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UN puts Israel on blacklist of countries harming children in conflict zones

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United Nations puts Israel on blacklist of countries harming children in conflict zones

Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres informs Israeli UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan that Israel was put on blacklist due to serious allegations of killing thousands of Palestinian children

Itamar Eichner|Updated:15:21

Although not official yet, Israel will join the blacklist of countries and organizations that harm children in conflict zones. The list includes Russia and terror organizations such as ISIS, Al-Queda, and Boko Haram. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the decision: "The UN put itself today on history's black list when it adopted the absurd claims of Hamas. The IDF is the most moral military in the world and no "flat earth" decision by the UN secretary-general can change that.

The report will be published next week, stating that Israel killed and injured thousands of children. "The implications may lead to an arms embargo."

Foreign Minister Israel Katz announced that there will be consequences concerning Israel's relations with the UN and the International Organizations Department at the Foreign Ministry is already preparing possible responses, following Katz's directive. "The shameful decision by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to include the IDF in the blacklist is an act of villainy. Guterres, who stood for a minute of silence in memory of Iran's president who executed tens of thousands of innocents, will be remembered in history as an antisemitic Secretary-General who chose to ignore Hamas's

sexual crimes and Israel's right to self-defense. The IDF is the most moral army in the world - and no fictitious report will change that. This step will have consequences for Israel's relations with the UN," said Katz.

The National Security Council has already held discussions on possible responses to the UN's decision. Israeli UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan recommended a series of steps, including evacuating the UNTSO headquarters in Jerusalem, closing UN facilities in East Jerusalem, denying visas and expelling senior UN officials, and cessation of funds to the UN. A senior Israeli official said, "Israel is considering removing the gauntlet against the UN."

Despite the campaign to change the secretary-general's mind, the decision will go through nonetheless. This decision did not come as a surprise to Israel due to Guterres' repeated anti-Israel statements. Various sources familiar with the matter said that "the current secretary-general hates Israel and it is impossible to influence him anymore." According to sources, "the implications of Israel's inclusion on the blacklist are very problematic and may lead countries around the world to impose an arms embargo on Israel."

Virginia Gamba de Potgieter, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Children and Armed Conflict publishes a report once a year covering the previous year which includes a list of armed states and organizations that have not taken sufficient measures to improve protection for children.

The current report covers 2023, including data in the last quarter due to events on October 7. Last year, Afghanistan, Colombia, Congo, Iraq, Mali, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, and Syria were included in the blacklist; and terror organizations ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Al-Shabaab, and Boko Haram. Last year's report included Russia due to its actions in Ukraine.

Chairman of the Blue and White party, Defense Minister Benny Gantz, also criticized the UN: "This decision is a historic low. While Israel is conducting a just war against human monsters, the UN aligns Israel with them and with ISIS. We will continue to fight this just war, and as always, act according to the highest moral standards and international law. Not because of the UN, but because that's who we are."

Chairman of the Religious Zionist Party, Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, responded: "Our future and destiny are in our hands. The nations of the world can help or interfere. But when the future of the state, and the lives of our children, hang in the balance, we have one choice, we must prevail."

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir commented: "The UN stands with Hamas and has become complicit in terror. It is a shame like no other. Israel cannot remain silent about this. The response must be harsh and include sanctions against UN personnel."

Until this last year, there was a chapter in the report dedicated to Israel and the Palestinians, but, Israel has not yet entered the blacklist. The UN has documented the number of casualties so far, but there has not been a real response to the allegations. The report's source is UN agencies and personnel on site, but Israel has criticized the UN before for relying on Palestinian figures. According to the Palestinians, even 18-year-old terrorists are counted as children and Palestinian victims, a categorization that Israel vehemently disputes.

In the draft received by Israel a few months ago, the UN blamed Israel for actions that constitute violations of international law regarding harm to children. In that draft, allegations were raised about the wide-scale use of bombs in populated areas; imposing a severe siege on Gaza; and allegations that Israel attacked critical infrastructure for humanitarian purposes, including UN facilities, schools, hospitals, water, and sanitation facilities.

The draft also includes allegations of Israel's attempt to recruit minors as "militants" and claims that security forces used children to defend themselves. In the original draft, there was no reference to Hamas and Islamic Jihad's use of children as human shields, nor any mention of Hamas firing missiles into Israeli territory and causing significant casualties among civilian populations and damage to civilian facilities, including children's playgrounds, hospitals, and schools. Also, Israel is accused of killing six children in Lebanon, but even on this issue, there was no mention of any context or reference to Hezbollah's attacks on Israel and the damage they caused.

Israel disputes the allegation that Israel's security forces are recruiting minors as informants, and unless evidence is presented, the allegation should be deleted. According to Israel's claim, even the accusation of using children as human shields is false and not based on fact. Israel condemns Hamas's use of the civilian population, including children, as human shields, which is not mentioned in the report. There is no mention that Hamas fires from civilian population centers, in proximity to schools and hospitals, which is the main reason they are at risk during the conflict.

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Belgian theater cancels Jewish school's event due to 'Gaza massacre'

A local theater in Antwerp cancels graduation party for sixth-grade students at a Jewish school due to the 'massacre happening in Gaza'; Chairman of the European Jewish

Association condemns antisemitism

Itamar Eichner|09:24

A theater in Antwerp, Belgium, canceled a graduation event for students of a local Jewish school, claiming that the school has a connection with Israel, which according to theater managers "is carrying out a massacre in Gaza."

The school rented the hall for a graduation event scheduled for June 27, marking the end of the school year. However, the theater management sent an email to the school, canceling the agreement with the school about renting the venue for the event.

"We are horrified by the massacre of the people happening in Gaza. We also work closely with several Palestinian artists, who also suffer from the occupation," the theater management wrote to the Jewish school manager. The theater continued and drew a

direct connection between the school and the State of Israel, citing this as the main reason for canceling the school's reservation.

The school did not take this cancelation lightly and is considering legal action against the theater. Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Chairman of the European Jewish Organizations Association (EJA), said that the theater's canceling the Jewish school's event is religious discrimination, similar to what the Nazis did. The association announced that it is preparing a lawsuit against the theater management and its owners. Rabbi Margolin urgently appealed in a letter to the Belgian prime minister, the interior minister, and the mayor of Antwerp demanding that as long as the hall excludes Jews, they issue an order to close it.

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IDF push west with fierce gun battles overnight to seize entire Gaza-Egypt border

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Israel secures full control over entire Gaza-Egypt border, report says
IDF forces said to seize Philadelphi Corridor completely after Gazans report attempted westward push from air and ground overnight, with fierce gun battles between Israeli troops and Hamas-led Palestinian fighters also taking place
Einav Halabi|07:41

Israel has secured full control over the Philadelphi Corridor, extending from Kerem Shalom to the coastline and stretching the entire Gaza-Egypt border, Qatari newspaper the New Arab reported Friday afternoon.

Earlier, Reuters reported, citing local residents, that the IDF attempted a westward advance in the area as it pounded Rafah from the air and ground overnight.

Residents said tanks that have taken control along the borderline with Egypt made several raids toward the west and the center of the southern city, wounding several residents who had been trapped inside their homes and were taken by surprise.

"I think the occupation forces are trying to reach the beach area of Rafah, the raids and the bombing overnight were tactical, they entered under heavy fire before they retreated," said one Palestinian man.

"It was one of the worst nights, some people were wounded inside their homes, before being evacuated this morning," he told Reuters via a chat app.

Israeli forces have also operated inside the Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip on the ground, while it kept two other camps and a city nearby under heavy bombardment from planes and tanks, killing and wounding several Palestinians, medics said.

The armed wings of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and smaller other groups reported their fighters carried out attacks against Israeli forces in several areas in central and southern the enclave.

Meanwhile, Qatari and Egyptian mediators, backed by the United States, have stepped up efforts to reach a cease-fire deal, that will halt hostilities and see the release of Israeli hostages and a number of Palestinians jailed by Israel, but sources close to the talks said there were no signs of a breakthrough.

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Egypt & Qatar threaten to expel Hamas & freeze accounts if cease-fire deal rejected

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Qatar threatens to expel Hamas if terror group rejects cease-fire deal, report says
US official says Doha has been warning Hamas for months about possible expulsion, moving to concrete threats following repeated requests from Biden and public criticism from Israel

Einav Halabi|02:46

Qatar has threatened to expel senior Hamas officials from Doha if the terrorist group does not accept a deal for the release of Israeli hostages and an end to the war in the Gaza Strip, CNN reported on Thursday.

A U.S. official said that Qatar has been warning Hamas for months that its members could be expelled, and now the country has issued a concrete threat following repeated requests from U.S. President Joe Biden and public criticism from Israel.

As the Israel-Hamas war approaches its ninth month, U.S. officials also pressed Egypt and Turkey to increase pressure on Hamas using various leverage points. Multiple countries have been asked to threaten to freeze the bank accounts of Hamas members and restrict their regional travel, according to two U.S. officials who spoke to CNN. Historically, Hamas members have operated freely despite their group's designation as a terrorist organization.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Matt Miller said on Wednesday that the U.S. has observed both Egypt and Qatar “exert significant pressure on Hamas,” though he declined to elaborate on the specifics of these efforts.

“We have seen both countries play an incredibly important role in mediating this deal, making it clear that this deal is in the interests of the Palestinian people, and doing so appropriately,” Miller said.

U.S. officials privately note that Egypt is applying more pressure on Hamas than in the past, though the extent of Egypt's private dialogue with the group remains unclear. They suggest the U.S. wants Cairo to threaten to cut off access points from Egypt to Gaza, a crucial lifeline for the enclave.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has been engaged in extensive talks with key Middle Eastern leaders since Biden announced Israel's proposal for a deal last Friday. Numerous State Department officials have also participated in these discussions.

The U.S. continues to advocate for the deal, with Biden and 16 other world leaders urging Hamas to accept it, emphasizing Israel's readiness to move forward. However, U.S. officials admit there is no backup plan if Hamas rejects the deal.

Hamas' expected refusal, as reported by the Hezbollah-affiliated Lebanese newspaper Al Akhbar, stems from clear statements by Israeli ministers and Knesset members indicating an intention to resume the war even after a hostage deal. The report claimed these statements explicitly revealed Israel's plan to renew hostilities post-deal. Hamas demands a clear framework to end the war with actionable mechanisms, dismissing U.S. guarantees as insufficient.

Since President Biden revealed the Israeli proposal, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has faced intense pressure from his government and coalition to reject what critics label a "surrender agreement," even though they have yet to review it.

In a meeting of Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, after facing criticism and threats, Netanyahu clarified he had not agreed to end the war as part of the deal, despite Biden's remarks. "The outline presented by Biden is partial. The war will pause for the return of hostages, and then we will advance discussions. There are more details that the U.S. president did not disclose to the public," Netanyahu told committee members.

Just hours after Prime Minister Netanyahu accused President Biden of concealing parts of the deal, White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby responded: "This is an Israeli proposal, and Biden presented it accurately." Despite this confrontation, Washington officials have since clarified that Hamas is to blame for the lack of a finalized deal.

Concerns have emerged in Washington that Netanyahu may struggle to accept the Israeli proposal, partly due to threats from far-right ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich to dismantle the coalition. These ministers demand that Netanyahu present the deal to the Security Cabinet. Their request is supported by Minister Benny Gantz, who, familiar with the deal's details from War Cabinet discussions, has said that it should be disclosed to the expanded Cabinet members.

Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday that Hamas leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar informed mediators through his envoys that the organization "will not surrender its guns or sign a proposal that asks for that." Sinwar emphasized that Hamas would agree to the proposed deal only if Israel commits to a permanent cease-fire. The newspaper previously reported that Sinwar is in no hurry to strike a deal, betting that Israel's international legitimacy for its war in Gaza is eroding day by day.

This report, along with Qatar's threat, follows news that Hamas has effectively decided to reject the Israeli deal, claiming it is "substantially different" from the framework Biden outlined in his speech a week ago.

