

LIVE BLOG: Gaza Faces ‘Catastrophic Scenario’ as Washington Expresses Ceasefire Optimism – Day 640

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Israeli helicopters rescue dead and wounded soldiers. (Photo: video grab)

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At least six Israeli soldiers were killed and ten others wounded—some critically—during a major resistance operation in Beit Hanoun, northern Gaza.

Israeli news websites reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was briefed on the details of the “security incident” in Gaza while he was at the White House.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 57,523 and injured 136,617 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Tue, Jul 8, 9:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed in Israeli Drone Strike on Mawasi, Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that three Palestinians were martyred and five others wounded in an Israeli drone strike targeting a tent sheltering displaced persons in Mawasi, Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

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Islamic Jihad Delegation Meets Hamas Negotiators in Doha

AL-JAZEERA: An Islamic Jihad official told Al Jazeera that the movement's delegation, headed by Secretary-General Ziad Al-Nakhala, met with the Hamas negotiating team led by Khalil Al-Hayya in Doha.

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Witkoff Hopes for Gaza Deal by Week's End

US MEDIA: US envoy Steve Witkoff said negotiations are underway to "bridge the gap" between Hamas and Israel, expressing hope for an agreement by the end of this week. He added: "We're working on narrowing the differences in the Gaza talks, and that is happening gradually. The number of contentious issues has been reduced from four to one."

Tue, Jul 8, 9:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Situation in Gaza Is Tragic

US PRESIDENCY: US President Donald Trump said the situation in Gaza is tragic and confirmed he will meet again with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is currently visiting Washington. Trump stated he will discuss the Gaza issue with Netanyahu and pledged to work toward a final resolution of the conflict.

Tue, Jul 8, 9:29 PM (Palestine Time)

Macron: Recognizing Palestine Is the Only Path to Regional Peace

FRENCH PRESIDENCY: French President Emmanuel Macron said that a ceasefire in Gaza is urgently needed and that an endless war in Gaza poses a threat to the entire region. He added that recognizing a Palestinian state is the only path to establishing peace in the region.

Tue, Jul 8, 6:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Source Vows to Dismantle Netzah Yehuda Battalion

AL-JAZEERA:

A senior Al-Qassam source said the group executed a multi-phase ambush against a mixed Israeli unit in Beit Hanoun, resulting in many casualties.

The targeted force belonged to the Netzah Yehuda Battalion, which has now suffered three major ambushes in Beit Hanoun.

Al-Qassam has previously targeted the battalion in the Agriculture and Railway ambushes.

The source warned that if the battalion continues its crimes, it will be destroyed and removed from service.

Tue, Jul 8, 6:28 PM (Palestine Time)

78 Martyred in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza hospital sources report that the death toll from Israeli airstrikes has risen to 78, including 42 in central and southern Gaza.

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Maariv: Israeli Army Bombed Beit Hanoun Ambush Area Shortly before Explosions

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Maariv, quoting a military source, the Israeli Air Force bombed the Beit Hanoun ambush area shortly before the explosives detonated. The army is investigating whether Palestinian fighters planted the explosives after the airstrike.

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Lammy: Gaza Aid Distribution Plan Unacceptable

UK FOREIGN OFFICE: Foreign Secretary David Lammy stated that if the “unbearable” situation in Gaza persists, the UK government will take further actions against Israel. He called for a ceasefire agreement within weeks.

Tue, Jul 8, 4:28 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Warns of Dangerous Conditions for Pregnant Women and Infants in Gaza

UNFPA: The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) warned: 50,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women in Gaza have not eaten for days. Children in Gaza are being born extremely prematurely and are at risk of death or lifelong health complications.

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Al-Qassam Targets Israeli Force in Sheja'iyya Neighborhood

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam Brigades announced that it targeted an Israeli occupation force with two shells in the Sheja'iyya neighborhood, east of Gaza City. Its fighters engaged in clashes with the force, resulting in casualties and injuries among its members.

