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IDF, Shin Bet eliminate Hamas commander in Lebanon

Military confirms strike near Sidon killed Samer Mahmoud al-Haj, responsible for the terror group's munition launches from Lebanon

Yoav Zitun|13:25

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported on Friday forces directed by the Shin Bet eliminated a Hamas commander stationed near Sidon in southern Lebanon.

"An IAF aircraft struck in the area of Sidon in Lebanon, and eliminated the terrorist Samer Mahmoud al-Haj, a senior commander in the Hamas terrorist organization in Lebanon, who was responsible for advancing terror attacks and projectile launches from Lebanon toward Israeli territory," the military said in a statement.

"Samer operated as the military forces' commander in the Ain al-Hilweh camp located in the area of Sidon and was responsible for the recruitment and training of terrorists to attack the State of Israel. The IDF and ISA will continue operating against the Hamas terrorist organization and dismantling the terrorist organization's capabilities," the statement added.

Hamas continues to use its terrorists in the area to target Israel amid the war in Gaza as tensions on the northern border continue to mount after the military eliminated Hezbollah's senior commander Fuad Shukur in Beirut last week.

The Iran-backed terror group began launching missiles and strike drones against the country following October 7, claiming to support the Palestinian cause amid the war in Gaza.

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Iranian disagreements: IRGC want to attack Tel Aviv, president hesitant

Reports suggest Tehran's new president Masoud Pezeshkian is acting to convince officials to act against Israel indirectly to avoid possible war; final decision in

Khamenei's hands

Ynet|10:52

An internal Iranian dispute between the new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, and members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) is complicating Tehran's response to the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on its soil, which it attributed to Israel.

The British Telegraph reported on Friday that IRGC members are demanding a direct attack on military bases in the Tel Aviv area and other cities, while the new president insists on targeting "Israeli bases" in neighboring countries.

Pezeshkian, who was elected president of Iran last month and sworn in last week, has promised to rescue Iran from international isolation and the sanctions imposed on it. He seeks to improve Iran's relations with the West and bring the country back into the nuclear agreement.

Pezeshkian is considered part of Iran's more moderate and reformist camp, in contrast to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who leads the regime's extremist camp. Iran's supreme leader has the final say in all state matters and will ultimately decide how Iran will respond to Haniyeh's assassination.

The Guardian reported that, amid heavy international pressure on Iran to show restraint in its response and avoid a dramatic escalation in the region, the country may attempt to target those believed to be responsible for Haniyeh's assassination: the Mossad or bodies linked to it. The report aligns with Pezeshkian's stance.

Advisors to the Iranian president told the Telegraph that the IRGC is trying to "undermine" him with their demand for a harsher response against Israel. One of Pezeshkian's close advisors told the British outlet that Pezeshkian is concerned about the consequences of a direct attack on Israel.

"Any direct attack on Israel would have serious consequences," the advisor said. He noted that in the previous attack in April, "We were lucky that Iran did not go to an all-out war with Israel last time and maybe not this time."

Iran International, associated with the Iranian opposition, reported this week that Pezeshkian urged Khamenei to refrain from attacking Israel. Recent increasing reports suggested Iran is reconsidering its response to Israel over Haniyeh's assassination and is considering, among other options, an "indirect" attack on Israeli targets.

According to a Pezeshkian advisor quoted by the Telegraph, the Revolutionary Guards' insistence isn't about the "humiliation" they suffered, but rather their desire to undermine the reformist president, who wasn't Khamenei's preferred candidate.

On Thursday, Iran announced live-fire exercises on its western border, leading several countries to warn their pilots to avoid Iranian airspace. This also raised concerns Iran might use the opportunity to attack Israel, but that wasn't the case.

"These recent exercises in the country's western border are just to intimidate Mr. Pezeshkian. Sepah [the IRGC] is very insistent on targeting Israel and they think it is easy," another advisor to the Iranian president said.

The advisor told the Telegraph that Iran could strike locations associated with Israel in Azerbaijan, which borders Iran, or in Iraqi Kurdistan "and let these countries know before that and get done with the whole drama."

"The president does not feel humiliated as it happened hours after he was sworn in. We can arm Hezbollah with more sophisticated weapons and letting them fight with Iran's support," he added. The Telegraph also reported that those close to Pezeshkian "believe the negligence of Haniyeh's security was intentional to drag Mr. Pezeshkian into war".

"There have been lengthy and intense discussions where Mr. Pezeshkian has been trying to persuade IRGC commanders to avoid actions that could spiral out of control," the advisor noted.

"He is aware that the IRGC aims to draw the country into a war, yet he is determined to uphold the promises he made during his presidential campaign which included providing peaceful life conditions for people. Using his influence within the leader's office, he is working to prevent the IRGC from plunging Iran into war."

On the other hand, an IRGC official told the Telegraph the organization believes Pezeshkian is "worried about his position," but added that "few people in the IRGC listen to him. The number one consideration is still striking Tel Aviv with Hezbollah and others at the same time. There has been discussion within the forces on how to block Mr. Pezeshkian's efforts."

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Shocking footage of Kiryat Shmona rocket strike without warning siren | watch
Hezbollah launches a total of 30 rockets in 2 barrages at northern Israeli city and surrounding area, without any casualties; 'I ran a red light out of fear,' local says
Yair Kraus, Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun|07:12

Following Israel's assassination of Hezbollah's senior military commander Fuad Shukur in Beirut, Israel continues to monitor the possibility that Hezbollah will escalate the conflict closely. Around 30 rockets were fired on Friday at northern Israel with some of them being intercepted. One rocket made contact with a building and no injuries were reported. Watch footage from the scenes of rocket fire without sirens warning in advance.

It remains unclear whether the rocket that directly hit the building in Kiryat Shmona is a Flak or Burkan model. "I passed there five seconds ago with the car, stood at a traffic light and ran a red light out of fear," said Kiryat Shmona resident Dudu Weizman. "Forgive me, but we are complacent. If we don't strike first, we will be in deep trouble."

Another resident said: There was no siren. We just heard a huge explosion, a strong explosion, and we saw the tall smoke mushroom rising in a moment." Another resident estimated that it was a Burkan missile strike that could carry hundreds of kilograms of explosives. "This is crazy, this missile will tear the city apart," he said.

On Friday, sirens sounded in northern Israel and later it was reported that at least four rockets landed in open areas without any casualties or damages.

Meanwhile, the IDF spokesperson stated that two Hezbollah terrorists were identified exiting a military structure belonging to the terrorist organization in the area of Naqoura in southern Lebanon. Shortly after, the IAF eliminated the terrorists.

Burkan missile hits Kiryat Shmona

In addition, the Hezbollah-affiliated Al-Mayadeen network reported artillery strikes on several villages and towns in southern Lebanon. The U.S. Embassy in Beirut warned the Americans who have yet to evacuate Lebanon despite the previous warnings and instructed them to prepare to shelter for an extended period of time.

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The 98th Division launches operation in Khan Younis following intelligence indications IDF operates against terror targets in Khan Younis following intelligence indicating several terrorists in the area; The Air Force struck more than 30 Hamas targets in Khan Younis including weapons storage facilities

Yoav Zitun|05:05

The IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari stated that the IDF's 98th Division began operational activity in the Khan Younis area following intelligence indicating the presence of terrorists and terror infrastructure in the area of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

He added that the IDF is operating above and below ground to eliminate terrorists as part of the effort to degrade the terror organizations' capabilities throughout the Gaza Strip as they attempt to regroup. Alongside the operational activity on the ground, the IAF struck more than 30 Hamas terror targets in Khan Younis including weapons storage facilities and terrorist gathering areas.

According to the IDF spokesman, the IDF coordinated the entry of the soldiers and aircraft into the Khan Younis area with fighter jets and helicopters. The IAF targeted terrorists at the tactical level who planned and carried out mortar and sniper fire attacks toward IDF troops and the State of Israel. In the joint operation, the Air Force and the 98th Division destroyed ammunition depots.

On Thursday, the IDF called on Khan Younis residents who had not evacuated yet to do so. "Hamas and the terrorist organizations continue to fire rockets from your areas at the State of Israel," the IDF statement said. "We will act forcefully against these threats. For your safety, you must evacuate these areas immediately to the humanitarian zone."

The Palestinians claimed that 15 people were killed in an attack on two schools in Gaza City. The IDF said in response that these were "Command and control complexes of Hamas", where terrorists were staying. A day earlier, the combat teams of the Givati and Nahal brigades raided military sites in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. Nahal forces

eliminated terrorists in close-range encounters and destroyed terrorist infrastructure in the area, including a rigged building near the Tal as Sultan refugee camp.

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Israel prepares Negev tent city to house thousands of evacuees in Hezbollah war

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Israel prepares tent city to house evacuees in full-blown Hezbollah war

Several regional councils in southern Israel alongside the IDF's Home Front Command prepare for thousands who may have to evacuate amid conflict with Hezbollah

Ilana Curie | 16:28

The Ramat Negev Regional Council, which spans nearly a fifth of Israel's territory, prepares to accommodate tens of thousands of evacuees in case of an escalation on the northern border. The plan includes the construction of a tent city and hundreds of beds and mattresses that have already been purchased.

The council anticipates that thousands of Israelis will evacuate to the Negev independently — "a move that will complicate managing the situation." The council noted, "For this reason, we've established an evacuee management unit aimed at aiding the incoming population."

Neta Yagel, a resident of Kibbutz Sde Boker and head of the evacuee management unit, explained, "The unit includes representatives from the welfare, education, and health departments, as well as a representative from the IDF Home Front Command." Yagel said this would have to be a state-run effort. "The government will manage it, but we understand there might also be independent, uncontrolled evacuations. Each community will have a representative responsible for receiving the evacuees. This will allow us to create an organized registry of the evacuees and their details, and then address issues that must be seen to by the regional council."

The council's emergency headquarters conducted a drill simulating a scenario of mass evacuations two weeks ago. "We see it as our moral duty and privilege to welcome our brothers and sisters, who have become refugees in their own country," said council head Eran Doron.

"Evacuating thousands of people from the north is a realistic scenario, and it would have been better to prepare for it six months ago. I welcome the IDF Home Front Command's practical efforts to address a very complex challenge that could happen at any moment." However, there are still shortages of manpower and the ability to provide educational services to both evacuees and residents. A possible solution would be to recruit additional personnel from pre-military programs, soldier-teachers, veterans, students, and others.

