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Hamas refused Qatar hostage proposal, talks reconvene in Cairo next week

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While Cairo and Jerusalem are still at odds regarding IDF presence in the area, Egyptian mediators agree to send updated proposal on the matter to terror group as part of negotiations

Itamar Eichner|04:14

The Israeli negotiation team to the hostage deal and cease-fire talks in Cairo, led by Mossad chief David Barnea and Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar, returned to Israel on Thursday after presenting Egypt with updated proposals regarding the IDF's presence on the Philadephi Corridor and Rafah crossing. Hamas is expected to receive these updated proposals on Saturday.

Sources familiar with the matter said the meetings in Cairo were conducted in a positive and productive atmosphere and that gaps have been narrowed to facilitate an effective and swift summit on Sunday. The sources also mentioned that the work on preparing the new clauses and addressing issues related to advancing the hostage deal had been completed.

Meanwhile, the mediators continue to prepare for the summit set for Sunday. It's still unclear whether Hamas will attend the summit. Even should they attend, it's unknown if they'll agree to negotiate or only present a negative response. CIA Director Bill Burns is expected to arrive in Egypt ahead of the summit.

On Thursday, the Wall Street Journal revealed new details about the disagreement between Israel and Egypt regarding Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's demand to maintain a military presence on the Philadephi Corridor in order to prevent arms smuggling to Hamas if a deal is reached.

The Egyptian government strongly opposes this, demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal from the area aligning with Hamas' wishes. This disagreement poses a significant obstacle to the American effort to promote a deal.

Egyptian officials told the Wall Street Journal that the Israeli negotiation team recently proposed establishing eight watch towers along the route. The U.S. offered a compromise of only two towers, but Egypt rejected both proposals, arguing that any number of watch towers along the route would grant Israel a military foothold in the area.

Egypt refuses the Israeli presence, claiming it violates the 1979 peace treaty with Israel — a claim that Jerusalem denies. The peace agreement limits the number of forces Israel or Egypt can deploy along their border and it stipulated that the IDF could not deploy tanks, artillery systems or anti-aircraft systems along the Philadephi Corridor.

According to the report, the Egyptians are also concerned they will be perceived as collaborators with the Israeli "occupation" of the Gaza Strip if they agree to any Israeli presence in the area.

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Lebanon's energy crisis worsens as residents turn to Hezbollah for solutions, report
The Washington Post details how worsening electricity grid issues in Lebanon make citizens turn to the terror group who can offer them solutions their government can't
Ynet|02:46

An extensive article published by The Washington Post described the situation in Lebanon and the country's worsening energy crisis amid the conflict with Israel. The report noted that Lebanon has been regularly updating its emergency plans, which were formulated following Hamas's attack on southern Israeli communities on October 7.

These plans were intended to prepare hospitals and government services for the possibility of a broader confrontation with Israel. However, after months of prolonged fighting, Beirut is now struggling to provide basic services to its citizens.

Last week, Lebanon's state-owned electricity company announced a complete shutdown of electricity supply across the country due to a lack of fuel. Essential institutions such as airports, ports and prisons have been forced to rely on backup sources. At the same time, most households in the country receive only a few hours of electricity per day, filling the gap with expensive private generators.

Lebanon's Health Minister Firas Abiad acknowledged that the nationwide power outage is complicating efforts to prepare hospitals for the worst-case scenarios. "When you have no extra capacity, every resource has to be used wisely," he said. "This is the main challenge for us now."

The Washington Post highlighted the story of two individuals injured in an IDF attack in Nabatieh in southern Lebanon. They were taken to a hospital managed by Hezbollah, which provides the services the state cannot.

At the facility, where doctors wear Hezbollah pins and a colorful mosaic of Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei is displayed on the wall, the two were placed in a medically induced coma. A relative of the injured individuals shared that Hezbollah sent a vehicle to Beirut to transport him south after the incident and provided him with a place to sleep at the hospital.

"Between us, there is a mutual respect," said Hassan Ahmed Mousa, the two's relative, regarding Hezbollah's treatment of his family members. Standing beside a yellow Hezbollah flag, he repeatedly expressed his gratitude to the terror organization, while glancing at two Hezbollah officials seated next to him as he answered the reporter's questions.

Lebanon's electricity company announced the halt of power supply and said that "all options have been exhausted." It also noted that it is currently unclear how long the crisis will last. The electricity shutdown in Lebanon highlights its failure to resolve a long-standing issue and its significant deterioration.

However, this didn't come as a surprise to the country's residents, as Lebanon has been experiencing an electricity crisis for a long time with several officials warning that the situation was close to collapsing in the weeks leading up to the shutdown.

A Nasrallah mistake could be Israel's opportunity to completely change the north
Analysis: Hezbollah's leader insists on revenge after his senior commander's assassination in an IDF-targeted attack but if he responds disproportionately Israel may bring residents of the north back to a much more peaceful reality

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Shurat HaDin among two Israeli groups asked to submit an opinion to the court before it decides whether to issue arrest warrants for Netanyahu, Gallant; group accuses chief prosecutor of bias against Israel

Itamar Eichner|09:59

AN Israeli legal advocacy group told the International Criminal Court (ICC) it did not have the authority to issue arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant as requested by the tribunal's chief prosecutor Karim Khan last May. The ICC asked nine Palestinian groups and two Israeli groups to submit their opinion before making the decision.

Shurat HaDin, an NGO founded in Tel Aviv in 2003, was the only Israeli one to be allowed to present claims on behalf of the October 7 massacre victims .

According to the report submitted by the Shurat HaDin, the tribunal has no jurisdiction to deal with the Palestinian petition, and any attempt to intervene will hinder Israeli victims' efforts.

The organization's detailed document states that the court lacks jurisdiction in this case since the Palestinian Authority (PA) is not a member of the Rome Convention from upon which the court was founded, and it is not defined as a "state" that can join the convention.

The PA also does not have criminal jurisdiction over Israelis, so it cannot delegate this authority to the court. Accepting that the PA might enforce criminal jurisdiction over Israelis put more lives at risk, with more potential attacks.

In addition, the organization sought to reveal the prosecution's bias against Israel. It was argued that according to the Rome Convention, the prosecutor had to comply with the principle of complementarity, according to which the accused state has the right to investigate any allegation before the tribunal decides to step in.

Israel should have been allowed to address false claims such as "starvation" in Gaza. The court failed to work according to procedure, preventing the cooperation with the Israeli authorities, and harming the investigation against Hamas and Israel.

Another central argument was around the prosecutor's "blatant bias" against Israel, referring to his attempt to create false moral equivalence between Hamas' crimes against humanity and Israel's consequent war on Hamas. The organization claimed that the prosecutor should have acted immediately against Hamas, especially due to the hostages' state. Shurat HaDin turned to the prosecutor immediately after the massacre and demanded the issuance of an arrest warrant against Sinwar, which according to the Rome Convention was intended to "prevent the person from continuing to commit this crime." Shurat Hadin also claimed that the prosecutor overlooked many terrible atrocities that were carried out on October 7, including murder, rape, and torture, and issued arrest warrants only for the kidnappings. The organization also said that the prosecutor ignored the Palestinian Islamic Jihad's participation in the October 7 massacre where it also kidnapped innocent Israeli civilians.

"We explained the truth to the court judges: the prosecutor was asked immediately after the massacre to issue immediate arrest warrants against the leaders of Hamas holding the hostages, but he did nothing, not on the first day, not on the 50th day, and not even on the 100th day," Shurat Hadin head Nitzana Darshan-Leitner said. "He waited no less than 227 days, during which he knew that the hostages continued to suffer the most terrible atrocities, including sexual abuse and torture, and issued orders just now for the sake of balance due to the warrants he longs to issue against Israel," she added.

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IDF says bodies of extracted hostages show gun wounds

Military says guards found dead near the six hostages extracted earlier in the week, did not have gunshot wounds and may have died from suffocation during a fire when IDF forces operated in Khan Younis

Yael Ciechanover|08:56

The IDF said on Thursday that the six hostages, whose bodies were extracted from Gaza earlier this week, had gunshot wounds. They were found in a tunnel near the bodies of Hamas captors who were not shot and appeared to have died from suffocation when fire broke out in the tunnel during an IDF operation in Khan Younis, six months ago.

Preliminary findings from the coroner's office, that examined the remains of the hostages, were given this morning," the IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari said. "We informed the families of Avraham Munder, Yagev Buchshtab, Chaim Peri, Yoram Metzger, Nadav Popplewell and Alex Dancyg of the findings."

Forces who extracted the bodies were directed toward a location within Khan Younis where information suggested the hostages' bodies were hidden.

"We identified the bodies on-site, even before they were transferred to the Institute of Forensic Medicine," the IDF said.

In the past months, the IDF has recovered 18 hostages' bodies, mainly from Jabaliya and Khan Younis, across four operations. Avraham Munder was the only one among the recovered hostages whose death had not been confirmed until this operation, as he was previously believed to be alive.