Tue, Jul 8, 4:28 PM (Palestine Time)

60 Martyred in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 60 people have been killed in Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip since dawn on Tuesday, including 42 in central and southern areas of the Strip.

<https://twitter.com/PalestineChron/status/1942576281725346150>

Tue, Jul 8, 4:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam Brigades Target Israeli Military Bulldozer

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Al-Qassam Brigades announced that it targeted an Israeli military bulldozer (D9 model) with a Yassin 105 shell on Al-Muntar Street in the Shuja'iyya neighborhood of Gaza City.

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Two Killed in Israeli Strike on Deir al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Al-Aqsa Shaheed Hospital announced that two people were martyred and others wounded in an Israeli airstrike on a home east of Deir al-Balah.

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Palestinian and His Wife Killed in Strike on Tent in Al-Mawasi

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza's emergency services confirmed the martyrdom of a Palestinian man and his wife, and the injury of their children, in an Israeli drone strike on a tent sheltering them in Al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis.

Tue, Jul 8, 4:28 PM (Palestine Time)

10 Killed in Israeli Strike on Displaced Persons' Tents

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nasser Medical Complex reported that 10 Palestinians were martyred in renewed Israeli airstrikes on tents sheltering displaced families in Al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Jul 8, 4:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Paramedic Injured While Attempting to Rescue the Wounded in Gaza

PRCS: The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that a paramedic was injured while attempting to rescue the wounded following Israeli strikes on gatherings east of Sheikh Radwan in Gaza.

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41 Killed in Israeli Strikes since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The total death toll from Israeli strikes on the Strip since dawn reached 41, including 24 in the south.

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One Israeli Soldier Critically Wounded in Beit Hanoun Ambush

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that one of the wounded soldiers from the Beit Hanoun operation is in critical and unstable condition.

Tue, Jul 8, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Severe Damage to Cargo Ship West of Hodeidah, Yemen

REUTERS: Reuters, citing a maritime authority, reported that a cargo ship sustained severe damage after being hit by five projectiles 51 nautical miles west of Al-Hudaydah, Yemen.

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Israel's Credit Rating Remains at Historic Low

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that Moody's credit rating agency has maintained Israel's rating at its lowest level ever.

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30 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that 27 Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes across various areas of the Strip since dawn.

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Red Cross: Injuries at Aid Sites Have Overwhelmed Gaza's Health System

COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS: The Red Cross stated that the increasing number of mass-casualty incidents near aid distribution points has overwhelmed Gaza's already collapsing healthcare system.

<https://twitter.com/PalestineChron/status/1942534395778458109>

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Israel Conducts Large-Scale Raids in Jenin

AL-JAZEERA: Sources told Al Jazeera that Israeli occupation forces conducted extensive raids during their incursion into the town of Bir al-Basha, west of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank.

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Israeli Commanders: IEDs Are the Greatest Threat in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio quoted commanders in Gaza saying that IEDs pose the greatest threat to "our forces in the Strip."

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Resistance Targets Israeli Unit with Guided Missile in Khan Yunis

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Al-Quds Brigades said they targeted a Zionist special force holed up in a house on Al-Mars Street in central Khan Yunis with a 107mm guided missile yesterday.

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Abu Obeida: We Will Inflict Daily Losses on the Enemy

ABU OBEIDA STATEMENT:

"The most foolish decision Netanyahu could make would be to keep his forces in Gaza.

"It is the resilience of our people and the bravery of our fighters that shape the coming phase.

"If the enemy recently managed to rescue its soldiers from hell by miracle, it may fail next time and they'll become our captives.

"Our fighters' war of attrition will cost the enemy daily losses from north to south.

"The complex Beit Hanoun operation was a blow to the prestige of the occupation army and its most criminal units in a zone they thought was secure."