"After reviewing the contents of the Israeli proposal, it became clear that it is a framework that does not lay the correct foundations for the desired agreement, as it does not guarantee a permanent cease-fire but only a temporary one," read a document from the organization published in the London-based Arabic newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat.

Israeli officials, along with their counterparts in Doha, emphasize that **no official response has yet been received from Hamas**. Following reports of Hamas' alleged rejection of the deal, Prime Minister Netanyahu's office announced the cancellation of the War Cabinet and expanded Cabinet meetings scheduled for **Thursday evening**. No reason was provided for the cancellations, and the meetings are now expected to take place on Sunday, after Benny **Gantz's deadline for leaving the government expires**. The primary obstacle to the deal remains the issue of ending the war, a point of contention for months. While **Hamas demands** a framework that ensures a complete cessation of hostilities and a **full withdrawal of the IDF from Gaza**, Netanyahu clarified, following President Biden's presentation of the Israeli proposal, that Israel could resume fighting after an initial six-week temporary cease-fire. According to **Biden**, during the **first phase**, hostages categorized as humanitarian cases—including women, the elderly and the injured—will be released, initiating negotiations for the second phase. This phase would involve a total cease-fire, a **full IDF withdrawal** from Gaza, and the **release** of all remaining **hostages**. Biden indicated that negotiations for the **second phase** would continue even if they extend beyond the six weeks of the first phase, and that the temporary cease-fire would remain in effect as long as talks are ongoing. However, **Netanyahu, facing the threat of government collapse from Ben-Gvir and Smotrich**, asserted that Israel could resume fighting if it deems the negotiations "fruitless."

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Gaza terrorists kill border Sergeant, residents fear walls and fences are not real security

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Failed infiltration attempt from Gaza sparks renewed fears among border residents
Killing of IDF tracker reignites fears among residents pressured by state to return home;
'IDF stuck in October 6 mode, talking about fortifications, walls and fences—not real security,' one local says; security coordinators demand to 'be in the loop'
Matan Tzuri|00:59

An attempted infiltration by terrorists from the Gaza Strip, who emerged from a tunnel shaft 200 yards from the border and killed IDF tracker Sergeant Major Zeed Mazarib in a firefight, has reignited concerns among residents of the Gaza border area.

This incident occurs amid the state's and military's efforts to encourage residents to return to their homes, with evacuation centers for those who have not yet returned set to close early next month. Authorities maintain there are no security obstacles preventing residents from returning.

However, **statements alone do not align with reality**, and around 4 a.m. Thursday, **lookouts detected suspicious movement in the heavy fog in Gaza**, opposite Kerem Shalom and Holit. They raised an **alert for a potential infiltration** and mobilized the Bedouin Reconnaissance Unit responsible for the sector. The **forces conducted searches**

and at 5 a.m. encountered the terrorists, who had emerged from the tunnel shaft armed with light weapons and anti-tank missiles.

The firefight between IDF forces and the terrorists lasted several minutes, resulting in the death of Sergeant Major Mazarib. An Air Force drone, redirected to monitor the group, attacked and killed two terrorists. A third terrorist was killed shortly afterward by tank fire, while one managed to escape back to Rafah.

Thursday's incident is one of the most severe near the Gaza border since the October 7 clashes. However, in recent weeks, IDF forces from the Gaza Division have detected an increasing number of infiltration attempts by Palestinian suspects, primarily from the Khan Younis area where ground operations ended about two months ago. In most cases, the attempts are thwarted within approximately one kilometer of the border, thanks to observation posts and ambushes, typically resulting in the suspects' deaths.

The incident has further undermined the sense of security among Gaza border residents, already fearful after the October 7 massacre. It highlights the ongoing threat of infiltrations from the Gaza Strip, even after eight months of warfare.

Additionally, rocket fire from Gaza has not completely ceased. Several hours after the border incident, red alert sirens were heard in southern border communities, and one rocket was crashed in an unpopulated area.

Residents also express frustration over the lack of real-time updates to community security coordinators about the infiltration attempt. Eshkol Regional Council head Gadi Yarkoni has demanded that Gaza Division Commander Brig. Gen. Avi Rosenfeld expedite the investigation and improve communication with local security officials who were not informed during the incident. Yarkoni has scheduled an urgent meeting with council security officers and the division commander to ensure such lapses do not recur.

"While the IDF responded quickly and eliminated the terrorists, preventing a larger event, I, as a security official, was not informed and had no action to take," a security coordinator in Eshkol told Ynet.

"This should not be the case. If something happens, we need to be the first to know, update the residents, and prepare accordingly, as there could be a coordinated infiltration attempt from multiple sectors. Defending the communities falls on us and the alert squads. We must be kept in the loop constantly during and after the war."

Residents are clearly worried. Tom Dannenberg, an evacuee from Kibbutz Nahal Oz, expressed his anger, saying, "As far as the IDF and its spokesperson are concerned, nothing has changed. They are still stuck in October 6th mode—deep in secrecy, lies and the flawed concept that led to Black Saturday. They continue talking about fortifications, walls, cameras, fences, alert squads, security components and shelter locks, but not about real security."

"Meanwhile, they encourage residents to return to border communities without revealing the true insecurity in the area. We are done being suckers; we have stopped believing the lies the army and its leaders are selling us. We have no trust in the government or its leaders—we will not tolerate the lies and concealment."

Criticism of Rafah operation and IDF response

Geula Rabbi from Kerem Shalom commented on the recent border incident, saying, "This proves to all of us that there is still an existential threat to the Gaza border communities, particularly Kerem Shalom." She added, "We continue to demand intensified combat in Rafah. We will not return home until the threat is completely eliminated."

Criticism of the IDF's conduct is also emerging from within the military. Thursday night, IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari responded sharply to criticism from Colonel (res.) Hezi Nechama, voiced in an interview with Ynet military correspondent Yossi Yehoshua. Nechama, who leads the IDF's reserve officer training course, argued that the current military strategies "will not lead to victory," accused the General Staff of being "disconnected from the field," and criticized the operation in Rafah.

Hagari, responding to Ynet's questions about Nechama's harsh comments, raised his voice and said, "We are fighting a multi-front war, dealing with Hezbollah in the north, defending our airspace and fighting in Gaza for eight months."

Hagari added, "It takes time to deal with Hamas, and anyone who says otherwise is deluding the public. Rafah is one of the most complex areas in the Middle East, if not the world. It had 1.4 million residents—the IDF evacuated over a million civilians. This is an unprecedented event globally. Now we are operating within the Rafah area, which is crucial as it is Hamas' lifeline. We are destroying tunnels and underground infrastructures."

While the IDF acknowledges that the fighting in Gaza will continue for a long time, with no end in sight, in four weeks, the state will stop funding the stay of some residents from the Gaza border communities, and they will be required to return home.

According to the IDF, there is "no security obstacle" preventing their return. Along with them, 2,100 residents of Sderot, currently staying in hotels, and thousands more in alternative housing and rentals are also expected to return.

Several communities scheduled to return home in the first week of July are requesting the state extend their funded stay for a few more months, citing that the sounds of war are still audible, causing anxiety among children.

The recent border incidents are not encouraging. Communities that have already announced they do not intend to return include Kibbutzim Mefalsim, Zikim, Sufa and Nir Am. They have appealed to Brig. Gen. (res.) Moshe Edri, head of the Tkumah administration, who is examining the issue and awaiting responses from the Finance Ministry.

IDF chief in Gaza border area: 'Respond quickly and decisively to infiltration attempts'
Amid the recent border incident, the IDF announced that Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi met with soldiers of the Netzah Yehuda Battalion of the Kfir Brigade stationed in the Gaza border area. He emphasized the importance of their operations in the region.

"I want to talk to you about two missions," Halevi said. "The first mission is to protect the communities here. You have nearby settlements, you have a nearby city, with a very significant responsibility to defend the border area, maintain a very secure environment, prevent enemy infiltration, and ensure no one crosses or approaches the fence. When there is an infiltration attempt, respond quickly, decisively and professionally. Prevent enemy infiltration and provide a great deal of security to the residents here."

Halevi also addressed the issue of ultra-Orthodox recruitment, saying, "the IDF needs more soldiers today. We want you to see that it is possible to be an ultra-Orthodox soldier, to study and to defend the security of the state. Continue to do good, protect the residents here, and be pioneers as ultra-Orthodox fighters, each in your own way. We will strengthen the battalion and ensure you progress, become stronger and prove that this is the right path."

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Statistic facts and credible data show adequate nutritional aid to the population of Gaza

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Study shows Gaza aid sufficient, debunking hunger claims

Researchers find Israel increased aid deliveries to Gaza by 53% from January to April, meeting and exceeding internationally required standards for nutritional aid during wartime

Itamar Eichner|15:01

Israel has met and even exceeded international standards for humanitarian aid deliveries to Gaza, according to a new study by Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Ben Gurion University in Be'er Sheva.

The study examined aid transported into Gaza through Israeli border crossings between January and April 2024, countering international concerns of a possible famine in the region. These concerns had been raised by the international community and Israel critics, who also highlighted efforts by Israeli protesters to block aid deliveries.

On Wednesday, the United Nations warned that over one million Gazans – half the population – could face starvation (IPC Phase 5) by mid-July if the war continues. A report from the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations cited the exacerbation of Gaza's situation due to limitations on aid and the "collapse of local agrifood systems over the past eight months."

The study, led by Prof. Aron Troen of Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Prof. Dorit Nitzan of the School of Public Health at Ben Gurion University, refutes claims of widespread hunger and a severe humanitarian crisis. It concludes that Israel has adhered to international food aid standards during wartime. The findings indicate a 53% increase in food deliveries to Gaza from January to April. Additionally, the nutritional aid provided by Israel met the per capita requirements for nutritional security set by Sphere Standards, the recognized international benchmark for nutritional security in war zones.

Findings

Amount of aid: The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)—a Defense Ministry unit responsible for implementing government policies in the West

Bank and Gaza Strip—approved the entry of 14,916 trucks carrying 227,854 tons of food into Gaza, averaging 3,729 food trucks per month, or 124 trucks per day.

Increase in food deliveries: The weight of food deliveries to Gaza increased by 57% over the four months surveyed. Significant increases were noted in specific food groups: nuts and seeds (1,435%), fruit (2,851%), vegetables (2,657%), dairy products and eggs (934%), potatoes (662%) and poultry and meat (97%).

Nutritional content: The average daily nutritional availability per person amounted to 3,374 calories, 101 grams of protein (12.1% of energy), 80.6 grams of fat (21.5% of energy), and 25.2 milligrams of iron. These figures meet the Sphere standards and the daily nutritional intake recommendations for the population's needs.

Methodology:

Researchers categorized food items and evaluated their quantities, assessing the nutritional value based on components. They calculated the overall energy (calories), protein, fat and iron content of all aid deliveries. These figures were divided by the exact number of Gaza residents, according to the local Gazan Central Bureau of Statistics. The average daily supply per capita was then compared to the standards set by Sphere Standards and the recommended supplies based on population.

"Despite the study's findings, the distribution of food and access to aid resources must continue to be monitored," said Prof. Dorit Nitzan. "It is vital that this work is guided by credible and transparent data to ensure appropriate nutritional aid and the health of civilians in Gaza."

Prof. Troen emphasized the importance of responding to accusations against Israel with facts and credible data. "Our findings clearly show that Israel is meeting its commitments to allow the transport of adequate nutritional aid to the population of Gaza during this emergency," he said

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Hamas leader in Gaza holds firm on demands to end war as part of potential hostage deal; Ynet|14:15

Hamas will not surrender its guns or sign a proposal that asks for that, the terror group's leader in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar told Arab mediators in a brief message they received Thursday, the Wall Street Journal reported.

According to the report, the arch-terrorist also told negotiators that he would accept a peace deal "only if Israel commits to a permanent cease-fire."

The report comes as two top U.S. officials, including Central Intelligence Agency Director William Burns, hold talks in the region aimed at jump-starting long-stalled negotiations to end the eight-month-long war.

