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Proposal 'opportunity to prove' Hamas serious about reaching truce, POTUS says, claiming terror group 'no longer capable' of carrying out another large-scale attack on Israel; PM says plan allows return of all hostages, elimination of Hamas

News Agencies, Itamar Eichner|13:39

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday called on Hamas to agree to a new offer from Israel on releasing hostages in exchange for a Gaza cease-fire, saying this is the best way to begin winding down the deadly conflict.

"As someone who's had a lifelong commitment to Israel, as the only American president who has ever gone to Israel at a time of war, as someone who just sent the U.S. forces to directly defend Israel when it was attacked by Iran, I ask you to take a step back, think what will happen if this moment is lost," he said. "We can't lose this moment. Israel has made their proposal. Hamas says it wants a cease-fire. This deal is an opportunity to prove whether they really mean it."

Biden claimed that Hamas was "no longer capable" of carrying out another large-scale attack on Israel as the IDF confirmed on Friday that its forces are now operating in central parts of Rafah in its expanding offensive in the southern Gaza city.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Office said that Israel had authorized negotiators to present a Gaza truce deal after Biden revealed details of the three-phased cease-fire plan.

"The Israeli government is united in the desire to return our hostages as soon as possible and is working to achieve this goal," the statement said.

"Therefore, the prime minister has authorized the negotiating team to present an outline for achieving this goal, while insisting that the war will not end until all of its goals are achieved, including the return of all our hostages and the destruction of Hamas' military and governmental capabilities."

Meanwhile, The Hill news website reported Friday evening that U.S. congressional leaders on Friday invited Netanyahu to address a joint meeting of Congress. The report cited a letter to the Israeli premier which did not provide a date for the address. Israeli officials confirmed to Ynet that Netanyahu has been invited to speak before Congress. Although a date for the speech has not yet been set, Republicans hope Netanyahu will speak before the August recess.

Hamas said it had a positive view of the contents of the proposal announced. " Hamas confirms its readiness to deal positively and in a constructive manner with any proposal that is based on the permanent cease-fire and the full withdrawal [of Israeli forces] from the Gaza Strip, the reconstruction [of Gaza], and the return of the displaced to their places, along with the fulfillment of a genuine prisoner swap deal if the occupation clearly announces commitment to such deal," the group said in a statement.

An earlier hostage proposal put forward earlier this year called for the release of sick, elderly and wounded hostages in Gaza in exchange for a six-week cease-fire that could be extended to allow for more humanitarian aid to be delivered into the enclave.

The proposed deal fell apart earlier this month after Israel refused to agree to a permanent end to the war as part of the negotiations and ramped up an assault on the city of Rafah in southern Gaza.

Hamas said on Thursday it had told mediators it would not take part in more negotiations during ongoing aggression but was ready for a "complete agreement," including an exchange of hostages and prisoners if Israel stopped the war.

Talks mediated by Egypt, Qatar and others to arrange a cease-fire between Israel and the Islamist movement in the Gaza war have repeatedly stalled, with both sides blaming the other for the lack of progress.

The talks were stymied by a central sticking point: Hamas demands guarantees that the war will end and Israeli troops will withdraw from Gaza completely in return for the release of all the hostages, a demand Israel rejects.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan would meet on Friday with diplomats from 17 countries who have citizens held hostage in Gaza by Hamas.

Israel will not agree to any halt in fighting that is not part of a deal that includes the return of surviving hostages, a senior Israeli security official said on Friday.

Overshadowing Biden was an Israeli airstrike in Rafah on Sunday that killed 45 Palestinians.

White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said on Tuesday that recent Israeli ground operations in Rafah would not prompt a U.S. withdrawal of more military aid.

Hamas-controlled Palestinian health authorities estimate more than 36,280 people have been killed in Gaza since Israel attacked the enclave in response to an Oct. 7 Hamas assault in southern Israel. The Hamas attack killed around 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

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More than 40 rockets fired, according to Lebanese media, hitting western Galilee areas not evacuated during war; Iron Dome intercept multiple incoming threats; earlier, drone shot down over coastal city of Acre

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari | 11:28

Dozens of rockets were launched from Lebanon toward northern Israeli communities Friday evening, hitting areas in the western Galilee that were not evacuated during the war.

The Iron Dome air defense system intercepted multiple rockets over the Upper Galilee following the barrage. Sirens blared in Ma'alot Tarshiha and several nearby communities. Nine rockets launched from Lebanon fell in the Ga'aton area, with seven exploding in unpopulated areas. Meanwhile, six rockets fired toward Peki'in were intercepted by air defense fighters.

Police reported they are handling several sites in the Upper Galilee where rocket fragments have fallen. Police officers and sappers are isolating the sites and searching for additional remnants.

A 26-year-old man was lightly injured by shattered glass from the rocket barrage in the Upper Galilee. Magen David Adom (MDA) emergency service medics and paramedics provided medical treatment and transported him to the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya.

"We reached the injured man, who was fully conscious and suffering from upper limb injuries caused by vehicle glass shards," said MDA paramedic Roi Vishnia Shabtai.

"We provided medical treatment and transported him by MDA ambulance to the hospital. He is in light condition and fully conscious."

Additionally, a 66-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman were lightly injured on their way to a shelter and taken to Galilee Medical Center. A 43-year-old man suffered from shock.

