

LIVE BLOG: Daring Qassam Raid Shocks Israeli Army in Zaytoun, Soldiers Missing – Day 694

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Israel continues to commit horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: Social media, via QNN)

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Israeli media reported that Hamas fighters recently targeted and injured a deputy battalion commander from the Armored Corps in the Zaytoun neighborhood.

Meanwhile, Israeli occupation forces massacred scores of starving Palestinians at aid centers and intensified bombardments across Gaza, while preparing a full-scale assault on Gaza City despite international warnings.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 62,966 and injured 159,266 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Sat, Aug 30, 1:57 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldiers Missing, Dead in Zaytoun – Resistance Roundup – Day 693

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Shortly after a brief message by Palestinian leader and spokesperson for Al-Qassam Brigades, Abu Obeida, multiple resistance operations took place in the Gaza area, leading to dead and missing among Israeli soldiers.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Abu Obeida Says Resistance Will Defend Gaza City, Vows to Capture More Soldiers

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Abu Obeida warned that Israel's plan to occupy Gaza City under "Operation Gideon 2" will lead to major losses, as the resistance remains on high alert and vows to fight with determination while holding prisoners in combat zones.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Likely Capture of 4 Soldiers in Zeitoun Ambush

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported suspicions that four soldiers are missing and likely captured during a Hamas ambush in the Zaytoun neighborhood of Gaza City.

According to the reports, six helicopters sent by the army to evacuate forces came under heavy fire. A large number of Qassam Brigade fighters participated in the assault, targeting fortified sites and launching a fierce attack on an Israeli force, setting prepared ambushes.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Faces Fourth Security Incident in Zaytoun

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that a fourth difficult security incident is unfolding in the Zaytoun neighborhood, reflecting escalating confrontations there.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Renews Air and Artillery Strikes on Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces renewed airstrikes and artillery bombardments on several areas of Gaza City.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Zaytoun Ambush Aimed at Capturing Soldiers

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the purpose of the ambush in Zeitoun was to capture Israeli soldiers.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:09 AM (Palestine Time)

Former Biden Officials Claim Netanyahu Sabotaged Ceasefire Negotiations

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Top US officials in the administration of former President Joe Biden are claiming that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sabotaged ceasefire negotiations last year and was the “ultimate obstacle” to a deal, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:09 AM (Palestine Time)

Rising Discontent as Israeli Reservists Refuse to Report for Duty – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli military plans to occupy Gaza City face significant challenges as increasing numbers of reserve soldiers refuse to report for duty, citing exhaustion and disillusionment after nearly two years of the ongoing military operation, The New York Times reported on Thursday.

Sat, Aug 30, 1:04 AM (Palestine Time)

Türkiye Reaffirms Halt in Trade, Closure of Ports and Airspace to Israel

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‘Unjustified’ – Iran’s Parliament Submits Emergency Bill for Full Withdrawal from NPT

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Following the announcement by France, Germany, and the United Kingdom (the E3) to trigger the snapback mechanism on sanctions against Tehran, Iran’s Parliament has drafted and submitted an emergency bill proposing a full withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: One Soldier Killed and Nine Wounded in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that Hamas fighters detected Israeli forces using night-vision devices, leading to heavy clashes. In initial figures, one soldier was killed and nine others were wounded.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Criminal Complaint Filed Against Netanyahu in Argentina

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth reported that a criminal complaint was filed against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Argentina, demanding his arrest for alleged war crimes. The development may cause Netanyahu to reconsider a possible visit to Buenos Aires next month.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Third Ambush Targets Israeli Forces in Jabaliya

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Israeli media, a third ambush by resistance fighters targeted the 162nd Division, including the Givati and 401 brigades, advancing toward Gaza City in Jabaliya.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Hannibal Protocol Activated

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the Israeli army activated the Hannibal Protocol, a procedure applied when there is suspicion of soldiers being captured.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Second Resistance Operation in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media indicated that confirmed information points to a second resistance operation in the Gaza Strip, which resulted in several Israeli casualties.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Activists Spill Red Paint at New York Times Editor’s Home

AL-AQSA TV: Activists poured red paint and wrote the slogan “Joe Kahn lies, Gaza dies” in front of the home of Joe Kahn, the executive editor of The New York Times, in Manhattan, United States.