Last Friday, U.S. President Joe Biden presented a three-phased plan to end the war during remarks from the White House, urging both parties to accept it as the best way to de-escalate the deadly conflict. "With a cease-fire, aid could be safely and effectively distributed to all who need it," Biden stated.

The Palestinian terrorist group has since indicated it would reject the U.S. leader's proposal, arguing that it allows Israel to continue its mission to eradicate the organization after all hostages are released.

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PA workers from West Bank losing work permits, driving them to criminal activities

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40,000 illegal Palestinian workers are currently in Israel, as security official warn situation can escalate

Senior security official says that lack of decision on preventing illegal Palestinian workers is fueling terrorism, and without a solution the situation in the West Bank could escalate

Elisha Ben Kimon, Itamar Eichner|03:24

The complex security situation in addition to the current political chaos leaves the issue of tens of thousands of Palestinian workers in Israel in a particularly precarious and volatile state. Security officials explain that the unresolved matter undermines stability in the West Bank.

Officials plan to request the political echelon to revisit the topic and have drafted a document highlighting its urgency after at least four previous attempts to address it were postponed. Meanwhile, around 40,000 illegal Palestinian workers are employed in Israel.

These 40,000 illegal workers compromise security along the West Bank barrier and within Israel, hampering the security forces' ability to monitor and control entries. Although the number of illegal workers is gradually increasing, it is still far from the pre-war figures, significantly impacting the Palestinian economy. The inability to legally enter Israel for work also deters many permit-holding workers from infiltrating, fearing arrest and loss of their permits.

"They abandoned the pilot program due to opposition from Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben-Gvir," a security source explained. "Truthfully, the security establishment isn't pushing hard enough either. Currently, about 6,500 essential workers legally enter Israel, plus another 10,000 in the industrial zones in the West Bank, which is very few. We clearly want more, but it's up to the political echelon. Netanyahu can't make decisions." According to the officials, the absence of workers undermines security, creating a clear chain reaction. "When there's no money from one side, it comes from the other, from Iran.

Young Palestinians without income turn to terror activities funded by Iran and Hamas, who exploit the situation. The economic hardship also leads to criminal activities. For comparison, since the start of the war, there have been 42 bank and jewelry store robberies, compared to 22 similar incidents in 2023."

Beyond the security issue, there's also an economic aspect. Before the war, 150,000 Palestinians worked within the Green Line and in the Jewish settlements, mostly in construction and agriculture. These sectors are not deemed essential in emergencies and thus haven't been authorized to employ Palestinian workers since October. This means nearly nine months without Palestinian workers. The implications on the ground are severe: The real estate market is nearly at a standstill due to a lack of builders, agriculture faces a severe labor shortage, and ripe crops are being wasted, leading to enormous losses for farmers.

These are just some of the reasons why the Shin Bet, IDF, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, and the National Security Council, have been urging the cabinet for six months to convene and discuss the issue of admitting Palestinian workers. This push, supported by Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, includes several proposed pilot programs. One such proposal suggests initially increasing the number of legal workers in Israel to 15,000, using a closed-loop entry system. Regardless, the economic situation for Palestinians in the West Bank continues to deteriorate, with unemployment rising to 33%, up from 12% before the war. In an attempt to mitigate the situation, authorities have been easing restrictions where possible. Last month, the Salem and Gilboa crossings were reopened to visitors, and the Foqus crossing near Beit El was also opened earlier this week. However, these are merely cosmetic solutions. The security establishment has been warning for months that without a comprehensive solution, the volatile situation in the West Bank could escalate further.

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IDF strikes Hamas terrorists operating inside central Gaza Strip UNRWA school

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IDF strikes Hamas terrorists operating inside UNRWA school in Gaza

Among those killed were Nukhba Forces who took part in October 7 massacre, according to IDF; Steps taken to reduce risk to civilians

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi | Yesterday | 23:34

Israeli Air Force fighter jets conducted a precise strike on a Hamas compound embedded inside a UNRWA school in the area of Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip overnight between Wednesday and Thursday, the IDF confirmed on Thursday morning. The airstrike was directed by IDF intelligence and the Israel Security Agency, according to the IDF, and eliminated terrorists who participated in the October 7 massacre.

The Palestinians claim that at least 39 people were killed in the air strike on the school set up by the United Nations Palestinian refugee agency in the center of the Gaza Strip.

According to a statement from the IDF spokesman on Thursday morning, fighter jets attacked directed by the forces of the 99th Division, the Intelligence Division and the Shin Bet, a compound used by Hamas located inside a UNRWA school in the area of the Nuseirat refugee camp. Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists who belonged to the Nukhba Forces and took part in the murderous attack on communities in southern Israel on October 7 were operating in the compound, according to the IDF.

The terrorists directed terror from the area of the school while exploiting it and using it as a shelter. Several terrorists who planned to carry out terror attacks and promote terrorist activities against IDF troops in the immediate time frame were eliminated in the strike, the IDF said.

Before the strike, a number of steps were taken to reduce the risk of harming uninvolved civilians during the strike, including conducting aerial surveillance, and additional intelligence information, according to the IDF.

The Palestinians claimed that the attack hit the al-Sardi school, which served as a shelter for displaced Gazans, and the bodies were evacuated to hospitals in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip.

"This is a horrific genocide that shames humanity," Hamas accused. The director general of the government communications office in Gaza estimated that the death toll would rise. "We call on the international community to put pressure on Israel to stop the genocide in Gaza," he said.

On Wednesday, the IDF announced the launch of a divisional operation in the central Gaza Strip in the al-Bureij refugee camp and in Deir al-Balah. At the same time as the airstrikes, soldiers of the 7th Brigade began a targeted attack on the al-Bureij area, and soldiers of the Kfir Brigade combat unit launched an attack in eastern Deir al-Balah. The aid organization Doctors Without Borders claims that since Tuesday at least 70 dead Palestinians and more than 300 wounded were brought to Al-Aqsa Hospital following the attacks in central Gaza.

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Hamas kills IDF dog in Gaza & hid bomb under body, troops cleared & buried the canine

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Hamas kills IDF combat dog in Gaza and rigs its body to kill troops
IDF Oketz Canine Unit soldiers realize Hamas rigged one of the unit's dogs after it did not return from inspecting a suspicious building in Jabaliya in Gaza; Oketz expects to triple within 5 years as female soldiers join following the unit's success
Yoav Zitun|16:12

Soldiers from the IDF's Oketz canine unit sent a combat dog into a building where terrorists were hiding in the Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza about two weeks ago. When

the dog did not return, the soldiers retrieved its body, and only then realized the dead dog was rigged with explosives; this realization prevented human casualties.

Since October 7, the unit has lost about 30 dogs, but it is expected to grow due to its operational success.

The unit scanned the suspicious building with a drone to search for the large IDF dog which seemed to have vanished. The dog was shortly spotted lying on the sidewalk next to the building, and it was unclear if it was still alive. When the soldiers arrived at the spot, it had disappeared again. They found the dog lying on the floor next to the adjacent building but suspected that the terrorists had secretly killed it and hid explosives under its body, understanding that the IDF would eventually come back to retrieve it.

The reinforced scanning team did not fall into the trap and managed to identify residual explosives coming out of the dog's body, which had almost been turned into a bomb. The explosives were removed from the dog, which was taken for burial in the canine cemetery in the Oketz base.

This is not the first time Hamas terrorists have set traps for soldiers. Several units reported to have found AK-47s rigged on top of pinless grenades in the absence of the terrorists who set the trap. Moving or lifting the gun would trigger the grenade to explode, immediately wounding or killing IDF soldiers.

In addition to the approximately 30 dogs killed in action, more than a dozen canines were injured and retired from service. In recent months, the unit has acquired dozens of new dogs from abroad for various tasks. The unit's manpower (and dogpower) will nearly triple over the next five years.

"We are already looking at the situation in the north after the extensive experience gained with the dogs in Gaza," says a senior officer from the counter-terrorism unit. "The unit has become a world leader in many unique professional aspects of combat with dogs in Gaza, and with fighters who operate deep in enemy territory, for sensitive tasks of identifying casualties and even for special tasks of identifying explosive materials." Drones and intervention units

As part of Oketz's build-up, the IDF purchased several sets of live broadcast equipment for the dogs, to broadcast the operation in real-time, which is unprecedented in the IDF. Oketz canines marked hundreds of explosives in combat in Gaza. "We also use drones and other means, so it has never happened that a dog incorrectly marked or failed to detect explosives in a way that caused harm to soldiers. We do not endanger soldiers by rescuing the dogs' bodies and, where it's too dangerous, we are forced to leave their bodies in Gaza," said sources from Oketz.

During several acquisitions for the unit's operations, Oketz is preparing to incorporate female combat instructors for the first time in the unit's history. These soldiers will serve for at least two years and eight months, like their male counterparts under the same rigorous physical standards. The reason for the relentless threshold is that this position is primarily a combat role.

The IDF is renovating its counter-terrorism efforts with a drone unit that will train soldiers to spot suspicious activity after a short course. Also, the counter-terrorism unit is training reservists to act as counter-terrorism first responders in the event of an invasion around Gaza and the West Bank. All the reservists selected for this mission have completed their service in the counter-terrorism unit. Also, the IDF's training for sharpshooters will expand, training reservists after already having trained about 20,000 reserve fighters since October 7.

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Border Defense Corps reserve & veterans will shield communities near Gaza

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IDF establishes dedicated Gaza border communities defense unit

The Gaza Envelope LOTAR unit to be made up of reservists, veteran elite unit operatives living in or near the border communities; 'Unit will serve as regional anchor for all those committed to defending the homeland'

Yoav Zitun|15:02

The IDF is establishing a dedicated unit to protect the communities in the Gaza border area, aiming to provide "a rapid and available response to terrorist incidents in the sector."

The Gaza Envelope LOTAR unit in Division 143 will be made up of reservists and veteran elite unit operatives living in or near the border communities; the unit will be on standby for deployment in the sector, to provide a quick, efficient response when needed.

The IDF spokesperson stated that the soldiers in the unit will undergo specialized training, after which they will be "certified as skilled operatives for the sector's challenges."

The unit's formation follows IDF Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi's directive based on lessons learned from the initial field investigations of the October 7 terror attack. Hundreds of soldiers have applied to join the unit and are currently undergoing the selection process ahead of the establishment training set to take place in the coming weeks.

The unit is part of the Mashiv Haruach staff work of the Border Defense Corps and the Infantry and Paratroopers Corps, aimed at improving and rehabilitating community defense forces.

On Tuesday, a ceremony marking the unit's establishment was held in the presence of Division Commander Brig. Gen. Avi Rosenfeld, Unit Commander Lt. Col. (Res.) A, security officers, community security coordinators and division personnel. "The establishment of the unit during this period encapsulates the essence of Israel's story - from destruction to rebirth," said the unit commander at the ceremony.

"The blow we received on October 7, the subsequent recovery, social cohesion, transition to combat and joint action, the beginning of rebuilding and creating a safer future. This is why we gathered here, in the heart of a region that has been battered and suffered so

much, where we lost our best people, and now are bringing about the creation of a unit that will serve as a regional anchor and a magnet for all those committed to defending the homeland and continuing to contribute to the state," he added.

6.05. 24 – We

Ben-Gvir & 1,500 waved flags & sang anthem on Temple Mount, Jerusalem Day

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Ben-Gvir says status quo violated on Temple Mount: 'Jews prayed freely'; Netanyahu: 'Status quo hasn't changed'

On Jerusalem Day, National Security Minister Ben-Gvir declares end to Temple Mount status quo after activists waved flags and sang Israel's national anthem; 'Temple Mount is ours, Damascus Gate is ours, let the whole world know that'; Netanyahu: 'Status quo will not change'

Roni Green Shaulov, Liran Tamari|14:54

Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir declared on Wednesday during the Jerusalem Day Flag March that "Jews prayed freely on the Temple Mount." Activists were seen waving flags and singing the national anthem. Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount constitutes a violation of the status quo.