Earlier, a **drone launched from Lebanon** that entered Israeli airspace was **shot down** by air defenses over the northern coastal city of Acre, according to the IDF. Sirens went off due to fears of falling shrapnel.

The **military** also reported carrying out a **strike against a building used by Hezbollah** in southern Lebanon's Naqoura earlier in the day, after identifying a terror cell there. **Another strike in south Lebanon's** Yaroun targeted a Hezbollah operative, the IDF added.

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Israeli official tells Hamas no cease-fire will happen before hostage deal

Member of Israeli negotiation team says Israel will not agree to a cease-fire in Gaza as precondition to hostage deal, continue offensive in Gaza if needed

Itamar Eichner|05:28

A senior member of the **Israeli negotiating team** working to reignite talks for a hostage release deal **commented** Friday on Hamas's statement released Thursday saying the terror group would agree to continue negotiations only if a permanent cease-fire is reached.

"There will be no cease-fire or pause in fighting that isn't part of a deal to release the hostages," the senior official told Ynet.

The Gaza-based **terrorist organization acknowledged** the new Israeli deal proposal on Thursday, saying that it **would not take part in talks while fighting in Gaza** continued.

"Today we informed the mediators of our clear position that if the occupation stops its war and aggression against our people in Gaza, we would be willing to reach a comprehensive exchange deal," Hamas said in a statement.

"We've demonstrated flexibility and have been positive during all the rounds of the indirect negotiations and on May 6, we accepted the proposal of a mediator," Hamas said.

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The **senior Israeli official said in response,** "If they think they will receive a cease-fire before the implementation of a deal or a part of it, **they're mistaken. It won't happen.** Israel is **fighting in Gaza** and **continues** to do so, and **if they want a cease-fire** for the sake of Gaza residents, it must happen **only as part of** the negotiation of a **hostage release deal."**

Israel clarified that Hamas's demand to **first stop the fighting** in Gaza and then enter negotiations **won't be agreed** to. Officials in Jerusalem noted that it's clear to Hamas that the outline proposed for the hostage deal includes a prolonged **cease-fire** that **won't take place unless** a deal is agreed on followed by the timely **release of hostages.**

Jerusalem is currently showing pessimism following **Hamas's negative response** to the proposal. However, the negotiating team is continuing its work. "The team is determined to **continue negotiations** , but we're **not deluding ourselves** . It's clear to everyone that [Yahya] **Sinwar is trying to force a cease-fire, and it won't happen** . If Hamas wants a **pause** in the fighting, it **will only come as part of a hostage deal, not as a precondition** ," the official said.

According to the Islamist terror group, it and other **factions would no longer agree to "take part and would not continue to negotiate, in light of "aggression, killing, siege, starvation and genocide of our people,"** the Hamas statement read.

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IDF exits Gaza's Jibaliya with 'hundreds of terrorists eliminated' after retrieving bodies of seven hostages

Troops fighting in terror hotbed located in the northern part of the Strip seize hundreds of weapons and destroy terror infrastructures before leaving to regroup

Yoav Zitun|03:57

The **IDF Spokesperson's Unit released on Friday** data **summarizing the military's maneuver** in the eastern part of Jabaliya in the **northern Gaza Strip after troops withdrew** to prepare for continued fighting in the area.

"The combat teams of the 7th, 460th and Paratroopers Brigades under the 98th Division operated in eastern Jabaliya **above ground and underground, in an urban, dense area rigged with explosives.** The Hamas terrorist **organization turned the civilian area into a fortified combat compound,** fired towards the troops **from sheltered areas and schools,** and **built an underground terrorist network from within civilian buildings, "** the military said in a statement.

"Above ground, the **troops eliminated hundreds of terrorists in intense combat** and close-quarters encounters and **destroyed dozens of terrorist infrastructure and combat compounds.** The troops **located hundreds of weapons, including firearms, explosives, grenades, ammunition and more.** In addition, a number of significant **weapons production**

sites were located and destroyed. As part of dismantling the capabilities of the Hamas terrorist organization, the soldiers raided a large number of rocket launching compounds, and destroyed launchers ready for use."

"Underground, the troops located, investigated and destroyed with the cooperation of the soldiers of the Yahalom Unit, more than ten kilometers of an underground tunnel network," the military added.

"The soldiers neutralized explosives in the tunnels and located within them weapons and intelligence information about the Hamas terrorist organization. As part of the underground operation, the Commander of the Beit Hanoun Battalion and other terrorists who were with him were eliminated."

"In thorough operations above and below ground, the troops of the division rescued seven bodies of hostages - Shani Louk, Amit Buskila, Ron Benjamin, Yitzhak Gelernter, Hanan Yablonka, Michel Nisenbaum, and Orion Hernandez - and returned them for burial in Israel."

"In the fire effort, directed by the 98th Division Fire Control Center, more than 200 aerial strikes were carried out in close proximity to the operating troops, during which dozens of terrorists were eliminated, most of them at the command level in Hamas and dozens of terrorist infrastructure and weapon warehouses were destroyed," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported.

"The troops of the 98th Division have completed their mission in eastern Jabaliya and remain combat ready, and are preparing to continue operations in the Gaza Strip."