Sat, Aug 30, 12:45 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Soldier Killed in Resistance Operation in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported initial information of a “difficult incident” in Gaza. Israeli helicopters were deployed to evacuate soldiers under heavy fire. Reports said one soldier was killed and others injured in the incident.

Fri, Aug 29, 10:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Military Operation in Gaza City May Extend to Central Camps

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel’s Broadcasting Authority, citing security sources, reported that if Hamas does not abandon its weapons after the occupation of Gaza City, the military operation will extend to the refugee camps in the central Strip.

Fri, Aug 29, 10:57 PM (Palestine Time)

67 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in the Gaza Strip said that 67 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes since dawn on Friday, including 33 in Gaza City. Scenes of farewell for the victims took place at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 29, 10:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Poll: Majority of Israelis Support Ending the War and Returning Captives

ISRAELI MEDIA: A Channel 12 poll asked: Which is more important, returning the hostages or eliminating Hamas? Results showed 65% in favor of returning the hostages, 27% prioritizing eliminating Hamas, while 8% were undecided.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Abu Obeida Vows Gaza Invasion Will Be Costly for Israel

ABU OBEIDA STATEMENT:

The spokesperson for Al-Qassam Brigades, Abu Obeida, said that the enemy’s criminal plans to occupy Gaza will be disastrous for its political and military leadership.

He stressed that the occupation army will pay the price in the blood of its soldiers and that such plans will increase the chances of capturing new soldiers. He added that the fighters are in a state of alert, readiness, and high morale, and will demonstrate exceptional heroism and resilience.

Abu Obeida said the fighters will teach the invaders harsh lessons, and accused war criminal Netanyahu and his “Nazi ministers” of deciding to reduce the number of live prisoners by half and to make most of their dead prisoners’ bodies disappear forever.

He affirmed that the brigades will preserve the enemy’s captives as much as possible, keeping them alongside the fighters under the same conditions on the battlefield. He pledged that every captive killed by the aggression will be announced by name, with photo and proof of death.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

US Bans Abbas and Palestinian Diplomats from Entering the Country

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 correspondent Barak Ravid reported that the United States has banned Palestinian diplomats, including PA President Mahmoud Abbas, from attending the UN General Assembly in New York next month.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Washington Cancels Visas for PA Members

US STATE DEPARTMENT: The US State Department announced that Secretary of State Marco Rubio has decided to revoke and deny visas for members of the Palestinian Authority ahead of the UN General Assembly.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Announce Operations in Northern Gaza

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES:

The Al-Qassam Brigades announced that they targeted an Israeli Merkava tank and an armored personnel carrier with Yassin 105 shells in central Jabalia in northern Gaza on Thursday.

They also detonated two tanks with powerful explosive devices on Monday and Tuesday east and central Jabalia.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Target Israeli Armored Vehicle in Gaza City

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades announced that, in cooperation with Al-Qassam fighters, they targeted an Israeli “Eitan” armored personnel carrier with a Kornet missile on Tuesday in Gaza City’s Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, scoring a direct hit.

Fri, Aug 29, 9:12 PM (Palestine Time)

59 Killed and More Than 200 Wounded in Gaza in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that 59 Palestinians have been killed and 224 others wounded by Israeli fire in the past 24 hours.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Spain to Push for EU Ban on Arms Sales to Israel

SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER: Spain’s Foreign Minister announced that Madrid will propose a European plan to stop the war in Gaza, including urgent measures to confront famine. He said Spain will call for expanding the sanctions list against those obstructing peace and will request a ban on European arms sales to Israel. He reiterated that the two-state solution remains the path to peace and stability in the Middle East.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Five Palestinians, Including Two Children, Die of Starvation

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry announced that five Palestinians, including two children, died of famine and malnutrition in the past 24 hours, raising the death toll from starvation to 322, including 121 children.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Austrian Diplomats Call for Sanctions on Israel

AL-JAZEERA: 26 Austrian diplomats have urged their government to impose sanctions on Israel over its war in Gaza.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Declares Gaza City a Dangerous Combat Zone

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army declared Gaza City a dangerous combat zone, saying it had begun preliminary phases of its assault. Earlier, it confirmed that evacuation of the city was “inevitable” under the government’s plan to take control.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Using Explosive Robots Daily in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: The Director-General of the Palestinian Health Ministry told Al Jazeera that Israel deploys 7 to 10 explosive robots each day in Gaza City, each carrying up to seven tons of explosives. He added that all residents of eastern Gaza have been displaced to the west, where density has reached 60,000 people per square kilometer. He emphasized that residents refuse to leave the city, and Israel’s plan to force them out will fail.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

41 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that 41 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes on several areas of the Strip since dawn today.