Following Ben-Gvir's declaration, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu contradicted his words and said in a statement issued by his office that "The status quo on the Temple Mount has not changed and will not change."

"I came here for one thing, to send a message to Hamas and to every house in Gaza and also in the north. Jerusalem is ours. The Damascus Gate, Temple Mount is ours," Ben-Gvir near Damascus Gate.

"Today, according to my policy, Jews entered the Old City freely. And also the Temple Mount where they prayed freely. We say in the simplest way, it's ours. This is the message to Hamas. I pray for the wounded, pray for the release of the hostages. But I say, Hamas and Hezbollah must be defeated in war, only in war! And this is ours, our Temple Mount, our Damascus Gate. Let the whole world know it."

Ben-Gvir did not condemn the Jewish activists' violence against journalists who came to cover the event. According to the police, 18 people were arrested throughout the day following various violent incidents, including five 16-year-old boys who attacked journalists. Thousands of people participated in the march, and more than 3,000 police officers, Border Police officers and volunteers secured the march route spanning from central Jerusalem, through the Damascus Gate, to the Western Wall.

Ben-Gvir pressed the police to allow thousands of marchers to pass through the Damascus Gate, the main entrance to the Muslim Quarter of the Old City. Despite the sensitive nature of the location, Hamas fired rockets at that area in 2021 during the Flag

March, which led to the launch of Operation Guardian of the Walls. The police claimed that this year there was no intelligence indicating an intention to disrupt the march and that "incitement attempts were felt less this time."

Before the march, and as part of Jerusalem Day's events, more than 1,500 Jews visited the Temple Mount. Many of them waved Israeli flags at the site.

Tom Nisani, CEO of Beyadenu (In Our Hands) – Returning to the Temple Mount, said: "The enemy's scheme failed. Instead of being terrorized, the Jewish people filled the Temple Mount on Jerusalem Day to prove that we cannot be defeated. Indeed, from the morning, dozens of Jews were detained on the mount, but discrimination will not prevent us from continuing to establish our sovereignty in the holiest place for the Jewish people. This is the resounding response to all the mosque images in Hamas's houses."

The Kingdom of Jordan, which is the authority responsible for the Temple Mount, condemned what it called the "storming" of the site holy to both Jews and Muslims under the auspices of the Israel Police. The Jordanian Foreign Ministry said that Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi spoke with UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed and that the two condemned the continuation of "Israeli attacks" on the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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Gaza war prisoner temporary facility to close & transfer to new detention facility

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Gazan prisoners to be transferred to new detention facility, state tells Supreme Court
Human rights organizations appeal to the Supreme Court to shut down the the Sde Teiman facility, which holds security prisoners in what they say are abysmal conditions; 'Even suspects involved in the worst acts are entitled to humane detention'
Gilad Morag|13:44

Most of the Palestinians captured after Hamas' October 7 massacre will be transferred from the Sde Teiman detention facility located near Beer Sheva, the state told the Supreme Court.

Following an investigation published last month by CNN, which reported "abuse and torture" of Palestinian detainees in the Sde Teiman facility, the Supreme Court on Wednesday addressed the appeal by the human rights organizations. The activists are demanding the closure of the facility near Beer Sheva. Shortly before the hearing, the state responded: "Efforts are being made to improve conditions."

The petition was filed by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, the Center for the Defense of the Individual, the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel, and the Center for the Protection of the Right to Travel. The

organizations stated that "over the past months, evidence has accumulated regarding what is happening at the facility, revealing an incomprehensible reality."

According to them, "procedures were performed without anesthesia, detainees were held for many days in painful positions and in isolation, leading to organ amputations; detainees were held blindfolded for long periods even during medical treatment and abuse." The organizations further wrote in their petition that "even suspects involved in the worst acts are entitled to humane detention, ensuring basic human needs."

The state said it would soon transfer the detainees to another location, explaining in its response to the court that "the facility was opened overnight following the events of October 7 and was intended to serve as an initial detainment facility for prisoners captured during combat in Gaza, before their transfer to the Shin Bet or their release."

"Many arrests were made during combat, leading to a dramatic and unprecedented increase in prisoner numbers," the state added in its comments. "Due to crowding in the Shin Bet facilities, detainees were held in the facility for a longer period than originally anticipated. A medical facility was also established nearby."

The state announced that a new military detention facility has been opened, where many prisoners are awaiting their transfer to Shin Bet facilities. "Another 500 prisoners from the Sde Teiman facility will be transferred to the facility, and the transfer will be completed within 10 days. Afterward, only 200 prisoners are expected to remain in the Sde Teiman facility."

The state said the IDF will work to accommodate the prisoners in other facilities in the immediate future and will upgrade the medical facility while establishing a new facility, which will lead to changes and improvements in conditions.

Moreover, the state announced the establishment of a new oversight mechanism. "An advisory committee has been tasked with examining the conditions of imprisonment, the treatment of prisoners, the proper management of IDF-run detention facilities, and their adherence to regulations and international law," the state explained in its response.

"The advisory committee has begun its work and has been requested to submit its recommendations to the IDF Chief of Staff within 21 days of its appointment," according to the response. The state clarified that it does not accept the petitioners' appeals and these actions to improve imprisonment conditions for detainees did not happen in response to the appeal.

The representative in the hearing stated that "it is important for us to emphasize that the petition does not deal with interrogations or their release, but their holding conditions. We argue that the facility operates without authority. It is impossible to declare it a facility without basic conditions. People there are bound and blindfolded because there is no other way to guard them."

Acting President of the Supreme Court of Israel Uzi Vogelman said: "We understand that on Monday, June 10, the last remaining detainees will be transferred. I assume that the matter will be examined by the authorities."

Biden claims Netanyahu intentionally prolonging the war for political purposes

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Biden walks back, says Netanyahu not 'playing politics' in war

Comment comes amid continued American efforts to secure a hostage deal while US's Sullivan meets with families of American hostages in Israel

Itamar Eichner|16:18

Amid ongoing efforts by the U.S. to bring about a hostage deal that would end the war in Gaza, U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday walked back on his comment published the same day in a Time magazine interview in which he said there were reasons to conclude Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was intentionally prolonging the war in Gaza for his personal political purposes.

"He's trying to work out a serious problem he has," Biden said shortly after the interview was published. The American president made the remarks at the White House after a reporter asked him if he believed Netanyahu was "playing politics with the war." Biden responded: "I don't think so."

Meanwhile, U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan met with the families of American hostages held by Hamas on Tuesday and noted Hamas hasn't yet responded to the proposal for a deal. However, even if they respond positively, "the U.S. will know how to deal with Netanyahu." This is Sullivan's ninth meeting with the families since October 7.

From the briefing presented to the families, it appears that pressures for a deal are being applied on several levels - Israel's military pressure and international ones. The U.S. is in talks with Qatar and Turkey, and Biden's special envoy, Brett McGurk, will be returning to the region. The families asked for a meeting with CIA Director Bill Burns but were told he wasn't in Washington, hinting he was on a mission related to negotiations for the deal.

The U.S. and mediators are trying to influence Hamas as well. Sullivan's words suggest the current dynamic is positive, but if a deal does not materialize now, the process will need to restart, which could mean a death sentence for the hostages.

Sullivan stressed to the families that the framework Biden presented is the same as the one proposed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which was approved by Israel's War Cabinet.

Rubi Chen, the father of hostage Itay Chen, who was present in the meeting, said: "I don't see any other alternative than having a deal now." Sullivan also raised the issue of humanitarian aid, saying that increasing it is in the interest of anyone who wants a deal to happen. He noted that more trucks carrying goods are entering Gaza than with aid, and more aid needs to be brought in.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is seeking to present a draft resolution to a vote in the UN Security Council later this week. The resolution calls for Hamas to immediately and unconditionally accept the hostage deal and notes the importance of both parties adhering

to the terms of the agreement once accepted. The move aims to pressure Hamas but also prevent Israel from resuming fighting after the first phase of the proposed deal.

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) major democracies said in a statement that they "fully endorse and will stand behind the comprehensive" cease-fire and hostage release deal. The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt said it was important to "deal seriously and positively." Biden believes the cease-fire deal on the table is the best chance to get hostages out of Gaza and end hostilities, the White House said earlier on Tuesday. The United States will continue to work with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to try to get the proposal over the finish line, spokesman John Kirby said.

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Carlebach family food factory volunteers to feed soldiers with a band and a barbecue

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The family food factory that volunteered to feed soldiers

For decades, the Carlebach family has been caring for the tens of thousands of visitors to Meron; However, the day after October 7, they mobilized all their resources to provide food and entertainment for thousands of soldiers in the north and south

Yair Kraus|15:46

For nearly 60 years, the Carlebach family has provided food and drink to those visiting the tomb of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in Meron through their organization, "Hachnasat Orchim." However, the call they received on a Sunday morning, the day after Simchat Torah on October 7, propelled brothers Eliezer and Yossi Carlebach into a completely different kind of action.

A group of soldiers gathered near Ein Zeitim and asked them for water. When they arrived, the brothers realized the troops also needed food. They quickly returned with rolls, cold cuts and condiments. By the next day, they had scaled up their efforts significantly.

"We bought grills and went out with teams that eventually included up to 400 volunteers in the south and north, preparing hearty hamburger meals with drinks for the soldiers," Yossi explained. Within days, they had mobilized a fleet of three food trucks, dozens of grills and serving stations. They traveled to various points across the north and south, bringing a band to lift the soldiers' spirits.

Since the start of the war, they have distributed around half a million hamburger meals and over a million cans and bottles of drinks. This enormous project, aimed at encouraging and feeding the soldiers, is estimated to have cost about 15 million shekels. "We saw this as an opportunity to bring people together and sanctify God's name. It was our way of contributing to the national effort," said Eliezer Carlebach. He described how

the soldiers eagerly awaited their arrival for encouragement and support even on particularly tough days when grim news of casualties was constant.

"On the day 21 soldiers were killed in a building collapse in Gaza, we thought it was inappropriate to visit the soldiers on the Gaza border with a band and a barbecue. But the soldiers begged us to come and cheer them up," Eliezer shared. "They told us they needed to see that the people of Israel were happy with them and standing strong despite the heavy toll and the hardships of battle. They wanted us to lift them out of their sadness."

The brothers observed that, in the initial months of the war, everyone seemed eager to contribute to unity and collective effort. They noted a stark contrast between the public sentiment and the reality on the ground.

"It was painful and frustrating to hear talk of division when we saw firsthand the camaraderie and unity among people from all walks of life, religious and secular alike," Eliezer said. "The people of Israel do not want to fight among themselves. Everyone is doing what they can to help and participate."

The Carlebach family has long been involved in hosting pilgrims at the tomb of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in Meron, following the command of the kabbalist Rabbi Isaac Luria to care for the needs of those who make the long journey. "Our father, Rabbi Meir Carlebach, established a large kitchen near the tomb, and since then, everyone who arrives receives hot meals and can have cold or hot drinks to refresh themselves," Eliezer recounted.

The decision to go out into the field and mobilize hundreds of volunteers from across the country to bring hot food to the soldiers was not just about feeding them, but about lifting their spirits.

"The army knows how to feed even a million soldiers if necessary, but this was an unexpected event, and there was a significant need in the early weeks. Every person in Israel has mobilized for the soldiers, but we wanted to bring the kitchen to the bases and gathering points to give them an experience that was much more than just a hot meal in a tin," he concluded.

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Border fires surpasses damage of entire Second Lebanon War; a very, very high price

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Fires continue to rage on northern border as War Cabinet discusses how to fight Hezbollah

Current damage to land on the northern border has surpasses that inflicted during the entire Second Lebanon War and is still increasing; Northern residents criticize government inaction

Itamar Eichner, Lior Ben Ari, Yair Kraus, Ilana Curiel|14:47

Israel's War Cabinet convened on Tuesday evening to discuss the escalation on the northern border. The discussion took place at the request of Minister Benny Gantz

following the last 24 hours, during which many fires broke out across areas close to the border with Lebanon following Hezbollah missile barrages.