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Israeli officials pessimistic of cease-fire, 'Sinwar wants regional war'

Sinwar reportedly tells Egyptian mediators he will not accept a deal unless Israel withdraws all troops from the Strip, says he rejects PA involvement in post-war Gaza and opposes deployment of an international force

Itamar Eichner|15:46

Israeli officials on Thursday said they were not optimistic that a cease-fire and hostage release deal could be agreed despite efforts by the United States to secure one.

National Security Advisor spokesperson John Kirby said on Wednesday that The United States was closer than ever to securing a deal.

The officials said that the American efforts to reach a deal that would mitigate the risk of a regional conflict brought on by an Iranian and Hezbollah attack on Israel depend only on Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, who they say hopes his war against Israel would expand to encompass the entire region. They believe Sinwar has no incentive, therefore, to allow tensions to reduce.

According to a report in the UAE The National on Thursday, Sinwar who has replaced Ismail Haniyeh as head of the Hamas politburo after his assassination last month, informed Egyptian mediators that he would not agree to a cease-fire without a complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip.

He also said he opposed any involvement of the Palestinian Authority, under President Mahmoud Abbas, in the administration of Gaza after the war and any presence of an international force to secure the Strip.

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Hidden ambush spots and tunnels in showers: Soldier's' footage from Rafah

Military reveals troops operating in Rafah found hidden tunnels and passageways between civilian homes used to ambush and carry out attacks on troops

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi|14:55

On Thursday, the IDF released footage from the ongoing fighting in Rafah. The clip shows a hidden tunnel shaft discovered in a bathroom of a residential home in the city, as well as secret passages in walls intended for terrorists to carry out ambushes against troops.

"These passages were designed to be used in ambushes against IDF troops while using the civilian population as human shields for the terrorists' activities," the IDF said in a statement.

"In one activity, a terrorist cell hiding inside an apartment that was being used as terrorist infrastructure was struck by the IAF following the direction of the brigade's Fire Control Center. During the strike, the deputy commander of the aerial unit of Hamas' Rafah Brigade was eliminated," the statement added.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians reported that at least 15 people were killed in the bombing of two schools in Gaza City's Daraj Tuffah neighborhood. The IDF said in an earlier statement the buildings were " Hamas command and control centers" where terrorists were present.

According to the IDF, fighter jets conducted a "precise" strike against the two complexes hidden inside the schools. "The school compounds were used by Hamas terrorists and commanders as command and control centers, from which they planned and carried out attacks against IDF troops and the State of Israel," the military's statement read. "Before the strike, numerous steps were taken to mitigate the risk of harming civilians, including the use of precise munitions, surveillance, and additional intelligence," it added. Body cameras of the Nahal Reconnaissance Battalion troops in the Rafah area

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International Med. student associations suspends Israel

International Federation of Medical Student Associations says 2-year suspension comes over war in Gaza, allegations of genocide; if decision not reversed suspension could be permanent

Itamar Eichner|12:01

The International Federation of Medical Student Associations, IFMSA, decided by a two-thirds majority vote to suspend the association of students from Israel for two years because of the war in Gaza and accusations of genocide and "a lack of morals and humanitarian values," Ynet has learned.

The move was initiated by the Brazilian association and brought up for a vote in a meeting held over zoom earlier in the week. The Israeli representative to the international body Miri Schwimmer, said the proposal was rushed through at the end of the meeting without following the standard practice of announcing it in advance.

The International Federation of Medical Student Associations is a non-governmental organization representing medical student groups from 123 countries on six continents. The organization which was founded in 1951, is headquartered in Denmark.

The Brazilians initially attempted to pass a resolution ousting Israel altogether but after that was rejected, a two-thirds majority of members agreed on a two-year suspension that would be reviewed in August of 2025 and again in August of 2026. If it is not reversed or changed, the suspension will become a permanent removal of Israel from the international forum.

"Although the organization is defined as non-political, they do political things. After the October 7 massacre, I called on the organization to condemn the massacre. So far I have not received an official condemnation," Schwimmer said. "The conference proceeded as usual, there were plenaries and votes. Everything is democratic. When you want to raise an issue for a vote, you announce it two months in advance. but this was well planned and on purpose that they did it on the last day of the conference," she said.

Israel Medical Association chairman Professor Zion Hagay was working to cancel the suspension, which carries the risk of a permanent boycott. She said Palestinian students, who do not have full state status, prompted the Brazilian delegation to act on their behalf.

Schwimmer said her efforts to prevent the decision failed although she described the Israeli association as not political and was inclusive of all faiths. "I told them that if there was an investigation, we would be happy to understand and learn if we were wrong. We talked about the Israeli aid to the Palestinians and our role accused them of delegitimizing us," she said.

Israel Medical Association chairman Professor Zion Hagay protested the decision and demanded that it be revoked, in a letter to the president of the federation, Evangelia Roubou.

"The decision was based on political calculations. The Israeli delegation is not the Israeli government. The Israeli delegation is responsible for government actions just as the Palestinian delegation is responsible for Hamas terrorism," Hagai wrote. "More importantly, Such a move is in direct contradiction to the goal of the federation, which is to bring together medical students from all parts of the world. If there are differences of opinion, the goal should be to discuss them, not to engage in drastic measures such as suspending an entire delegation. On a technical level, it is far from clear on what basis the Israeli delegation can be removed," he said.

"According to the Federation constitution, if an association violates any law of the Federation constitution, the General Assembly may vote on suspension only after an official investigation is completed and adequate proof of the violation is presented," Hagay wrote. "Our position is that no there was no violation of any part of the IFMSA constitution. Furthermore, there was no proper procedure for the Israeli delegation to prepare a defense. We have a lot of experience in the international arena and in dealing with internal conflicts with confidence. Any move on your part to suspend the Israeli delegation will not solve anything and will harm the objectives you are striving to present. It seems to us that it was not a proper procedure and should be rejected at this stage."

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Israeli blitz on Norway: Tel Aviv diplomats barred from Palestinian affairs

Norwegian Embassy in Israel informed of revocation of diplomatic status for 8 of its diplomats based in Tel Aviv and solely focused on representing Oslo to Ramallah; move follows unilateral recognition of Palestinian state

Itamar Eichner|05:26

As part of Israel's diplomatic blitz on Norway following its unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state, Foreign Minister Israel Katz announced on Thursday that Israel is revoking the status that allows the Norwegian diplomatic team to operate in the Palestinian Authority (PA), effectively halting all representation by the Norwegian embassy in Israel concerning the Palestinian governing body.

Norway's chargé d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, where he was handed a diplomatic note informing him of the decision. The Norwegian embassy in Israel had been operating with a team of eight diplomats whose sole responsibility was representing Norway to the PA.

Norway leads the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, which coordinates international aid to the PA, and this decision could severely impact its efforts to secure continued support. The directive to strip Norwegian diplomats of their status takes immediate effect, and the diplomatic status of the eight who are focused solely on this role from the Tel Aviv embassy will be revoked within a week.

"There is a price for anti-Israel behavior. Instead of fighting Palestinian terrorism after October 7 and supporting Israel in its battle against the Iranian axis of evil, Norway chose to reward Hamas murderers and rapists by recognizing a Palestinian state. But they didn't stop there—they also joined the baseless lawsuit against us at the ICC," Foreign Minister Katz said.

"Norway is pursuing a unilateral policy on the Palestinian issue and will therefore be distanced from it. I have ordered the cessation of all representation by the Norwegian embassy in Israel concerning the Palestinian Authority. Those who attack us and adopt a one-sided policy against us will pay a price."

This marks another punitive measure Israel has taken against Norway, partly in response to radical statements made by its Foreign Minister, Espen Barth Eide, against Israel.

On Wednesday, Israel decided to cancel the escrow arrangement with Norway regarding the custodianship of clearance funds designated for the Palestinian Authority. This decision was kept confidential.

On Tuesday, Norway submitted a written opinion to the pre-trial chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, asserting that there is no legal barrier to issuing arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and that the Oslo Accords are irrelevant to the court's jurisdiction.

As the guarantor of the Oslo Accords, a series of interim peace agreements between Israel and the Palestinians signed in the 1990s, Norway's position holds significant weight at the ICC. Norway was also the first country to declare that if warrants were issued against Gallant and Netanyahu, it would immediately arrest them upon arrival in its territory.

Additionally, the Foreign Ministry is drafting further measures against Norway. Israeli Ambassador to Norway Avi Nir was recalled for consultations following Oslo's recognition of Palestinian statehood. The Israeli embassy in Oslo remains open, managed by the chargé d'affaires. Norway, which maintains an ambassador in Israel, is currently viewed in Jerusalem as the most hostile European country toward Israel.

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Wary of impending strike on Beirut, Lebanese are scrambling for cover
Israeli fighter jets break sound barrier over Beirut, sending many residents to seek shelter, while Foreign Ministry campaign says Israel has no quarrel with Lebanese people but will stop at nothing to target Hezbollah

Itamar Eichner, Lior Ben Ari | 16:06

As the exodus from Beirut continues, the Israeli Foreign Ministry has launched a campaign targeting Lebanese citizens with the message: "Your country has been taken hostage by Hezbollah." The campaign's videos, available in Arabic, French and English, amassed hundreds of thousands of views shortly after their release.

The campaign addresses Lebanese citizens directly, saying, "You have been taken hostage by Hezbollah, an organization integrated into the Lebanese government. The Beirut port explosion on August 4, 2020, devastated your capital, killing over 200 innocent people and injuring thousands more. Hezbollah is responsible for this atrocity, and to date, no one has been held accountable."

The video features a speaker with a Lebanese accent saying: "Our neighbors to the north: there is no territorial dispute between Israel and Lebanon. Israel seeks peace with you. The problem lies with Hezbollah and the Iranian agenda spreading throughout the region, which has been destroying your country for decades. Imagine your life without Hezbollah. Imagine your future without war. We, the people of Israel, can no longer allow Hezbollah to threaten us. It is time for the region to rid itself of Hezbollah. It is time for you in Lebanon to demand from your government to get rid of Hezbollah and Nasrallah."

