

LIVE BLOG:Scenario' as Washington Expresses Ceasefire Optimism – Day 641

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

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WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier told Al Jazeera that the situation in Gaza is catastrophic, as Mohammed Abu Salmiya, Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex, warned that the remaining fuel will not last until morning.

Meanwhile, the US State Department said in a statement that President Donald Trump is optimistic about a Gaza ceasefire.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 57,680 and injured 137,409 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Israeli Soldier Found Dead at Southern Base

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel Hayom reported that an Israeli soldier was found dead at a military base in the south of the country. An investigation has been opened into the incident.

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Hamas: We Are Seeking a Comprehensive Deal to End the Aggression

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said that its leadership continues intensive and responsible efforts to ensure the success of the ongoing round of negotiations, aiming for a comprehensive agreement. Hamas said it is seeking an agreement that would end the aggression, ensure the entry of aid, and ease the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

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Netanyahu: We Want a Deal, But Not at Any Cost

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he and President Trump agree on the necessity of releasing hostages and ensuring that Gaza does not pose a threat to Israel. He denied any plans to expel Gaza's residents and said Trump had never suggested such a move. Netanyahu stated that Israel seeks to end Hamas' rule in Gaza and is aiming for a deal, but not at any cost.

Wed, Jul 9, 9:11 PM (Palestine Time)

Axios Reveals Latest Developments in Possible Agreement

AXIOS: According to sources cited by Axios, Ron Dermer argued during the meeting that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is under significant pressure from his coalition not to offer major concessions.

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Al-Qassam Targets Israeli Bulldozer and Tank in Jabaliya

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES STATEMENT: Al-Qassam Brigades announced that its fighters targeted an Israeli military excavator and a Merkava tank east of Jabaliya City last Sunday.

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Civil Defense: Heavy Bombardment Preventing Rescue Efforts

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE: The Civil Defense in Gaza told Al Jazeera that intense Israeli bombardment was preventing emergency crews from rescuing those missing or trapped in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood.

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Netanyahu Considering Extending Washington Visit

ISRAEL HAYOM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is considering extending his visit to Washington through the end of the week. This marks his third trip to the US since Donald Trump returned to the presidency.

Wed, Jul 9, 7:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Injuries and Missing Persons in Strikes on Al-Tuffah Neighborhood

AL-JAZEERA: Several people were injured and others are missing following Israeli airstrikes on homes in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

Wed, Jul 9, 7:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Qassam Commander: Our Fighters Shattered the Army's Illusion of Power

AL-JAZEERA: A senior Al-Qassam commander told Al Jazeera:

Today's attempt to capture a soldier in Khan Yunis did not succeed, but future operations will.

Our fighters are lying in wait in combat tunnels and ambushes, preparing to inflict heavy losses on enemy soldiers and vehicles.

With their recent operations, our fighters have shattered the Israeli army's illusion of power and dragged its soldiers through the mud of Gaza.

Wed, Jul 9, 6:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Targets Ship Headed to Eilat Port

The military spokesman for Ansarallah stated:

We targeted the ship Eternity C, which was heading to the occupied port of Umm al-Rashrash (Eilat).

We targeted the ship with a naval drone and six missiles, causing it to sink.

The targeting came after the vessel ignored calls and warnings from the Yemeni naval forces.

The military operation was carried out in support of the oppressed Palestinian people and their fighters.

We affirm our continued efforts to block Israeli maritime navigation in the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea.

We rescued a number of crew members from the targeted ship and provided them with medical care.

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Contracted Bulldozer Driver Killed in Khan Yunis Battles

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli sources reported the killing of a bulldozer driver contracted by the Israeli Ministry of Defense in the battles in Khan Yunis.

Since the resumption of the war on Gaza in March, at least 38 Israeli soldiers have been killed and 98 injured in ambushes and sniper attacks.

Since the start of 2025, the total stands at 50 killed and 118 wounded.