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi held a tour and situation assessment Tuesday with the Israel Fire and Rescue Services Commissioner Eyal Caspi at the military's Gabor base on the northern border. The chief of staff told the Golani Brigade commanders on the northern border: "We are approaching the point where a decision will have to be made, and the IDF is prepared and very ready for this decision."

"We have been striking here for eight months and Hezbollah is paying a very, very high price," Halevi said. "Hezbollah has increased its attacks in recent days and we are prepared after a very good process of training up to the level of a General Staff exercise to move to an offensive in the north. Strong defense, readiness for an offensive, we are approaching a decision point."

Fire Commissioner Eyal Caspi said: "The collaborations that take place routinely with the IDF lead to the required preparation and readiness of both bodies and are implemented in practice also in wartime, while maximizing the relative advantage of each of the formations for the benefit of the State of Israel."

The Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF) noted that tens of thousands of dunams of natural forest have burned and added that the fire damage in the north at this stage is twice that seen throughout the Second Lebanon War.

KKL-JNF Chairwoman Ifat Ovadia-Luski held a situation assessment on Tuesday that indicated the estimated damage is currently twice that of the Second Lebanon War, and it is expected to grow even more after all of the fires are surveyed thoroughly. "The damage in the north is immense and is still difficult to assess. The restoration work will be significant," Ovadia-Luski said.

Gantz and Minister Gadi Eizenkot met with northern municipality heads on Tuesday at the Mateh Asher Regional Council. Moshe Davidovich, head of the Mateh Asher Regional Council, criticized the government's actions during the meeting. "We're eight months into the war, and residents of the north feel abandoned. As government ministers, you should know that the north is transparent before your eyes," he said.

Meanwhile, amid the increasing escalation on the northern front, Hezbollah Deputy Secretary-General Naim Qassem told Al-Jazeera that "if Israel wants to fight a full-scale war, we're ready for it."

"Any Israeli action to widen the war against Lebanon will lead to destruction and displacement in Israel. The resistance is ready for battle and won't allow Israel to achieve victory," he said.

"We don't intend to widen the war, but we'll fight if it is forced upon us. We have received threats in recent months and responded by saying the Lebanese front is connected to Gaza. The claims of the Radwan force withdrawing from the Lebanon border are false. We used a small section of our capabilities, proportionate to the nature of the fighting," Qassem added.

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IDF raid deep in Gaza, shredding Hamas brigades in UNRWA clinic & school complexes

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IDF attacking from air and ground in central Gaza hotspots

Palestinians have reported severe attacks in the area, and IDF confirms that troops are deep in central Gaza, dismantling terror infrastructures, including a UNRWA clinic and separate school complex

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi|12:41

Israeli Air Force fighter jets are conducting strikes on Hamas terror targets in the central Gaza Strip, specifically in the Al-Bureij area, the IDF spokesperson reported on Tuesday afternoon. These airstrikes are being carried out in coordination with ground forces, guided by precise intelligence. Palestinians have described the situation as a "belt of fire" engulfing several areas in the strip's center.

Currently, the operation is concentrated on the Al-Bureij camp, with the 7th Brigade's combat team actively engaged. However, there are indications that the scope of the operation may broaden in the coming days.

Earlier reports from Palestinians indicated that the IDF launched a ground raid on towns near the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. Intense artillery shelling was also reported within residential neighborhoods of Al-Bureij, which the IDF spokesperson confirmed.

Palestinian sources, including the news agency Shehab, reported casualties, including two deaths following an artillery strike on an UNRWA clinic in Al-Bureij. The IDF spokesperson had previously confirmed that a UAV strike targeted a Hamas complex within an UNRWA school in the same area, where Hamas operatives were present.

This is not the IDF's first operation in Al-Bureij. Roughly six months ago, the 36th Division executed a mission aimed at dismantling the central camp brigades of Hamas, entrenched in densely populated civilian areas serving as significant terror hubs. In Al-Bureij alone, the IDF estimated around 1,000 Hamas terrorists were positioned in fortified ambush sites.

The ground entry was preceded by extensive air and artillery "belt of fire" attacks. Initial confrontations in Al-Bureij saw dozens of militants neutralized, some of whom attempted to launch anti-tank missiles but were thwarted by IDF ambushes. Early in the operation, IDF infantry brigades discovered a tunnel leading to an extensive underground network and a Hamas training compound stocked with numerous weapons.

Meanwhile, the 679th Brigade's combat team, operating under the 99th Division, continues its mission in the corridor area of central Gaza. This includes focused raids in the Al-Zahra neighborhood. During these raids, the forces uncovered rocket warheads

stored in UNRWA sacks and various other weapons, including rockets and an anti-aircraft missile.

During one operation, terrorists fired an RPG at IDF forces, who swiftly retaliated with tank fire. The brigade's fire coordination system directed Air Force aircraft to eliminate the threat.

On Monday night, in collaboration with the Yahalom Combat Engineering unit, the brigade forces completed the demolition of a mile-long underground tunnel at a depth of 75 feet. This route, utilized by Hamas, ran near the corridor area where IDF forces are stationed. The coordinated efforts of the brigade and Air Force resulted in the elimination of dozens of militants and the destruction of more than 70 terror infrastructure sites.

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Coalition proposes bill to halt university funds over antisemitic professors

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Coalition whip Ofir Katz's bill would mandate the dismissal of any teacher or lecturer who speaks against Israel or tacitly supports or condones terrorism

Tamar Trabelsi-Hadad, Moran Azulay | Yesterday | 23:32

Coalition whip Ofir Katz introduced an expedited bill on Monday aimed at removing professors who speak against the State of Israel or express support for terrorism, terminating them without severance pay.

The proposal, crafted in collaboration with the National Union of Israeli Students and endorsed by both coalition and opposition members, is expected to trigger significant backlash in academic circles.

"Any institution that fails to dismiss a lecturer under this law will lose its funding from the Council for Higher Education," the bill stipulates.

Katz explained that the proposal to "eradicate terrorism from academia" was a reaction to provocative statements made by professors at various institutions, which have escalated since the events of October 7 and the outbreak of the war. These inflammatory remarks often receive institutional support, according to Katz.

He highlighted the case of Dr. Anat Matar, senior lecturer from the Department of Philosophy at Tel Aviv University, who eulogized terrorist Walid Daqqa as "beloved and a source of inspiration" after his death in prison. Despite student protests, the university president refused to dismiss Matar, citing "freedom of speech, even for painful statements."

Prof. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian from the Hebrew University was also mentioned in the bill. She was detained and later released after being accused of incitement for labeling

Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide and calling for the abolition of Zionism, on top of questioning reports of rapes by Hamas on October 7.

According to the bill, set to be reviewed by the Ministerial Committee for Legislation, institutions must dismiss any lecturer (including teaching and research staff) who denies Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state, incites terrorism, or supports terrorist organizations. Support for terrorist organizations includes endorsing armed struggle or terrorist acts by enemy states, terrorist groups, or individuals against Israel.

"We will not let terrorism infiltrate Israeli academia under the pretense of 'freedom of expression," Katz said. "We will not tolerate statements that endorse terrorism or facilitate anti-Israel activities. It is time to fight terrorism in academia, and I am dedicated to this cause."

National Union of Israeli Students Chairman Elchanan Pelheimer added, "It is time to eliminate terrorism from academia. We cannot allow this to continue. We urge all Knesset members, regardless of political affiliation, to support this bill. Freedom of expression is essential, but incitement to terrorism is unacceptable."

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1 billion shekels donation from American to Bar-Ilan University Deep Tech fields

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1 billion shekels in anonymous donation to Bar-Ilan University

University President Professor Arie Zaban says the funds to be used to recruit dozens of researchers in Deep Tech fields; donation is one of the largest ever made to Israeli universities

Tamar Trabelsi-Hadad | Yesterday | 23:26

A donation of one billion shekels was made anonymously to Bar Ilan University, its president Professor Arie Zaban said. Israeli universities are facing an exceptionally challenging year. Threats of boycotts amid ongoing war and government budget cuts to higher education have significantly reduced investments in science in Israel.

Zaban announced the extraordinary donation on Monday to the university's board of trustees. He said that the significant contribution will enable the university to initially recruit dozens of top researchers in Deep Tech fields such as energy, environment, health, engineering, and more. Some of these researchers will return from universities abroad.

The donor, who believes in the power of science to strengthen Israel's technological resilience, chose Bar-Ilan University to realize his vision. "We have a great mission ahead of us," said Professor Zaban. "More than ever, Israel needs technological resilience based on scientific innovation. This is the key to a thriving society and economy. Bar-Ilan will work to bolster the nation's technological resilience."

This donation is the largest ever received by Bar-Ilan University since its establishment and is one of the most substantial contributions ever made to Israeli universities. The

donor, who has chosen to remain anonymous, is a Jewish North American who participated in World War II, viewed Israel as a safe haven for the Jewish people, and recognized the importance of its economic and social stability.

According to Professor Zaban, "The donor, a man of broad academic knowledge, believed that developing Israel's technological resilience hinges primarily on groundbreaking science. During his visits to Israel, he was impressed by Bar-Ilan University's significant influence in key areas essential to the country's existence, thanks to its established scientific infrastructure and deep involvement in Israeli society in all its diversity.

"We will invest this legacy gift in advancing Deep Tech sciences that will impact the future of Israel and humanity. This is just the beginning, and I call on additional partners to join us on the scientific path we are leading for the benefit of our society and economy."

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US seeks UN backing for proposed Gaza ceasefire deal

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A one-page draft text circulated to the 15-member council calls on Hamas to accept the deal and 'fully and implement its terms without delay and without condition'; stresses need for both side to adhere to terms

Reuters | Yesterday | 22:55

The U.S. said on Monday it wants the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution backing the proposal outlined by President Joe Biden to end fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

It circulated a one-page draft text, seen by Reuters, to the 15-member council. A resolution needs at least nine votes in favor and no vetoes by the U.S., France, Britain, China or Russia to pass.

The U.S. proposal comes a week after Algeria proposed a draft Security Council resolution demanding a Gaza ceasefire, release of all hostages held by Hamas and essentially ordering Israel to "immediately halt its military offensive" in Rafah. Biden on Friday laid out what he described as a three-phase Israeli proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza in return for the release of Israeli hostages, saying "it's time for this war to end" and winning a positive initial reaction from Hamas.

"Numerous leaders and governments, including in the region, have endorsed this plan and we call on the Security Council to join them in calling for implementation of this deal," said U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield in a statement.

She urged council members to adopt the resolution. "We must speak with one voice in support of this deal," she said.

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) major democracies said in a statement that they "fully endorse and will stand behind the comprehensive" ceasefire and hostage release deal. The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt said it was important to "deal seriously and positively."

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Gaza seeks to join South Africa case at World Court with PA judge on the ICJ panel

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Palestinians seek to join Gaza genocide case at World Court

If granted by the court, the request could allow the Palestinian authorities to also add an ad hoc judge of their choosing to the ICJ panel

Reuters|13:56

Palestinian authorities have filed an application with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to join South Africa as a party in its Gaza genocide case against Israel, the court said on Monday.

In a statement, the ICJ, also known as the World Court, said the Palestinian authorities "filed ... an application for permission to intervene and a declaration of intervention in the (South Africa v. Israel) case."

On May 31st, the Palestinian authorities officially recognized the authority of the ICJ to resolve all disputes that may arise or have already arisen under Article IX, which paved the way for them to request to join South Africa's case against Israel as a party.

If granted by the court, the request could allow the Palestinian authorities to also add an ad hoc judge of their choosing to the ICJ panel which currently has 16 judges, 15 of the court's regular judges and one Israeli ad hoc judge.

South Africa and Israel have been invited to furnish written observations on the Palestinian application for permission to intervene as a party.