Narration is delivered by Rawane Osman, a Lebanese woman born in Damascus to a Shiite mother and a Sunni father, who now resides in Germany. Since the massacre on October 7, she has been active on social media in English, Arabic and German, **advocating for Israel's cause against Hamas**. Osman also recently visited Israel to show solidarity.

The campaign comes at a sensitive time as tensions threaten to spread from southern Lebanon to Beirut. **Israel has warned that any miscalculations by Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah could lead to massive destruction in Lebanon**. This fear is reflected in the recent mass exodus from Beirut and particularly its Dahieh district, a Hezbollah stronghold, amid fears of a harsh Israeli response to Hezbollah's retaliation for the assassination of its military commander Fuad Shukr. **Social media videos showing Lebanese citizens panicking from Israeli Air Force jets' sonic booms over Beirut** further underscore the widespread anxiety.

Batoul, a 29-year-old **journalist**, told AFP she **supports Hezbollah** but admits to being scared and seeking safety. "Anyone who says they want to stay in Dahieh while it's being bombed is lying to themselves," she said, declining to give her last name. She recounted **unsuccessful attempts to rent an apartment in "safe areas" outside Beirut** not associated with Hezbollah, where landlords demanded exorbitant prices. One landlord even canceled an agreement for an apartment in Sawfar, east of Beirut, despite her willingness to pay six months' rent in advance.

A 55-year-old teacher and **Hezbollah supporter**, who also refused to be identified, found an apartment about 9 miles outside Beirut but pays \$1,500 a month for it, a steep price in Lebanon. In another instance, she arrived at an apartment listed for \$1,500 a month, only to find it actually cost \$2,000. "Landlords know we have no choice," she said. **"When war breaks out, people will pay any amount to be safe**. But those without money will have to stay in Dahieh."

Riyad Fakhradin, a **real estate agent in the Mount Lebanon** area near Beirut, said **apartments were snapped up** "within half an hour to an hour of posting them." Some landlords asked him to raise their prices from around \$500 a month to \$2,000. "I refused," he said. "I don't profit from a crisis and don't want to exploit people's fear." Ali, who rents out short-term apartments, said his phone "hasn't stopped ringing" before Nasrallah's speech on Tuesday. **"I booked ten apartments in two days,"** he said. "Many people came to my office and booked on the spot, or called me and arrived within an hour."

Before Nasrallah's speech, **Israeli Air Force jets circled over Dahieh three times, breaking the sound barrier and causing panic in the Lebanese capital**, prompting residents to seek ways to leave the city. Nasrallah addressed this, saying, "The enemy might break the sound barrier in Dahieh during the speech as a provocation."

Unlike in the 2006 war with Israel, there is **no consensus in Lebanon this time**. The phenomenon of Israeli Air Force jets **breaking the sound barrier is not new**, but more **videos documenting it** have been published recently, likely because it **has intensified**. Among these videos is a TikTok video showing a conversation between two women, during which sonic booms from Israeli fighter jets can be heard. One woman screamed in panic, while her friend tried to calm her.

BBC Arabic reported this as **part of psychological warfare**, explaining the noises are not from strikes but from breaking the sound barrier. Interviewees in the report expressed fear, with one saying, "We are **very scared when we hear it** because it seems like the war has started." In some cases, these **sonic booms have caused glass to break** in homes and shops. Despite this, some Lebanese document themselves cheering the explosion sounds to show they are not afraid.

AFP noted the **war has so far claimed about 560 lives in Lebanon, most of them terrorists, but at least 116 civilians**. On the Israeli side, **22 soldiers and 25 civilians** have been killed. The fear is that these numbers will rise in the event of escalation. During the Second Lebanon War in 2006, **Hezbollah received support from non-Shiite sects in Lebanon**, but **now the polarization around the war is much greater**, as Hezbollah initiated it unilaterally on October 8. "In 2006, there wasn't such polarization," said Batoul.

Meanwhile, as this sharp disagreement occupies the residents of Lebanon, the Foreign Ministry's campaign has been launched on the country's leading news sites, except those affiliated with **Hezbollah**, and also on social media, with a focus on X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube. This is the first time the **ministry has launched a campaign on news sites of a country with which Israel has no diplomatic relations**; the **goal appears to be to reach those non-Hezbollah supporters** forced to dramatically interrupt their daily lives due to a war they have no connection to.

David Saranga, head of the **digital division at the Foreign Ministry who initiated the campaign**, said, "We are aware of the **dissatisfaction in Lebanon with Hezbollah**, and Lebanese citizens are the primary target audience for our activity. At the same time, we also **emphasize the responsibility of the Lebanese government for everything that happens on its territory.**"

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Police raid Foreign Ministry over diplomatic passports issued as VIP perks

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Police raid Foreign Ministry over suspicion diplomatic passports wrongfully issued
Investigators confiscate material about the decision by **then-FM Eli Cohen to provide the prime minister's sons with diplomatic passports** over the objection of ministry officials;
'It's about time that these shenanigans stop'

Itamar Eichner|07:04

Investigators from the serious corruption unit of the **Israel Police raided the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem on Wednesday** in an **investigation into diplomatic passports being given** to people who were **not authorized to receive them**. The police conducted a search and confiscated documents.

"Lahav 433 began a **covert investigation** several weeks ago, into suspicions that **diplomatic passports** were **issued to persons not eligible** to receive them because they do not meet the legal standards," the police said in a statement. "Today investigators **confiscated relevant documents in their search.**"

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The police were reviewing diplomatic passports issued during Energy Minister Eli Cohen's time as foreign minister, including the passport issued to Yair Netanyahu, the son of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Yair and his brother Avner were both given the passports despite the objection of ministry officials who insisted they were not eligible to receive them.

"There was plenty fishy in how passports were dealt with and it's good that, finally, the police were investigating," an official said. They claimed that politicians intervened and pressured the ministry's staff. "Ministry professionals opposed, but were ignored," a senior ministry staffer said. "It is about time that these shenanigans stop."

A diplomatic passport does not provide diplomatic immunity to non-diplomats, but it does come with perks, including exemption from lines and from some security checks at airports, access to VIP lounges and even financial benefits including discounts in duty-free shops. It is often seen as a badge of honor and is regarded by law enforcement overseas as an indication of a person's special status.

When Cohen served as foreign minister, he was urged by the ministry's professional not to issue a diplomatic passport for Yair Netanyahu, claiming it was an explosive matter and that there was no valid reason for it. But the then-newly appointed minister insisted. He convened a commission to look into the matter but even after that commission found that there were no grounds to issue the passport to the prime minister's son, Cohen did so. Some officials said Yair Netanyahu who is in his 30s, was just extending an existing diplomatic passport but he had not had one since he became an adult.

The official request was made to the head of the consular section in the ministry, claiming that since the young Netanyahu traveled abroad with bodyguards and they had diplomatic passports, he should be given one too, for security reasons.

Cohen had previously served as intelligence minister in Netanyahu's government and, as such, chaired a committee that decided to provide Shin Bet bodyguards for Netanyahu's wife and two sons, although such protection has only been extended to the president, prime minister, ministers of defense and foreign affairs, the chief justice and the Knesset speaker.

Amid criticism of the move, Cohen said he was following the guidance of security agencies although those claims were never confirmed.

During Cohen's tenure at the ministry, diplomatic passports were issued to the head of the settlers' council, officials close to the ruling Likud Party and the mayors of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The Foreign Ministry also issued temporary diplomatic passports to Sara Netanyahu, Supreme Court justices and their partners, former chiefs of the military, including Aviv Kochavi "who was participating in Israel's advocacy efforts abroad," and former justice Elyakim Rubinstein, who held "senior positions in the ministry."

According to Israeli law, diplomatic passports can be given to diplomats, ministers and members of the Knesset, the police commissioner, the chief of military staff and the head

of Israel's security agencies. In the past, diplomatic passports were given to religious leaders and other notables but that practice was stopped.

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Settler council wants banking laws to circumvent US sanctions imposed on some settlers

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Settlers want to build more settlements in response to sanctions

Settler council lists the actions it demands the government take including legislation against left-wing activists they accuse of providing information leading to sanctions, trade bans on sanctioning nations, and ways to circumvent banking laws to protect sanctioned entities and people

Elisha Ben Kimon|05:21

The Judea and Samaria Council presented the government with a list of demands in the wake of U.S. and international sanctions imposed on some settlers over violation of international law and violence against Palestinians.

According to the list seen by Ynet on Wednesday, the settlers want the government to establish new settlements and legalize outposts every time sanctions are announced, and for legislation to be passed to punish left-wing activists whom they accuse of providing the information that can lead to sanctions being imposed. "The government seems to be doing nothing against the sanctions," one official in the council said. "Israel must wake up and deal with this."

The council demanded that the government set up a mechanism to protect banks where the accounts of organizations and individuals named in the sanctions are kept. According to U.S. law, any financial institution that provides services to entities or people under sanctions is barred from doing business in the U.S.

The settlers also want the government to fund organizations aiding settlers and entities under sanctions and urge suspending trade agreements with countries that have imposed such sanctions.

The settlers' council said they planned to advocate for the government to establish a ministerial committee and appoint a special project manager to deal with the response to sanctions against entities and West Bank settlers.

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55 Rockets from Gaza in July, kibbutz members must return by middle of August

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As rocket fire from Gaza increases, residents uncertain ahead of school year

Daphne Siboni from Nir Am says kibbutz members were given the run-around until they were ultimately left with no solution other than returning to the border with their children where it is unsafe

Matan Tzuri|04:14

The IDF said on Wednesday that Hamas fired rockets at the Gaza border communities from inside humanitarian safe zones in the strip. In the past month, 55 rockets have been fired, some intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system and others landing in open fields.

The return of intense rocket fire to the south has left residents in despair, especially as the start of the new school year approaches. "It's just not safe to bring children here," says Daphne Siboni from Nir Am.
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Hamas continues to be able to target the border area communities despite 10 months of war in Gaza, during which terrorists manage to resurrect their capabilities as soon as IDF troops withdraw from parts of the strip.

The government has instructed residents to return to the south, but many have demanded that schools be opened away from the danger, while others believe a familiar surrounding would be better for the kids. Siboni says her kibbutz had been promised solution after solution, but none have come to fruition.

