistic missiles, known as the "neighborly obligation" type, a small fraction made it to Israeli territory with an even smaller number managing to detonate.

The Nevatim Airbase suffered minor damage to infrastructure, however, according to a Sunday morning statement from the IDF spokesperson, the base remains fully operational. U.S. forces intercepted 70 drones, and British fighter jets arriving from Cyprus also shot down several incoming threats. These interceptions were carried out in various locations, including Iraq and Syria. Jordan also confirmed its participation in the operation. The remaining drones were intercepted outside the country's borders by Air Force fighter jets.

Meanwhile, White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby told ABC's Meet the Press on Sunday that U.S. President Joe Biden does not foresee the missile

crisis **escalating into a large-scale conflict**. This comes after Biden reportedly told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the **U.S. would not back an Israeli counterstrike** against Iran.

Kirby further highlighted Israel's impressive self-defense capabilities, praising its military superiority. He noted the **minimal penetration** of the country's defenses and the exceptionally **light damage** incurred and reiterated President Biden's stance against escalation, adding that the next few hours and days would be telling.

The Foreign Ministry has **urged** the global community to **impose sanctions on Tehran**, underscoring it had launched an extensive and unprecedented attack against Israel involving **hundreds of drones, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles**. Mainly originating from Iranian territory, the **assault was supplemented by Iraqi militias, Yemen's Houthis and Hezbollah from Lebanon, all targeting Israel**.

The statement reiterated Israel's long-standing assertion that **Iran is the driving force behind regional terror attacks** and poses the **greatest threat to regional stability** and global order. It emphasized Tehran's history of aggression, including attacks on Israel and Gulf states, **threats against Jordan** and the U.S., instigation of conflict against Ukraine and **endangerment of global peace**. The statement concluded with a stern warning against **allowing Iran to possess nuclear weapons**.

The Foreign Ministry put out a statement acknowledging the international community's unequivocal **condemnation of Iran** and calling for **Iran's Revolutionary Guard to be officially labeled a terrorist organization**. It further said Israel would spare no expense in its continued efforts to maintain its sovereignty and security.

4.14. 24 – Su

Over 200 drones & missiles fired from inside Iran Sunday, IDF jets intercepted 99%

4.14. 24 – Su

Military says over 200 missiles, drones in Iranian strike

IDF Spokesperson says most threats from Iran fail to reach Israel and intercepted en rout; says slight damage to a military base in the South; Israel braces for more Iranian fire
Itamar Eichner, Ilana Curie|20:05

The IDF spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said **Israel was attack by over 200 drones and missiles** fired **from inside Iran on Sunday**, but only a **small number reached Israeli territory**.

"A short while ago, **dozens of surface-to-surface missile launches from Iran** were identified approaching Israeli territory. The IDF Aerial Defense Array successfully **intercepted the majority of the launches using the "Arrow" Aerial Defense System, together with Israel's strategic allies, before the launches crossed into Israeli territory**. A small number of **hits** were **identified, including at an IDF base in southern Israel, where minor damage** was caused to infrastructure," Hagari said.

"Over the past few hours, many dozens of hostile aircraft, as well as dozens of cruise missiles, from Iran were identified approaching Israeli territory and intercepted. Dozens of IAF fighter jets are currently operating to intercept all aerial threats approaching Israeli territory".

An Israeli official said that 99% of the threats were intercepted although more drones and missiles were believed to be making their way to Israel and were being intercepted by the U.S. coalition in the region and by Israeli fighter jets.

4.12. 24 – Fr

IDF says some 40 rockets fired by Hezbollah on Naftali & Galilee

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IDF says some 40 rockets fired by Hezbollah on Israeli north

IDF says air defenses successfully intercepted two explosive-laden drones launched by Hezbollah; adds that amid Iranian threat military approves plans to attack with diverse capabilities and act to protect the citizens of Israel

Eitan Glickman|14:31

The IDF reported Friday that approximately 40 rockets were launched from Lebanon toward northern Israel. While some of the rockets were intercepted, others landed in open areas or failed to reach their intended targets, falling short in Lebanon.

No injuries were reported in the attack, which was claimed by Hezbollah. Before this, the IDF announced that its air defenses successfully intercepted two explosive-laden drones launched by Hezbollah.

In addition, several rockets were identified crossing from Lebanese territory into the Ramot Naftali area; no injuries were reported. The IDF returned fire to the source of the launches in various areas in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah claimed responsibility for firing dozens of rockets towards Galilee, along with targeting Upper Galilee at 4:07 PM and a later attack at 5:00 PM. Throughout the morning, the Shiite terrorist organization claimed responsibility for six shooting incidents.

Regarding preparations for potential Iranian retaliation, IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari stated, "In the past day, the IDF conducted situation assessments and approved plans following reports and statements regarding a potential Iranian attack."

"We have been at war for the past six months, facing various threats. Our defense is prepared and capable of addressing each threat individually. We are also prepared for an attack with diverse capabilities and will act to protect the citizens of Israel."

According to Hagari, "At this stage, there are no changes in the Home Front Command instructions. However, the coming days necessitate heightened alertness and readiness. We will provide continuous updates. We have one of the best defense capabilities

globally, but they are not impervious. Follow the Home Front Command instructions. We will update immediately on any changes. **Iran's conduct** exacerbates the situation in the Middle East and **undermines security stability**. We will know how to act wherever necessary."

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: Traditional Pesach - April 22 to 30, First-Fruits April 26 ;

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Ramadan – Ends April 10, Feast Fri Apr 12 Pesach Apr 21-28 First-Fruits April 29

4.12. 24 – Fr- - - News Placed in April 12 spot – Friday

European Parliament condemns UNRWA, PA for antisemitism, Incitement

4.12. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday

Iran seeks assurance that US will not get involved if they attack Israel

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday

Aid bottleneck from 600 trucks sitting inside Gaza waiting UN staff to distribute

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday

Tehran airspace closed due to 'military drills'; Germany suspends flights to Tehran

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday

IDF launches ground assault series of unusual strikes in central Gaza Strip

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday

Indonesia bid to join OECD; recently hostile to Israel, must prove change in 3 yrs

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday

US envoy Kurilla asks Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar and Iraq to mediate with Iran

4.11. 24 – Th- - - News Placed in April 11 spot – Thursday

Israeli Farmers Plowing after 97% of the crops on the farm rotted away

4.10. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday

Israel exposes media of Hamas brutality translated for Arab deniers

4.09. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in April 10 spot – Wednesday

Israel promised Britain 500 aid trucks, 100 Jordan truck corridor, protect aid workers

4.09. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday

Iran continues massive arms smuggling operation to advance West Bank unrest

4.09. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in April 09 spot – Tuesday
C-Dome: Israeli Navy's new defense system intercepted drone over Eilat

4.09. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday
US assessed Iran will respond to senior general assassination through militias

4.08. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Eclipse
Islamic Jihad Prisoners say all Gaza hospitals used as military bases

4.08. 24 – Mo- - - News Placed in April 08 spot – Monday Eclipse
Gallant willing to enable hostage deal, gives lull during Muslim holiday

4.08. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Eclipse
Far-right MK's warn Netanyahu won't continue as PM without Rafah incursion

4.08. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Eclipse
IDF holding onto 'war' label to activate a range of laws & duty regulations

4.08. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Eclipse
Death toll in Gaza led to US to condition military funding and assistance