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'Iran wary of revenge, but encourages Nasrallah to attack' | Report on Sinwar's 'waiting game'

The Washington Post reveals that Tehran is wary of striking Israel due to the US presence in the region and is pushing for its Lebanese proxy to attack; Netanyahu offered Biden 'concessions' for a Gaza cease-fire deal following their talk

Ynet|02:04

U.S. officials have been waiting for four days to receive basic answers from Hamas regarding negotiations for a hostage deal. The Washington Post reported Thursday, hours after the call between U.S. President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

According to the report, Netanyahu offered "several concessions" during the conversation, including presenting a map detailing the deployment of IDF forces along the Philadelphia Corridor, for which American officials praised him.

However, the other side has been less willing to cooperate, with no responses to questions such as the identity of the hostages to be released in the deal. U.S. officials indicated the terror organization remains largely silent regarding the negotiations taking place in Doha and Cairo.

Washington believes Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, who became the head of the organization's political bureau after Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated in Tehran, is interested in a deal but is playing a "waiting game," likely hoping that Iran or Hezbollah will attack Israel and turn the conflict into a regional war. However, according to the report, Tehran will disappoint Sinwar.

American officials believe Iran's leaders have decided to postpone their retaliation for Haniyeh's assassination at the end of last month. According to The Washington Post, Iran appears to have been deterred by the U.S. show of force in the Middle East. However, the U.S. is concerned that, while Tehran has decided to delay its attack, it is encouraging its proxy Hezbollah to strike.

According to the report, the Americans believe that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah may back away from the plan to fire a barrage of rockets toward central Israel, which could lead to a major escalation. However, they noted Nasrallah has sworn to avenge the assassination of Fuad Shukur, Hezbollah's military Chief of Staff, and has many Israeli targets to choose from.

Following Netanyahu and Biden's talk, the White House issued a readout of Wednesday's telephone conversation. According to the readout, the two leaders "discussed active and ongoing U.S. efforts to support Israel's defense against all threats from Iran, including its proxy terrorist groups Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, to include ongoing defensive U.S. military deployments."

The White House said that Biden "stressed the urgency of bringing the cease-fire and hostage release deal to closure and discussed upcoming talks in Cairo to remove any remaining obstacles."

The aim of the call, according to observers, was to persuade Netanyahu to soften his stance on the deployment of forces in the Philadelphi Corridor. Biden is working to convince the prime minister to be flexible with regard to his demands regarding the corridor, while Netanyahu insists on maintaining the presence of the IDF there; the U.S. is demanding a significant drawdown of the forces during the first phase of the deal, and a complete withdrawal in phase two.

To bolster these efforts, Biden has dispatched Brett McGurk, his special envoy to the Middle East, to Cairo, in hopes of laying the groundwork for the summit and resolving the contentious Philadelphi issue.

Hamas, according to The Washington Post, isn't cooperating with the Americans nor with the mediators. This might be part of the so-called "waiting game." After a meeting between Hamas and Islamic Jihad representatives held in Doha on Wednesday, the two terrorist organizations issued a joint statement blaming Israel for "the collapse of the mediators' efforts."

"The occupying forces' leaders are responsible for the collapse of the mediators' efforts by insisting on continuing the aggression and denying what was agreed upon in previous stages, particularly the proposal the movement agreed to on July 2," the statement said. A summit in Cairo, should it take place, might convene on Friday or Saturday but won't start on Thursday. Sources familiar with the details said the chances of a deal are slim at the moment, and if a summit does happen, the likelihood of it ending with an agreement is very low.

The U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East, Brett McGurk, was sent to Cairo to prepare for the summit and attempt to resolve the Philadelphi Corridor issue.

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Sinwar wants a deal that guarantees his safety and life, senior Egyptian official says

Cairo insists on a deal that stipulates no Israeli presence in the Philadelphi Corridor, and doubts talks can succeed given Hamas' refusal to send a delegation, hinting that if Israel wants a deal, killing Sinwar would have to be off the table

Smadar Perry|15:44

In the corridors of the Egyptian government, a palpable sense of pessimism lingered on Wednesday following Secretary of State Antony Blinken's discussions with President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Egyptian insiders claim Blinken conveyed to the president and his foreign minister a stark message: from the U.S. vantage point, this current round of talks might well be the last indirect engagement between Israel and Hamas. The urgency was clear – reaching a conclusive agreement is paramount, and the sponsors, Egypt and Qatar, must persuade both Hamas and Israel to embrace the American proposal without adding complications.

That said, the narrative is not entirely bleak. Arab media outlets, including the London-based Arabic newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, report a different tone. Conversations with intelligence officials and members of el-Sisi's office suggest that "understandings have been reached that could pave the way for agreements with the Israeli side." As for the Palestinians, there is cautious optimism. "There could certainly be a positive shift, but negotiating with Sinwar is challenging," according to an official in Cairo. "We know Sinwar wants an agreement but remains steadfast in his conditions."

An Egyptian official, in dialogue with his U.S. counterparts, underscored a crucial stipulation: Should a deal be struck alongside the return of hostages, "Sinwar insists on guarantees for his safety and life," meaning Israel must commit to refraining from assassinating him post-agreement.

Sinwar, the Egyptian source clarified, delivers succinct and unequivocal messages, aware they will pass through many hands – Palestinian, American, and Egyptian – eventually reaching senior Israeli officials.

In terms of advancing negotiations, Cairo acknowledges the difficulties in jumpstarting talks, particularly since Haniyeh's assassination in Tehran and Sinwar's subsequent appointment as his successor. Hamas, lacking a dignified delegation for negotiations, has reportedly rejected the idea of sending representatives to Cairo alongside the Israeli delegation to facilitate message exchanges through senior Egyptian intelligence officials. Simultaneously, Cairo firmly maintains its rejection of any proposal for an Israeli presence along the Philadelphi Corridor, a debate that lingers unresolved. The latest mediator proposal suggests installing underground surveillance facilities along the corridor, with Egypt constructing an iron barrier to thwart the smuggling of goods, including weapons and ammunition.

Another unresolved issue is the authority responsible for security at the Rafah crossing on the Gaza side. Cairo has made it clear to Blinken that they insist on Palestinian presence rather than an Israeli one, but they have yet to decide who will fill this role. The question remains whether it will be forces of the Palestinian Authority or those loyal to

Mohammed Dahlan, leader of the "Reformist Democratic Movement," who resides in Abu Dhabi but commands a large cohort of followers in the West Bank.

Another name emerging ahead of this "last chance" negotiation round in Egypt is Ibrahim Alarajani, a Bedouin-Palestinian with close ties to the Egyptian ruling elite, invited to participate in discussions about Gaza. His inclusion has been agreed upon by Israel, where senior security circles know him well.

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Gallant in Gaza: 'We defeated the Rafah Brigade and now we look to the north'
Gallant visits the Philadelphi Corridor, bordering Gaza and Egypt, and sent the prime minister a message: 'The most important thing is to remember the war's objectives, regarding Hamas and the hostages'

Yoav Zitun|12:37

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant visited the Philadelphi Corridor on Wednesday, where he announced that the 162nd Division defeated the Hamas' Rafah Brigade and destroyed 150 tunnels in the area. "The most important thing is to remember what the goals of the war are, to meet all the goals of the war, both regarding Hamas and also regarding the hostages. We look to the north now and understand why. This is the situation now," Gallant said.

"I looked at the tunnels. First of all, we have destroyed 150 tunnels on the Philadelphi Corridor, stretching across the Gaza-Egypt border. Of the 150 that we have destroyed, about 100 were tunnels we uncovered with engineering tools and were covered with a meter of dirt. It is easy to find them with aerial imaging, and it is also easy to destroy them. I instructed the forces to destroy all tunnels as soon as possible," he said.

The Philadelphi Route is considered one of the main points of contention in the cease-fire or hostage deal with Hamas. Israel insists on keeping a military presence on the axis, but Hamas and Egypt firmly refuse. Egypt refused to even convey the Israeli position to Hamas about the axis. Israel is ready to reduce its number of troops there but the Egyptians demand a full withdrawal.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari was asked on Tuesday what the IDF's position was regarding a military presence in the Philadelphi Corridor, and said that "the role of the IDF is to produce security alternatives for the political echelon, to be creative and determined in this matter. We also need to allow the government the scope for a decision. We will know how to implement any decision that the political echelon makes."

About three months ago, the IDF announced that it had gained operational control of the Philadelphi Corridor and that it had located 200 tunnel shafts and 35 tunnels, some of

which even cross into Egypt. However, about two weeks later, a senior military official clarified in a conversation with The Washington Post that, according to estimates, more tunnels in the area have not been located.

The IDF also located a three-meter deep tunnel under the Philadelphia Route, which allows the passage of vehicles. This was not the first time that the IDF located such a tunnel. As early as last December, Hagari announced that a large tunnel complex had been uncovered, which begins under the Jabaliya refugee camp and continues for about four kilometers until near the border with Israel in the north of the Gaza Strip.

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Police officer ignores Jews bowing in prayer on Temple Mount for second day in a row, defying the status quo which prohibits Jewish worship at the site; A Jew who was praying on western side, near Al-Aqsa Mosque, was detained

Roni Green Shaulov|11:56

Following Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's call to allow Jews to pray freely, police appear to have normalized defying the status quo at Temple Mount, under which Jewish worship is prohibited at the site. A police officer ignored a Jewish man who bowed while praying at the holy Jewish site on Wednesday. Jewish activists say that the police allowed them to pray as they wished.

