

# LIVE BLOG: Handala Raided | Israel to Implement ‘Humanitarian Truces’ as Massacres Continue – Day 659

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

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The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that the Israeli army has killed approximately 1,000 Palestinian children in the Gaza Strip over the past month.

Meanwhile, Ansarallah's military spokesperson, Yahya Saree, said that the group is considering further escalatory options to stop Israel's war and starvation campaign in Gaza.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 59,700 and injured 144,000 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## **Emergency Protocol Activated aboard the Handala**

AL-JAZEERA: The Handala has declared a state of emergency as unidentified vessels continue to close in. The Freedom Flotilla Coalition confirmed one of the boats remains unidentified.

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## **Israeli Media: Major Security Incident in Gaza, Casualties Reported**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli outlets report a “serious security incident” in Gaza involving an explosive device that targeted an Israeli military unit, resulting in dead and wounded.

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## **UNFPA: Mass Famine Spreading in Gaza, Lives Lost Daily**

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA): The UNFPA warned that mass famine is spreading across Gaza, where pregnant women, children, and entire families are going days without food.

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## **Israeli Ambassador Warns UK Against Recognizing Palestine**

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO LONDON: Britain’s recognition of a Palestinian state would be “extremely dangerous,” not just for Israel but for the entire West, the Israeli ambassador in London said.

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## **Criticism Mounts Against Airdrop of Aid to Gaza**

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE: The IRC described the airdrops in Gaza as a “grim distraction from what is truly needed.”

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES: The IFRC said airdropped aid cannot be distributed effectively.

NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL: The NRC stated that airdrops deliver only a fraction of what could be brought in through land crossings.

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## **63 Palestinians Killed in Gaza Since Dawn, Including 34 Waiting for Aid**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gazan medical sources reported that 63 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire since dawn, including 34 people who were waiting for humanitarian aid.

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## **10 Killed, Dozens Injured While Waiting for Aid in Gaza**

GAZA EMERGENCY SERVICES: Ten Palestinians were killed and dozens injured when Israeli forces opened fire on crowds waiting for aid in northwestern Gaza.

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## **Two Killed in Israeli Drone Strike in South Lebanon**

LEBANON MINISTRY OF HEALTH: Two people were killed in an Israeli drone strike on the town of Dbayaal in southern Lebanon.

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## **Israeli Army Preparing for Various Scenarios to Intercept the Handala**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli military commanders told Israel Hayom they are preparing for multiple scenarios to intercept the Handala ship in accordance with political directives.

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## **11-Year-Old Lama Aspired to Become a Journalist – Then an Israeli Strike in Gaza Killed Her**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: For her uncle, Palestinian author and political analyst Ramzy Baroud, Lama “embodied the strength, resilience, bravery, and studiousness of a Palestinian child, coupled with incredible innocence.”

Read [the article by Zeynep Conkar](#), for TRT World.

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## **200,000 Children in Danger Due to Malnutrition in Gaza**

UNRWA: The media advisor to UNRWA said that 200,000 children in Gaza are in dangerous stages due to malnutrition. He added that the Israeli occupation is preventing the entry of aid, while UNRWA possesses enough food to sustain Gaza’s population for three months.

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## **AXIOS: Trump Team Reassesses Gaza Strategy**

AXIOS: According to sources cited by Axios, Donald Trump’s national security team is reconsidering its strategy toward Gaza.

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## **Israeli Channel: Rubio Presents New Options to Families of Prisoners**

CHANNEL 12: According to sources cited by Channel 12, US Senator Marco Rubio, during a meeting with families of captives in Washington, said that new options must be presented regarding Gaza. The US Secretary of State reportedly told the families that the time had come to consider a more comprehensive approach to ending the war in Gaza.

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## **Freedom Flotilla Activist: Handala Ship 100 Nautical Miles from Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: Huwaida Arraf, a member of the steering committee of the Freedom Flotilla, told Al-Jazeera that the Handala ship is now 100 nautical miles away from Gaza.