Fri, Aug 29, 4:02 PM (Palestine Time)

UK Ban on Israeli Delegation: What Is DSEI, Britain’s Flagship Arms Show?

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Britain has barred Israeli officials from attending its flagship defense trade fair, DSEI, over Israel’s escalation in Gaza, though Israeli arms firms may still take part.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Ministry of Health: 71 Dead, 339 Wounded in One Day of Israeli Massacres in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli warplanes and drones launched fresh attacks across the Gaza Strip early Friday, killing at least 26 people, as the army signaled an expansion of its assault on Gaza City amid soaring civilian casualties and famine.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:16 PM (Palestine Time)

41 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza confirmed that 41 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across the Strip since dawn today.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Declares Gaza City a Dangerous Combat Zone

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that, under government orders, Gaza City will not be included in the temporary tactical pause of military operations. The army said Gaza City will become a dangerous combat zone, and vowed to continue its ground operations and strikes against what it calls “terrorist organizations” to protect Israeli citizens.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officer Resigns from Military Service

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli army officer told Haaretz he decided to stop serving after witnessing the orders of Operation Gideon’s Vehicles in Gaza. He said the war is being waged under the direction of an extremist group that does not represent the majority, stressing he could not continue sacrificing the lives of prisoners, soldiers, and civilians for political considerations.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Norwegian Minister Calls for Ceasefire in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Norway’s Minister of International Development told Al Jazeera that the situation in Gaza is worsening daily and constitutes a violation of international law. He called for an immediate ceasefire, stressing that food, water, and medicine are being used as weapons in Gaza. He added that Norway is ready to lead efforts toward a two-state solution and will continue to press for humanitarian aid access.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:16 PM (Palestine Time)

Protest Outside Israeli Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that a protest began outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, with demonstrators demanding the return of captives from Gaza.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Medical Relief Director: Situation in the South Is Very Dangerous

AL-JAZEERA: The Director of Medical Relief in Gaza told Al Jazeera that Israel is refusing to allow civil defense teams to rescue the wounded, while targeting both aid seekers and residents inside their homes. He added that the occupation is striking areas it claims are safe, stressing that the south cannot absorb the displaced residents of Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Child Killed in Al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Emergency sources reported that a young girl was killed by Israeli army fire in Al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis, in southern Gaza.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

30 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 30 Palestinians were killed by Israeli army fire in several areas of the Strip since dawn today.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

UK Restricts Israeli Officials' Participation in London Arms Fair

ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTRY: Israel's Defense Ministry said the UK has restricted the participation of Israeli officials in an upcoming arms exhibition in London. The ministry described the move as "offensive and disgraceful," and announced that Israel will not participate or set up a national pavilion at the fair.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Destroys Residential Buildings in Al-Zaytoun

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces demolished residential buildings in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, southeast Gaza City.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Cycling Team Disrupted by Spanish Activists

AL-JAZEERA: Pro-Palestinian Spanish activists disrupted a cycling race, blocking the route of an Israeli team while waving Palestinian flags, resulting in the team's defeat.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll Rises

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources at Nasser Medical Complex said five Palestinians were killed and others wounded after Israeli drones bombed tents sheltering displaced people in Al-Mawasi, west of Khan Yunis.

Medical sources at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital confirmed that two Palestinians were killed and others wounded after an Israeli drone strike targeted an apartment in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza.

Four Palestinians were killed and others injured when Israeli forces bombed a house in Tel Al-Hawa, west of Gaza City.

Palestinian sources said Israeli aircraft launched new strikes on Gaza City, while Al-Sabra neighborhood in the south came under artillery shelling.