Although the police turned a blind eye in the eastern side of Temple Mount, a Jewish activist was arrested after defying the status quo in the western side, near the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The eastern side is considered to be less provocative and holier to the Jewish people, which would explain the police's attitude to the status quo there. However, the western side is frequented by more Muslims which would prompt the police to arrest any Jew who tries to stir controversy.

This recent trend can be seen following National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's visit to the Temple Mount with many worshipers and another minister from his Otzma Yehudit party more than a week ago on Tisha B'Av.

Ben-Gvir, who is in charge of the police, has called several times in the past to allow all Jews to pray at Temple Mount freely without restrictions. During his visit on Tisha B'Av he announced from the site: "Our policy is to allow prayer." After that visit, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu disavowed Ben-Gvir's statement and ensured the status quo is being adhered to on the Temple Mount.

Netanyahu said in a statement that: "It is the Government and the Prime Minister who determine policy on the Temple Mount. There is no private policy of any minister – not

the National Security Minister or any other minister – on the Temple Mount. Thus it has been under all governments of Israel. This morning's incident on the Temple Mount deviated from the status quo. Israel's policy on the Temple Mount has not changed; this is how it has been and this is how it will be."

The police stated in response: "The Israel Police works to secure and enable visits by tourists and Israelis to the place every day, during the accepted visiting hours and days. Deviations from the visiting rules and any attempt to violate the public order in the place are dealt with accordingly."

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Syria boycotts, Iran protests as Israel takes 4-week lead of UN Disarmament Conference

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Syria boycotts, Iran protests: Israel takes rotating presidency of UN Disarmament Conference

Israel begins its four-week presidency of the UN's Conference on Disarmament amid tensions, marked by Iran's protest and Syria's boycott, reinforcing its role in global arms control discussions despite Gaza war

Itamar Eichner|11:30

Despite the ongoing conflict in the Gaza Strip, Israel has begun its tenure as the rotating president of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva. This role is spearheaded by Israel's ambassador to the UN institutions in Geneva, Daniel Meron. The inaugural official session under Israel's presidency took place on Tuesday morning, attended by representatives from member states, with the notable absence of the ambassadors from Iran and Syria.

Presidency of the conference rotates among its member nations, each serving a four-week term. Israel last held this position a decade ago. Notably, the Iranian ambassador exited the hall in protest as Israel assumed the presidency, while the Syrian ambassador chose to boycott the event altogether. Established in 1979, the Conference on Disarmament is a unique and permanent multilateral forum dedicated to negotiating disarmament and arms control agreements, functioning within the UN framework.

The conference operates on a consensus basis, adopting independent procedures and agendas while considering the recommendations of the General Assembly and proposals from its member countries. Alongside Israel, the conference comprises 65 member states. Israel became a full member of the conference and its Western group in 1996.

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2 Tankers attacked & unable to maneuver off Yemen Red Sea; US & UK retaliate

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Tanker reports new attack off Yemen's Hodeidah, UK maritime agency says
Ship heading to Eilat under Greek flag first reports a firefight with 15 men on small boats and three projectiles; Sounion reports it is unable to maneuver and has fire on board but no injuries
Lior Ben Ari, Reuters|07:19

The Sounion oil tanker was attacked by a missile on Wednesday, after being hit earlier by three projectiles and two small boats in the Red Sea off Yemen, causing damage to the vessel but no injuries, the Greek shipping ministry and UK maritime agency UKMTO said. The latest attack caused fire on board and disrupted the tanker's ability to maneuver.

The ship heading to Eilat said it was first approached by two small craft with about 15 people on board and reported a brief exchange of small arms fire during the incident 77 nautical miles (142 km) west of Yemen's port of Hodeidah, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations said.

Sounion, a Greek-flagged vessel with 25 crew members, lost the ability to maneuver as a result of the attack, UKMTO added, and the Greek shipping ministry said in a statement the vessel had been damaged.

It also said there were no reports of injuries among the foreign crew - two Russians and the rest Filipinos.

British security firm Ambrey separately reported another incident in the same area, saying "the vessel was engaged by small arms fire from two skiffs in a previous incident 10NM further south", it said, without naming the ship involved.

Delta Tankers, which operates the Sounion, confirmed it has been involved in "a hostile incident" in the Red Sea and has suffered minor damage.

"The crew and vessel are safe and unharmed. The vessel is currently adrift while the crew assesses damage before the vessel will continue on its onward journey," it said.

The attacks on shipping have drawn U.S. and British retaliatory strikes on Houthi territories and disrupted global trade as ship owners reroute vessels away from the Red Sea and Suez Canal to sail the longer route around the southern tip of Africa.

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Member of Quds force, Fatah official killed in IDF strike
Lebanon media says drone targeted senior Fatah member accused by Israel of smuggling weapons to the West Bank; military spokesperson says Hezbollah targets civilians in strike on Golan

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|05:28

A member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Quds force was killed on Wednesday in an IDF drone strike on his car traveling in an affluent neighborhood of Sidon.

According to a report in Lebanon's UNews agency, three people were killed in the attack and in the Saudi media, one of the casualties was identified as Lhalil al Makdah, a senior member of the Palestinian Fatah group whom Israel had accused of smuggling weapons to the West Bank. According to the Hezbollah-affiliated Al Mayadeen channel, the Fatah official was the target of the attack.

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Cease-fire and hostage deal talks on verge of collapse, report

U.S. and Israeli officials say there is doubt whether the summit to finalize a deal will convene after Hamas rejects proposals; they warn the collapse of talks could bring larger regional confrontation

ynet|02:21

The cease-fire and hostage release negotiations are on the verge of collapse, according to a report in Politico on Wednesday, quoting U.S. and Israeli officials.

"We don't know if Sinwar wants this deal," one source told the outlet, "but if we don't get the deal, there's a chance that Iran attacks and this escalates into a full-blown confrontation."

The sources said the current proposal is the strongest form of the deal to date "because it includes terms that are tailored to the demands of both Hamas and Israel. Israel has signed on, but Hamas says in public statements it will not accept the pact."

Politico wrote that the official's assessment was much more dire than was being presented publicly by the Biden administration after U.S. Secretary Antony Blinken completed his Mid-east tour on Tuesday.

Negotiations are set to resume in Cairo in the coming days and while the White House hopes to resume its summit there by the end of the week, that may not happen.

Cairo has also been standing firm on its rejection of an Israeli presence along the Philadelphi Corridor which runs along the Gaza-Egypt border.

Meanwhile, another Israeli source said the summit will go ahead as planned although Hamas has not shown any willingness to reach a deal. The source said Hamas only showed flexibility in negotiations when Israel stood firm on its demands.

According to a report in the Qatari Al-Arabi Al-Jadeed newspaper, Jibril Rajoub, secretary general of the Fatah movement will meet with Egyptian officials on the administration of the Rafah border crossing.

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Golan, Galilee targeted after IDF strikes Hezbollah deep in Lebanon's Beqaa for 2nd night

At least 1 hurt; residents of the Golan urged to remain near their shelters and avoid unnecessary travel; on Wednesday Hezbollah fires 135 rockets and drones at northern Israel

Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun, Yair Kraus|00:17

Hezbollah fired rockets and drones at the Golan Heights and Upper Galilee on Wednesday after the IDF said it had struck Hezbollah weapons storage facilities in the area of the Lebanese Beqaa Valley some 100 kilometers north of the Israel-Lebanon border, for the second consecutive night.

"Following the strikes, secondary explosions were identified, indicating the presence of large amounts of weapons in the facilities that were struck," the military said. According to the Lebanese NBN channel, one person was killed, and 16 others injured, among them five children.

On Tuesday, the Iran-backed terror group launched some 135 rockets and drones at Israel in response to Israeli attacks. Hezbollah claimed responsibility for a ground-to-air missile fired at an Israeli fighter jet, and for 12 attacks on Israel in the course of the day.

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Khan Younis past months, the IDF has recovered 18 hostages' bodies from tunnels

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Inside Khan Younis hostage extraction: Blast doors, terrorists' bodies and tense tunnel operations

Lacking precise intelligence or detained terrorist's guidance, 4 IDF teams searched for tunnel holding hostages' bodies; entrance, over 30 feet underground, located within hours; terrorists' bodies also found, likely due to prolonged underground exposure

Yoav Zitun|11:39

New details have emerged about the IDF operation that led to the recovery of the bodies of six hostages—Alex Dancyg, Yoram Metzger, Avraham Munder, Chaim Peri, Yagev Buchshtab and Nadav Popplewell—on Tuesday evening.

Unlike previous operations, this mission lacked precise intelligence on the location of the bodies and did not have the assistance of a captured operative to identify the tunnel entrances. The bodies of several terrorists were found inside the tunnel, with one IDF assessment suggesting they may have died after guarding the hostages underground for an extended period.

The operation, led by the 98th Division and commanded by Colonel Ami Biton, head of the Paratroopers Brigade, involved four teams tasked with searching buildings and locating underground entrances.