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Islamist terror group issues statement demanding an end to the fighting before agreeing to return to negotiations for the release of hostages; Egypt, US attempt to reach an agreement on the administration of the Rafah border crossing including with the PA
Einav Halabi, Lior Ben Ari|14:15

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The Palestinian Authority (PA) said on Wednesday that it had received an offer to administer the border crossing with international participation. A source told Ynet there are discussions between Egypt, Israel the EU and the U.S. to reach an agreement. According to the proposed deal, the PA would administer the crossing, while Israel would use cameras to monitor the border and the EU would have a presence on the ground in and oversight capacity.

The PA was concerned that the prolonged war would affect its security agencies and that there would be no clear separation between the PA forces and the Hamas-run police, but Ramallah was given international assurances that that would not be the case.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opposes the demands to end the war. |There are discussions with Egypt and Qatar, and they are to relay Israel's position to Hamas," an official in the negotiating team said.

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Prime minister says he was 'surprised' to learn the Biden administration reverses course after earlier comments by Blinken indicate willingness to join Republican initiative

Itamar Eichner|12:12

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticized U.S. President Joe Biden after the White House opposed imposing sanctions on International Criminal Court (ICC) officials. "I'm

surprised and disappointed," Netanyahu said in an interview with Sirius XM's "The Morgan Ortugas Show," set to air on Sunday, a portion of which was released in Politico

Netanyahu expressed disappointment after the White House said on Tuesday that it would not support the Republican effort in Congress to punish ICC prosecutor Karim Khan, who sought to issue arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant on suspicion of war crimes.

The announcement contradicted comments made a few days earlier by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who signaled the Biden administration's willingness to cooperate with Republicans to respond to the issuing of arrest warrants, which Biden himself criticized as "outrageous."

"The United States said that they would, in fact, back the sanctions bill. I thought that was still the American position because there was a bipartisan consensus just a few days ago," Netanyahu said in the released segment of the interview. "Now you say there's a question mark, and frankly I'm surprised and disappointed."

At a recent Congressional hearing, Blinken reiterated his strong opposition to the ICC prosecutor's request to issue arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant, along with senior Hamas officials, on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Blinken said during the hearing that the Biden administration is "open" to working with lawmakers in Congress to take action against the ICC, which the U.S. is not a part of and, similar to Israel, opposes its claim of jurisdiction over Gaza and the West Bank. During the hearing, Blinken didn't specify what measures the Biden administration would be willing to take to support Israel, but without the support of the Democratic Party, the Republican legislative initiative would probably fail.

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Cash-strapped Hamas robbed Gaza banks of hundreds of millions of shekels, IDF says Arab language spokesperson says terrorists stole the money from Bank of Palestine branches in the Gaza Strip after the terror group's cash flow depleted by war Yoav Zitun|Yesterday | 15:12

Hamas has been robbing Gaza banks of hundreds of millions of shekels, the IDF Arabic Language Spokesperson Lt. Col. Avichay Adraee said on Wednesday, exhibiting a document found by Israel Defense Forces troops in Gaza.

The document, written by a senior member of the terror group, outlined how terrorists stole from the bank to replenish its coffers depleted in the war.

Early in February, Hamas operatives threatened the staff at the Bank of Palestine branch in the affluent Rimal neighborhood in Gaza City, warning them not to take out any of the cash in the vault, and on April 16 they broke into the branch and took 400 million shekels (\$108 million).

A report in the French newspaper Le Monde said the robbery, which it did not attribute to Hamas, sent bank officials into a panic. "After consulting the Palestinian Authority and the Monetary Authority, which regulates Palestine's banking sector, bank officials took drastic measures to avoid further losses. A few hours after the robbery, the Rimal building was flooded with cement while large reserves of cash were still inside. But it was in vain. The very next morning, on April 17, armed groups equipped with explosives once again made their way into the building. ... They blew up the cement casing poured the day before and opened three safes, making off with the equivalent of €29 million in various currencies," Le Monde reported.

"We are revealing the document that details the financial crisis Hamas found itself in during the war," Adraee said as he outlined yet another incident on April 19, when another of the branches was robbed and hundreds of millions stolen.

"What will the residents of Gaza, who are becoming increasingly poorer, say?" he asked.

"Hamas was shamelessly stealing from the Gaza civilians for its own survival and funding its terrorism on the backs and from the pockets of Gazans."

In November, the IDF officially announced the seizure of over \$1 million in various currencies that were found in Hamas strongholds. The military then assigned a special division to take custody of the money found in private homes of Hamas terrorists or in the group's installations.

In December, troops searching the Jabaliya home of an unnamed senior member of Hamas uncovered two suitcases containing some five million shekels in cash.

During an operation in the Shifa hospital in March, the military said forces uncovered envelopes with cash prepared for Hamas and Islamic Jihad operatives with "congratulations for your work," written on them.

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UNRWA evicted from Jerusalem property

Legal avenue found to remove the controversial UN refugee agency from the 9 acres it has been using, housing minister who heads Israel Land Authority announces, and also demands tens of millions of shekels in delinquent rent

Kobi Nachshoni|Yesterday | 15:04

The Israel Lands Authority informed UNRWA, the United Nations Palestinian refugee agency, that the organization must leave the premises it has been using in eastern

Jerusalem and pay Israel tens of millions of shekels in delinquent rent for the years it has been using the property.

Housing Minister Yitzhak Goldknopf announced the move on Wednesday, three months after he asked to explore the possibility of ousting the UN refugee agency for political and security reasons, and after just recently finding the path that would enable breaking the contractual agreement that has been in place.