The Palestinian authorities became a signatory to the genocide convention in 2014 after they were granted United Nations permanent observer state status.

The 1948 Genocide Convention is the basis for South Africa's ICJ case against Israel for allegedly committing genocide in Gaza as that treaty grants the court jurisdiction to rule on disputes between signatories about the convention.

Historically, the kind of intervention the Palestinians are seeking as a full-fledged party to the case has been granted only a handful of times by the ICJ since 1945.

Several other states have already signaled they want to intervene in the Gaza genocide case including Nicaragua, Colombia, Lybia, and Mexico.

In December last year, South Africa filed a genocide case against Israel over the war in Gaza declaring that Israel was in breach of its obligations under the Genocide Convention. Last month, the World Court ordered Israel to prevent acts of genocide against Palestinians and do more to help civilians, although it stopped short of ordering a ceasefire as requested by South Africa.

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PM did not agree to reckless Biden proposition that ignores Israel's objectives

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PM says did not agree to end war without objectives met

Netanyahu tells lawmakers there is more than Biden revealed in his speech; WH pushes back, says Biden 'accurately reflects' Israel's proposal; Ben-Gvir, Smotrich say were not allowed to see proposal; repeat threats to end coalition
Itamar Eichner, Moran Azulay|10:47

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that U.S. President Joe Biden presented only a partial outline of the agreed proposal to secure a cease-fire in Gaza and the release of the Israeli hostages.

"There is more in the proposal that Biden did not mention," Netanyahu told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee adding he did not agree to end the war.

"As for the gaps, I don't know what gaps you're referring to," National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby said during a briefing with reporters.

He noted that Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser had confirmed to The Times of London over the weekend that the offer detailed by Biden was indeed an Israeli proposal.

"We're confident that [Biden's speech] accurately reflects that [Israeli] proposal — a proposal that we worked with the Israelis on, so I know of no gaps to speak of," Kirby said.

"We are working in countless ways to return our hostages. I think about them constantly, about their families and about their suffering. Therefore, we have gone a long way to return them while adhering to the objectives of the war, first and foremost the elimination of Hamas," Netanyahu said in a statement.

"We are insistent that we will achieve both. This is part of the outline, not something that I have just added. It is not something that I have added because of coalition pressure. This is something that we agreed on in the War Cabinet unanimously."

A senior political official said that in his meeting with lawmakers in the Knesset, Netanyahu said that as agreed in the war cabinet – Israel does not commit to ending the war before all its objectives are reached, adding that those objectives remain the

destruction of Hamas's military and governing abilities, the release of all of the hostages and assurances that Gaza can no longer pose a security threat to Israel.

"According to the proposal, Israel will insist that phase two – a permanent cease-fire – would begin only after a full agreement of its terms," the officials said. "No later than the 16th day, negotiations will begin to reach an agreement on the terms for phase two. Israel will insist its conditions are accepted."

Far-right members of Netanyahu's coalition and ministers in the security cabinet, Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezael Smotrich said they had not received answers to their questions about the proposal announced by U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday. "What do you have to hide, Mr. Prime Minister?" Ben Gvir asked in a televised address to his party members. "There can only be one answer and that is that this is a reckless proposition and now there is an effort to whitewash it."

He then repeated his threat to break up the coalition if Netanyahu signed a deal that would end the war without destroying Hamas.

Smotrich said the conduct of the war cabinet is dangerous and a failure. "They are again surrendering to Sinwar, erasing all the red lines and humiliating Israel while Hamas is fortified in its demands," he said but added that his party is committed to freeing the hostages.

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Shin Bet foiled PA suicide bomber & 26.5 lb device planned by Turkey for WB chaos

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Shin Bet says foiled mass casualty attack by suicide bomber

Security service says plot uncovered after a Palestinian resident of Jordan tells interrogators he agreed to carry out a suicide mission at the direction of a Hamas operative in Turkey, was given funds and told where to find explosive device hidden for him

Yoav Zitun|Updated:09:55

The Shin Bet said on Monday that it had foiled a plot to commit a mass casualty terror strike in Israel, directed by Hamas in Turkey. The security agency uncovered the plot after arresting Anas Shurman, a Palestinian man, originally from the West Bank city of Tulkarm who currently resides in Jordan. He was arrested in Nablus last March.

The suspect revealed to interrogators that he was recruited by Hamas in December 2023 by another Palestinian, who is an operative for the terror group in Turkey.

Shurman said he agreed to carry out a suicide bombing attack inside Israel and filmed a final message for Hamas to release after his death. He was also taught to ride a motorcycle for the terror attack.

In his interrogation, the Shurman said he had received funds and instructions including where to find an explosive device prepared for him in the West Bank. The device weighing 12 kg (26.5 lb.) was found by investigators hidden near a spring in the northern part of the West Bank, with instructions for how to operate it, attached.

The Shin Bet arrested several Hamas operatives in the West Bank, on suspicion of involvement in the preparation of the explosive device, after receiving instructions from Hudifa Salaima, a senior operative of the terror group in Turkey. The investigation revealed how well entrenched a Hamas command center is in Turkey and its involvement in planning attacks in Israel as well as the efforts the operatives have undertaken to cause violence and chaos in the West Bank during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

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PA security frees car-ramming murderer of two soldiers; no alliance with Israel

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Palestinians free terrorist who murders two soldiers

PA is under pressure to release the terrorist in a fatal car-ramming attack who turned himself in to Palestinian security forces as he escaped the pursuit of IDF troops
Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi|08:19

The Palestinian Authority's National Security Forces released the terrorist from Nablus who murdered two soldiers at a West Bank near Nablus last week after he turned himself in, to the local authorities, Ynet learned Monday.

Staff Sergeant Eliya Hilel, 20, and Staff Sergeant Diego Shvisha Harsaj, 20 were killed in the car-ramming attack at a checkpoint near Nablus. The terrorist, reported to be Abed Al-Rauf Ashtiyeh, 30, fled back to Nablus immediately afterward.

He was held for several hours while Israeli security forces attempted to have him handed over to them but according to Palestinian media reports, due to public pressure, and out of concern that they might be regarded as collaborators with Israel, they refused and ultimately let the terrorist, go.

The terrorist's family released a statement last week, saying the Palestinian Preventive Security forces and Nablus' mayor told them their son must turn himself in, to the IDF – and that they couldn't be held responsible for holding him at the security services' headquarters after Israel allegedly threatened to "invade" if they refused to hand him over.

The family added that the Palestinian police asked Abed Al-Rauf's brother, who visited the terrorist while he was still in the custody of the local forces, to hand him over to the IDF – due to the supposed threat from the military to raid the Palestinian police headquarters.

The family claimed that the brother refused. The terrorist reportedly told his brother that "what happened was an accident and that he lost control of his vehicle." Palestinian Authority officials in Nablus said that Ashtiyeh was currently on the run and his whereabouts were unknown. They added the Palestinian security forces don't believe in conducting a joint investigation with Israel. Meanwhile, the manhunt for the terrorist continues. According to the military, security forces were working to arrest terrorists at all times, including the one suspected of the attack near Nablus.

Although he is likely to be captured, the larger issue now is how the incident would impact the already complex relationship with the Palestinian security forces. Hanna, the mother of Elia Hilel, called for a siege on Nablus last week: "He [the terrorist] should have died. He deserves death, but he should at the very least be held accountable. It's a shame we're sitting and waiting while the murderous terrorist who killed my son and his comrade Diego is living and being protected."

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Hezbollah burns 2,500 acres of land in northern Israel: 'It will take years to recover'

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Hezbollah's rockets burn a substantial amount of land in the Golan Heights, forcing firefighters to work hours on the resultant fires; Hezbollah expands its range to Acre and Nahariya; 'It's closing in on us'
Yair Kraus, Alexandra Lukash|05:41

Following Sunday's escalation during which Hezbollah fired barrages of rockets at Katzrin, causing major fires in the area, the Israel Nature and Parks Authority reported that approximately 2,500 acres of land were engulfed in flames in the attack. According to estimates, the recovery of some of the areas completely burned in the large fire - especially in tourist trails in the area - will take several years.

Sharon Levy, director of the Golan Heights region at the Nature and Parks Authority, said that the fire caused significant damage to the Yehudiya Forest Nature Reserve and also to the Zavitan Stream. "This is significant damage, not a small fire. A fire of 10,000 acres is a big fire. Nature has the ability to recover, but the larger the fire, the slower the recovery. It takes years, with trees and animals affected. Some things recover within a year, and some within several years but the area will recover eventually."

The fires broke out on Sunday following Hezbollah launches around noon toward Katzrin, the largest city in the Golan Heights. Fifteen firefighting teams worked for hours to gain control of the flames, with six firefighting planes. Additional fires also broke out on Sunday in Kiryat Shemona,

Recently, due to the ongoing rocket launches from Lebanon, firefighters have been forced to repeatedly put out fires around the border. Also, Lebanon reported fires in southern Lebanon following IDF strikes. Thousands of Israeli residents are now in Hezbollah's range after the terror organization expanded its rocket range to Katzrin, Nahariya and Acre.

"We feel the north is in trouble," a Katzrin resident said on Monday. "It's closing on us, and we feel there's no real answer or response to this situation. We feel it's getting worse," he said about Hezbollah's launches. According to him, residents expect the government to address the issues in the north, not just the south. "The north is somewhat neglected and abandoned. Although we're strong people, we love our country, love our land, and love each other, we want to feel someone has our backs."

Nahariya and Acre are also dealing with the rockets from Lebanon. In Acre, there hadn't been a siren for four months, and Nahariya hadn't experienced a siren for five consecutive months. On Sunday, Nahariya residents rushed to safe zones three times and a Hezbollah drone attacked the city for the first time.

"Fear reigns here in Nahariya," said another city resident, adding that many old buildings in the city lack shelters. He noted that even though he was relatively far from the impact area, he felt the shock. "I felt the wind coming and blowing me away, really like that. It was very frightening."

An Acre resident said the siren caught him and his family while they were on the balcony. "This siren and the crazy boom at 6 p.m. caught us unprepared," he said. "A crazy boom shook the entire house. Within five seconds, we were in the shelter, the children trembling, the mothers trembling. We're in their range now."

He also noted that there aren't enough protected spaces in older schools in the city, expressing concern about the economic implications. "Soon the aid will run out, and the state will need to distribute grants, which they haven't done since January. Until January, we received grants, but ever since, everything stopped."

"They cut the budgets, and for five months now, we've been fighting every day for our salary, for our mortgage, for anything. There are no discounts in utilities from the Interior Ministry, no consideration with taxes, they collect taxes as usual from all freelancers, and they don't understand that if they don't give you a grant, then they should at least lower taxes," he added.

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Cairo views hostage deal positively, waiting for Israel & Hamas response

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Hamas views hostage deal proposal 'positively', Egypt says

Egyptian Foreign Minister says Cairo is 'waiting for Israel's answer', even though the proposal presented by US President Joe Biden came from Jerusalem; Egypt won't open

Rafah crossing for aid deliveries until Palestinians in charge; Gallant tells Blinken: There must be alternative to Hamas
Lior Ben Ari|04:58

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Sameh Shoukry, said Monday afternoon that " Hamas' initial statements indicate that it received the plan 'positively,'" and added that Cairo is now "waiting for the Israeli response," referring to the outline of a hostage and cease-fire deal revealed by U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday.

Biden said that he handed over an Israeli-proposed plan to Hamas, so it is not clear what Shoukry means regarding an Israeli response. This does not come as a surprise to some, however, because even some in the U.S. in recent days have expressed fear that, even if it is an Israeli proposal, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will have difficulty accepting it, among other things due to the threats of government ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich to break up the coalition.

Hamas said after Biden's speech over the weekend that it views the plan "positively," although it has not yet officially responded to the Israeli proposal, and just last night it was reported that Israel and the mediators are now waiting for an official statement from Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar.