"At first, they told us to choose if we wanted to live in a rural community or a city. We deliberated and voted for rural living. They then returned and said that the only option was a religious community. We said sure, we can all live together. But then they said it was not an option and we had to move as a community, into apartment blocks," she said.

"They asked us to choose between three southern cities. We deliberated and voted again and chose a northern sector of Ashkelon. But that too was quickly taken off the table and they said we could either return to the Kibbutz or find separate solutions like living with family or renting apartments. We were told to leave the hotels we were evacuated to after October 7, by the middle of August," according to Siboni.

Siboni said its been a non-stop rollercoaster ride. "How can we return to the kibbutz? We are still terrified. Now we have less than a week to find a place to live, without our community, without basic supplies, while we continue to pay taxes and mortgages," she said.

Those who returned are scrambling to find solutions as well. "The WhatsApp group is full of questions about how to get secure doors, efforts to organize group purchases of weapons and requests for recommendations for child psychologists," she says. "The government got its way. They are settling people back on the border but what of our children? What of our lives?"

Yahya Sinwar hiding in tunnels under Gaza, named leader of Hamas to replace Haniyeh

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Yahya Sinwar named leader of Hamas to replace Haniyeh

The architect of the October 7 massacre, who has been hiding in tunnels under Gaza ever since, is the new political head of the terror group; Immediately after the announcement, rockets were launched from northern Gaza toward Sderot and Ashkelon
Einav Halabi|14:12

Hamas named its Gaza leader Yahya Sinwar as successor to former political chief Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Tehran last week, the group said on Tuesday, in a move that reinforces the radical path pursued since the Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

Along with Mohammed Deif and the senior military wing, Sinwar is considered the architect of the October 7 massacre and, since the war began, he has been hiding in tunnels under Gaza

Shortly after the announcement of Sinwar's appointment, rocket alert sirens sounded in southern Ashkelon, Sderot, Ibim, Nir Am and Zikim. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the rocket fire at Israel. Three rockets were launched from the northern Gaza; one was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system and two fell in open areas without causing any casualties or damage. Since July 5, there have been 58 rocket launches from the Gaza Strip toward Israel.

Even though he is in hiding, Sinwar manages to communicate with the outside and make decisions regarding cease-fire negotiations and hostage deals. He even managed to convey a message of condolence to Ismail Haniyeh after his sons were killed in the Gaza Strip in April. Hamas officials told the ASharq al-Awsat newspaper that there are three people who know where Sinwar is, and that they provide for his needs. "He is constantly updated, communicates and is involved in developments," the Hamas officials said. In statements at the beginning of the month to the London-based Arabic language newspaper, the Hamas officials said that communication with Sinwar took place mainly "during the decisive periods of the negotiations," however, they did not specify how they were conducted and whether it was direct or indirect communication. The sources claimed that "it is a very small circle that knows his whereabouts. No more than two or three people who provide for his various needs and maintain his communication with the other leaders of the movement."

According to the report at the beginning of the month, the sources did not deny - and did not confirm - the news that Sinwar has survived Israeli assassination attempts during the current war, and did not indicate whether IDF forces have come near the hiding place where he is staying. They also avoided revealing clues to his location, nor gave away whether he is currently aboveground or in the tunnels. They said that "the occupation failed to reach many of the leaders of the first and second ranks of Hamas, but tried to assassinate some of them. Some of them were injured and some survived and came out unscathed from the bombing operations in different areas."

The forces of the 98th Division came close to Sinwar during the operations in Khan Yunis, when Sinwar was said to be walking in flip flops and without a weapon, but they were unable to get him. Hamas often uses secret doors with double doors that are easily destroyed, which hide or make it difficult to pass during the underground pursuits that the IDF conducted against the senior members of the terrorist army.

The CIA chief's assessment of Sinwar

The CIA estimates that Sinwar is under increasing pressure from his military commanders to accept the cease-fire agreement and the release of the hostages and end the war with Israel, CIA head Bill Burns said recently at a conference, CNN reported, citing a source who participated in it.

According to Burns, Sinwar "isn't worried about the death toll" among the terrorist group's members, but he faces increasing blame for the extent of the suffering in Gaza. U.S. intelligence sources believe that Sinwar is hiding in the tunnels under his hometown of Khan Yunis, from where he makes the key decisions for Hamas regarding the deal. Since the assassination of Haniyeh in Tehran, the Arab world has been concerned with the question of who will replace him as the head of the political bureau of Hamas. The Al-Arabiya network reported Tuesday morning that Abu Omar Hassan, who is known as Muhammad Ismail Darwish and is the head of the Shura Council of Hamas, was chosen as Haniyeh's replacement.

The assassination in Tehran created chaos in the movement's institutions because of the difficulty in choosing a replacement. In recent days, there were estimates that Khaled Meshaal would return to the position he stopped filling in 2017, but it seems that Sinwar did not give his blessing to the move.

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Iran is actively working to get Kamala Harris as the worst president for Israel

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Trump advisor: Iran wants Kamala Harris as president

Dr. Mike Evans, a prominent evangelical and Trump advisor, says Kamala Harris 'will be the worst president for Israel' and that Iran are actively working to get her elected; 'Israel is a light unto the world,' he says

Itamar Eichner|09:40

Dr. Mike Evans, a prominent figure in the evangelical world and an advisor to the U.S. presidential candidate and former President Donald Trump, is very concerned that Iran will instruct Hamas and Hezbollah to end the war with Israel to help Kamala Harris win the elections.

"I told this to Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Mike Herzog. The Iranians will intervene in the U.S. elections and try to help the Democrats because they don't want Trump," Evans said in an interview with Ynet.

Evans, the founder of the Friends of Zion Heritage Center in Jerusalem, was very close to Shimon Peres and is a great admirer of Netanyahu. After the Prime Minister's speech in Congress, he even met with him along with other evangelical leaders and described it as an "excellent meeting."

What did you think of Netanyahu's speech in Congress?

"I thought the speech was like one given by Reagan or Churchill. A brilliant speech. The most unifying speech heard in Congress in recent years. Our political system is very polarized, and his speech was very sensitive to both Democrats and Republicans. He was sincere and addressed all core issues. I thought it was a masterpiece."

Is Bibi Netanyahu really "the chosen one" as many Jews and Christians see him?

"The chosen one' is a complex term to use because many Christians think of the chosen one as the Messiah. Do I believe that God chose Bibi Netanyahu? The answer is yes. I know for certain that God chose him."

Why do evangelicals in the U.S. love Netanyahu?

"It's not just in the U.S.; it's global. The only person who unites evangelicals around the world is Netanyahu. The reason is related to moral clarity. For them, everything is black and white, good or evil. And he has always been a proponent of moral clarity. He has been a friend to the evangelicals. He always understood our base. He always respected us. He built a bridge with us for decades."

"October 7 was entirely planned by the devil in Tehran"

After the difficult events of October 7, Evans was shocked and blames Iran for giving Hamas the order to attack. According to him, "October 7 was an attack by Iran because it is close to completing its nuclear program. Iran now has an alliance with Russia that can only help them by providing a nuclear umbrella. Iran authorized the proxy to attack. It was entirely planned by the devil in Tehran. Russia will help Iran complete the nuclear program and eventually provide a nuclear umbrella. This is what will happen in the future. Iran knows this. Israel knows this. And that is why Iran is using its proxy, Hamas, as part of a strategic plan to wear down not just Israel but the West. To wear down and deceive. Russia will provide a nuclear umbrella – which means Russian planes will fly over Iran and Syria, causing Israel and the U.S. to be unable to attack Iran. This is an umbrella for their nuclear program."

Do you not acknowledge Netanyahu's responsibility for October 7?

"October 7 did not happen because of Netanyahu. Unfortunately, it happened, and there were mistakes, and there will be a committee of inquiry that needs to look for the culprits. It is terrible – there is no one I know in Israel who is not shocked by this. The investigation will determine, but you cannot blame Bibi for October 7. You can blame Hamas and Iran. Bibi is not God. He cannot solve every problem in Israel."

Can Israel rely on America these days?

"Yes and no. You have two problems. One problem is that there is a very weak White House now. Because of the weakness of the White House, Biden's resignation sends a message to Tehran and all the evil ones that now have a window. It is very dangerous. You have a president who wants to end the war, and you have Harris who wants to end the war now. You have Trump who is anti-war. He does not want wars, and he made it clear that he is against the war in Iraq. He does not want wars in the Middle East. You

have two people – one of whom will be president – and both do not want war. Trump will tell Bibi to end the war quickly. This is a disaster for you. In the background, **Israel will not allow Iran to be nuclear.** Israel will have to inform America that it is going to destroy the centrifuges alone. **Sooner or later, they will have to confront Iran."**

Who is better for Israel, Trump or Harris?

"Trump was the greatest president in my lifetime for the state of Israel. There has never been a better president for Israel. I was inside, and we advised him on decisions about Israel. **Trump did very brave things.** He was advised not to move the embassy, and he did. He did everything he could for Israel. **There is no chance that Harris will be a great supporter of Israel.** She will say it with her mouth but will not be. **Harris will be the worst president for Israel if elected. Much worse than Obama."**

You are a believer, what is Israel's role in the world these days?

"I believe that God chose Israel. This goes back to **Jacob in the Bible,** to be a light unto the nations. **Tehran calls Israel the little devil and America the big devil.** Israel is America's firewall. It is a firewall to keep radical Islam from reaching our shores. You had September 11 – **they hate America more than Israel.** And so **Israel is a critical soldier on the front line** – fighting the terrorists who want to harm America. Israel needs America's support. **Israel is a light** unto the world. There is no other country in the world that has produced so many Nobel Prize winners – even though it is a small country. It is a **beacon to the world,** and it is hated. Jews are not murdered in Israel because of land but **because they are Jews."**

How do you see the division among the people of Israel, is it a danger?