Israel has accused UNRWA of working with the Hamas terror group and even identified members of agency's staff who participated in the October 7 massacre. After intelligence information was made public, the United States and some European countries suspended their funding for the agency.

"In accordance with our investigation and with the current information at hand, you are holding 36 dunams (9 acres) of Israel Land Authority property in Jerusalem, without our consent," the legal counsel to the authority said in a letter to UNRWA.

"The land was expropriated by the state of Israel in 2006," the letter stated, adding that buildings were erected on it by UNRWA without permission. "You are required to cease any use of the land, and demolish what was illegally built on it," UNRWA was told.

The agency was given 30 days to vacate the premises. The land authority also demanded 27,125,280 shekels in back rent.

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2 Israelis critically injured in West Bank car-ramming attack

Terrorist turns himself in to Palestinian Authority forces after fleeing back to Nablus;

Attack took place near the settlement of Itamar in the northern West Bank

Yoav Zitun, Elisha Ben Kimon|Yesterday | 14:14

Two Israelis were critically injured Wednesday evening in a car-ramming attack outside a farm near the settlement of Itamar in the northern West Bank. According to an initial report by Magen David Adom, the two are unconscious, and they were taken to a hospital in central Israel

The scene of the car ramming attack near Nablus in the West Bank

The terrorist reportedly turned himself into the custody of Palestinian Authority security forces. He arrived from Nablus, committed the car-ramming attack and fled back into the city. A large number of IDF forces have been deployed to the area, roadblocks have been set up as troops launched a manhunt to locate him.

On Wednesday morning, terrorists in the West Bank fired toward the nearby Israeli town of Gan Ner in the Gilboa regional council. It is the third time this month that the town in

northern Israel has come under fire, and it occurred hours after communities further along the border in central Israel came under fire, including Bat Hefer, a village adjacent to the border wall separating Israel from the West Bank, just east of Netanya. By Wednesday afternoon, helicopters were seen in the air near the village. No damage was caused and there were no casualties, and the IDF is scanning the area for the shooters. After the shooting on Wednesday, Hamas released a video showing the attackers, identifiable by Hamas headbands, driving toward the separation barrier, exiting their car with weapons, approaching the fence and opening fire.

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300 bereaved families join lawsuit against PA Hamas to dismantle vile murderers

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300 bereaved families join lawsuit against Palestinian Authority, Hamas
Hundreds of families whose loved ones were murdered or kidnapped on October 7 and of fallen IDF soldiers are suing the Palestinian Authority and Gaza-based terrorist organizations for over 2 billion shekels
Elisha Ben Kimon | 13:20

Three hundred bereaved families, including victims and hostages from the October 7 attack and IDF casualties, have joined the lawsuit filed by Shurat HaDin in the Jerusalem District Court.

The suit seeks over 2 billion shekels in damages from the Palestinian Authority, Hamas and Islamic Jihad for the murders committed by terrorists against innocent civilians on October 7. In March, the lawsuit included 124 families.

Among the new plaintiffs are the family of Maya Goren, who was kidnapped and murdered; the family of Aviv Baram, a sound producer murdered in Kfar Aza; the family of Eitan Mor, who is still held captive in Gaza; the family of Ron Shemer, murdered in Nova music festival; and the family of Gal Danguri, also murdered in the festival. Other plaintiffs include relatives of Yamam (National Counter-Terrorism Unit) operative Chen Nahmias, who fell on October 7, and families of fallen IDF soldiers Michael Ben Hamu, Yakir Hakaster, David Schwartz and Neriya Zisk, among others. This landmark lawsuit has been filed following an expert security assessment that the Palestinian Authority annually transfers approximately \$1 billion to Hamas in Gaza, partly to fund civilian infrastructure and payments to Hamas operatives.

Our goal is to strike at the vile murderers and those who sent them. If this lawsuit can achieve a bit of justice and possibly deter these forces of darkness, it will be our reward. Shlomit Kalmanson, widow of Elchanan, a recipient of the Israel Prize for Civil Heroism, explained how she feels about the lawsuit that she joined. "On the morning of Simchat Torah, my beloved husband Elchanan went with his brother and nephew to Kibbutz Be'eri to rescue residents from Hamas terrorists. After about 16 hours under fire, a

terrorist ambushed them in one of the houses. Elchanan was shot and did not return. Their actions saved nearly 100 people they had never met."

"The pain is immense, and this lawsuit cannot heal our wounds, lessen our sorrow, or diminish our longing. Our goal is to strike at the vile murderers and those who sent them. If this lawsuit can achieve a bit of justice and possibly deter these forces of darkness, it will be our reward. Elchanan wrote and told us how proud he was to see himself as part of the Jewish people's enduring legacy in their land, and we continue his legacy."

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, president of Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center, which represents the victims, stressed the importance of the lawsuit.

"Now more than ever, it is clear we must choke off the economic lifelines of terrorist organizations, alongside diplomatic and operational efforts on the ground. We will pursue every entity funding and supporting terrorism and hit them with economic and legal measures," she said. "Otherwise, these terror organizations will reestablish themselves and continue to act against Israel. Hamas is not a local militia but a sprawling organization attempting to destroy Israel from any territory, so we must also dismantle it financially."