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## **Meloni: I Strongly Support a Palestinian State, But Not Recognition Before Its Establishment**

LA REPUBBLICA: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni told La Repubblica she strongly supports the establishment of a Palestinian state, but opposes recognizing it before it exists on the ground.

Sat, Jul 26, 11:19 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Health Official: Medical Situation in Gaza Is Collapsing**

AL-AWDA ASSOCIATION: Gaza's health system is nearing total collapse amid what the director of Al-Awda Association calls a "war of extermination." At least 27 children are being killed daily.

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## **17,000 Children in Gaza Suffering from Severe Malnutrition**

GAZA MEDICAL RELIEF: Gaza Medical Relief's director warned of extreme hunger and rising child deaths. He said Gaza has entered the fifth phase of famine, and food, medicine, and baby formula remain blocked.

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## **Retired US Officer: I Witnessed Israeli War Crimes in Gaza**

BBC: A retired American officer said he witnessed Israeli forces firing on civilians at aid distribution points and committing war crimes in Gaza.

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## **CNN: No Evidence Hamas Stole US-Funded Aid in Gaza**

CNN: An internal US government report found no evidence of Hamas stealing US-funded aid in Gaza, with less than 1% of cases showing potential fraud.

Sat, Jul 26, 2:57 AM (Palestine Time)

## **Haaretz: Israeli Army Killed Nearly 1,000 Children in Gaza in One Month**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that the Israeli army has killed approximately 1,000 Palestinian children in the Gaza Strip over the past month.

Sat, Jul 26, 2:57 AM (Palestine Time)

## **UN Chief: Gaza Is a Moral Crisis That Challenges Global Conscience**

ANTONIO GUTERRES: UN Secretary-General António Guterres stated that the situation in Gaza is not only a humanitarian crisis but a moral one. "UN staff in Gaza are starving," he said, adding, "words don't feed hungry children."

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## **Canada Urges Israel to Lift Gaza Siege Immediately**

CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: Canada's Foreign Minister told her Israeli counterpart that Israel must immediately lift its ban on humanitarian aid and end the worsening crisis in Gaza. She reaffirmed Canada's call for a ceasefire and for Hamas to release hostages and disarm.

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## **Infant Dies of Starvation in Khan Yunis**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: A six-month-old infant from Khan Yunis died of starvation and malnutrition, the Nasser Medical Complex reported, adding to the growing toll of famine-related deaths in southern Gaza.

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## **Ansarallah Threatens Escalation, Targets Beersheba and Israeli Cities**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN: Ansarallah's military spokesperson, Yahya Saree, said the group launched a hypersonic missile at Beersheba and struck "vital Israeli targets" in Eilat, Ashkelon, and Hadera using three drones. He added that the group is considering further escalatory options to stop Israel's war and starvation campaign in Gaza.

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## **UN Expert: Sanctions on Israel Needed, Condemnation No Longer Enough**

AL-JAZEERA: Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, told Al Jazeera that sanctions should be imposed on Israel, saying, "Condemnation is no longer sufficient." He added that Israel is deliberately blocking aid, visible to the entire world, and called on Arab countries to intensify efforts to deliver humanitarian relief.

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## **Israeli Army Destroyed Gaza Aid Shipments**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli military sources said the army destroyed thousands of aid shipments destined for Gaza, including food and medical supplies. The report stated that the aid—equivalent to the contents of 1,000 trucks—was spoiled due to flaws in the distribution mechanism and long delays under the sun.

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## **Gaza Crisis Unacceptable, Demand Trump Act**

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT: A bipartisan group of US Congress members described Gaza's humanitarian crisis as "unacceptable," citing the deaths of 700 people due to aid delivery failures.

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## **Airdropping Aid Is Dangerous, We Reject It**

GAZA HIGH COUNCIL OF TRIBES: The High Council of Tribes in Gaza rejected aerial aid drops, calling them unsafe and ineffective. It warned that such methods have previously caused civilian casualties and injuries, stating, “We have enough falling from the sky—bombs and explosives—not more media stunts in the form of food packages.”