"We will agree to discuss in a positive and constructive manner any proposal based on a permanent cease-fire, a complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, rehabilitation, the return of the displaced to all their places of residence and the completion of a serious prisoner exchange if the occupation declares its explicit commitment to this," Hamas said after Biden's speech on Friday evening.

The same positive signal from Hamas came against the backdrop of the emphasis placed by the American president in his remarks on the fact that the three-phase deal could eventually lead to the end of the war. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office later clarified that, although there is a willingness to discuss and agree to an end to the war, Israel will not be willing to do so without achieving its stated goals: overthrowing Hamas rule, return of the hostages and ensuring that Gaza will not again become a threat to Israel.

At the same time, according to Shoukry, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant made it clear Monday once again that Israel will not agree to the rule of Hamas in any plan to end the war. According to his office, Gallant emphasized in a conversation he held overnight with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken that Israel will not agree to Hamas controlling Gaza after the war, and informed him that the security establishment is currently promoting moves that will establish a governing alternative to Hamas.

"This is a necessary procedure for the overthrow of the Hamas government, and for creating pressure that will help in the return of the hostages," Gallant said.

On Sunday, Gallant referred to the plan promoted by the security establishment, and said that Israel would "isolate various areas" in the Gaza Strip, remove Hamas members from there, and bring in other forces that would enable "another rule," as he put it. He did not specify who those alternative governing bodies would be. According to Gallant, "these two operations - on the one hand a military action and on the other hand the possibility of a change of government, will lead to the achievement of two of the goals of this war - the

overthrow of Hamas' rule and its military power and the return of the hostages. At any stage, in any process of ending the war we will not accept the rule of Hamas as a rule in Gaza."

In his remarks on Monday afternoon, Shoukry said that "Gaza has become a place that is impossible to live in with the non-inclusion of aid," even as talks continue between Jerusalem and Cairo on the opening of the Rafah crossing. On Sunday, a round of talks was held on the issue with American mediation, but no agreement has yet been reached on the opening of the crossing between the Gaza Strip and Sinai - a crossing that is critical for humanitarian aid efforts. Egypt refuses to open it as long as IDF forces control the Palestinian side, while Israel is in no hurry to hand it over to Palestinian hands. "First they must find a non-Hamas party that is willing to come," Israeli officials said yesterday. Shoukry said in reference to this debate: "It is difficult to operate the Rafah crossing without coordination with the Palestinians." He added that most of the elements in the international community oppose the Israeli military presence in Gaza. "We call on Hamas and Israel to accept the cease-fire plan. Egypt has expressed its clear refusal to an Israeli presence at the Rafah crossing on the border with Gaza," he concluded.

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Arson suspected in Israel Museum fire that started in 3 different locations

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Fire that spread from Valley of the Cross started in 3 different locations; Employees were evacuated and no artworks damaged

Liran Tamari|04:05

The investigation into the fire that spread Sunday from the Valley of the Cross in Jerusalem revealed that the blaze ignited at three different sites, according to a fire official.

The fire spread through vegetation in the Valley of the Cross near the Israel Museum. Workers were evacuated from the museum as a precautionary measure. Fire and rescue teams, along with six firefighting planes, managed to prevent the fire, which reached the museum's fences, from going inside.

The fire first spread from the forest and began burning the outside of one of the museum's buildings; firefighters rushed to the spot in order to prevent the fire from spreading to other buildings. After an hour of anxious moments, the Israel Museum clarified that "there is no danger to the works, and there are no casualties or damage."

The Israel Museum said in a statement on Sunday: "The fire spread from the direction of the Valley of the Cross adjacent to the museum and first hit the roof of the youth wing building, but the fire brigade fully took control of it. There are no casualties or damage,

no artwork is in danger. In addition, all the people from the museum area were evacuated to safety."

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Alleged Israeli airstrike near Aleppo Syria kills 12 pro-Iranian terrorists,

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Alleged Israeli airstrike near Aleppo kills 12 pro-Iranian terrorists, watchdog group says
Local state media reports alleged overnight Israeli strike caused casualties and damages in a copper factory located in northern Syria; 2nd alleged Israeli strike in the country in less than a week

Lior Ben Ari, News Agencies|00:56

Syria accused Israel on Monday of carrying out an overnight airstrike in the Aleppo region located in the northern part of the country, claiming the attack caused casualties and injuries. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an organization opposing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime, at least 12 pro-Iranian terrorists were killed in the attack on a factory in the area.

The strike occurred around 12:30 a.m. in Israel, when the Syrian radio station Sham FM reported sounds of explosions sounding in the Aleppo area. The Observatory for Human Rights, based in London, also reported on the explosions without initially specifying that Israel was responsible for the attack.

Subsequently, the Sabrin News news agency associated with the pro-Iranian militias in the country, claimed the attack was an "Israeli strike" targeting a "copper factory in the town of Haiyan north of Aleppo." Meanwhile, the Observatory reported a "large fire following several explosions" at the site.

Around 2:00 a.m., Syrian state media accused Israel of the incident, claiming casualties and injuries were present in the area following an "airstrike targeting several sites in the Aleppo area." According to the report, which cited a military source, several people were killed in the strike. The source added the strikes caused widespread damage.

Syrian media also reported this marks the second alleged Israeli strike in the country in less than a week, after the Israeli Air Force allegedly struck the city of Baniyas in central Syria last week. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported on strikes targeting "Hezbollah positions in the Homs area" during the incident.

6.02. 24 – Su

Twice the drones, twice the missiles: 120,000 more Israelis now within Hezbollah's range

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Twice the drones, twice the missiles: 120,000 more Israelis now within Hezbollah's range Nahariya residents rushed to shelters 3 times Sunday as drone crash sparked fire; Acre faces sirens for 3rd consecutive day, and Katzrin battles fires after rocket barrage; despite IDF silence, think tank reports May had highest number of attacks
Yair Kraus, Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari, Saar Haas|16:35

Nahariya and Acre are two of Israel's northernmost cities. For months, these cities had relative calm, especially compared to neighboring communities. Nahariya experienced five consecutive months without sirens, from November to April. In Acre, there were no sirens for four months, from late December until the end of April. However, recent days have brought a stark change in reality.

In Nahariya, a city of 66,000 people, residents rushed to bomb shelters three times on Sunday following a series of sirens at around 3:00 p.m., and again at 7:19 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. In the latest incident, a drone fell in the city, marking the first direct hit in Nahariya since the beginning of the conflict.

The IDF acknowledged that several attempts to intercept the drone were unsuccessful. A fire broke out, though it is unclear if it was caused by drone debris or interceptor fragments. A local resident, near high-rise buildings, was heard sarcastically saying, "There's no war in the north. Now they'll say it fell in an unpopulated area." Mayor Ronen Marely announced that the city has returned to normalcy but mentioned that a final decision regarding school operations on Monday would be made at 6:00 a.m.

Meanwhile, in Acre, home to 52,000 people, sirens have sounded for the third consecutive day. On Saturday, drone fragments were spotted in the city. Nahariya and Acre are not the only large communities recently within Hezbollah's range. Katzrin, the largest town in the Golan Heights, was hit by a rocket barrage on Sunday, causing fires in several locations. Like in Nahariya and Acre, residents are not being evacuated, and many buildings in Katzrin also lack reinforced shelters.

Fifteen firefighting teams, supported by six firefighting planes, battled for hours against the fires in Katzrin and managed to bring the blaze under control. Additional fires erupted in Kiryat Shmona, Yiftach, Ani'am, and the areas of Nahal Yehudiya and Nahal Zavitan, some of which are still burning. Fire and Rescue Services Northern District Commander Assistant Fire Commissioner Yair Elkayam said that the firefighting efforts in several locations are expected to continue through the night.

Meanwhile, the IDF reported that fighter jets targeted a Hezbollah military building in Aya ash Shab and a Hezbollah terrorist infrastructure in Tayr Harfa, both in southern Lebanon. Additionally, IDF forces fired to eliminate a threat in Rachaya Al Foukhar, also in southern Lebanon. Numerous fires broke out following the Air Force strikes, including in Ramyeh, Yaroun, Odaisseh and Hula.
Spike in Hezbollah attacks

Data unequivocally shows a rise in Hezbollah attacks on northern Israel. According to the Alma Research and Education Center, May saw the highest number of Hezbollah attacks on Israel, totaling 325. The daily average of attacks was 10, compared to 238 attacks in April, with a daily average of 7.8.

The IDF, however, claims these figures are not recognized and asserts that December had the highest number of launches. The Alma Center explains that their figures account for all types of attacks, excluding the number of rockets per barrage.

May witnessed a significant rise in Hezbollah's use of anti-tank missiles and drones. There were 95 anti-tank missile incidents in May, up from 50 in April, and 85 drone incursions, up from 42 in April. Over the past four months, the number of drone incidents has surged more than twelvefold.

6.02. 24 – Su

Biden forcing Israel to shelve plan for Rafah; focus now on Gaza & Egypt border

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Israel shelved its original plan for Rafah due to American pressure

Israel overhauled its military operations in Rafah following intensive discussion with American officials to avoid crossing the "red line" set by the Biden administration, Israeli and US officials told the Wall Street Journal; Instead of a two-division attack in the area, it chose to focus on the border between Gaza and Egypt

Ynet|06:14

Israel overhauled its military operations in Rafah following intensive discussion with American officials to avoid crossing the "red line" set by the Biden administration in order to avoid provoking a crisis in relations with its closest ally, the Wall Street Journal reported Sunday, citing U.S. and Israeli officials.

According to the report, Israel shelved its original plan, which included a raid by two divisions in the southern city. The White House feared that such an operation would lead to an escalation of the conflict and a significant increase in the number of dead Gazans. Instead, Israel has opted for a military campaign that focuses on the border between Gaza and Egypt and on a more limited activity in Rafah.

The change in focus makes it possible, among other things, to avoid sanctions that the United States might have imposed, including the proposed ban on the use of American weapons in any activity in Rafah. Despite this, American and Western officials stated that no practical plan had been drawn up to evacuate the residents who fled Rafah following warnings and attacks by the IDF, including the incident in which dozens of Palestinian civilians were killed in a fire in a displaced persons camp after an attack that targeted two Hamas leaders from the West Bank.

The Hamas government in the city announced at the time that 45 people had died in the fire, and the Gaza Ministry of Health, which is under the control of the terrorist organization, said that at least 23 of the dead were children, adults or women. The

findings of the initial investigation carried out by the IDF revealed that a kilometer separated the safe zone designated for the displaced from the point of attack, and that the Air Force used weapons that were not supposed to set fire to the tent complex.

Despite this, the world expressed shock and condemned the attack. In the United States, they initially refrained from commenting, but the White House eventually published its response and said that the photos were "heartbreaking."

A spokesman for the National Security Council of the United States told Ynet that "Israel must take all possible precautions to protect citizens. We are actively urging the IDF and partners in the field to act to assess what happened, and we understand that the IDF is conducting an investigation."

The Wall Street Journal noted that, despite his support for Israel, Biden is working to end the war and promote a cease-fire. On Friday, the president revealed in his speech a proposal for a hostage deal, which he claims was drawn up by Israel.

The first phase, lasting six weeks, would include "a full and complete cease-fire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all populated areas in Gaza, the release of several hostages including women, the elderly and injured, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners."

Palestinians will be allowed to return to "their homes and neighborhoods," including in northern Gaza, and humanitarian aid will be increased to 600 trucks entering the area daily, with temporary housing and shelters provided. This phase will be accompanied by negotiations between Israel and Hamas to achieve a permanent cease-fire.

The second phase, which will also last for six weeks, will include the release of "all remaining living hostages," including IDF soldiers. If the parties continue to meet the conditions, the cease-fire will become permanent.

Following this, the third phase would involve the reconstruction of Gaza with the support of the United States and the international community. Biden said he would work with regional partners to prevent Hamas from "rearming itself."