"I think Israel is experiencing the dilemmas that the U.S. is experiencing. In the **1960s,** there was a **social and sexual revolution** in the U.S. In America, it was a rebellion, and a left-wing movement was born that took over universities, art, and the education system. This left-wing ideology greatly influenced Israel. Israel was influenced exactly by the logic of the ideological left. In Israel, you are either right or left. There is no center. There is an ideological battle that continues. Shimon Peres told me that the new wars in the 21st century are ideological and communicative. He told me this in 1996, and he was right. Israel is fighting not only an ideological war outside Israel's borders but also an **ideological war within Israel."**

"We will do everything to persuade Trump to stand by Israel. We will not give him rest. If Trump wins, **Israel will have very strong allies among the evangelicals.** There is **no chance that Harris will be a great supporter of Israel.** She will say it with her mouth but will not be."

In the Christian world, they talk about "the end times," what do you think about that?

"I am not a prophet. I am pragmatic. I do not focus on the end times. For me, the end times mean that Israel is suffering. I was with the grandfather of the two babies, the ginger twins who were kidnapped. He experienced the end times. For him, it is the end times. Hell on earth. I am not involved in prophecies, and I only **examine the current times.** When Israelis are killed, raped, and beheaded, it is the end times."

What is your gut feeling about who will win the U.S. elections?

"We are worried. In the previous elections, only 28% of registered voters were Republicans. Today, registered Republicans are only 24%. It means that for Trump to win, he needs to bring more votes from independents, even more than from Republicans."

He chose the wrong Vice President. If he had chosen a black Vice President like Ben Carson or a woman like Nikki Haley or a Hispanic like Marco Rubio, it would have helped him with independents. By choosing J.D. Vance, he gets nothing from independents, and so we are worried. We will do our best to help him. We know that Harris will have all the media behind her. She will gain strength in the polls. There is another thing we are worried about, and that is Iran. I believe that the Iranians, who play chess, will try to make a chess move. They will send a message to Hamas to end the war and to Hezbollah to end the war so that everything will be quiet again, to help Harris because they do not want Trump."

If Trump wins, will you evangelical leaders pressure him to continue to support Israel and defend it against Iran?

"100%. Every one of us who gave him the presidency is pro-Israel on steroids.

Everything that happened with Trump was because of us. We pushed him to recognize the Golan Heights. The embassy to Jerusalem. The Taylor Force Act. We will do the same thing now. Everyone believes that if America curses Israel, America will be cursed. This is what unites us all. We will do everything to persuade Trump to stand by Israel. We will not give him rest. If Trump wins, Israel will have very strong allies among the evangelicals. Bibi knows this. He knows that American support for Israel is evangelical. That's his North Star."

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Hezbollah barrage of drones injured 18 in Western Galilee

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Residents shocked, angry after at least 18 injured in Hezbollah drone strike in Nahariya area of Western Galilee

Hezbollah launched a barrage of drones that caused damage and many injuries, including one person in critical condition, in the Nahariya area; Residents complain: 'There are not enough shelters'; IDF says the interceptor missed the explosives-laden drone, and hit the ground

Yair Kraus, Hassan Shaalan|09:05

"We heard the whistle of the drone, suddenly there was an explosion." Residents of Nahariya and the surrounding area of the Western Galilee reacted with shock to the Hezbollah drone attack south of Nahariya, which critically injured a 30-year-old man and injure 17 others. An eyewitnesses said at noon on Tuesday that "all the communities in the north are suffering", and called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to find a way to halt the attacks, including invading Lebanon.

At least two unmanned aerial vehicles penetrated Israeli territory, following a series of alarms that were triggered in communities in the Western Galilee, including Nahariya and Acre. One of the unmanned aerial vehicles was intercepted, and the other exploded at an intersection near the town of Mazra'a.

The injured were evacuated to the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya with shrapnel injuries, as well as those who suffered from anxiety and head injuries. Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the attack, and said that it had launched a "swarm of drones" in response to an Israeli strike south Lebanon town of Mayfadoun near Nabatieh, some 30 kilometers (19 miles) north of Lebanon's border with Israel, reportedly killing at least five men.

Hours later, sirens sounded in the areas of Sha'al and Kela Alon and the IDF Aerial Defense Array successfully intercepted a suspicious aerial target that crossed from Lebanese territory. No injuries were reported. The siren was activated as a result of the launch of the interceptor toward the target and due to the possibility of falling shrapnel from the interception. Israel Fire Services are currently operating to extinguish fires that were ignited in several areas by fallen shrapnel from the interception.

Avi Ezran from Nahariya told Ynet that he was at the intersection when the drone exploded. "I approached the traffic lights and saw people on the ground. I stopped the car and suddenly I hear an alarm and see a UAV in front of me, at a height of six or seven meters. It started swinging and after that we heard a boom, from an intercepted or a fall. Did you realize that you were under attack by Hezbollah?"

"I thought it had started but I didn't understand what happened here, and the alarms don't stop."

Ten months into the war, what are your feelings?

"This is what I have to say to the government. Right now you are a failed government. I am nervous. My children are suffering, all of Nahariya, all of the north, all of the communities in the north are suffering. We must solve this problem. Please. Bibi will solve this problem for us. All our businesses are closed, we have nothing to in town, what to do? Tell us, Bibi, what to do?"

"We demand that we enter Lebanon. I am a 49-year-old human being, an engineer, now volunteering for the reserves. Take me now, I am ready to enter Lebanon. Nasrallah only understands force. The people know that. Who can get up in the morning when you don't know if you are coming back? What is that? "Every day, 12 of our children are killed." (The massacre in Majdal Shams).

Maor Amsalem, a resident of Krayot, happened to be driving at the time of the explosion.

"There was alarm after alarm. On the third we already got it, and of course we listened to the instructions."

Did you see the UAV?

"Really, a meter above me. We heard a whistle and then there was an explosion. All the parts flew, glass, stones, everything just flew in all directions and luckily we were standing across the road and survived. I personally came out with a miracle."

How do you feel now? Did you think that would be the case after ten months?

"I am shaking. I never imagined it would come to me. I said it would be fine, I'm at home with two children. If you don't listen to the instructions and stay in the car, that's not what you should do."

A eyewitness to the explosion told Ynet that he saw a woman who was hit and was evacuated from the scene. "She was injured in her leg and was in shock." When asked

about his feelings about the fact that the war had also reached Mazra'a, a place relatively far from the border, he replied that "the feelings are not good. Me and my daughters, they are all screaming. I have a daughter, five years old, she screams all day. The situation is difficult, the situation is not good."

Nassim Nas , a resident of Mazra'a, shared that after 10 months of war "we have to end it, 10 months is too much". When asked how he thinks the problem can be solved, he replied: "I don't know how to do it. We little people don't know how to do it. Let's hope it will be all right."

Coral , who was slightly injured and arrived at the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, said: "I was driving on the road with my child (three months old) and the drone fell right next to us. My rear window was shattered by a shard and we pulled over. Thank God we are fine. I arrived from the direction of Krayot and did not hear the siren. It was a great miracle."

The IDF announced later on Wednesday that "an initial inquiry indicates that an interceptor missed the target and hit the ground, injuring several civilians. The incident is under review."

Hezbollah said it aimed its fire at a military base near Acre after an Israeli strike Monday on the South Lebanon town of Mayfadoun near Nabatieh, some 30 kilometers (19 miles) north of Lebanon's border with Israel, reportedly killing at least five men. According to a report in the Saudi Al-Hadath channel, a senior member of the Iran-backed group was among the dead.

Mazra'a does not have enough shelters: 'We have no safe places'

Against the backdrop of the Hezbollah attack, the residents of Mazra'a harshly criticized the lack of shelters to protect against the missiles and drones launched from southern Lebanon. "The residents of the village live in great danger, while Nahariya, which is a minute away, enjoys shelters that are sufficient for all residents," they noted.

"The village has a shelter at the school and another one at the community center, but this is only enough for a very small number of people," Mohammad Awad, a resident of Mazra'a, said. "We are facing a danger that threatens our lives and we have no safe places to protect us from the missiles. Today the explosions were very close to us, if it had happened in a residential neighborhood we would have seen victims, injuries and very significant damage."

Another young man said that "our village is a minute away from Nahariya, and there are shelters to protect everyone, just because it's a Jewish city, while we Arabs don't seem to deserve these services." According to him, "the responsible authorities must provide shelters and raise this issue not only in times of war, but also in calm days without any wars."

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IDF thwarting West Bank squads, struck twice from the air; 9 PA dead in Jenin

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Palestinians say 9 dead in airstrike on Jenin

IDF says carried out two strikes targeting terrorist squads operating in the area

Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun|05:40

At least nine Palestinians were killed in airstrikes on the Jenin refugee camp, Palestinians said on Tuesday, the IDF confirmed in struck twice from the air, targeting terror squads.

An IDF raid has been ongoing since Monday when forces began operating to detain wanted terror suspects operating from the Jenin area. Border Police, and Engineering Corps units entered the refugee camp.

According to Israeli forces, four terrorists were killed while no injuries to the troops were reported thus far. the raid was still ongoing.

Since October 7, IDF has operated extensively inside West Bank refugee camps, thwarting terror attacks and aiming to preserve Israeli forces' ability to safely maneuver in the area.

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UN confirms 9 UNRWA of the 450 accused, were involved in October 7 attack

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Nine UNRWA workers involved in October 7 attack, UN confirms International body's internal investigation finds several employees of its Gaza-based refugee aid agency took part in Hamas' murderous assault Reuters|14:13

Nine staff members of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) may have been involved in the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel, and they will be fired, the United Nations said on Monday.

"For nine people, the evidence was sufficient to conclude that they may have been involved in the seventh of October attacks," Deputy spokesperson Farhan Haq said. ynetnews

He was referring to findings of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, which he said had completed its investigation into the alleged involvement of 19 UNRWA staff members in the attacks.

"OIOS made findings in relation to each of the 19 UNRWA staff members alleged to have been involved in the attacks," he said.

"In one case, no evidence was obtained by OIOS to support the allegations of the staff member's involvement, while in nine other cases, the evidence obtained by OIOS was insufficient to support the staff member's involvement," he said.

Haq said all the nine individuals who the investigation concluded may have been involved were men. He did not give details of what they may have done, but said: "For us,

any participation in the attacks is a tremendous betrayal of the sort of work that we are supposed to be doing on behalf of the Palestinian people."

The United Nations launched the investigation after Israel charged that 12 UNRWA staff took part in the Hamas-led October 7 attacks which triggered the Gaza war.