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Islamic Jihad releases video of hostage Sasha Trufanov from Gaza

Psychological terrorism by Gaza terror groups: Islamic Jihad released a 30-second video of Sasha Trufanov, who was kidnapped on October 7, along with his mother, his grandmother and his girlfriend from their home in Kibbutz Nir Oz; The women were released in the hostage deal at the end of November

Einav Halabi, Yael Ciechanover|10:50

Islamic Jihad published a 30-second video of hostage Sasha Trufanov from captivity in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday evening.

Sasha was kidnapped on October 7, along with his mother, Yelena; his grandmother, Irena Tati; and his girlfriend, Sapir Cohen from their home in Kibbutz Nir Oz. The three women were released in the hostage deal at the end of November, after 54 days in captivity.

Sasha's father, Vitaly was murdered during the October 7 massacre by Hamas terrorists. Sasha and Sapir, who were visiting the kibbutz at the time of the surprise attack, were abducted to Gaza along with their mother Yelena and grandmother Irena Tati. In the last message he sent to his friends, Trufanov wrote: "It's a shame I came to visit the kibbutz this weekend with Sapir."

The family has not yet approved the publication of the video and the things said in it. The video appears to be undated.

This is another psychological warfare video published by the terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip since the October 7 massacre and the outbreak of the war. On Saturday, Hamas claimed in an official statement that it had "lured" soldiers into a tunnel in the Jabaliya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, where terrorists managed to kill the fighters and kidnap their bodies. That night, the IDF spokesman clarified in an unusual message that "there is no incident of kidnapping of a soldier." At the beginning of the month, Hamas released a short video of the captivity of hostage Nadav Poppellwell, 51, who was kidnapped from Kibbutz Nirim in the October 7 massacre. Poppellwell is seen in the video suffering from a bruise on his face. It was not known when the short video was taken, and at the time the family asked the media not to publish the video itself. Last week, the IDF spokesman released a psychological terror video filmed by Hamas terrorists, in which Ella Elyakim, 8, who was kidnapped on October 7 with her sister Dafna, 15, and released with her sister after 51 days in captivity, is seen talking to the camera.

5.28. 24 – Tu

Reservist video rejects Gallant, Hamas or any Arab group; calls for PM's victory

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Reservist who called for mutiny against IDF, defense minister, revealed

Ofir Luzon, who was arrested after calling for insubordination from his fellow reservists, was extensively active on social media showcasing his political views and criticizing anti-government protests

Liran Tamari, Raanan Ben Tzur|10:04

Two days after being questioned, it can now be revealed that the man who appeared in a video wearing a military uniform, with his face masked, and who and calling for a rebellion against senior military leadership, is Ofir Luzon from Herzliya.

Luzon has posted extensively on social media, showcasing his political views. Before the war, he criticized anti-government protests and strongly supported the judicial overhaul. Recently, he accused demonstrators of "trying to burn the country down."

In the inciting video, Luzon attacked Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, declaring that reservists would not heed Gallant or IDF Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi, but only Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He had also labeled Gallant a "traitor" in one of his recent posts. The video, which sparked a significant uproar, is currently being investigated by the Military Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID), which identified Luzon as a reservist and detained him for questioning two days ago.

The video was shared on social media by Prime Minister Netanyahu's son, Yair Netanyahu, but he removed it because of the ensuing controversy. In the video, Luzon stated: "We, the reservists, will not hand over the keys to any Palestinian authority or entity, be it Hamas, Fatah or any other Arab group. Prime Minister, the reservists stand behind you. We will stay here until the end, until victory."

Addressing Gallant, Luzon said: "You cannot win a war. Resign - you cannot win the war and command us. I am informing you Mr. Gallant - if we do not go until victory, 100,000 reservist soldiers will stay on the border. We will not move from the fence. We will call on the citizens of Israel to come to Gaza and, under our protection, we will listen to one leader – not the defense minister, not the chief of staff, but the prime minister."

On Saturday night, Netanyahu's office released a statement condemning military insubordination, without specifically addressing the recently published video. "The prime minister has repeatedly warned of the dangers posed by the phenomenon of insubordination and the permissive attitude toward it. The prime minister is consistent in his stance, firmly rejecting any form of insubordination from any quarter, and expects all systems to address such cases equally."

The Prime Minister's Office also did not comment on the fact that the video was shared

5.28. 24 – Tu

Rafah airstrike caused Hamas ammunition storage fire in refugee tent complex

5.28. 24 – Tu

Airstrike on Hamas terror leaders was kilometer from Rafah refugee camps, IDF says
Hamas munitions stored near the site of the precision attack in Rafah caused secondary explosions, but the IDF has not definitively identified the cause of the fire that killed dozens of displaced Gazans; 'Hamas used the place for terrorism'

Yoav Zitun|09:54

The initial investigation of Monday's precision airstrike in northern Rafah has not definitively identified the cause of the fatal fire, in which dozens of displaced Gazans were killed. The Southern Command submitted to IDF Chief of Staff Major General Herzi Halevi on Monday night the findings of the initial investigation of the incident at the beginning of the week in which two senior officers from the West Bank Hamas headquarters, who were in the town of Tel al-Sultan near Rafah, were killed in an Israeli Air Force attack.

Halevi requested additional information and data, and the investigation is expected to continue, but from the initial findings that the IDF is now also presenting to the foreign media, it appears that the point of the attack was defined as an area from which Hamas carried out terrorist operations; Some 47 meters from the point of attack there was a Hamas rocket launcher, and a kilometer separated the safe zone that the IDF had set up for the displaced and the point of attack.