Wed, Jul 9, 6:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Carries Out New Operation in Khan Yunis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES:

This morning we raided a gathering of enemy soldiers and vehicles in the Abasan al-Kabira area east of Khan Yunis.

We targeted a Merkava tank and a Zionist armored personnel carrier with Yassin 105 shells in Khan Yunis.

Our fighters observed helicopter landings to evacuate the soldiers after the raid.

Our fighters attempted to capture one of the soldiers, but due to battlefield conditions, they killed him and seized his weapon.

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Intense Israeli Artillery Shelling on Beit Hanoun

AL-JAZEERA: An Al Jazeera correspondent reported intense Israeli artillery shelling on Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 9, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Over 39 Killed in Israeli Airstrikes Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 39 Palestinians have been martyred in Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip since dawn on Wednesday, including 19 in Gaza City and the northern parts of the Strip.

A source at Al-Shifa Hospital confirmed that four people, including a child, were martyred in an Israeli strike on a house in Al-Shati refugee camp, west of Gaza City.

Wed, Jul 9, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam: We Targeted Israeli D9 Bulldozer on June 24

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades said their fighters targeted an Israeli D9 bulldozer with a Shawaz explosive device in the Ma'an area south of Khan Yunis on June 24.

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Four Martyred in Israeli Strike on Vehicle in Khan Yunis

GAZA EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency services in Gaza reported four martyrs and several wounded after an Israeli drone strike on a vehicle in the Al-Mawasi area of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

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MSF: Infant Deaths in Gaza Up Sixfold

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS: Doctors Without Borders (MSF) reported that the death rate of infants under one month old in Gaza has increased sixfold since October 7, 2023.

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Al-Quds Brigades Sniper Kills Israeli Soldier

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Al-Quds Brigades said its fighters successfully sniped an Israeli soldier positioned atop Mount Al-Sourani in Al-Tuffah neighborhood, eastern Gaza City.

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UK Displeased with Israeli Proposal to Move Gazans to Rafah

UK GOVERNMENT: Britain's Minister for the Middle East expressed dismay at the Israeli defense minister's proposal to relocate Gaza's population to Rafah.

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Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades Target Israeli Forces in Jabaliya

RESISTANCE STATEMENT: The Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades said they shelled a gathering of Israeli soldiers and military vehicles east of Jabaliya with mortar rounds.

Wed, Jul 9, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Amnesty: Israel's 'Humanitarian City' in Gaza is Inhumane

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Amnesty International condemned Israel's plan to create a so-called "humanitarian city" in Gaza, describing it as outrageous and inhumane.

Wed, Jul 9, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: Israel Can Open Trade Routes Between Asia and Europe

FOX BUSINESS: Speaking to Fox Business, Netanyahu claimed Israel is exploring options to open energy, communication, and trade routes linking Asia and Europe through the Arabian Peninsula and into Israel.

Wed, Jul 9, 4:56 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Special Operations in South Lebanon

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army stated that fighters from Brigade 300 carried out special operations to prevent Hezbollah from repositioning in southern Lebanon.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Hospitals Director Warns of Imminent Mass Casualties as Fuel Dries Up in Northern Gaza

ARABIC MEDIA: Marwan Al-Hams, Director of Field Hospitals for Gaza's Ministry of Health, has issued a dire warning, stating that hundreds of people will die due to the depletion of fuel in northern Gaza's hospitals.

Speaking to Al Jazeera, Al-Hams described the situation as "very difficult," with worsening conditions for the wounded amid the spread of epidemics. He specifically mentioned the spread of spinal meningitis, which they are currently unable to manage.