Using new detection methods and advanced technology developed by the Engineering Corps, a team from the elite Yahalom Unit identified the specific tunnel, which was located 10 meters (33 feet) underground and connected to three separate underground corridors. Inside, the forces found both the bodies of the hostages and the remains of terrorists, alongside AK-47 rifles.

The IDF believes the terrorists who were found dead had been guarding the hostages' bodies but succumbed to the harsh conditions underground. Yahalom forces also discovered loose concrete reinforcements in the tunnel, near which the hostages' bodies were hidden. The forces neutralized barriers, blast doors and various explosives found within the tunnel.

The tunnel dilemma

The Paratroopers Brigade's operation began last week with the identification and demolition of tunnels near the border fence in southern Gaza. However, the mission was altered on Friday, redirecting forces toward a location within Khan Younis where information suggested the hostages' bodies were hidden.

The brigade, led by the Paratroopers' Reconnaissance Battalion, which lost team commander Lieutenant Shahar Ben Nun in a friendly fire incident, and supported by the 75th Armored Battalion and Yahalom units, encountered little resistance, suggesting a weakened Hamas military presence.

"We identified the bodies on-site, even before they were transferred to the Institute of Forensic Medicine," the IDF said. "Before our arrival in the area, we evacuated the population, and there weren't many terrorists left. Most of them fled, similar to previous operations to locate deceased prisoners of war and missing persons."

IDF officials noted that the 98th Division had previously operated in the area in March, facing dilemmas over whether to destroy tunnels without fully ensuring they did not contain hostages.

"We realized over time that all the tunnels in the Gaza Strip are interconnected in a vast network," military officials said. "You can enter a tunnel near the border fence and exit at the beach. That's why we made sure to verify this instead of necessarily destroying every

underground passage. Our caution is so great that we frequently change attack directions if there is even the slightest suspicion that live hostages might be present in the sector."

In the past months, the IDF has recovered 18 hostages' bodies, mainly from Jabaliya and Khan Younis, across four operations. Avraham Munder was the only one among the recovered hostages whose death had not been confirmed until this operation, as he was previously believed to be alive.

The IDF is still investigating the circumstances of their deaths, whether they were killed by IDF strikes or murdered by their captors. At least some of the hostages are believed to have died as a result of IDF strikes in early January.

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Scotland Israeli diplomats meeting was seen as inappropriate amid Gaza stalemate

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Scotland suspends meetings with Israeli diplomats amid Gaza deal stalemate

Meeting between Scottish top diplomat and Israeli deputy ambassador sparks controversy, leading Scottish government to suspend further meetings until 'real progress' made toward Gaza cease-fire

Itamar Eichner|09:50

The Scottish government announced on Tuesday it will cease meetings with Israeli ambassadors until "real progress" is made toward a cease-fire in Gaza.

The decision follows criticism of External Affairs Secretary Angus Robertson, who met with Israel's Deputy Ambassador to the UK Daniela Grudsky. Robertson expressed regret that the meeting was not "strictly limited" to discussions of a cease-fire.

He said that the government would decline further invitations from Israel until "real progress" had been made toward peace, on humanitarian assistance and until Israel "co-operates fully with its international obligations on the investigation of genocide and war crimes."

In a post on X, Grudsky thanked Robertson for the meeting, noting discussions on the "unique commonalities" between Scotland and Israel and emphasizing the need to secure the release of 115 hostages. "Looking forward to cooperating in the fields of technology, culture, and renewable energy," she added.

The post sparked controversy in Scotland, leading to widespread criticism and calls for Robertson's dismissal. Scottish Prime Minister John Swinney defended Robertson but acknowledged that the meeting was seen by many as "inappropriate."

Robertson apologized in response to the criticism and said, "The Scottish government has been consistent in our unequivocal condemnation of the atrocities we have witnessed in Gaza."

"The reality, however, is that this meeting has been taken by many to represent a normalization of relations between the Israeli and Scottish governments. As such, it is clear that it would have been better to ensure that the meeting was strictly limited to the need for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the appalling loss of life in the region. I apologise for the fact that this did not happen."

He said it would "not be appropriate to accept any invitation" for future meetings until "real progress has been made towards peace."

Israel responded that diplomatic efforts involve building connections and partnerships, and it will continue to work toward creating an international front for the return of the hostages and the fight against terrorism in Scotland and the UK.

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IDF call discharged reservists & Orthodox youth to serve manpower shortage

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IDF to call on discharged reservists to serve amid manpower shortage

Military and Defense Ministry agree to recall up to 15,000 reservists exempt from service to reenlist; ultra-Orthodox recruitment still too weak to close gaps

Yoav Zitun|03:22

The IDF announced on Monday it has begun recalling Israeli citizens up to age 35 who had been exempt from reserve duty to return to service amid manpower shortages. This involves a total of 15,000 Israelis who completed their compulsory service and were exempted from reserve duty since being discharged 14 years ago. The reservists will be called to reserve duty in three stages over the coming year.

"The defense minister has instructed to recall reservists who received exemptions from service in the past due to force reductions, and are still within the age range requiring service," the IDF and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant's office said in a statement.

"As part of this, and after the necessary preparations were completed, the IDF began reaching out to relevant candidates who served in essential units. Those found suitable for reinstatement will be assigned to various units according to operational needs," the statement added.

Last month, Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Yuli Edelstein announced plans to advance a bill that would allow the conscription of reservists who had been exempted from service, in light of the military's need for additional personnel.

The proposal aims to address the re-enlistment of reservists who were exempted "under unclear circumstances." Edelstein noted the IDF has a pool of tens of thousands of service members, some of whom wish to return to duty.

Under Edelstein's proposed bill, soldiers are exempt from reserve duty at age 40, and officers at age 45. According to Edelstein, the IDF has avoided answering the committee regarding this access, and the exemptions were issued due to unit closures, abroad stays by service members, and other reasons as part of the IDF's streamlining efforts.

He explained the proposal would give the IDF the tools needed to meet its operational tasks. However, the bill will need to pass four readings in the Knesset.

The bill has faced severe criticism for being introduced alongside the extension of the exemption law for the ultra-Orthodox sector, which effectively exempts thousands of ultra-Orthodox men from military service despite the IDF's "significant need" for them. So far, only a few thousand summonses have been sent to the population numbering about 66,000 ultra-Orthodox youth of draft age. Since the law regulating their status as yeshiva students – which granted them military exemptions – expired, they are now considered eligible for service in the IDF.

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Mahmoud Abbas plans a visit to Gaza to reestablish the Palestinian Authority's presence, despite Israel's opposition; To facilitate the visit, Abbas is looking for international support and is emboldened by PA's rising popularity among Palestinians who have had enough of Hamas' failed leadership

Einav Halabi|03:01

Following the Palestinian Authority leadership's initiation of plans for President Mahmoud Abbas' upcoming visit to the Gaza Strip, his advisor, Mahmoud al-Habbash, highlighted in an interview with Ynet that Abbas is determined to reconnect with his people in Gaza. Al-Habbash emphasized that this visit is crucial for reinstating the Palestinian Authority's presence in the region and stressed the national right to be present across all Palestinian territories. In a recent speech to the Turkish parliament, Abbas expressed his intent to visit Gaza "at all costs," not for popularity, but "to be with my people."

Efforts are underway by the Palestinian officials to organize this visit, involving international communications and arrangements. However, Israel has not officially recognized any request from Abbas or the Palestinian leadership to enter Gaza, with an Israeli source suggesting Jerusalem is unlikely to permit his entry. Al-Habbash, however, stated that a formal notification regarding the visit was sent to Israel, although the timing remains uncertain. He also noted that Abbas has informed numerous countries globally, as well as the Arab League and the United Nations, urging them to take responsibility for facilitating his visit.

On **Monday**, Hussein al-Sheikh, secretary general of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, **released the content of messages** sent to international communities concerning the 88-year-old incumbent's **intended visit to Gaza**. The message stressed the **need for both Israeli and American assurances** regarding the **safe passage** for **Abbas and his delegation**, seeking global support for this initiative.

The **feasibility** of such a visit is still **unclear**, contingent on Israel's security approval amid the government's opposition to the Palestinian Authority assuming civil responsibilities from Hamas in Gaza. Al-Habbash acknowledged the risks associated with the visit but emphasized **Abbas' resolve to witness firsthand** the suffering and challenges faced by **Gazans during these wartime conditions**.

Amid growing criticism of **Hamas** for the **extensive destruction in the region**, his popularity is rising among Gaza's residents, with increasing **calls for the Palestinian Authority's return** post-conflict. Al-Habbash also noted that currently, the Palestinian Authority has **no active relations with Hamas**, following **unsuccessful attempts to achieve a national unity agreement**.

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'Israel, Netanyahu accept bridging proposal,' Blinken says in visit; Sinwar calls cease-fire talks a 'bluff'

U.S. Secretary of State says the ball is now in Hamas' court to accept new **proposal** that could overcome sticky issues in negotiation for **hostage deal and Gaza cease-fire**; **Sinwar believes talks are a 'bluff'** so Israel can continue Gaza op

Itamar Eichner, Dan Raban|16:13

U.S. Secretary of State Antony **Blinken** held a press **conference in Tel Aviv** on **Monday**, where he discussed the **conclusion of his visit** to Israel amid ongoing negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage release deal.

