

LIVE BLOG: Handala Raided | Israel to Implement ‘Humanitarian Truces’ as Massacres Continue – Day 661

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Israel committed horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: Social media, via QNN)

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Israeli forces stormed the Handala ship in international waters as it approached Gaza, cutting off communications with the crew of 21 international activists.

Meanwhile, Israel's Channel 12 quoted an Israeli official confirming that a humanitarian truce will begin Sunday morning and last until evening—despite ongoing massacres across the Strip.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 59,733 and injured 144,477 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Mon, Jul 28, 1:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Announces Fourth Phase of Blockade, Targets All Ships Linked to Israel

ANSARALLAH (YAHYA SAREE):

Yemen's Ansarallah movement has announced a military escalation in response to Israel's continued genocide in Gaza.

Military spokesman Yahya Saree said the group will begin the fourth phase of its blockade campaign, targeting all ships belonging to or operated by companies doing business with Israeli ports—regardless of the vessel's nationality or route.

He said Yemen sees this escalation as a major moral and religious responsibility.

Mon, Jul 28, 1:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Huwaida Arraf: We Refused to Pledge Not to Enter Gaza Again

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian-American lawyer Huwaida Arraf confirmed that those on the Handala ship refused Israeli demands to sign a pledge not to enter Gaza again. She reiterated that the ship was seized unlawfully in international waters.

Mon, Jul 28, 1:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Blows Up Homes in Rafah and Gaza City

AL-AQSA TV: The Israeli military has demolished several homes in western Rafah and eastern Gaza City, according to local media.

Mon, Jul 28, 1:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Media Office: Famine Expanding; Aid Operations a “Farce”

GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE – GAZA:

Authorities in Gaza warned that famine is not only persisting but growing increasingly severe and inhumane.

Only 73 aid trucks entered Sunday, and most airdropped supplies were looted under Israeli observation.

They described Israel’s limited air deliveries as “a theatrical farce” and called for an immediate lifting of the siege and opening of land crossings to bring in baby formula and food.

Sun, Jul 27, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Hayya: We Offered Maximum Flexibility; Gideon Chariots Operation Failed

HAMAS POLITICAL BUREAU – KHALIL AL-HAYYA:

In a video statement, Hamas leader in Gaza Khalil Al-Hayya said the group showed all possible flexibility in negotiations without compromising on core principles.

He confirmed progress had been made during the last round of talks with mediators on key issues, including withdrawal, captives, and humanitarian aid.

Al-Hayya accused Israel of sabotaging the negotiations under pressure from US envoy Steve Witkoff and warned the withdrawal was a tactic to waste time and escalate genocide.

Sun, Jul 27, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

11 Handala Ship Activists on Hunger Strike in Israeli Detention

AL-JAZEERA: Human rights lawyer and activist Huwaida Arraf confirmed that 11 detainees from the seized Handala ship remain imprisoned and have begun a hunger strike. Arraf was released after refusing to sign a pledge not to return.

Sun, Jul 27, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Hundreds of Rabbis Call to End Use of Starvation in Gaza

TIMES OF ISRAEL: Hundreds of Jewish rabbis from various denominations worldwide signed an open letter urging Israel to stop using starvation as a weapon in Gaza. “We cannot remain silent as

deaths rise and children starve,” they wrote, calling it unacceptable to inflict mass civilian casualties, including women and children.

Sun, Jul 27, 9:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich Holds Emergency Talks on Government Role over Gaza Aid

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich is holding a high-level meeting tonight to assess his future in the government. According to Channel 12, Smotrich is angered by the entry of aid into Gaza and may consider quitting. National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir reportedly proposed forming a “blocking alliance” to pressure Netanyahu to adopt their line—or face resignation.

Sun, Jul 27, 8:36 PM (Palestine Time)

WHO: Malnutrition on Dangerous Trajectory in Gaza

STATEMENT: The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that malnutrition rates in Gaza are reaching alarming levels and are on a dangerous trajectory, evidenced by a sharp increase in deaths this month.

Sun, Jul 27, 8:32 PM (Palestine Time)

16 Israeli Soldiers Evacuated from Gaza Due to Heatstroke

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli occupation army announced that 16 soldiers were evacuated for medical treatment today from the southern Gaza Strip, ‘suspected of suffering from heatstroke.’

Sun, Jul 27, 8:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Official: Aid Entry is 'Necessary to Silence International Community'

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper has quoted an Israeli official stating:

The entry of aid might distance us from a deal for now, but it is a necessary act to silence the international community.

We do not know what Washington is planning, and developments might lead to the formulation of a comprehensive proposal that ends the war.

Sun, Jul 27, 8:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich's Party Threatens to Withdraw from Israeli Government Over Gaza Aid

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom newspaper has reported that officials within the Religious Zionism party, led by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, stated there is “no place for the party in the Israeli government with the increase in aid to Gaza.”