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## **Released Prisoner: Hunger Outside Worse than Jail**

AL JAZEERA: Newly released detainee Nabih Al-Ghazzali told Al-Jazeera that life after prison is a nightmare. After finding his home destroyed and his children displaced and starving, he said, “The hunger of my children is worse than the torture I faced in jail.”

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## **‘They Hit First, Then Burn’: Settlers Wage Daily War on Palestinian Villages**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ibrahim al-Khawaja was startled when an illegal Israeli Jewish settler hit him on the head with a heavy iron pipe while attacking his home and assaulting his family, as part of an organized policy to seize new Palestinian land.

This scene has become a daily occurrence in the occupied West Bank, even repeated several times a day. Armed settler groups roam most of the villages and towns, assaulting whoever they want, stealing whatever they want, and doing whatever they want under the protection of the Israeli army.

Read [the latest article by Fayha Shalash](#).

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## **UK, France, Germany Call for End to Gaza War**

AL-JAZEERA: A joint statement by the British, French, and German governments declared that “the time has come to end the war in Gaza.” The three countries called the humanitarian catastrophe “intolerable” and strongly opposed Israeli moves to impose sovereignty over the occupied Palestinian territories. They urged Israel to uphold international humanitarian law and allow UN and NGO operations in Gaza without delay.

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## **CNN: Communications Continue Between Mediators, Hamas, and Israel**

CNN: According to a well-informed source cited by CNN, negotiations between Hamas and Israel are ongoing through mediators who remain in active contact with both sides regarding a potential ceasefire.

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## **Maariv: Netanyahu Holds Security Consultations on Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held high-level security consultations on the state of ceasefire talks and the future of military operations in Gaza. Meanwhile, Yisrael Hayom quoted a source denying that negotiations had collapsed. Former war cabinet member Gadi Eisenkot told Channel 12 that Netanyahu had repeatedly blocked prisoner swap deals for political reasons.

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## **WFP: One-Third of Gaza's Population Has Not Eaten in Days**

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: The World Food Programme reported that one-third of Gaza's population has gone several days without a single meal, as the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate.

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## **Ask Us, 'What Does the Future Hold for the Palestinian People?'**

A reader asks: "What Does the Future Hold for the Palestinian People"? Dr. Ramzy Baroud responds.

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## **Al-Nasser Brigades Shell Israeli Forces in Jabaliya**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades said they shelled a gathering of Israeli troops and vehicles east of Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza using mortars.

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## **Ben Gvir and Smotrich Renew Incitement against Gaza**

AL JAZEERA: Israeli ministers Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich called for a complete occupation of Gaza, the cessation of aid, and population transfer. Smotrich told Netanyahu the time for "humiliating negotiations" was over.

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## **Injuries Reported in Israeli Strike on Gaza City's Tuffah Neighborhood**

AL JAZEERA: Several injuries were reported after Israeli shelling targeted Al-Mashahra Street in the Tuffah neighborhood, eastern Gaza City.

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## **Trump: Hamas Doesn't Want an Agreement, Must Be Eliminated**

AL JAZEERA: President Donald Trump claimed Hamas is not serious about negotiations and must be eradicated. He added that Israel and the US withdrew from Gaza talks and criticized Macron's recognition of Palestine as meaningless.

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## **Netanyahu: We Are Considering Alternative Options to Retrieve Hostages**

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel is now considering alternative strategies to retrieve hostages in Gaza in coordination with the United States.

Fri, Jul 25, 3:29 PM (Palestine Time)

## **9 Palestinians Die of Starvation in Gaza in 24 Hours**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Gaza's Health Ministry reported nine new starvation-related deaths in the past 24 hours, raising the toll to 122, including 83 children.