He mentioned that, during his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the latter "confirmed to me that **Israel accepts the bridging proposal**" presented by the **U.S.** at the summit in Doha. "**It's now incumbent on Hamas to do the same.**"

From Israel, **Blinken will depart for Egypt**, where another summit is planned to take place with mediators **next week**.

"President **Biden** asked me to come back on this trip with two main **goals** in mind. The first is to **reaffirm the commitment of the United States to Israel's** security, and that's a commitment that we've put into practice virtually every day since October 7, including when Israel was attacked directly by Iran back in April," he said.

“What’s most crucial now is that everyone – everyone – **refrain** from taking any **actions that could fuel further conflict**, escalate tensions and result in the spreading of violence and conflict,” he added.

He addressed the U.S. proposal presented at late week’s **summit** and his meeting with Netanyahu. “The president put forward a **proposal with Qatar and with Egypt** to try to **bridge the gaps** that remain between the parties so that we could get agreement to what the president put out there a couple of months ago.

“In a very constructive meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu today, he confirmed to me that **Israel accepts the bridging proposal**, that he supports it. It’s **now** incumbent on **Hamas to do the same.**”

Meanwhile, a Wall Street Journal report published Monday cited sources among the mediators who said Hamas leader Yahya **Sinwar believed the current round of talks is a “bluff”** intended to **give Israel more time to continue the war in Gaza**. The terrorist leader, the sources said, **hopes to increase pressure on Israel by expanding the war** – including **via attacks from the West Bank.**

According to Blinken, “The mediators – the United States, Egypt, and Qatar – have to come together and **complete the process of reaching clear understandings** about how they’ll implement the commitments that they’ve made under this agreement.”

“But there is, I think, a real **sense of urgency** here, across the region, on the need to get this over the finish line and to do it as **soon as possible,**” he added.

He further said: “We’ll never give up on it, but the challenge is the **longer this goes on,** the more, again, **hostages will suffer – possibly perish** – and the more other things happen that could make things impossible.”

“The **bridging proposal** that Prime Minister Netanyahu has accepted and we look to Hamas to accept reflects what is in the **cease-fire agreement** that President Biden put before the world **back in May,** that’s incorporated into a UN Security Council resolution, and that makes clear that this process will proceed in phases.

“A **first initial cease-fire over the course of six weeks in which hostages are released, prisoners are exchanged,** and negotiations commence on the conditions **necessary for an enduring cease-fire.** That’s what the – that’s what the deal says. That’s what’s reflected in what was put before the world and the world endorsed, the Security Council endorsed,” Blinken explained.

Netanyahu said on Monday his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, was positive and was conducted in a good spirit. “The **prime minister reiterated Israel’s commitment** to the latest American proposal regarding the release of our hostages, taking into account Israel’s security needs, which he insists on firmly,” his office said in a statement after the 3-hour-long meeting.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant also met with Blinken before the conference in his office in Tel Aviv. His office said in a statement that he told the American official: “Just as Israel is leader **military pressure against Hamas,** so too does the **U.S. need to lead to political pressure to reach an agreement that will bring the hostages back.**”

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Eden Dabas, 30, from Ramat Gan is indicted for collaborating with an Iranian foreign agent to promote a military coup via Telegram group and hanging posters in exchange for \$12,000 in cryptocurrency; Charges include contacting a foreign agent as well as drug possession

Yael Ciechanover|09:37

The State Attorney's Office filed an indictment against Eden Dabas, a 30-year-old resident of Ramat Gan, charged with establishing contact with an Iranian foreign agent, with whom he allegedly performed various tasks in exchange for payments made in cryptocurrency. Among the allegations in the indictment filed on Monday, Dabas is accused of producing and distributing posters that advocate for a military coup, as well as facilitating the promotion of a Telegram group aimed at recruiting additional Israeli citizens.

The indictment, submitted by attorney Netanel Bojo of the Central District Attorney's Office, asserts that over the past four months Dabas engaged with an entity associated with Iranian intelligence, which reached out to him via Telegram.

"The agent identified himself as Iranian and proposed that the defendant undertake various tasks in return for significant compensation, some of which the defendant executed despite being aware that the agent was representing a hostile state," according to the indictment. "Throughout their interactions, the agent repeatedly instructed the defendant to ensure the confidentiality of their communications and to act covertly to avoid detection or capture."

The indictment further details that "at the agent's behest, the defendant printed and displayed posters nationwide encouraging a military coup and also assisted in advancing a Telegram group named 'The People's Army.' This group was intended to establish contact with additional Israeli residents for recruitment purposes, such as taking photographs and delivering packages. On certain occasions, the defendant documented these activities for the agent as 'proof of execution to secure payment. Additionally, the agent directed the defendant to acquire an operational phone, a dedicated SIM card, a wig, gloves and a hat, and at one point to delete all communications between them." Messages in the Telegram group The People's Army suggested that "the only way to save the country is through a military coup." Dabas hung dozens of posters with similar messaging - featuring an image of a blood-stained handprint - in Petah Tikva, documented them for the agent, and subsequently removed them. The Telegram group in question also encouraged individuals willing to cooperate to "help your country and earn money along the way" by sending a message. Last week, it was posted in the group that "the General Security Service operates in Bibi's name and labels anyone opposing him as Iranian."

The indictment further alleges that "the defendant maintained prolonged contact with the agent, responding to several requests and even independently offering to assist in the agent's activities—receiving periodic payments and negotiating the compensation for each task. In total, the defendant received \$12,000 in cryptocurrencies."

Dabas faces charges of contact with a foreign agent. The indictment includes an additional charge for possession of various drugs not intended for personal use, including MDMA and cocaine.

Concurrently, the prosecution has filed a request for Dabas' detention until the conclusion of legal proceedings, citing his relationship with an intelligence source from a hostile state.

"In this relationship, he assisted the state in its conflict against Israel," the filing claims, "including by documenting incendiary and divisive posters in the Israeli public space for the agent, and by aiding in the promotion of a dedicated Telegram group used as a platform for recruiting additional agents. The respondent's danger is exacerbated by the fact that his actions were carried out during a war, with all its implications."

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Police rejects accusations it fails in dealing with settler crimes against PA in WB

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Police rejects accusations it fails in dealing with settlers' violent crimes

In the aftermath of settler violence including setting homes and cars ablaze in a West Bank village, the IDF and local police command trade blame over inadequate response and mishandling of nationalistic crimes

Elisha Ben Kimon|07:58

Israel Police on Monday rejected accusations that it had failed in its response to the increasing violence of extremist settlers on the West Bank, including a rampage on a Palestinian village last week, burning homes and cars

A Palestinian man was shot dead and another suffered serious injury in the violent attack on Thursday, when a group of nearly 100 settlers descended on the village and began setting fires, hurling stones and fire bombs.

The military said it was conducting a thorough investigation of the event and a full report was to be delivered to the head of the Central Command Major General Avi Bluth. The IDF said the police arrived late and no arrests have been made despite the severity of the settlers' attack.

In response, the police said it rejected the claims and expressed regret over unnamed "senior security officials" attributing blame to the Israel Police adding that officers arrived as quickly as they could when they were informed of the attack but the IDF has overall responsibility as the sovereign of the area that is under military rule.

The police also claimed it had no warning that the settlers were planning to attack the village and no intelligence indicating that could happen.

According to the IDF's timeline, a warning about a general mobilization of settlers near the settlement of Yitzhar was received at 7:23 p.m.; by 8:01 p.m. there were reports of masked rioters descending toward the Palestinian village of Jit. By 8:15 p.m., military forces arrived in the village, and precisely 20 minutes later all rioters were removed.

Forces told Ynet that the entire episode concluded in under half an hour, unlike when settlers rampaged the town of Huwara last year. The military said its troops remained in the village to assist the residents to extinguish the fires and escape the flames.

On Monday the police said two more people were arrested in connection with an attack on a group of Bedouin women in the illegal outpost of Givat Ronen earlier this month. The women, who entered the outpost by mistake after taking the wrong turn on their way to Nablus, were attacked with stones and threatened that they would be killed. After they escaped, their car was set on fire.

The police say its investigation is still underway but that it is difficult to obtain the evidence needed to file charges. The suspects have been remanded to custody.

On Sunday, State Attorney Amit Isman convened a meeting with senior officials from the Israel Police, IDF and Shin Bet to discuss the settler attack on Jit. Isman also sought updates on the investigations into all recent attacks by settlers in the West Bank.

The police were repeatedly accused of failing to properly investigate crimes committed by extremist settlers.

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Heavy fighting in Rafah, Hamas launches rockets from schools, clinic, cemetery, military says

IDF says dozens of terrorists targeted and terror infrastructure destroyed above and below ground; Hamas claims responsibility for terror blast in Tel Aviv

Yoav Zitun, Itamar Eichner, Gal Ganot|04:52

The IDF said on Monday that it had targeted dozens of Hamas terrorists in the Rafah area in Southern Gaza, located large quantities of weapons, and dismantled terrorist infrastructure both above and below ground.