Al-Hams emphasized the immediate threat, stating that the failure to bring in fuel will lead to the death of dozens of premature babies within two days. He added that patients requiring kidney dialysis and intensive care face certain death due to the lack of fuel.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Targets Israeli Gatherings in Khan Yunis with Mortar Shells

STATEMENT: Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement, has released footage showing its fighters, in cooperation with other Palestinian resistance factions, targeting gatherings of Israeli soldiers and vehicles with mortar shells. The attacks occurred in areas of Israeli incursion within Khan Yunis city, southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Euro-Med Monitor: Israel Planning Forced Detention Camp for Gazans in Rafah

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor has issued a grave warning, stating that Israel is planning to forcibly detain Gaza Strip residents in a closed detention camp built on the ruins of Rafah.

The Monitor highlights that the plan, revealed by Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz, to relocate Gazan residents to a "humanitarian zone" represents a dangerous escalation in the ongoing genocide.

Key concerns raised by the Euro-Med Monitor include:

Forced Relocation and Restrictions: The plan reportedly involves transferring 600,000 Palestinians after subjecting them to “security checks,” with severe restrictions on their movement and prevention from leaving the designated area.

Demographic Change: This plan is seen as a deliberate step to empty Gaza of its inhabitants and forcibly impose a new demographic reality.

“Voluntary Migration” Concern: The danger of this scheme is amplified by the Defense Minister’s welcoming of what he called the “voluntary migration” of Palestinians, which the Monitor interprets as Israel adopting a policy of external displacement.

Not Humanitarian, but Ethnic Cleansing: The Monitor asserts that concentrating Gaza’s population in the south is not a humanitarian objective, but rather a transitional phase within a systematic plan to depopulate Gaza, representing a direct continuation of displacement and ethnic cleansing policies.

Violation of International Law: The plan is considered a serious violation of international humanitarian law, falling under acts of forced displacement, persecution, and apartheid.

Truce Exploitation: Statements by Katz regarding the exploitation of a temporary ceasefire suggest that the purpose of a truce is not to halt the genocide but to give the army time and field conditions to establish mass detention camps.

Semantic Manipulation: The use of terms like “humanitarian zone” or “humanitarian transit zone” for these camps is seen as intentional manipulation of terminology to justify coercive policies aimed at reshaping Gaza’s demographic reality.

Non-Voluntary Departure: Any departure from the Gaza Strip under current circumstances cannot be considered “voluntary,” given that residents are stripped of any real ability to make a free decision.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:15 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Human Rights Spokesperson Urges Immediate Fuel and Aid Entry to Gaza

ARABIC MEDIA: Thamir Al-Khitan, Spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, told Al Jazeera that fuel and humanitarian aid must be immediately allowed into the Gaza Strip.

Al-Khitan stated that Israel is permitting only a small amount of UN aid to enter Gaza. He added, “We have all witnessed the shooting and aerial bombardment targeting civilians near aid distribution points.”

He concluded by calling on influential countries to pressure Israel to allow aid to enter.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:12 PM (Palestine Time)

30 Killed in Israeli Strikes Across Gaza Since Wednesday Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: 30 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip since dawn on Wednesday.

In a related development, Nasser Medical Complex reported that eight people were killed by Israeli occupation forces near aid distribution centers north of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:11 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: Special Operations Conducted in Southern Lebanon to Counter Hezbollah

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli military announced that it has carried out “special operations” in southern Lebanon, with the stated aim of preventing Hezbollah from re-establishing its presence in the areas.

According to the Israeli army:

Fighters from Brigade 300 were deployed to execute special operations and prevent Hezbollah’s repositioning in southern Lebanese areas.

Brigade 300 conducted an operation in Jabal Blat, destroying Hezbollah’s warehouses and rocket launching positions.

Brigade 300 fighters located and destroyed combat means near the Labounch area in southern Lebanon.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Amnesty International: Gaza's "Humanitarian City" Plan is Inhumane

STATEMENT: Amnesty International has stated that the Israeli Defense Minister’s plans to gather Gaza’s population in a “humanitarian city” are outrageous and inhumane.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades Target Israeli Gathering in Jabaliya

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades announced that they targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers and vehicles east of Jabaliya town with mortar shells.