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Confirm Merkava Tank Hit in Jabaliya

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam fighters struck the turret of an Israeli Merkava tank east of Jabaliya last week, based on battlefield confirmations from returning fighters.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Outlets Detail Resistance Ambush in Khan Yunis

ISRAELI MEDIA: Hamas fighters lured a unit of Israeli trackers into a trap near a tunnel using a double agent. An explosive was detonated, causing casualties among the soldiers.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Needs 600 Aid Trucks Daily

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: A minimum of 600 trucks are required daily. Even if dozens are allowed in, it will not be enough to break the famine.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Repeats Vow to Destroy Hamas, Attacks UN

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: The Israeli PM said he is pushing forward in the war and negotiations. He blamed the UN for “spreading lies” and insisted safe aid corridors exist while vowing to destroy Hamas.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

46-Year-Old Man Dies of Starvation in Gaza

AL-SHIFA HOSPITAL: Salah al-Manasra, 46, died from hunger and malnutrition in the Gaza Strip.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam: Explosive Device Destroys Israeli Armored Vehicle in Khan Younis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Fighters detonated a heavy explosive device targeting an Israeli armored personnel carrier in Abasan al-Kabira, east of Khan Younis.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

MSF: One in Four Children in Gaza Suffering from Malnutrition

MSF (to Al-Jazeera): Doctors Without Borders reports that one in four children in Gaza is acutely malnourished and demands urgent international action.

Sun, Jul 27, 7:08 PM (Palestine Time)

Resistance Ambush Near Rafah Injures Scout Unit Commander and Soldiers

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: An ambush near Rafah injured the commander of the Bedouin Recon Unit, two officers, and a soldier, according to Israeli military radio and KAN.

Sun, Jul 27, 3:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Officer and Soldier Seriously Wounded in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: An officer and a soldier from the Desert Reconnaissance Unit were seriously wounded in combat in southern Gaza.

Sun, Jul 27, 3:53 PM (Palestine Time)

German Chancellor Urges Netanyahu to Halt Gaza War

GERMAN GOVERNMENT: Chancellor Friedrich Merz told Israeli PM Netanyahu that the humanitarian disaster in Gaza requires an immediate ceasefire and the urgent, secure delivery of aid to civilians.

Sun, Jul 27, 3:53 PM (Palestine Time)

88 Palestinians Killed, 374 Injured in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll in Gaza over the past day has risen to 88, with 374 more injured by Israeli fire.

Sun, Jul 27, 3:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldier Killed, Nine Wounded in Khan Younis Incident

ISRAELI MEDIA: One soldier was killed and nine others wounded—three critically—during a military operation in Khan Yunis.

Sun, Jul 27, 3:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Netherlands Lists Israel as National Security Threat

DUTCH NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY: The Dutch intelligence service has added Israel to its list of countries posing a threat to national security—reportedly the first such designation.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Tow Handala Ship to Ashdod Port

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: The Handala ship, seized by the Israeli military while sailing in international waters, has been towed to Ashdod Port. The ship carried 21 activists on a humanitarian mission to break the Gaza blockade.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Raed Salah Launches Hunger Strike Against Gaza Starvation

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian leader Raed Salah announced a hunger strike to protest Israel's starvation policy in Gaza

Sun, Jul 27, 1:04 PM (Palestine Time)

43 Palestinians Killed Today, Including 29 Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA (citing hospital sources): Israeli forces have killed 43 Palestinians since dawn Saturday, including 29 people waiting for humanitarian aid.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll Near Netzarim Rises to 11, Over 50 Injured

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Eleven Palestinians have been killed and over 50 injured near the Netzarim corridor while waiting for aid.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed by Starvation in Gaza, Including a Child

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza hospitals documented three deaths from hunger and lack of medicine over the past 24 hours, including that of a child.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

6 Killed, 50 Injured While Waiting for Aid in Central Gaza

AL-AWDA HOSPITAL: Six Palestinians were killed and at least 50 injured while waiting for humanitarian aid near the Netzarim corridor in central Gaza, medical sources confirmed.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

38 Palestinians Killed by Israeli Fire since Dawn, Including 24 Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli fire has killed 38 Palestinians since the early hours of Saturday, including 24 waiting for humanitarian assistance, according to health sources in Gaza.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Needs 600 Aid Trucks Daily, Media Office Says

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: Gaza requires at least 600 aid trucks per day, and the only viable solution is to immediately open the crossings and lift the blockade, the office stated.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Ending Starvation Requires Lifting the Siege and Halting the Assault

HAMAS: Hamas described Israel's airdrops of aid as deceptive PR tactics and said starvation can only end by lifting the siege, halting the aggression, and opening land crossings under UN supervision. The group blamed Israel for the deaths of over 1,000 civilians and injuries to 6,000 more due to the current aid mechanism.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Child Killed in Israeli Strike on Al-Rimal Neighborhood

SARAYA FIELD HOSPITAL: A Palestinian girl was killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting an apartment in Gaza City's Al-Rimal neighborhood

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Health Chief: Humanitarian Pause Meaningless Without Medical Evacuations