The military said that Hamas used two schools a field hospital and a cemetery to launch rockets at Israeli communities in the south. "This is a further example of the systematic abuse of civilian and humanitarian infrastructure by the Hamas terrorist organization in Gaza," the military said adding it had killed the terrorist responsible for rocket on Sunday.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken who was visiting Israel to advance a cease-fire and hostage release deal met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Earlier Blinken spoke to reporters before meeting with President Issac Herzog and said the current proposal being negotiated by mediators, was "probably the best, maybe the last opportunity" to reach a deal.

"This is a decisive moment, probably the best, maybe the last opportunity to get the hostages home, to get a ceasefire and to put everyone on a better path to enduring peace and security."

Hamas claimed responsibility for a terror attack in Tel Aviv on Sunday. A Palestinian resident of the West Bank was killed when a bomb he was carrying detonated outside a synagogue injuring a passer-by.

Security forces said they were investigating how the terrorist entered Israel and if the blast occurred at his intended target or whether a malfunction caused the explosion in a virtually deserted street.

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Reuters | 23:08

Dozens of Muslim delegates and their allies, angry at U.S. support for Israel's offensive in Gaza, are seeking changes in the Democratic platform and plan to press for an arms embargo this week, putting the party on guard for disruptions to high-profile speeches at its national convention in Chicago.

Calling itself "Delegates Against Genocide," the pro-Palestinian group says it will exercise its freedom of speech rights during main events at the four-day Democratic National Convention convening on Monday to formally nominate Vice President Kamala Harris for president in the Nov. 5 election against Republican former President Donald Trump.

Group organizers declined to give details, but said they were encouraging supporters to wear Palestinian keffiyehs, or scarves, and to carry Palestinian flags, and would seek changes in the party platform, while urging delegates to speak on the convention floor. On Sunday night, a crowd of roughly 1,000 pro-Palestinian protesters marched through downtown Chicago, chanting "Shut down the DNC."

President Joe Biden is due to speak on Monday and Harris on Thursday.

Pro-Palestinian delegates say they deserve a bigger role in the writing of the party platform.

The group wants to include language backing the enforcement of laws that ban giving military aid to individuals or security forces that commit gross violations of human rights. "We're going to make our voices heard," said Liano Sharon, a Jewish business consultant and delegate who signed an alternative platform along with 34 other delegates. "Freedom of expression necessarily includes the right to stand up and be heard even when the authority in the room says to shut up."

"They want the convention to go smoothly. They don't want to have any kind of disruption or any kind of statement or anything like that," he told Reuters at an event hosted by Chicago's large Palestinian population. "I'm sorry. A convention is a political engagement vehicle, okay? And if we're not using it for that, then it's just a beauty pageant."

The party's draft platform released in mid-July calls for "an immediate and lasting cease fire" in the war and the release of remaining hostages taken to Gaza during an Oct. 7 attack by Islamist militant Hamas fighters in which Israel says 1,200 people were killed. The platform does not mention the more than 40,000 people that Palestinian health authorities in Gaza say have been killed in Israel's subsequent offensive. Nor does it mention any plans to curtail U.S. arms shipments to Israel.

The United States approved \$20 billion in additional arms sales to Israel on Tuesday. Mediators including the U.S. have sought to broker a truce between Israel and Hamas, which rules Gaza, based on a plan Biden put forward in May but so far have not succeeded.

The Israel-Hamas war, now in its 11th month, reduced support for Democrats among Muslim and Arab-American voters, who represent crucial votes in election battleground states like Arizona, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

While the activists make up a tiny fraction of convention delegates, disruptions inside the hall and large protests outside could mar the party's plan to unify Democrats around Harris after Biden dropped out of the race on July 21 under pressure from fellow Democrats.

'I will not be silent' Harris says

Pro-Palestinian activists say Harris has been more sympathetic to Gazans than Biden has been. Her national security adviser said on X this month that she does not support an arms embargo on Israel.

But after meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last month, Harris told reporters not only that Israel had a right to defend itself but also in reference to Gaza: "We cannot allow ourselves to become numb to the suffering and I will not be silent

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Nadia Ahmad, a law professor at Florida's Barry University and a delegate, said there were about 60 Muslim delegates, a fraction of the 5,000 overall. But their concerns were shared by others, especially young voters, some of whom have disengaged with the party, she said.

The Uncommitted National Movement, a separate effort pushing Democrats to change policy on Israel that won over 30 delegates in primary elections, also wants an arms embargo.

It has focused, unsuccessfully so far, on winning a main-stage speaking slot for a Palestinian American or Gaza humanitarian worker, although organizers agreed on Saturday to add a daytime panel discussion on Arab and Palestinian issues to Monday's agenda and one on antisemitism. Jewish Americans, traditionally Democratic voters, have voiced concern about rising anti-Jewish activity and Muslims have denounced rising American Islamophobia.

Layla Elabed, the Uncommitted National co-chair, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, a Muslim ally of Biden's, and a doctor who has worked on the Gaza frontlines will be among speakers on the first panel, sources said.

Uncommitted, which said it is not planning to disrupt the convention proceedings, is pressing Harris to make a statement about the use of U.S. weapons to kill Palestinians.

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Bomber dies in Tel Aviv blast from a botched terror attack; injuring one other

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Man dies in Tel Aviv blast; authorities suspect botched terror attack

Man carrying explosive device killed, another person on electric scooter injured; police and Shin Bet investigating whether incident criminal or terror-related; Tel Aviv police chief says deceased not 'innocent civilian'

Gal Ganot, Liran Tamari, Yael Ciechanover, Yoav Zitun|15:41

A suspected bungled terrorist attack killed a man in his 50s on Lehi Street in southern Tel Aviv on Sunday evening. Authorities believe the man was carrying an explosive device, which detonated prematurely.

A 33-year-old passerby on an electric scooter was also injured by shrapnel and was taken to Sourasky Medical Center with limb and chest injuries.

Tel Aviv District Police Commander Peretz Amar, speaking at the scene, said the deceased was not an "innocent civilian" and confirmed that the possibility of a terror attack is being investigated, with the Shin Bet security service involved.

“At around 8:00 p.m., we received dozens of calls reporting a loud explosion on Lehi Street,” Amar said. “Officers found a mutilated body and signs of an explosion on the wall. We are having difficulty identifying the body.”

Amar added that while it's too early to determine whether the incident was criminal or terror-related, the characteristics of the scene make the terror angle highly relevant. "The victim's identity is crucial to understanding the nature of the event," he said. An additional injured person, who happened to be passing by, may provide further insights.

Magen David Adom paramedic Nitzan Faraj described the scene. "We were called due to reports of a loud explosion. Upon arrival, we saw a **truck on fire** and a man in his 50s lying unconscious with severe multi-system trauma. Despite medical checks, he had no pulse or respiration, and we had no choice but to pronounce him dead at the scene."

Nearby **residents** expressed their fear and **confusion**. "I heard the explosion and didn't know what it was," said Elior Degani, who lives nearby. "I was scared, thinking it might be an attack or a car bomb." Another resident, Ilanit Edri, added, "I didn't hear the explosion because there was music in the car. I thought it might be roadwork. But under my home, I was terrified, I'm in shock, shaking all over."

Earlier in the day, two men in their 20s were lightly **injured in a car explosion** in the southern city of Ashkelon, which police suspect was **related to a criminal dispute**. Additionally, **last Friday**, Rabih Naim, 30, was **killed in a truck explosion** in Abu Snan, **western Galilee**, in what police believe was a **criminal incident**.

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Hezbollah tunnel network poses major threat to Israel which no cease-fire can solve

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Hezbollah's terror network poses major strategic threat to Israel that cease-fire will not solve

Hezbollah released a **video of its underground tunnel network**, escalating tensions with Israel after the assassination of a senior commander; experts **warn of the growing threat** as Israel considers military action amid fears of a broader conflict

The Media Line|15:00

The **Lebanese-based Hezbollah** terrorist group **released a video Friday showcasing** what it claimed was a sophisticated **underground facility** that could be used to attack Israel. The publication came at a time of **elevated tensions between Israel and Hezbollah**, a few weeks after Israel assassinated Fuad Shukur, a senior commander of the group in Beirut. Hezbollah pledged revenge against the Jewish state, which has since been on **high alert in anticipation of an attack**.

The **video did not shock Israel**, which has been **aware** of at least part of **Hezbollah's tunnel network for several years**. The footage showed trucks driving through the illuminated tunnel, showcasing its size and sophistication. A **rarity about the video was its translation into English**, in addition to Hebrew, perhaps an **attempt to threaten foreign military forces** that have been mobilized to the region in preparation for a possible escalation between Israel, Hezbollah, and Iran.

"**Hezbollah** has constantly **published** such **videos** throughout the war," Sarit Zehavi, founder and president of the Alma Research and Education Center, an institution specializing in terrorism studies, told The Media Line. "They have always been planning to use the tunnels. In the end, it's a matter of making the decision to do so or not."

“They are **signaling** to everyone in the region – these are our **capabilities**, and this is what we know how to do,” she added.