Israel stepped up its accusations in March, saying over 450 UNRWA staff were military operatives in Gaza terrorist groups. UNRWA employs 32,000 people across its area of operations, 13,000 of them in Gaza.

UNRWA said in March that some employees released into Gaza from Israeli detention reported having been pressured by Israeli authorities into falsely stating that the agency has Hamas links and that staff took part in the October 7 attacks.

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One Jewish state plan secure Israel's future; Two plans require opposition live elsewhere

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Could a one Jewish state plan secure Israel's future?

With multifront war ongoing, novel approaches to peace with Palestinians are emerging in hopes of finally solving the spiraling conflict in the region

Maayan Hoffman/The Media Line|11:25

Israel is facing a significant escalation in the ongoing war as Iran and its proxies threaten the nation. As Israel targets Hamas leaders and considers establishing a civil administration in Gaza run by local clans, diplomats and thought leaders are developing strategies to ensure that Israel does not face another crisis like October 7.

In February, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman introduced the first draft of a one-state plan for Israel and the territories, and last month, he presented the idea to lawmakers in the Knesset. The plan will be detailed in his upcoming book, One Jewish State: The Last, Best Hope to Resolve the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, which is set to be published on September 3.

Friedman served as ambassador under former U.S. president Donald Trump. He told The Media Line that he has not yet shared all the details with Trump but will likely try to work with Trump on the plan if he is reelected.

Friedman's plan is meant to send a message to the Palestinians, which he described as follows: "You have two choices: You can try to kill us. We're not going to let you do that. We're certainly going to win that fight. If you don't want to kill us, do you want to live with us? We will bend over backward to try to bring your lives up to standard."

In essence, the plan proposes extending Israeli sovereignty over all of the West Bank, known by religious Jews as Judea and Samaria, and granting permanent residency to the 2.7 million or so Palestinians living there. It also seeks American and Gulf support for a "Marshall Plan" to improve the region's health care, education, and overall prosperity.

Friedman said the plan aligns with biblical covenants, addresses security concerns, and promotes human dignity for everyone. It aims to maximize Palestinian self-governance and prosperity while ensuring Israel's security.

"It is not right-wing or left-wing; it is about the best outcome for the most people," Friedman said.

Friedman said his plan crystallized after October 7, when he concluded that the two-state solution was no longer viable. Instead, he believes Israel needs a strategy that balances its right to exist in peace and security with Jewish self-determination while ensuring fundamental human rights for everyone who lives in the country, including Palestinians.

According to Friedman's plan, Israel would assert sovereignty over the West Bank, provide care for Palestinians, and empower them with local self-rule. Palestinians in these areas, who currently lack Israeli citizenship, would receive it – including Israeli documents. Still, they would only vote in local elections, not national ones, to maintain Israel's Jewish character and leadership.

"There are more than 50 Muslim nations around the world. There are Christian nations, as well as Buddhist and Hindu nations. We are talking about one Jewish state," Friedman told The Media Line.

Friedman compared the situation to American territories like Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, where residents are American citizens but cannot elect a U.S. president and have nonvoting congressional representation.

"These arrangements are accepted because of significant reciprocal benefits," Friedman said. "Israel has to help the Palestinians get out from the depths."

He emphasized that his plan cannot be considered apartheid. Unlike in racist South Africa where black residents were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in poor living conditions, Friedman's plan ensures Palestinians permanent residency in their homes and promises significant improvements in infrastructure, health care, education, and overall prosperity.

Friedman acknowledged that the plan is "largely aspirational" at this stage but hopes it will "change the trajectory of how we think about this region."

He pointed out that millions of Christians worldwide believe Israel is the land of the Bible and that God made a covenant with the Jewish people to live there. "The more that Israel punts" on annexing the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria, he said, "the harder it is for the country to be taken seriously about its desire to have sovereignty over all of God's land."

Friedman emphasized that while Israel would maintain sovereignty over sacred sites in these areas, they would remain open and protected for people of all faiths.

Friedman clarified that this plan might not be for immediate implementation but could probably roll out within the next five years. First, he said, Israel needs to secure internal support and backing from the United States, which he believes is achievable under Trump. He explained that previous plans aimed to keep Area C of the West Bank for Israel and hand over Areas A and B to the Palestinians.

"But if Areas A and B remain isolated from Israel, they will just turn into Gaza and perpetuate the conflict," Friedman said. He noted that these are places where no Jews live

and there is no Israeli military presence, which creates a bubble in which terrorism flourishes.

“These are painful lessons we learned on October 7. ... Gaza was the test case for a Palestinian state, and it failed,” he continued. “This [Friedman’s plan] would be the test case for sovereignty, and we hope it succeeds.”

Friedman is not the only one developing a new one-state solution to the conflict. Avi Abelow, CEO of Voice of the Pulse of Israel, presented his five-point plan for a bright Israeli future to a packed room of hundreds of people at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in June.

Abelow’s plan calls for Israel to win the current war by uprooting terrorists and their infrastructure from Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. Following this, Israel would apply sovereignty over Gaza, the West Bank and Samaria. The plan suggests that the army return to Lebanon’s Northern Security Zone.

The plan has three additional points:

Israel will grant citizenship to all Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza who pledge allegiance to the state. Those who wish to live in peace and enjoy the blessings of full democracy and freedom for all Arab Muslims in Israel will be welcome to enjoy full rights. Anyone connected to terror or supporting the destruction of the Jewish state will be encouraged to live elsewhere.

Israel will assist any Arab Muslims in the West Bank and Gaza who do not pledge allegiance to the state or who call for the murder and destruction of Jews in emigrating to other countries.

Finally, Israel will take control of the Temple Mount. Abelow asserts that Israel must stop tolerating intolerance. This move is critical in sending a message to the Muslim world and the entire international community that Israel is permanent, democratic, sovereign, solid, and open to anyone from any faith or background who chooses a life of tolerance and peace.

Abelow told The Media Line that he believes most Palestinians will choose to emigrate from Israel, so granting citizenship to Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza would not pose a demographic threat to Israel.

Like Friedman, Abelow does not have a detailed implementation plan, leaving that to officials who might adopt it. Abelow emphasized the importance of the country, making it clear that “having people that want to kill us amongst us is unacceptable.”

Abelow acknowledged that initially, the world might object to applying sovereignty in Gaza and the West Bank as well as encouraging Arabs who don’t support Israel to relocate. However, he believes that in the long term, this approach will gain international support.

“In the long-term, this will inspire other freedom-loving countries,” Abelow told The Media Line. He argued that with extremist Muslims taking over in parts of Europe and the United States, it is in the interest of all Western countries to take similar actions.

Shortly after the October 7 massacre, Trump said at a rally that if he were elected president again, he would bar immigrants who support Hamas from entering the U.S. and send officers to pro-Hamas protests to arrest and deport immigrants who publicly support the terrorist group.

‘Not time for aggressive expansion’

However, Len Khodorkovsky strongly disagreed with this expansionist premise. A former senior adviser to the U.S. special representative for Iran, Khodorkovsky, told The Media Line that “Israel is not in a position to act unilaterally and expect everyone to fall in line. The wise thing would be to be pragmatic and achieve the country’s security objectives so that no Israeli citizen is threatened.”

He said that he did not believe Israel’s neighbors, including its Abraham Accords allies, would respond kindly to what he referred to as “aggressive expansion.”

“I don’t even think the Israeli people agree that this is the way to go,” Khodorkovsky said. “It needs to be decided democratically how to proceed. ... If Israel is not aligned internally, like before October 7, I don’t think that is ultimately good for Israel. I believe the real threat Israel faces is internal division.”

Brig. Gen. (res.) Amir Avivi, the founder and CEO of the Israel Defense and Security Forum, said that winning the war needed to come before anything else. On this issue, the former general said that he agreed with Abelow: It means rooting out terrorism from Israel’s borders and likely continuing to have at least a military presence in Gaza, the Lebanon security zone, and the West Bank.

“We need to set the terms to bring back all the citizens to a safe environment,” Avivi said. However, he emphasized that the core issue is not just the Iranian proxies on the border but Iran itself, which he believes must be addressed sooner rather than later for Israel to thrive again.

“The best thing we can do is ensure that the next administration understands the urgency of dealing with Iran militarily and destroying their nuclear program,” Avivi told The Media Line. “This is an existential threat for Israel.”

Regarding sovereignty over the West Bank, Avivi supports it. However, he believes that citizenship should not be granted to Palestinians who remain in the area. Given the challenging conditions in neighboring Muslim countries, he does not expect many Palestinians granted citizenship to give it up and emigrate.

“For a nation that has been expelled from its land four times and has faced endless wars since returning to Israel, it is crucial to address the question of how to secure Israel for future generations seriously,” Avivi said. “That is what is needed. Once we answer that question, we can consider how to handle the Palestinians.”

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EU & Arab countries urging their citizens to leave Lebanon immediately, over Israel war

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These countries are urging their citizens to leave Lebanon immediately, over fear of war with Israel

France and Italy call on their citizens to leave 'due to the deteriorating situation,' joining the U.S., UK, and other countries, including Arab nations; Sweden has even closed its embassy and in Lebanon officials assured that 'there is no fear of the airport closing' Lior Ben Ari|14:24

In recent days, numerous Arab and Western countries have urged their citizens to leave Lebanon due to fear of an all-out war with Israel. Tensions have escalated following the assassinations last week of Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and senior Hezbollah operative Fuad Shukur in Beirut's Dahieh district.

Saudi Arabia's Al-Hadath channel released a video on Sunday showing the crowded departure hall at Beirut's Rafic Hariri International Airport under the headline "Mass Exodus from Lebanon."

France and Italy both called on their citizens to leave Lebanon on Sunday. The French Foreign Ministry had already advised citizens residing in Iran to temporarily leave the country due to fears of airspace closures and urged travelers to depart. On Sunday, France extended this warning to Lebanon, especially for tourists, advising them to leave "while commercial flights are still available."

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani posted on X, advising Italians in Lebanon to avoid traveling to the south and to return to Italy as soon as possible "considering the deteriorating situation."