It also appears that the two men who were eliminated were inside a closed complex and not in the nearby internally displaced persons camp being used by civilians. In the attack, the Air Force used weapons that have been used hundreds of times in recent months - two small missiles launched from fighter jets, each carrying 17 kilograms of explosives in its warhead. The warhead was small to prevent civilian casualties.

The army says that these munitions were not meant to set fire to the refugee tent complex. "We have a suspicion, following intelligence surveillance and analysis of the videos from the event that were distributed on social networks, that secondary explosions at the site were caused by Hamas ammunition storage. This suspicion is under investigation," the IDF said in a statement.

The findings were forwarded to the Joint Chiefs of Staff's investigation mechanism headed by Lt. Col. Yoav Har-Even, which is investigating the unusual incident by order of the military attorney's office. The IDF also stated that after the two senior officers who were eliminated, Yassin Rabia, a senior Hamas commander leading the terrorist group's operations in the West Bank, and Khaled Nagar, a senior official in Hamas' West Bank command.

A lengthy surveillance procedure and the exact intelligence about the two senior terrorists came from the Shin Bet. Shocking photos and videos of the results of the air strike that killed the terrorists, including the bodies of children, led to condemnations against Israel around the world.

The IDF spokesman emphasized that "Hamas has been firing rockets from these places at Israel since the October 7 massacre," and that additional documentation and evidence were found that weapons were stored in the area of the attack.

At the same time, the IDF's operation continues in the outskirts of Rafah, which is defined by the army as a terror target. The IDF refused to confirm the report in the Reuters news agency that Israeli tanks entered the city center Tuesday morning. "So far, we have uncovered dozens of tunnels, some of which cross into Sinai, in coordination with the Egyptians. We are working to disband the Hamas battalions in Rafah," the IDF spokesperson said. The army also stated that the joint investigation into Monday's shooting incident between IDF soldiers and the Egyptian army at the Rafah crossing, in which an Egyptian soldier was killed, continues in full coordination with Egypt.

Against the backdrop of the IDF's entry into the center of Rafah, health officials in Gaza reported that 21 Palestinians were killed on Tuesday in attacks in the area of the displaced persons' tents in the city. The Lebanese news outlet Al Mayadeen, which is affiliated with Hezbollah, reported that dozens were injured as a result of attacks aimed at the displaced persons' tents in the vicinity of the American Field Hospital in the west of Rafah.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council will meet Tuesday for an urgent discussion regarding the attack in Rafah, diplomatic sources told the French news agency AFP. According to the sources, the council will meet at the request of Algeria, while in the background many countries around the world are demanding that Israel comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice in The Hague requiring it to stop the military operation in the southern Gaza city.

The discussion in the Security Council convenes a day after the serious incident in Rafah, and following a series of condemnations and great outrage around the world. Among the countries that called on Israel to obey the decision were its allies in Europe.

"International humanitarian law applies to everyone, including Israel's conduct in the war," said German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock. Condemnation was also heard

from **French President** Emmanuel Macron, who said he was "**shocked**" by Israel's recent attacks, which he said caused the death of many refugees in Rafah. "These actions must stop. There is **no safe area in Rafah for Palestinian citizens**. I call for full respect of international law and an **immediate cease-fire**," he said.

Italian Defense Minister Guido Crosetto **warned that bombings like the one in Rafah** would have **long-term consequences for Israel**. Other senior officials in Europe made even harsher statements, and Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares, whose country has recognized a Palestinian state, stated: "**If Israel continues to act contrary to the court's position, we will take the necessary steps to enforce it.**"

5.27. 24 – Mo

Barrages of 25 & 30 rockets target Upper & Western Galilee throughout the day

5.27. 24 – Mo

Hezbollah rockets target Galilee causing damage, fires

IDF says struck launcher after barrage of 25 rockets target Kiryat Shmona following another barrage of 30 rockets targeting the area of Safed; IDF reportedly kills Islamic Jihad operative on Lebanon-Syria border

13:50

Hezbollah rocket fire continued into the evening hours on Monday, targeting the Upper and Western Galilee after firing throughout the day.

The IDF said it had attacked the rocket launchers used by Hezbollah after a barrage of some 25 rockets targeted Kiryat Shmona after a barrage of 30 projectiles targeted the area of Meron in Safed. Some of the rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

A Home in Kiryat Shmona took a direct hit and fires broke out in the surrounding areas. The home owners were evacuated from the city at the start of the war and returned to assess the damage. "We were sent pictures of our house after it was hit by the rockets, they said. "There is a gaping hole in the wall leading to the childrens' rooms," owner Shosh Avraham said.

"Other homes on our street were hit yesterday and I hoped ours would be spared but I am thankful that no one was hurt," she said after seeing her home for 30-years damaged.

The Hezbollah-affiliated Al Mayadeen channel said earlier that the IDF had killed a senior operative of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad near the Lebanese border with Syria.

5.27. 24 – Mo

IDF detains 19 climbing WB border wall; rumors spread of attacks & tunnels

5.27. 24 – Mo

Watch Palestinians climb border wall from West Bank, causing alarm
Residents of the Emek Hefer Regional Council, feared the men were terrorists on their way to launch an attack but were found to be unarmed; IDF detains 19 for illegally entering country
Raanan Ben-Zur |08:27

A video clip showing Palestinians climbing over the border fence separating the West Bank from Israel caused panic on Monday as rumors spread about the possibility that they were terrorists on their way to attack communities in the area.
They were quickly confirmed to be unarmed civilians attempting to enter Israel to find work and 19 of them were taken into custody.