As Israel waits for **Hezbollah’s retaliation** for Shukr’s death, there have also been calls for it to carry out a pre-emptive strike against Hezbollah. In addition, the assassination in Tehran of Ismail Haniyeh, the leader of the Gaza-based Hamas terrorist group, hours after Shukr’s killing, has also stepped up **threats from Iran**, raising apprehension in Israel. American and British forces have significantly increased their presence in the region, with aircraft carriers, submarines, and other forces mobilized to the area.

“**Hezbollah aims to scare and deter Israel from invading Lebanon**,” Yehoshua Kalisky, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, told The Media Line. “Members of the “axis of evil,” such as North Korea, Iran, and Hezbollah, are all experts in **psychological warfare**.”

Last week, **Hezbollah** also released a **video** featuring its Radwan forces, the group’s highly secretive and elite commando force. The footage **showed masked soldiers preparing for an attack, with the Israeli border in the background**.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) announced Saturday it had carried out an **airstrike in the area of Tyre, Lebanon**, during which it killed Hussein Ibrahim Kasseb, a commander in Hezbollah's Radwan Force. The targeted killing was just one in a **series of such attacks targeting the force**.

Hezbollah and Israel have been exchanging fire for over ten months since the war between Israel and Hamas began. The day after the October 7 Hamas raid that sparked the war, **Hezbollah began firing rockets and offensive drones at northern Israel**. In response, the Israeli military has carried out hundreds of airstrikes against the group, which is **classified as a terrorist organization by Israel, the U.S., and the Arab League, among other nations**.

According to a recent report by the Alma Center, **Hezbollah** has been **aided both by North Korea and Iran** in its advance toward a massive underground tunnel network that spans deep into Lebanese territory. The tunnels are not only used as cross-border offensive tunnels in order to strike at Israel. In addition, there is a wide network of **tunnels within Lebanon** that **connect its headquarters in Beirut to logistical centers in other areas** and its defensive positions in southern Lebanon on the border with Israel. The **tunnels allow** for the **mobilization of Hezbollah forces and weapons** far from the eyes of Israeli intelligence, **evading detection critical for the terrorist group's operation**.

“These are strategic tunnels that enable of **transferring their troops, launchers, and missiles within Lebanon**,” said Zehavi, who pointed to a 2008 report presented to the U.S. Congress on the relationship between Hezbollah and North Korea and the Northern Korean contribution to the Hezbollah tunnel project.

The IDF refused to comment on the report or any issue regarding Hezbollah’s tunnel network.

In late 2018, the Israeli military uncovered what it said were four **cross-border tunnels** dug by **Hezbollah** to be **used for a raid** on border communities. Residents had reported **drilling noises throughout the years before the tunnels were revealed**. This finding was just the tip of the iceberg.

“The IDF did not attempt to locate every tunnel because it did not operate within Lebanon and looked only for cross-border tunnels,” said Zehavi.

Throughout Israel’s war on Hamas in Gaza, the IDF has said it has uncovered hundreds of tunnel shafts and destroyed many cross-border tunnels. Some of those tunnels were meant to be used as offensive attack tunnels crossing into Israel, others crossing Gaza’s border with Egypt, which enabled the terrorist group to smuggle weapons and fortify itself.

“Anyone who has seen the tunnels in Gaza is now aware of what awaits in Lebanon,” said Kalisky.

Defense experts believe Hamas’ capabilities pale next to those of Hezbollah, including its tunnels.

“While Israel has developed technologies to expose the tunnels, there is no capability that brings complete success,” he added, adding Hezbollah’s tunnel network serves a wide range of purposes, from command and control rooms to tactical and strategic tunnels that store some of the groups most sophisticated missiles. The network is at the core of its war plans against Israel.

The IDF conducts daily airstrikes against Hezbollah targets in Lebanon without specifying what those targets are, making the tunnel infrastructure a potential target.

“There is no need to supply the enemy with such information,” Kalisky said.

However, one of the greatest challenges facing the Israeli government is how to restore confidence in the tens of thousands of residents of towns and villages on the border with Lebanon who were evacuated at the beginning of the war. The scenes of Hamas terrorists easily crossing the border from Gaza into Israel were the nightmare residents of northern Israel had for years. It was a preview of the scenario they feared most.

According to Zehavi, this is where the military could have been more forthcoming in its efforts to instill confidence among residents.

“The army has carried out thousands of strikes at an impressive rate,” she said. “But most of these attacks are close to the border, which likely means they have not targeted the tunnels deep in Lebanon. If the IDF publishes what it attacked, it could help residents feel safer.”

United Nations (UN) Resolution 1701, which ended the last war between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006, was supposed to distance the terrorist group from the border but did not. UN peacekeeping forces have not stopped Hezbollah from consistently improving its capabilities, transforming into Israel’s most formidable enemy.

“It is clear after the 7th of October that Israel cannot come to terms with such abilities on its border,” said Zehavi. “This is not acceptable. A cease-fire is not a solution for the residents of the north. There needs to be some sort of mechanism that would disarm Hezbollah. Previous UN resolutions have proven they cannot achieve this.”

To achieve this, after countless mediation attempts by the U.S., France, and other countries, Israel may choose to strike against Hezbollah. Israelis have little faith in the mediation efforts or in the reliability of Hezbollah to uphold any such agreement.

Nasrallah, who vowed to stand for Hamas as long as it fights against Israel, has also said he would hold his fire if a cease-fire in Gaza is reached.

“Such a pre-emptive attack by could lead to a broader war that Israel could withstand with its highly sophisticated air defense systems,” said Kalisky. “But Hezbollah is an enemy with patience, and it would use a cease-fire to upgrade its abilities. Israel now must decide whether it wants to solve the problem militarily or diplomatically.”

“Bringing a cease-fire is dealing with micro-tactics,” said Zehavi. “Disarming Hezbollah and Hamas is something Israel cannot compromise on.”

With Hezbollah’s major assets believed to be underground and likely under civilian areas, the challenge Israel faces in thwarting the tunnel threat is immense. While it has been using the Gaza tunnel network as a learning ground, it is feasible that Hezbollah is also looking closely at the technologies the IDF has developed in Gaza to learn lessons for its future confrontation with Israel.

As diplomatic efforts are still underway to achieve a cease-fire in Gaza, Hezbollah and Israel, appear to be on the brink of escalation, with significant decisions to be made. On Sunday, the two sides continued to exchange fire along the border.

“Israel needs to decide if it wants to sleep next to a tiger on its border or not,” said Kalisky.

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Knesset moves to ban TikTok on government phones, citing security risks

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Amid fears of data transfer to Chinese government, MK Orit Farkash-Hacohen proposes bill to ban apps controlled by foreign states on government-issued devices; similar laws exist in US, Australia and EU

Itamar Eichner|13:58

A bill recently presented by former innovation minister MK Orit Farkash-Hacohen has garnered support from both the coalition and the opposition. The proposed legislation would ban the use of apps controlled by foreign states, including TikTok, on government-issued phones used by certain state employees, including ministers and their close staff.

Farkash-Hacohen, who chairs the Knesset’s Committee on Advanced Technologies, emphasized that the bill aims to address the risk of sensitive data being collected from government devices and potentially transferred to foreign governments such as China.

“This bill is not unusual and has already been implemented in countries such as the U.S., Australia, Canada, India and several EU states,” she said, stressing the need for vigilance given current geopolitical concerns involving China, Russia and Iran.

The proposal follows a June discussion in the Knesset’s Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technologies, which included representatives from Israel’s National Security Council, TikTok, the Privacy Protection Authority and other experts.

During the session, TikTok was accused of "silencing pro-Israel content," with research presented showing that neutral TikTok accounts received significantly more anti-Israel content than pro-Israel content.

Currently, more than 20 Israeli ministers, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and key members of the Security Cabinet, maintain TikTok accounts.

TikTok, which has billions of users globally, including 3.8 million in Israel, has faced scrutiny over its data collection practices. Notably, in 2020, the app was found to have violated Google's policies by secretly collecting user data, and in 2021, it added biometric data collection to its terms of service without clear justification.

Concerns have also been raised in the United States about TikTok tracking American citizens and journalists. Cybersecurity experts warn that the app can extract data from devices and trace it back to China, where TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, is based. ByteDance is subject to Chinese laws requiring companies to share data with authorities upon request, a requirement vaguely outlined in TikTok's terms of service.

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IDF expands to central Gaza after rockets launched from the PA humanitarian zone

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IDF expands operations in Gaza, eliminates dozens of terrorists

98th Division intensifies Gaza raids following intelligence on terrorist activity and rocket launches; 7th Armored Brigade and Paratroopers Brigade expand efforts in Khan Younis and Deir al-Balah; paratrooper seriously wounded

Yoav Zitun|11:52

The IDF's 98th Division has expanded its operations in Gaza, killing dozens of terrorists and dismantling significant terror infrastructure following intelligence warnings about terror activity and rocket launches from the humanitarian zone in the Palestinian enclave, the army reported Sunday evening.

The Paratroopers Brigade, also under the 98th Division, continues its mission in Khan Younis, where a 202nd Battalion soldier was seriously wounded by an anti-tank missile.