Similar calls were made by other countries over the weekend. Sweden on Saturday urged its citizens to leave Lebanon and announced the temporary closure of its embassy in Beirut. The U.S. Embassy also advised citizens to purchase flight tickets "to any destination available, even if it's not preferred." The UK joined in, asking its citizens to leave "immediately." Jordan's Foreign Ministry, which had already urged its citizens to leave Lebanon in recent days, reiterated its call last night.

Amid the deployment of additional U.S. forces to the region, U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor Jonathan Finer stated Sunday that the measures are purely defensive. "Our goal is de-escalation, deterrence, and the defense of Israel," he told CBS. Regarding the call for American citizens to leave Lebanon, he said, "We are trying to prepare for any scenario in the Middle East."

Considerable attention has been focused recently on Rafic Hariri International Airport, which, according to a June report by the British Telegraph, conceals ballistic missiles, Burkan rockets, Flak missiles, and explosives belonging to Hezbollah. Arab and Lebanese media have been monitoring passenger movement and airport activity amid rumors of its closure and calls for foreign nationals to leave the country, along with the suspension of flights by several airlines.

Lebanon's Civil Aviation Authority yesterday denied rumors of flight cancellations to and from Beirut. Airport officials told a Lebanese channel that no decision has been made to close the airport, attributing the flight suspensions to individual airlines choosing to avoid Lebanon during this period. Arab network reporters rushed to the airport to document passenger traffic, with Al-Qahera News' Egyptian correspondent reporting that

some flights are being delayed for technical reasons and as a precaution by airport authorities. Kuwait Airways announced a temporary suspension of its Beirut flights starting Monday, joining a list of airlines that have done so.

Despite the recent reports and heightened security tensions, a Lebanese publication on Monday claimed that a review of airport traffic in July 2024 showed more entries into the country than exits. The airport continues to operate at an almost normal pace despite developments and some changes in flight schedules.

According to the report, approximately 411,000 people entered Lebanon in July this year, marking an 18.3% decrease compared to July last year. Meanwhile, about 339,000 people left the country last month, reflecting a 19% decrease from the same period last year.

Overall, there is a significant decline in both entries to and exits from Lebanon compared to July last year.

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Iran rejects pleas to moderate sparks of war; US to intercept Iranian attack and retaliate

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Iran rejects pleas to moderate response: 'We don't care if it sparks a war'

Washington urges restraint, but it seems Tehran is determined to respond to the assassination of Hamas leader on its territory and is undeterred despite being warned that any significant attack against Israel will provoke a counter-response

Itamar Eichner|14:00

Iran has rejected intense efforts by the U.S. and Arab diplomats to moderate its response to the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, the Wall Street Journal reported Sunday.

Since the killing, Iranian leaders have vowed retaliation, with sources familiar with the discussions indicating that Iranian officials have stated: "We do not care if our response sparks a war."

The U.S. has urged Western and Arab nations to convey a message to Iran to avoid escalation, warning that any significant attack would provoke a counter-response. American officials have indicated that if Tehran opts not to escalate the situation excessively, the new Iranian president, inaugurated just hours before Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh's assassination, would have a better chance to improve relations with the West.

Washington's message is clear: "Iran must show restraint." Meanwhile, IDF spokesperson Brigadier General Daniel Hagari announced that there are no changes to current guidelines despite Iran's threats. "At this time, there is no change in the Home Front Command's defensive policy. We are working to provide you with the necessary warnings to prepare for any threat, and unless stated otherwise, there is no change to the Home Front Command's defensive policy. We will update it only if required."

Hagari added that: "We are in strong readiness for defense in the air, at sea, and on land, and we are preparing for any sudden threat. We will update any changes in defensive policy on the Home Front Command's platforms, and I will be here to provide updates. The defense is not hermetic, so every citizen is required to know the guidelines for the area they are in and to remain alert."

"In recent days, we have seen an increase in public visits to the Home Front Command website and the questions they have raised. All answers can be found on the Home Front Command website, and we are also updating it in response to new questions that have arisen," he added. "Additionally, today, the Home Front Command launched a new system called "Personal Message." This is a system recognized by international standards that sends defense alerts for sudden large-scale emergency events. The alert is sent to mobile phones located in a threatened area. This is without the need for an app or any action from the citizen."

When asked why Israel is waiting for an Iranian retaliation instead of launching a preemptive strike, Hagari responded: "We have plans and are highly prepared to execute them. We will act immediately upon receiving orders from the political leadership." Amid efforts to de-escalate the situation, many countries, both Arab and Western, are not taking any risks and are urging their citizens to leave Lebanon due to fears of an all-out war with Israel. In light of the anticipated Iranian retaliation and Hezbollah's response, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is holding a situation assessment Sunday evening with senior defense officials. U.S. Central Command Commander General Michael Kurilla is scheduled to arrive in Israel Monday as part of a regional tour in the Middle East to coordinate the international coalition's efforts to intercept the expected Iranian attack and Hezbollah's retaliatory strike.

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600 Haredim summoned for Monday, 500 for Tuesday as extremists plan demonstrations

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Will Haredim show up to enlist? Hundreds get draft summons for this week; extremists plan demonstrations

Young Haredi men who received initial draft summons are scheduled to report to recruitment offices on a dedicated day for them, ensuring that all interviewers, examiners and medical personnel are male; Despite this, senior rabbis instructed their followers not to report

Shilo Freid|11:44

Thousands of ultra-Orthodox young men are scheduled to report to recruitment offices on Monday and Tuesday, after the IDF issued approximately 1,000 draft orders over the past two weeks.

The IDF sent these orders after efforts to identify ultra-Orthodox youths whose enlistment would not cause conflict within their community.

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According to data from the National Insurance Institute and other sources, these individuals are not engaged in full-time yeshiva studies. Despite this, senior rabbis have instructed their followers not to report to recruitment offices, with the exception of leaders from major Hasidic sects who advised their students to avoid confrontation during the initial draft summons.

About 600 ultra-Orthodox youths have been summoned for Monday and another 500 for Tuesday. The IDF has allocated a dedicated day for them, ensuring that all interviewers, examiners and medical personnel are male.

The goal is for some draftees to meet with an enlistment officer and receive their military assignments following this initial process. The IDF is also working to establish a combat unit for ultra-Orthodox soldiers and to introduce them to various service tracks in intelligence, the military rabbinate, technology and education.

The IDF acknowledged that this is the first time such an initiative has been undertaken and there is no estimate on how many will respond to the draft summons. A review will follow this initial phase to prepare for subsequent rounds of draft orders. Extreme factions within the ultra-Orthodox community plan to disrupt the recruitment days by protesting outside the Tel Hashomer base.

Posters in ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods in Jerusalem and other cities declare: "Since the founding of the state, there has never been such a terrible catastrophe for the young ultra-Orthodox community in the Holy Land. Never before have 1,000 boys been summoned within two days, and this is just the beginning."

Organized buses are set to depart tomorrow from Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh, carrying members of the Satmar Hasidim and other extreme factions to Tel Hashomer. Last Tuesday, ultra-Orthodox extremists gathered at the entrance to Beit HaHayal in Tel Aviv, where an information session for draft-eligible ultra-Orthodox youths was held.

Protesters urged attendees not to enter, calling it "Auschwitz" and a "defiled place," while blocking the building's entrance.

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IDF uncovers Philadelphi Corridor tunnel big enough for cars, on Gaza-Egypt border

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Troops say tunnel with a 3-meter height is being probed including shafts and connections before Engineering Corps destroys it; a similar tunnel was found late last year in the northern part of the Strip

Yoav Zitun|07:26

The IDF said on Sunday that its troops uncovered a 3-meter (10-foot) high tunnel at the Philadelphi Corridor, big enough for cars to travel through. The tunnel was discovered

last week and will be destroyed by forces from the Engineering Corps once the military concludes an investigation of the tunnel and shafts leading to it as well as other underground infrastructure.

The military had claimed that at least 20 tunnels, some leading from the Strip into Egypt, were still in the area after initially saying that some 35 tunnels and 200 shafts were uncovered when the forces took control of the area.

Among Israel's demands in negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage release is the continued Israeli presence along the Philadelphi Corridor where the tunnel was found, despite Egyptian claims that all tunnels leading from Gaza had been uncovered and blocked.

A similar tunnel was uncovered by troops in the northern part of the Gaza Strip late last year. It was in a depth of some 60 meters (nearly 200 feet) underground, included shafts leading to areas near the Israel border and could accommodate thousands of Nukhba fighters.

The tunnel system was secretly dug under the command of Mohammed Sinwar, the brother of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar. In the tunnel uncovered in the northern Strip troops found video documentation filmed over years including a clip showing Sinwar and his brother driving their jeep through the tunnel while a team of engineers brought in from Khan Younis briefed them on its components.

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Barrage of 5 Gaza rockets target Ashdod area on Sunday

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Launches believed to come from Khan Younis after troops withdrew from the area late last week ending an operation there; Ashdod municipality says shelters opened in the city
Matan Tzuri |05:00

A barrage of five rockets was fired from the Gaza Strip at the Southern city of Ashdod and its surrounding areas on Sunday the IDF said. No injuries were reported. One rocket that landed in an unpopulated area caused a brushfire.

The rockets were believed to have been launched from Khan Younis, where IDF troops withdrew from late last week after operating there.

The Ashdod municipality said it was opening public shelters for the use of residents after relative calm in the city in recent months.

Speaking at the start of the weekly cabinet meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said continued military pressure on Hamas in Gaza would increase the chances for a hostage release.

Netanyahu rejected claims he was delaying a deal by adding Israeli conditions to the proposal he had put before mediators.

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Israel girds for 'inevitable' multi-front assault amid emergency talks with US

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After high-profile assassinations, Israel preparing for retaliatory attacks, discussing scenarios like a preemptive strike and 5-front war; talks with Washington continue amid increased US regional presence; despite panic, no public guidelines issued
Itamar Eichner | 15:43

Over the weekend, Israel held a series of discussions and consultations among its political and security leaders in anticipation of potential retaliation from Iran and Hezbollah. The concerns follow the targeted killings attributed to Israel of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and Hezbollah military chief Fuad Shukr.

Israeli officials consider a combined or separate attack inevitable, although there remains uncertainty regarding its timing and scale. The nation is preparing for multiple scenarios, including severe ones, while also deliberating a preemptive strike before any retaliation reaches Israel.