Wed, Jul 9, 3:06 PM (Palestine Time)

UK Dismayed by Israeli Proposal to Move Gazans to Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: The British Minister for Middle East Affairs has expressed dismay over the Israeli Defense Minister’s proposal to transfer Gaza’s population to Rafah.

The British minister emphasized that the area of Palestinian territories should not be reduced, and civilians must be enabled to return to their towns.

He further stressed the importance of moving towards a ceasefire agreement and opening a path towards lasting peace.

Wed, Jul 9, 8:27 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officer: Beit Hanoun Ambush Most Difficult Event for Netzah Yehuda Battalion

ISRAELI MEDIA (Cited in Al-Jazeera): An Israeli news website quoted Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Yossi Levy of the Netzah Yehuda Battalion as stating: “What happened in Beit Hanoun yesterday is the most difficult event for the Netzah Yehuda Battalion since its establishment.”

Wed, Jul 9, 8:24 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Demolish Residential Buildings in Gaza's Zeitoun Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces have demolished residential buildings in the Zeitoun neighborhood, located in southeastern Gaza City.

Wed, Jul 9, 8:23 AM (Palestine Time)

16 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza Since Wednesday Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza hospitals report that 16 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli occupation strikes across several areas of the Gaza Strip since dawn on Wednesday.

Wed, Jul 9, 8:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: I Discussed Hostage Release Efforts and Hamas Elimination with Trump

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated on Wednesday that his meeting with US President Donald Trump focused on efforts to secure the release of hostages held in Gaza. Netanyahu reaffirmed his determination to “eliminate” the military and administrative capabilities of the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas.

Netanyahu added that he and Trump also discussed the consequences and potential offered by the “great victory we achieved over Iran.”

This marks Netanyahu’s third visit to the United States since Trump began his second term on January 20.

Wed, Jul 9, 12:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex: Remaining Fuel Will Not Last Until Morning

AL-JAZEERA: Mohammed Abu Salmiya, Director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex, told Al Jazeera: “The situation in Gaza is dire. We have been warning for days and weeks about the fuel shortage, and we are now in a state of emergency. The remaining fuel we have will not last until the morning.”

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US House Speaker: We Want a Fair and Lasting Gaza Agreement

US HOUSE SPEAKER: I discussed with Netanyahu America’s commitment to Israel’s security. Our shared goal is to reach an agreement on Gaza.

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95 Martyred in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that the number of Palestinians martyred in Israeli airstrikes across the Strip since dawn on Tuesday has risen to 95.

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Sky News: Trump Pressuring Netanyahu to Reach Gaza Deal

SKY NEWS (citing informed sources): Trump is exerting significant pressure on Netanyahu to end the war in Gaza. US pressure on Israel to accept a Gaza deal has already begun and will intensify tonight.

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Power Cut in Multiple Departments at Al-Shifa Medical Comple

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nasser Medical Complex confirmed that seven Palestinians, including three children, were martyred in an Israeli strike on a tent sheltering displaced persons west of Khan Yunis.

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WHO: Gaza Scenario Is Catastrophic

AL-JAZEERA: WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier told Al Jazeera that the scenario in Gaza is catastrophic due to ongoing bombardment of facilities and the prevention of aid entry.

Wed, Jul 9, 12:11 AM (Palestine Time)

US State Department: Optimistic About Gaza Ceasefire Deal

US STATE DEPARTMENT: "President Trump has been optimistic from the beginning and remains so about a Gaza ceasefire. We are hopeful about reaching a 60-day ceasefire agreement that includes the release of 10 live hostages and 9 bodies."

Wed, Jul 9, 12:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Health Ministry: Alarming Rise in Meningitis Cases

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Ministry of Health has recorded an alarming increase in meningitis cases amid unprecedented health, humanitarian, and environmental deterioration. The ministry issued an urgent appeal to all relevant parties to intervene immediately and improve the health situation to prevent the disease from spreading.