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## **Al-Qassam Targets Israeli Armored Vehicle in Khan Yunis**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades announced it targeted an Israeli troop carrier in northwest Khan Younis using a Yassin 105 shell.

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## **Palestinian Authority Forces Suppress Anti-Hunger Protest in Nablus**

AL JAZEERA: Security forces of the Palestinian Authority cracked down on a protest in Nablus opposing the ongoing starvation campaign in Gaza.

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## **Israeli Forces Arrest Grand Mufti of Jerusalem**

ISLAMIC WAQF: Israeli police arrested Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories, from inside Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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## **US Embassy Denies Gaza Relocation Rumors**

US EMBASSY – LIBYA: The US embassy in Libya denied rumors that Washington plans to relocate Gaza's population to Libya, calling the claims false and incitful.

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## **Protection Group: People Collapsing in Gaza Streets**

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION GROUP: The group reported that civilians are collapsing in the streets due to hunger and exhaustion as humanitarian conditions deteriorate rapidly.

Fri, Jul 25, 2:14 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Ehud Barak: 'The Israel We Knew is Collapsing'**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak stated today, Friday, that the Israel we knew and the Zionist vision are collapsing, and we must courageously reflect on reality.

In an opinion piece published in Haaretz, Barak added that Israel is transforming into a pariah state in the world, and the majority of the public has lost confidence in the government.

Fri, Jul 25, 2:08 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Georges Abdallah Released After 41 Years in French Prison, Heads to Beirut**

AFP: Georges Abdallah, a former member of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions, was released today, Friday, from a prison in France after approximately 41 years of incarceration. He is now en route to Beirut, following a decision by the Paris Court of Appeal last week to grant his release.

Abdallah was transported in a convoy of six vehicles, including two minibusses, from Lannemezan prison in the Hautes-Pyrénées department of southwestern France to Tarbes airport. From there, he will take a flight to Roissy Airport in Paris before boarding a morning flight bound for Beirut.

His lawyer, Jean-Louis Chalanset, told Agence France-Presse after the convoy departed, "This is a source of joy, emotional shock, and political victory all at once after all this time." He emphasized, "He should have been released a very long time ago."

Fri, Jul 25, 1:44 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Four Killed in Israeli Strike on Gaza School Sheltering Displaced Persons**

STATEMENT: Al-Shifa Hospital sources report that four people were killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike on a school sheltering displaced individuals in the Al-Rimal neighborhood, west of Gaza City. The strike targeted Al-Qahira School in Al-Rimal.

Another airstrike by an Israeli helicopter targeted an area densely populated by displaced persons east of Gaza City.

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## **Gaza Hospitals Face Imminent Shutdown Due to Fuel Shortage**

ARABIC MEDIA: The spokesperson for Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told Al-Jazeera that the remaining hospitals in the Gaza Strip are threatened with closure due to critical fuel shortages. This dire situation is exacerbating an already catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

According to the spokesperson:

*Children in Gaza are suffering from hunger amid harsh health conditions.*

*Patients with chronic diseases face the risk of death due to severe shortages of food and medicine.*

*Medical teams themselves are enduring hunger and malnutrition in what are described as catastrophic circumstances.*

*There are fears of an increase in reported deaths due to the worsening hunger crisis in Gaza.*

*All residents of the Gaza Strip are at risk of malnutrition.*

*The spokesperson issued an urgent appeal to the “free people of the world” to save the Gaza Strip.*

Fri, Jul 25, 1:38 PM (Palestine Time)

## **Doctors Without Borders: Israel Implementing Deliberate Starvation in Gaza**

STATEMENT: Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has stated that what is happening in Gaza amounts to deliberate starvation of the people by Israeli authorities.

In a statement, MSF clarified that the number of individuals registered for malnutrition treatment at their clinic in Gaza has quadrupled since May 18th.

The organization called on Israeli authorities to permit the widespread entry of food supplies and aid into Gaza, adding that patients and healthcare workers in Gaza are now struggling to survive.