The 98th Division's expanded efforts include operations in the Qatari-built Hamad neighborhood in northwest Khan Younis and near Deir al-Balah, continuing their search for and identification of more underground tunnels. These actions, supported by heavy fire, resulted in the destruction of dozens of terror infrastructures and the elimination of terrorist cells.

Additionally, the 7th Brigade has advanced toward the outskirts of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza after neutralizing dozens of terrorists and destroying underground tunnels in northern Khan Younis.

On Saturday, the IDF announced the deaths of two reservists, Major (Res.) Yotam Itzhak Peled, 34, from Rosh Haayin, and Sgt. Maj. (res.) Mordechai Ben Shoam, 34, from Geva Binyamin. They were killed by an explosive device in the Netzarim corridor in central Gaza.

Peled, who commanded the administrative support company in the 16th Brigade's 8119th Battalion, also volunteered with the Chesed Chaim Ve'Emet organization, which assists bereaved families. Ben Shoam is survived by his wife, Natali, and their 9-month-old daughter.

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Herzog: extremism needs to be removed from government; referring to Ben-Gvir

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Herzog: 'Kahanism needs to be removed from government'

Pressed by protesters outside his home, president responded to the idea of Itamar Ben-Gvir staying in government by saying 'Kahanism (messianic extremism) certainly needs to be removed from the government'

Itamar Eichner|07:18

A sharp and unprecedented confrontation occurred on Saturday afternoon between President Isaac Herzog and protesters outside his residence. The demonstrators, who continually interrupted him, accused him of not doing enough to affect change. Herzog stated his call for unity within Israeli society, and when questioned about whether this unity includes ministers such as the Minister of National Security and Otzma Yehudit leader Itamar Ben-Gvir, he replied, "On the contrary, Kahanism (messianic extremism) certainly needs to be removed from the government."

The protesters criticized him for not aiding in the fight for the return of the hostages, to which he responded, "We meet with hostage families and bereaved families every day. You are simply mistaken." Herzog further expressed his belief in the State of Israel, Israeli society, and Israeli democracy, asserting that "Israeli democracy will prevail."

President Herzog, who still has four years remaining in his term, also stated, "If I see a danger to Israeli democracy, I will lead the charge."

Addressing the recent Jewish riots where settlers attacked a Palestinian village, he remarked, "This is a very serious act, but it's being handled. There are half a million people living in the settlements, 99% of whom are law-abiding, all engaged in this battle and war, facing threats to their lives from all directions. Our role now is to be united."

This is not Herzog's first criticism of Ben-Gvir. Last May, Herzog commented on the tweet " Hamas Biden," posted by National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir against U.S. President Joe Biden, criticizing the approach by saying, "Even when there are disagreements and disappointing moments between friends and allies, there is a way to

resolve disputes." He emphasized the importance of avoiding baseless, irresponsible, and offensive statements and tweets that damage Israel's national security interests.

In November 2022, following the last elections and before the formation of Benjamin Netanyahu's government, Herzog was recorded discussing Ben-Gvir with Shas party members during consultations at the President's residence. Herzog remarked, "You have a partner around whom the whole world is worried," referring to Ben-Gvir. One Shas member responded, "He has moderated, though."

Herzog, presenting concerns he received regarding Ben-Gvir's positions to the Shas representatives, mentioned, "There is one issue I didn't raise because I don't want to embarrass anyone, but you will have a problem with the Temple Mount. It is a critical issue. You have a partner whom the entire world around us fears. I have also told him this. Between us, this is really not for publication. I don't want to cause trouble. You have a responsibility to address it."

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Upper Galilee targeted by 40+ Hezbollah rockets; IDF struck Lebanon military structures

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Upper Galilee targeted by dozens of Hezbollah rockets

Following a nighttime strike in southern Lebanon that killed at least 10, tensions escalate as Hezbollah fires rockets into Israel, prompting IDF retaliation and rocket barrages;

Missile interceptions clearly visible in skies above Galilee

Shimon Elbaz, Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|05:09

Following the nighttime strike in southern Lebanon, which resulted in at least 10 fatalities, a direct hit was reported in the Upper Galilee on Saturday morning as Hezbollah retaliated. Shortly thereafter, IDF struck by targeting southern Lebanon. According to Lebanese reports, approximately an hour later, "over 40 rockets were launched in two barrages," leading to sirens being triggered in Safed and its vicinity. Israeli authorities confirmed the barrage involved dozens of rockets, with interceptions visible in the region's skies. Residents reported "loud explosions" and power outages in Safed and Hazor HaGlilit.

The Safed Municipality clarified that "the sirens were activated due to the defense systems being triggered and the concern over interceptor fragments possibly falling across the city. It should be noted that the fire was not directed at the city." Prior to the heavy barrages, the Upper Galilee Regional Council issued safety instructions for several non-evacuated communities in the Hula Valley, advising residents to avoid gatherings, close pools, limit movement, and remain near protected spaces.

"In line with military and Home Front Command instructions, residents in Hulata, Yesod HaMa'ala, Sde Eliezer, Ayelet HaShahar, Gadot, Mishmar HaYarden, and Mahanaim are asked to avoid gatherings, close swimming pools, limit movement within the community,

and stay close to a protected space. Please adhere to the Home Front Command's guidelines as they save lives. We will provide further updates," the statement read. Result of Air Force strikes in southern Lebanon
In the aftermath of the Nabatiyeh strike, where 10 were killed and additional injuries reported, including Syrian children according to Lebanese sources, footage from the scene was disseminated by various media outlets. One report claimed the attack targeted a commercial building where workers were present, who were the casualties. Media outlets affiliated with Hezbollah denied any connection between the building and the Shiite terrorist organization.

Conversely, IDF spokesperson announced on Saturday morning that a Hezbollah weapons depot in the Nabatiyeh area was targeted. Other strikes in southern Lebanon focused on military structures linked to the terrorist organization.

The nighttime attack occurred against the backdrop of comments by a Hezbollah associate the previous day, suggesting that given the positive signals from the Doha summit, Hassan Nasrallah's organization would refrain from attacking Israel during the deal negotiations.

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Ynet-News, August 16, 2024 – Friday

8.16. 24 – Fr- - - News Placed in August 17 spot – Saturday
Hamis refused Qatar hostage proposal, talks reconvene in Cairo next week

8.16. 24 – Fr- - - News Placed in August 16 spot – Friday
Earthquake of 4.8 strikes Jordan-Syria border, near where 4.8 quake struck Monday

8.16. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday
Qatar summit talks will continue for an additional day in an attempt to reach a deal

8.15. 24 – Th- - - News Placed in August 15 spot – Thursday
Abbas plans to visit Gaza & Jerusalem to stop this barbaric aggression of Israel

8.15. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday
Hamis leader assassinations spur panic and fears of Israel collaborators in Gaza

8.15. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday
IDF used discrete tactics in Jordan Valley to lure smugglers for major terror sweep

8.14. 24 – We- - - News Placed in August 14 spot – Wednesday
Senior Jerusalem rabbis urge Ben-Gvir is strictly forbidden to enter the Temple Mount

8.14. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday

US to present new Gaza cease-fire and hostage-release deal proposal at Doha summit

8.13. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Av-9 history events
Intense battles in Rafah as IDF eliminates 100 armed Hamas terrorists

8.13. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Av-9 history events
Golan Heights deployed artillery in old outposts manned by reserves to prevent invasion

8.13. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in August 13 spot – Tuesday Av-9 history events
Ben-Gvir disregards status quo and joins worshippers on Temple Mount on Tisha B'Av

8.13. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday Av-9 history events
Hamas interrogated courier; finding he gave Israel a map of Rafah tunnels & leaders

8.12. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Q1 10:19am 9-Av
Police, Shin Bet arrest 2 settlers suspected of attacking Bedouin women

8.12. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Q1 10:19am 9-Av
Hamas document shows October 7 invasion plans exploited paragliders

8.12. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Q1 10:19am 9-Av
PM says Gallant adopts narrative; objective of war must be the release of hostages

8.12. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday Q1 10:19am 9-Av
Northern communities launch emergency plan to deliver food to homes under fire

8.12. 24 – Mo- - - News Placed in August 12 spot – Monday Q1 10:19am 9-Av
Hezbollah fires 30 rockets into Galilee, IDF injured 12 terrorist in response strike

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
PA move UN Sept 10 against Israel; ruling West Bank & Jerusalem violate law

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Hamas won't attend Thursday cease-fire summit; negotiate document to be passed on

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Hamas continues to use Gaza schools as refuge, exploiting citizens as human shields

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Route 90, terrorists fire from a passing vehicle at vehicles in the Jordan Valley area

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
After delay, police probe breaching of IDF bases by right-wing protesters

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Hamas using Khan Younis safe zone to fire rockets at Israel, an IDF attack is imminent

8.11. 24 – Su- - - News Placed in August 11 spot – Sunday
Norway has lost Israel's trust as one-sided behind Palestine and anti-Israeli

8.10. 24 – Sa- - - News Placed in August 10 spot – Saturday
With F-22; F-15E, F-16, A-10 jets & aircraft carrier to flex US muscle against Iran

8.10. 24 – Sa- - - News – Saturday
US pledges arms to Israel approved last April as Iran weighs its next move