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Health Ministry Director Dr. Munir Al-Bursh said the humanitarian truce must be used to evacuate the critically wounded and import therapeutic milk and supplements for children. Otherwise, the pause means nothing.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF Expert: Air-Dropping Aid Is Not the Solution, Borders Must Open

CNN: A UNICEF expert said child malnutrition in Gaza could be addressed within a month if border crossings were opened. Air-drops are not suitable given Gaza's urban density.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officer: Gaza Front is Deadly, War Must End Quickly

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: An Israeli officer warned that troops are dying needlessly in Gaza and called on the government to urgently negotiate an end to the war.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

10-Year-Old Girl Dies from Starvation in Central Gaza

AL-AWDA HOSPITAL: Noor Abu Selaa, age 10, died from hunger and malnutrition in Al-Nuseirat, Gaza.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Poll: More Britons Sympathize with Palestinians than Israelis

THE TIMES: A new poll found that 29% of Britons sympathize more with Palestinians, compared to 15% who support Israel. Nearly half view Israel's military response in Gaza as disproportionate.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll from Israeli Strike on Khan Yunis Displaced Camp Rises to 7

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The number of Palestinians killed in an Israeli attack on tents housing displaced people in Khan Younis has risen to seven.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll from 'Severe Security Incident' in Khan Yunis Rises to Three

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli sources confirmed that three soldiers were killed in a major resistance operation in Khan Younis on Saturday.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Witkoff: Stalled Hamas Negotiations Back on Track

FOX NEWS: US envoy Steve Witkoff said talks with Hamas are back on track. He claimed the Abraham Accords will expand and that Trump's leadership brings "order and stability."

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Seizure of Handala Ship Is a Piracy Crime

HAMAS: Hamas condemned Israel's interception of the Handala aid ship as an act of piracy and demanded the release of the detained passengers.

Sun, Jul 27, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Government: Raid on Handala Ship Is a Violation of Maritime Law

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: Gaza authorities described the Israeli assault on the Handala ship as a crime and called on the UN to take urgent action to protect international activists.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:44 AM (Palestine Time)

Macron: We Cannot Accept Children Dying of Hunger in Gaza

FRENCH PRESIDENCY: French President Emmanuel Macron said he discussed the two-state solution with Turkish President Erdogan and reiterated that the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is

“unacceptable.” He announced that France will recognize the State of Palestine in September during the UN General Assembly and stressed the need for an immediate ceasefire, the release of all hostages, the delivery of urgent aid, and the disarmament of Hamas. “We cannot accept children dying of hunger in Gaza,” he said.

Sun, Jul 27, 1:44 AM (Palestine Time)

Freedom Flotilla Coalition: Israel Attacked Handala in International Waters

FREEDOM FLOTILLA COALITION: The coalition confirmed that the Israeli military attacked the Handala ship while it was in international waters.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben Gvir: Allowing Aid into Gaza a Grave Mistake

ITAMAR BEN GVIR: Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said Hamas exploits the humanitarian corridors, calling the aid entry a “grave mistake” that endangers Israeli soldiers.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Source: 'Humanitarian Truce' Begins Sunday Morning

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel’s Channel 12 cited an Israeli official as confirming that a humanitarian truce will begin Sunday morning and last until evening, covering densely populated areas including northern Gaza.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Storm Freedom Flotilla Ship Handala

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli naval forces have stormed the Handala, the Gaza-bound aid ship. Three warships approached the vessel after warnings from Israeli authorities. The ship’s crew had activated the highest emergency protocol, and were warned the vessel would be seized by force unless it turned back.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Gunboats Approach Freedom Flotilla Ship ‘Handala’

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli warships have moved close to the Handala ship, part of the Freedom Flotilla, attempting to break the Gaza blockade.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officer Dies from Wounds Sustained in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: An Israeli army officer from the 749th Engineering Battalion has died from injuries sustained during fighting in southern Gaza on July 19.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army to Begin Airdropping Aid into Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli Air Force will begin airdropping humanitarian aid into Gaza. Responsibility for aid distribution, officials said, lies with the UN and international humanitarian organizations, who are expected to ensure it does not reach Hamas. Israel also claims to have restored power to Gaza’s southern desalination plant.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump, Jordan's King Discuss Gaza Developments

PETRA NEWS AGENCY: US President Donald Trump and Jordan's King Abdullah II discussed regional developments, particularly in Gaza and Syria. The king emphasized the urgency of halting the war on Gaza and praised Trump's efforts to de-escalate tensions.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Qassam and Saraya Al-Quds Shell Israeli Command Site in Khan Yunis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Hamas's Qassam Brigades and Islamic Jihad's Saraya al-Quds said they shelled an Israeli command and control site near the court complex south of Khan Younis using mortar fire.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Drones and Unknown Boats Approach the 'Handala' Ship

AL-JAZEERA: Two unidentified boats and several drones have approached the Handala, according to a correspondent onboard the Gaza-bound ship.