The Emek Hefer Regional Council said the military was called and the men were found to be unarmed. "The regional council regards the crossing of Palestinians without proper permits, with gravity and demands the military show zero tolerance for such events and prevent anyone from being able to climb the border wall," they said in a statement adding they had long demand and addition of security forces as well as other measures to be put in place to ensure the security of their residents.

After the October 7 Hamas massacre in the south, Israelis living near the West Bank border have said they feared a similar attack could be made in their vicinity. They pointed out shooting attacks across the order that have targeted communities further to the north.

Earlier this year, residents of Bat Hefer which is adjacent to the border wall said they had been hearing sounds of digging under their homes. No tunnels were found.

5.27. 24 – Mo

Arson in three different locations, Ashdod to West Bank; 4 planes & 20 teams respond

5.27. 24 – Mo

Large fires break out near Ashdod, Beit Shemesh; suspicion of arson in West Bank
First row of houses in West Bank town of Peduel evacuated; fire breaks out in warehouses in Moshav Sde Uziahu near Ashdod amid heavy heat, 4 fire fighting planes scrambled to scene; fire also breaks out near Beit Shemesh

Matan Tzuri, Liran Tamari|06:25

Fires broke out Monday near Ashdod and Beit Shemesh due to high heat and dry winds. Fires also started in the West Bank town of Peduel as a result of suspected arson.

The fire near Beit Shemesh broke out in a field between the city and an abandoned village. Three fire crews were dispatched to the scene and are working to control the fire and prevent its spread. At this point, there is no danger to nearby houses.

The fire near Ashdod broke out in warehouses in Moshav Sde Uziahu. Fire crews were rushed to the scene to take control of the fire which was spreading in the heavy heat of up to 39°C (102°F). In addition, four firefighting planes were scrambled to the scene, along with about 20 other firefighting teams.

In Peduel, residents were evacuated from their homes due to the fire, which broke out in three different locations and is spreading toward the settlement. The commander of the regional fire station, Battalion Chief Avi Ben Saadon, said that "there are three centers of fire around the settlement. It started from the direction of Nahal Shilo and climbed under the protection of the winds towards Peduel. This is a difficult and complex topographical area, and the wind direction changes from time to time. Down the stream, the fire continues to spread toward the Binyamin area."

"Due to the danger, the decision was made to evacuate the first row of houses," he added. "The firefighters are deployed in order to stop the fire, and additional forces from neighboring districts are on their way to help."

According to the investigation and intelligence officer of the Judea and Samaria district, Battalion Chief Eliran Tsaroya, "according to preliminary findings that point to three different locations, there is a strong suspicion that this is a deliberate arson attack."

5.27. 24 – Mo

EU push ICJ ruling on Rafah; no hostage release if PA have to shelter in tents

5.27. 24 – Mo

EU to pressure Israel to align with ICJ ruling on Rafah operation

Representatives of EU member states say World Court's ruling 'binding' and add no Israeli hostages will be released if people 'have to shelter in tents'

News Agencies|04:42

The European Union (EU) said Monday it intended to increase pressure on Israel to halt its operation in Rafah, hours after a strike in which two senior Hamas operatives were eliminated, alongside Palestinian claims saying several civilians died as a result.

EU Foreign Minister Josep Borrell noted Israel is continuing its operations in Rafah despite the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordering to halt it immediately on Friday, and added EU member states will discuss how to implement the court's decision.

Borrell made his statements shortly before a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels, asserting that the ICJ's decision must be implemented. After Borrell spoke, Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares said he would ask Spain's partners in the EU to officially support the UN high court's decision and demand that Israel comply with its rulings.

"I am going to ask the other 26 partners to declare the backing of the International Court of Justice and its decision, and also, if Israel continues to pursue against that opinion of

the Court, we would try to take the right measures to enforce that decision," he told reporters in Brussels.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock also addressed the IDF operation in Rafah in light of the ICJ's decision, saying the order was binding and must be respected. She added, "No Israeli hostage will be freed if more people now have to shelter in tents. International humanitarian law applies for all, also for Israel's conduct of the war."

5.26. 24 – Su

IDF precise munitions strike significant Hamas WB military leader compound in Rafah

5.26. 24 – Su

IDF strikes 'significant' terrorist compound, Hamas claims 'civilians hurt'
Army says eliminated Hamas's West Bank military chief; at least 27 killed, according to Gaza's Hamas-controlled health authorities
Ynet|16:40

The IDF said late on Sunday it had carried out a precise strike on a Hamas compound in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, but that it was reviewing the incident following reports that the strike caused a fire and civilians were harmed.

"An IDF aircraft struck a Hamas compound in Rafah in which significant Hamas terrorists were operating. The strike was carried out against legitimate targets under international law, using precise munitions and on the basis of precise intelligence that indicated Hamas' use of the area," the military said.

The IDF later announced that it eliminated Yassin Rabia, a senior Hamas commander leading the terrorist group's operations in the West Bank. Rabia managed the entirety of Hamas' terrorist activity across the West Bank, transferred funds to terror targets and planned Hamas terror attacks throughout the territory. In the past, Rabia carried out numerous murderous terror attacks, including in 2001 and 2002, in which IDF soldiers were killed.