Government ministers were briefed to prepare for all possibilities, with warnings that an attack could happen at any moment, potentially escalating into a multi-front war with widespread destruction.

In a precautionary measure, some ministers have been provided with satellite phones to ensure communication in case of cellular network failures, a plan already implemented in government offices involved in emergency preparedness.

Israeli security sources indicate that Hezbollah is seeking a significant attack on Israel, potentially targeting more than just military objectives. The assessment is that Iran has yet to finalize its response plan. A security source noted that the coordination between Israel and the United States and their readiness to thwart attacks significantly influences Iran's calculations.

Intensive discussions are reportedly underway between Jerusalem and Washington to maximize coordination to deter Iran and Hezbollah. The U.S. has deployed an aircraft carrier and fighter squadrons to the region, preparing to act similarly to the coordinated operation on April 13, when several nations, including moderate Arab states, worked to intercept an attack of hundreds of drones and missiles from Iran. The working assumption is that the upcoming assault could be more extensive, intense and deadly.

A senior Israeli official expressed concerns that if the attack launches from multiple fronts at a rapid pace, it will be challenging for Israel and the U.S. to counter, potentially

resulting in numerous casualties. However, such a scenario would enable a stronger response with global backing.

Iran and Hezbollah have spent decades building military power with the intention of using it one day. Officials urge the public not to be misled by the bustling beaches and crowded restaurants, warning of "critical days where war could break out at any moment."

Political sources say that Israel is preparing both defensively and offensively. "We are fighting not only Hamas but the entire axis of evil," they said. "We have led a very aggressive policy, proving that we can strike at any time, any place and against anyone. "Three weeks ago, we eliminated Hamas chief of staff Mohammed Deif, two weeks ago, we struck the Houthis harder than ever since the war began, and three days ago, we eliminated Hezbollah's chief of staff. Our enemies know we are very determined and are not being led like sheep to the slaughter."

Despite the tense situation and uncertainty, Israel has refrained from issuing public instructions on how to prepare, resulting in what some see as a failure of the emergency public communication system and a puzzling decision by the political and security establishments.

Security officials said that the decision not to alter public guidelines stems from lessons learned from the April 13 attack. "One of the things we learned from April is to maintain routine. The instructions then led Iran to intensify its assault," they explained. Should the need arise, they assured, "instructions will be issued promptly."

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IDF forces in West Bank raids kill 9 terrorists en route to carry out an attack.

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IDF forces kill 9 West Bank terrorists in Tulkarm raids

Israeli airstrike kills 4 gunmen after attack on troops; earlier strike eliminates 5 terrorists who were allegedly en route to carry out an attack

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi | 10:18

Israeli forces killed four terrorists in the West Bank's Tulkarm on Saturday afternoon, hours after an earlier airstrike eliminated five others who were allegedly en route to carry out an attack.

The midday strike targeted terrorists who had opened fire on Israeli Duvdevan unit soldiers operating in the area. The soldiers returned fire and then directed an Israeli Air Force aircraft to strike the gunmen.

"In a joint operation by the IDF, Shin Bet and Border Police, a terrorist cell was neutralized during an encounter with Duvdevan unit forces in Tulkarm, in the Menashe

Brigade area. Guided by Shin Bet intelligence, Duvdevan fighters and Unit 636, an Air Force aircraft eliminated the cell,” the army said in a statement.

Earlier in the morning, the IDF struck a vehicle carrying five terrorists in the Nur al-Shams refugee camp near Tulkarm. According to Palestinian sources, among those killed were Ali Khalil and Jamal Abu Haneya, who were responsible for the shooting attack that killed Israeli national Amnon Mukhtar in the West Bank city of Qalqilya in June. IDF strikes vehicle carrying 5 terrorists en route to carry out an attack in Nur al-Shams refugee camp near Tulkarm

Mukhtar, familiar to Palestinian merchants in the Palestinian Authority-controlled city, had gone to Qalqilya for shopping, and a bag of vegetables was found in his vehicle. Following the incident, numerous IDF troops entered the city to investigate the circumstances, later confirming it was a nationalist-motivated attack. Other terrorists killed in the morning strike included Haitham Biladi, a senior Hamas military figure in Tulkarm, and Ahmad al-Sabaa, a Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader in Nur al-Shams.

The IDF and Shin Bet later said that the cell “was planning a major attack in the near future.” Security sources noted that a key Hamas operative from Tulkarm was among the dead.

The terrorists’ vehicle was completely burned, and an IDF unit arrived at the scene afterward, likely to confirm the results of the strike.

Dr. Amin Khader, director of the government hospital in Tulkarm, told official Palestinian television, “The strike was carried out by a UAV. The remains were completely charred.”

Shortly after the attack, images circulated on Palestinian social media of a letter allegedly left in the vehicle containing the terrorists’ last will.

Last month, the IDF targeted another terrorist cell in Tulkarm, killing the head of Hamas’ military wing in the city, Ashraf Nafa, alongside the local commander of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades, Muhammad Abu Abdu. Saturday’s operation, like the previous one, occurred during an IDF mission in the camp, during which routes were uncovered by engineering equipment for fear of concealed explosives.

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Minister Katz’s tensions with Turkey after Erdogan sold Turkey out to Arabs

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Katz’s viral post sparks diplomatic tensions with Turkey

Foreign minister accuses Erdogan of ‘turning Turkey into a dictatorship just for the sake of supporting Hamas,’ accompanied by AI-generated image depicting Turkish leader setting country ablaze; post quickly went viral, provoking outrage among Turkish ministers and officials

Itamar Eichner | 04:34

Foreign Minister Israel Katz tweeted in Turkish on Friday, in which he harshly attacked President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, accusing him of turning Turkey into a dictatorship. The tweet caused a media frenzy in Turkey following Katz attaching an AI-made picture of Erdoğan burning Turkey.

"Against the stance of the entire free world, he is turning Turkey into a dictatorship just for the sake of supporting the murderers and rapists of Hamas. He blocks Instagram, which has 57 million users in Turkey, cuts off sports broadcasts because an Israeli athlete beat a Turkish athlete, threatens to invade a democratic country with which Turkey has no military conflict, and causes \$6 billion in annual losses to Turkish exporters by cutting off trade relations, Katz tweeted."

"Erdoğan is taking and destroying a Turkish state with scientific, cultural, technological and economic capabilities, and is eliminating the legacy of Atatürk, who built a progressive and prosperous Turkey. Let's hope for the days when everything will be fine," Katz added.

Minister Katz's tweet received more than 13 million views within three hours, and as of Saturday morning has about 30 million views. The tweet managed to greatly upset senior officials in the Turkish government, who attacked Katz back. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan tweeted that "it is a complete sickness that Israel Katz, instead of serving as foreign minister, constantly subjects our country and our president to his illusions. This man, whose presence in the cabinet consists of an obsession with slander and lying, is a monument to the brazenness and insolence of the genocidal Netanyahu government." In addition, Katz tagged Istanbul's mayor and Erdoğan's rival, Ekrem İmamoğlu in his tweet which made İmamoğlu look like Israel's collaborator on X, forcing him to attack Katz in his own post. "I return this statement to you who insults the flag of the Republic of Turkey and the president. We are not going to learn democracy and law from him, who shed the blood of tens of thousands of children. Yes, everything will be fine when Palestine is free."

The Turkish Minister of Trade, Dr. Omer Bolat, tweeted that "The words of a short-sighted government that has been ruthlessly killing innocent people, including women and children, by the state, and the words of a short-sighted minister targeting our President and our country are completely null and void. The genocidal murderers who feed on the blood of innocents will always be remembered in the conscience of the international community for the crimes against humanity they have committed. The truths expressed by our President will remain as symbols of human dignity and justice."

"It is futile for the Israeli government to try to cover up its own brutality with such aggressive and despicable rhetoric. Justice will prevail sooner or later and show the whole world what the truth is. On this occasion, we wish patience and success in the resistance of all our Palestinian brothers and sisters who are being oppressed under occupation. The Republic of Turkey will continue to stand by the oppressed with the courageous stance of our President," he added.

The Turkish Minister of Transport, Abdulkadir Uraloglu, also attacked Katz in his own post on the X network: "The impudent Minister of the murderous state, our President Mr. Erdogan, is the hope of all oppressed geographies including Palestine. First you will account for the blood of babies, children and women that you have touched. You are guilty and you will be tried sooner or later. Also, regardless of which social media platform it is, everyone must comply with the laws of the Republic of Turkey. We will not look at what you think while implementing the laws, impudent ones. We repeat it once more and loudly: "We will not remain silent until Palestine is free." Katil devletin hadsiz Bakanı;

Geert Wilders, leader of the Party for Freedom, came to Katz's defense after previously expressing his distaste for Erdogan. "President Ronald Reagan once called Khadaffi the Mad Dog of the Middle East. Today that title suits Erdogan. Friend with the terrorists of Hamas, blind hate towards Israel. But more than that: an enemy of the Turkish people. Most Turks are great people, proud of the legacy of Atatürk, in favor of a secular state, and have respect for all the strong, often well-educated, women in Türkiye." President Ronald Reagan once called Khadaffi the Mad Dog of the Middle East. Today that title suits #Erdogan. Friend with the terrorists of Hamas, blind hate towards Israel. But more than that: an enemy of the Turkish people. Most Turks are great people, proud of the legacy of...

"They despise the fact that Erdogan sold Turkey out to Arabs from neighboring countries living there today, who weaken the Turkish economy and make life on the streets unsafe for Turkish women. I support all those women and secular Turks. They deserve so much better than the Islamist dictator called Erdogan. They deserve secularism, security, and well-paid jobs to live their life in freedom," he added.

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US seeks to soften Israel response to Hezbollah, to stave off full-blown war

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Police raided IDF facility interrogating Hamas; arrest soldiers suspected of abuse

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Iran warns Israel against escalation to drag Lebanon into full-scale war

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Hezbollah rocket barrage over 100 rockets fired for an hour to Galilee & Golan Heights

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Hezbollah rocket kills 11 children, injures over 20 in Golan Heights Druze town

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Trump calls Harris' meeting with Netanyahu 'terrible and insulting'

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IDF strike command complex in Gaza school, PA report 30 dead 100 injured

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