Medical sources reported that three Palestinians were killed and others wounded after an Israeli strike on Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Thousands in Morocco Protest to End War on Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Thousands of Moroccans demonstrated in Tangier and Marrakesh demanding an end to Israel's war on Gaza and condemning starvation policies against Palestinians.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

WFP: Increased Aid Still Insufficient to Stop Famine in Gaza

REUTERS: Executive Director Cindy McCain said the modest increase in aid deliveries is not enough to prevent famine. She stated that only 100 aid trucks are entering Gaza daily, far below the 600 that entered during the last ceasefire.

Fri, Aug 29, 11:22 AM (Palestine Time)

Turkish FM: Illusion of Israeli Immunity Has Collapsed

AL-JAZEERA: Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said Israel's genocide in Gaza has become a bleeding wound for the entire world, adding that the illusion of Israel's immunity has collapsed.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:37 AM (Palestine Time)

61 Palestinians Massacred as Israel Targets Starving Civilians across Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation forces massacred scores of starving Palestinians at aid centers and intensified bombardments across Gaza, while preparing a full-scale assault on Gaza City despite international warnings.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:37 AM (Palestine Time)

Explosions in Zeitoun Neighborhood amid Heavy Bombardment

AL-JAZEERA: Powerful explosions were reported in the Zaytoun neighborhood, east of Gaza City, as Israeli bombardment intensified, accompanied by the demolition of buildings.

Fri, Aug 29, 12:00 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Turns the Genocide into 'Blood Libel' while Media Enablers Look Away

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In professional solidarity, Markson could have questioned Netanyahu about the journalists murdered in Gaza but she did not.

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/netanyahu-turns-the-genocide-into-blood-libel-while-media-enablers-look-away/>

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

'Failed Aggression': Ansarallah Denies Israeli Claims, Vows Response to Strikes on Sanaa

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ansarallah officials have denied Israeli media reports that Thursday's airstrikes on the Yemeni capital Sanaa targeted senior leaders of the movement, insisting that the claims are "fake news" and that the raids were a failure.

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Fighters Injured Deputy Battalion Commander in Zaytoun

ISRAELI MEDIA: Yedioth Ahronoth reported, citing Israeli sources, that Hamas fighters recently targeted and injured a deputy battalion commander from the Armored Corps in the Zaytoun neighborhood.

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Soldiers Facing Strong Resistance in Zaytoun

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 12 reported that Israeli soldiers fighting in Zaytoun face strong resistance from Hamas fighters. The report stated that Hamas' battalion there has not been defeated, maintains its tunnels, and its fighters were well-prepared.

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

UK: Diplomatic Solution Needed to End Gaza War

UK GOVERNMENT: The British government announced that Israel's decision to escalate its Gaza operations was a mistake, adding that no Israeli government delegation will be invited to the upcoming defense exhibition.

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Politico: UK Bars Israeli Officials From Defense Conference

POLITICO: Politico reported that the British government barred Israeli officials from attending a major defense conference in London.

Thu, Aug 28, 11:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah: Enemy Seeking Illusory Victory after Sanaa Strikes

ANSARALLAH:

Ansarallah's political office condemned the Israeli airstrikes on Sanaa, calling them a blatant violation of international law.

The group said the enemy is once again trying to claim an illusory victory to boost the morale of occupiers. It added that Israel's failure in intelligence and military operations was once again exposed, while Yemeni operations continue to have an impact.

Ansarallah affirmed that Yemen's position in supporting the Palestinian people and Gaza will not change or be weakened by escalation, stressing that events prove Israel seeks killing and expansion, and that the Arab and Islamic nation must confront its projects.

Thu, Aug 28, 9:51 PM (Palestine Time)

'Intolerable' Situation: Sweden, Netherlands Urge EU to Suspend Trade with Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Sweden and the Netherlands jointly called on the European Union on Thursday to suspend trade with Israel over the "extremely disturbing and intolerable" humanitarian situation in Gaza and Israel's plans for a new settlement in the occupied West Bank.

In a joint letter to the EU's foreign policy chief, Kaja Kallas, seen by Irish broadcaster RTE News, the two countries also accused Israel of failing to implement a July agreement with the EU on increasing humanitarian aid to Gaza,