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These are the details - and complications - of Israel's proposed hostage deal

Three-phase deal for the return of hostages and end of war in Gaza cause uproar in

Netanyahu's coalition after US President Joe Biden's speech presenting it

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition seems to be on shaky ground after U.S. President Joe Biden's speech on Saturday revealed Israel's latest proposal for a hostage deal with Hamas. However, a senior Israeli official said on Sunday that: "We want this deal." According to the official, Biden's goal was likely to pressure Qatar to "close the deal."

"The Americans felt that as time passed, the chances [to reach a deal] diminished, and did what they did. We're overall in favor if this has any impact," the official added in the background of threats from National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich to withdraw from the government should the deal go through.

Both far-right ministers threatened to leave Netanyahu's government on Saturday, in the wake of Biden's speech. "We're demanding to continue the fighting aimed at eliminating Hamas and returning all of the hostages alongside the return of all Israeli residents to their homes in northern and southern Israel," Smotrich said.

"The current deal as was detailed means the end of the war and the relinquishing of the goal of dismantling Hamas. It's a preposterous deal which grants victory to terror and a security risk to the State of Israel," Ben-Gvir added.

"Hamas' demand is to end the war, a demand that Israel isn't willing to accept unless our conditions for ending the war are met," the senior Israeli official added.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan held talks with various parties in Qatar, Egypt, Turkey and Saudi Arabia to pressure Hamas into accepting the deal. Egypt and Qatar, in a joint statement with the Americans, said they support Biden's framework and call on Israel and Hamas to reach a deal.

"There are things that Biden didn't clarify, and we're doing so in order for the public to understand," the senior official said. "He didn't specify the entire deal; he spoke about the deal's main points."

He explained the first phase of the deal is expected to last 42 days. "We're getting 33 hostages, and we demand live hostages. If some of them are dead, Hamas will have to prove it by handing over their bodies. As far as we know, most are alive. On the 16th day, after we start implementing the humanitarian phase, negotiations for the second phase will begin," he said.

The Israeli official clarified there was no agreement on the number of Palestinian prisoners to be released in exchange for the hostages or their identities, despite reports to the contrary. "There's no agreement on the key points. In fact, nothing is agreed on, but there are things the other side will benefit from – the return of residents to northern Gaza, the withdrawal of the IDF from cities, and the release of terrorists."

"In the 28 days that follow, they'll raise their demands and we'll do the same: Gaza would no longer be a place threatening Israel. We'll demand demilitarization, closing the Philadelphi Corridor and preventing the production of military equipment," according to the official.

"We want this deal. In fact, no details of the Israeli proposal have yet been discussed with Hamas. If Hamas agrees to it, the Israeli negotiation team will head to Qatar or Egypt to finalize the details," he said.

On Saturday, Arab news outlet Al-Majalla published the deal's alleged roadmap which will lead to the end of the war in Gaza. The text includes terms including a complete cease-fire, Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, and the rehabilitation of the Strip within three to five years under oversight of the U.S., Egypt, Qatar and the UN.

The first phase, lasting six weeks, would include "a full and complete cease-fire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all populated areas in Gaza, the release of several

hostages including women, the elderly and injured, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners."

Palestinians will be allowed to return to "their homes and neighborhoods," including in northern Gaza, and humanitarian aid will be increased to 600 trucks entering the area daily, with temporary housing and shelters provided. This phase will be accompanied by negotiations between Israel and Hamas to achieve a permanent cease-fire.

The second phase, which will also last for six weeks, will include the release of "all remaining living hostages," including IDF soldiers. If the parties continue to meet the conditions, the cease-fire will become permanent.

Following this, the third phase would involve the reconstruction of Gaza with the support of the United States and the international community. Biden said he would work with regional partners to prevent Hamas from "rearming itself."

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Israel deals to release hundreds of PA prisoners for all hostages, ceasefire & rebuild

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Europe, US stand behind Israel-US hostage deal proposal

Hostages and Missing Families Forum demand the Israeli leadership accept 'Netanyahu's deal' which was presented by Biden; Macron tweets in Hebrew, French, English, and Arabic to support 'US proposal'

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The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, France, Germany, and the U.S. support Netanyahu's proposal, presented by U.S. President Joe Biden to release all the hostages and end the war. French President Emmanuel Macron tweets in French, English, Hebrew, and Arabic to support the recent cease-fire proposal.

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum released a statement just before the planned rally, where they referred to the Israeli proposal and demanded: "We call on all Members of Knesset to agree to Netanyahu's deal."

The statement said, "We are launching an emergency operation to obtain a majority in the government and the Knesset to implement Netanyahu's deal to release all the hostages. We demand to return all the hostages, dead or alive, for rehabilitation or burial, and not to miss the opportunity to bring them home. In the coming hours, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum will reach out to the government, the Knesset and demand the immediate approval of Netanyahu's deal."

"We want to see people leaving Gaza alive, and quickly," said Gili Roman, whose family member Carmel Gat is still abducted. "This may be the last attempt to save lives."

Therefore, the current situation must change, and we expect everyone to listen to Biden's call and accept the proposal immediately. Our leadership must not disappoint us. But still, all eyes need to be on Hamas."

Sharon Lifshitz, whose mother Yochved was released in November but her father Oded Lifshitzis still held captive, said: "We know that the Israeli government has done a lot to postpone a deal, and it has caused the **loss of many lives of those who survived in captivity for weeks and months**. Our hearts are broken because of the number of people we will receive who are no longer alive."

"After a **long period of despair** in the country, Biden's speech offers real hope for the return of all the hostages and the restoration of security to Israel for the first time," said Einav Zangauker, Matan Zangauker's mother. "But there should be no confusion: Biden spoke because he knows that Netanyahu may sabotage this deal and that the public needs to know what was on the table."

"We are worried that Netanyahu will try to sabotage the deal. Last night, we heard an unknown party attacking Biden, and two days ago the Head of the National **Security Council said** that **Israel would not stop the war in exchange for the hostages**. **Netanyahu's announcements did not publicly confirm the proposal** either. I'm begging you, Netanyahu, to return my Matan and all the hostages," she added.

European support

French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted in favor of the American proposal. "The war in Gaza must end. We support the US proposal for a durable peace. Just as we are working with our partners in the region on peace and security for all. The **release of the hostages, a permanent ceasefire to work towards peace** and progress on the two-state solution."

Meanwhile, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock wrote that "The 3-phase plan is the incredibly urgent hope for lasting peace. Now is the time to seize this opportunity and work with all our strength towards a ceasefire and hostage release."

An American official said emphatically last night that the president clarified that **Israel's security is of paramount importance** and that **this deal is the best way to end the crisis** in Gaza and ensure Israel's long-term security. According to him, Hamas cannot carry out another October 7 due to its military capabilities being significantly reduced. He added that **the deal on the table is the endgame**.

Details of Biden's plan

"Israel has now offered a comprehensive new proposal. It's a roadmap to an enduring ceasefire and the **release of all hostages**. This proposal has been transmitted by Qatar to Hamas," Biden said.

According to the proposal presented by Biden on Friday night, "This new proposal has **three phases**: **The first phase would last for six weeks**. It would include a **full and complete ceasefire, withdrawal of Israeli forces** from all populated areas of Gaza, the **release of a number of hostages including women, the elderly, the wounded in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners**," Biden said, noting that American hostages would be among those released in this first stage.

"Additionally, some remains of hostages who have been killed will be returned to their families, bringing some degree of closure to the terrible grief. Palestinian civilians will return to their homes and neighborhoods in all areas of Gaza, including in the north; and humanitarian assistance would surge with **600 trucks carrying aid into Gaza every single**

day," Biden said. During the six-week first phase, Israel and Hamas would "negotiate the necessary arrangements to get to phase two, which is a permanent end to hostilities." "Finally, in phase three, a major reconstruction plan for Gaza would commence, and the final remains of hostages who've been killed will be returned to their families," Biden says. "That's the offer that's now on the table. As long as Hamas lives up to its commitments, the temporary ceasefire would become permanent," Biden says, citing the text of the proposed deal"

In an unusual move, on Saturday, the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement in English clarifying: "Under the proposal, Israel will continue to insist these conditions are met before a permanent ceasefire is put in place. The notion that Israel will agree to a permanent ceasefire before these conditions are fulfilled is a non-starter." Shortly thereafter, Opposition Leader Yair Lapid responded, "The Israeli government cannot ignore President Biden's significant speech. There is a deal on the table, and it must be made. I remind Netanyahu that he has our backing for a hostage deal if Ben-Gvir and Smotrich leave the government."

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Hezbollah fires Burkan ballistic missile at north city & Upper Galilee

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Hezbollah fires Burkan ballistic missile at north, IDF strikes S. Lebanon
Iran-backed terror group claims responsibility for at least five attacks on northern Israel on Saturday; Missile causes damage to infrastructure, property in Kiryat Shmona and nearby military base

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Hezbollah said on Saturday that it had fired a Burkan short-range ballistic missile at Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel in response to Israeli strikes on South Lebanon, causing injuries.

The IDF said it had attacked and destroyed the launcher used in the strike and identified two Hezbollah operatives nearby who were also killed.

At least two projectiles landed inside Israel's northernmost city and in an adjacent military base, causing damage to infrastructure and property, but no injury," the municipality said. Brushfires broke out as a result of the attack.

At least six rockets targeted the Upper Galilee region since the early morning hours. The Iran-backed terror group claimed responsibility for five of them.

Earlier, Sirens warned of an incoming drone strike in the Upper Galilee region. The military said the drone was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system, and that no injuries occurred.

The IDF conducted a targeted strike on Hezbollah operatives wounding two. The military also conducted strikes on Hezbollah targets in South Lebanon in response to rocket fire on Friday.

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Biden presents new Israel cease-fire plan, calls on Hamas to accept it

5.31. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday Omer 33 May 31 Abomin (Did not Happen)
Hezbollah fires dozens of rockets, striking deep into Galilee areas not evacuated

5.31. 24 – Fr- - - News Placed in May 31 spot – Friday Omer 33 May 31 Abomin
Israel negotiator tells Saudi, Egypt and US, no cease-fire without hostage release

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98th Division cleared Jibaliya of Hamas & weapons; now move south into Gaza

5.30. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday Omer 32 01
Hamas says no talks until war ends & demands reopening the Rafah border

5.30. 24 – Th- - - News Placed in May 30 spot – Thursday Omer 32 01
Netanyahu disappointed over US decision to not impose sanctions against ICC

5.29. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday Omer 31 02
Hamas robbed Gaza banks of hundreds of millions using explosives

5.29. 24 – We- - - News Placed in May 29 spot – Wednesday Omer 31 02
UNRWA given 30 days to vacate Jerusalem buildings erected without permission

5.29. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday Omer 31 02
West Bank car-ramming & shooting protected by PA security forces

5.28. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Omer 30 03
300 bereaved families join lawsuit against PA Hamas to dismantle vile murderers

5.28. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Omer 30 03
Hamas released 30-second video of a Gaza hostage, used as psychological pressure

5.28. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Omer 30 03
Reservist video rejects Gallant, Hamas or any Arab group; calls for PM's victory

5.28. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in May 28 spot – Tuesday Omer 30 03
Rafah airstrike caused Hamas ammunition storage fire in refugee tent complex

5.27. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 29 04
Barrages of 25 & 30 rockets target Upper & Western Galilee throughout the day

5.27. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 29 04
IDF detains 19 climbing WB border wall; rumors spread of attacks & tunnels

5.27. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Omer 29 04
Arson in three different locations, Ashdod to West Bank; 4 planes & 20 teams respond

5.27. 24 – Mo- - - News Placed in May 27 spot – Monday Omer 29 04
EU push ICJ ruling on Rafah; no hostage release if PA have to shelter in tents

5.26. 24 – Su- - - News Placed in May 26 spot – Sunday Omer 28 05
IDF precise munitions strike significant Hamas WB military leader compound in Rafah

5.26. 24 – Su- - - News Placed in May 25 spot – Saturday Omer 27 04
Police & pilgrims clash at Mount Meron Lag BaOmer fest, over security concerns