The army said that Khaled Nagar, a senior official in Hamas' West Bank wing, was also killed in the attack. Nagar had reportedly directed shooting attacks and other terrorist activities across the West Bank and transferred funds intended for Hamas' terrorist activities in the Gaza Strip.

Previously, Khaled Nagar carried out several deadly terror attacks, including an attack in which Esther Galia was murdered in November 2002, an attack in Ein Yabrud in which three IDF soldiers were killed in September 2003, and a shooting attack in which Tzvi Goldstein was murdered and his family members were injured in June 2003.

According to the army, the strike was carried out in the area of Tal as Sultan, in northwest Rafah, based on precise intelligence.

"The IDF is aware of reports indicating that as a result of the strike and fire that was ignited several civilians in the area were harmed. The incident is under review," it said.

Earlier, Al Jazeera reported that at least 27 Palestinians were killed in an attack on tents for displaced people in Gaza's Rafah.

5.26. 24 – Su

Police & pilgrims clash at Mount Meron Lag BaOmer fest, over security concerns

5.26. 24 – Su

Police, pilgrims clash at Mount Meron as access restricted due to security concerns
Hundreds force their way into military-restricted zone amid recurring Hezbollah attacks;
violent clashes lead to suspension of officers pending investigation
Yair Kraus|14:17

Clashes erupted on Sunday between police and hundreds of pilgrims who arrived to take part in Lag BaOmer festivities at Mount Meron. The northern Israel site has been restricted due to recurring Hezbollah attacks toward the area.

"In the past few hours, hundreds of lawbreakers began clashing with officers at the Tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, resulting in 19 officers being evacuated for medical treatment," a police statement read.

Additionally, thousands of people had reportedly arrived at the site since the morning hours, violating the law, clashing with officers and causing property damage. Around 1,000 people were removed, and thousands more were blocked.

Footage from the scene shows an officer forcefully pushing a man. The police stated that they view this incident seriously and that the officer involved has been "suspended from duty pending an investigation."

In additional footage from the scene, a police officer is seen pushing and kicking a woman, while another clip shows medical teams treating an unconscious person lying on the ground after being beaten by officers.

Meanwhile, the police released footage of officers injured in the clashes, stating that all incidents will be investigated and "lessons will be learned accordingly."

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir announced that he spoke with Border Police Commander Brigadier General Brik Yitzhak and agreed that the Border Police officers documented acting violently against Haredim in Meron "will be suspended pending an investigation."

According to the minister's statement, this includes "an officer who brutally slammed an elderly man to the ground, an officer who fired into the air, and a female officer who hit an elderly woman."

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Possible Abomination Day **May 31** or June 20, 2024

May 31 = 490 dys = 70 wks to Messiah Arrival

5.24. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday Omer 26 07

Africa & ICJ vote to stop Israel attack in Rafah, the hiding place of Hamas leaders

5.24. 24 – Fr- - - News Placed in May 24 spot – Friday Omer 26 07

\$1.2 billion fiscal collapse, 480,000 jobs lost, Norway, Ireland & Spain declare PA a state

5.24. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday Omer 26 07

Netanyahu says IDF has detailed & surprising plans for north war

5.23. 24 – Th- - - News Placed in May 23 spot – Thursday Omer 25 08

Gantz seeks inquiry of P.M. ignoring Gaza reports prior to Oct 7

5.23. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday Omer 25 08

IDF push westward into Rafah refugee camp, purging Hamas in close encounters

5.22. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday Omer 24 09

IDF not yet in heart of Rafah, controls 70% Egypt border, intense fighting continues

5.22. 24 – We- - - News Placed in May 22 spot – Wednesday Omer 24 09

Censored three minute hostage video publicly aired to show urgency of daily abuse

5.22. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday Omer 24 09

Gallant ends 2005 Disengagement Law, opens Judea & Samaria settlements

5.22. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday Omer 24 09

Smotrich to freeze PA funds & settle WB as EU & UN nations back PA state

5.21. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in May 21 spot – Tuesday Omer 23 10

AP, an American news agency providing images to AlJazeera; defended by US

5.21. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Omer 23 10

Minister Karai seize AP equipment providing live video feeds to Al Jazeera

5.21. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Omer 23 10

IDF use drones in WB & Gaza to detect & eliminate terrorists in structures & tunnels

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 22

Rafah operation coordinated daily with Egypt, to allow locating & clearing tunnels

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 22

Three former Trump advisers met Netanyahu, amid strains between Israel and Biden

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 22

With audacity ICC warrants compare monsters of Hamas to IDF moral soldiers

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 22

ICC warrants jurisdiction of Gaza, E-Jerusalem & WB when PA signed Rome Statute

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 22

Northern farmers demand compensation for IDF commandeering their lands

5.20. 24 – Mo- - - News Placed in May 20 spot – Monday Omer 22

World Court requests arrest of Israel & Hamas leaders on charges of war crimes

5.19. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday Omer 21

Possible Iran President Raisi death in severe weather helicopter crash

5.19. 24 – Su- - - News Placed in May 19 spot – Sunday Omer 21

Settler Activists vandalizing aid trucks & looting convoys with increasing violence

5.18. 24 – Sa- - - News Placed in May 18 spot – Saturday Omer 20

Gantz sets June 8 coalition exit deadline; PM tells him to pose ultimatums to Hamas