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Smotrich: It's Illogical to Let the Enemy Regain a Foothold

BEZALEL SMOTRICH: "It's illogical, even as part of a hostage deal, to let the enemy regain a foothold and endanger our soldiers again. We must encircle combat zones and exhaust the enemy before confronting them. I call on the Prime Minister and Chief of Staff to immediately stop the madness of sending aid to the enemy who kills our soldiers."

Tue, Jul 8, 1:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Killed in Drone Strike on Tent of Displaced in Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nasser Medical Complex reported that two Palestinians were martyred and a third injured in an Israeli drone strike on a tent housing displaced persons west of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

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One Killed, Others Injured in Israeli Airstrike on Central Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Aqsa Hospital reported that one Palestinian was martyred and others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on Deir al-Balah in central Gaza.

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Knesset Member Calls for Supporting End to Gaza War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Knesset member Merav Ben Ari said, “Our soldiers are being killed in the same location that has been occupied several times.” She added, “Instead of ministers supporting the Chief of Staff’s position to end the war, they are spreading fear of another October 7.”

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Israeli Media: Four Explosives Detonated in Sequence in Beit Hanoun

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority revealed that the soldiers killed in the Beit Hanoun ambush were hit by four explosive devices detonated one after the other—not simultaneously.

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Golan: We Are Obligated to End the War on Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Head of the Democratic Alliance in Israel, Yair Golan, said: “After the death of our soldiers, we are now obligated to make a deal and end the war.”

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Ben-Gvir Calls for Withdrawal of Israeli Negotiating Team from Doha

ISRAELI MEDIA: Far-right Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called for the return of the Israeli negotiating team currently in Doha.

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Lapid Calls for Ending Gaza War “For Israel’s Sake”

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid called for ending the war on Gaza “for the sake of the fighters, their families, the hostages, and Israel.”

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Netanyahu: Our Soldiers Sacrificed Their Lives in Gaza

NETANYAHU: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, “Our soldiers sacrificed their lives in the battle to defeat Hamas and free all of our hostages.”

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Israeli Army Releases New Details on Beit Hanoun Ambush

ISRAELI ARMY:

In a preliminary investigation, the Israeli army stated:

- The Beit Hanoun attack occurred during the movement of two battalions to clear the area.
- A force from Netzah Yehuda Battalion 97 was crossing the road on foot when landmines exploded.
- Additional rescue teams were dispatched to evacuate the wounded.
- The evacuation was complicated by injuries sustained by the support unit.
- The attack involved the remote detonation of two landmines in a pre-set ambush.
- Five soldiers were killed and 14 injured—two seriously and six moderately.

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Israeli Media: Beit Hanoun Ambush Area Was Bombed for Weeks

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Israeli Army Radio reported that the area where the Beit Hanoun ambush occurred had been heavily bombed in recent weeks as part of “preparation” for the ground assault. Despite this, the explosive devices detonated precisely as the Israeli unit passed through.

Tue, Jul 8, 9:19 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Admits 5 Soldiers Killed, 14 Injured in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army admitted Tuesday morning that five soldiers were killed and 14 wounded in battles in northern Gaza, after media initially reported five dead and 10 wounded.

The incident occurred late Monday when resistance fighters detonated an explosive device under an armored vehicle carrying soldiers, then targeted an ammunition-laden robot with an anti-tank shell during its preparation phase in Beit Hanoun.

Tue, Jul 8, 1:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Briefed on Resistance Operation while at the White House

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli news websites reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was briefed on the details of the security incident in Gaza while he was at the White House.

Tue, Jul 8, 1:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Some Soldiers Are Burned, Scene Resembles Khan Yunis Incident

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli news sites reported that “some soldiers are burned, and the scene is reminiscent of the Khan Yunis incident.”

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Red Alert Sirens Sound again in Gaza Envelope

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli Home Front Command reported that red alert sirens sounded once again in the Gaza Envelope area.

Tue, Jul 8, 1:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Ambushed Military Unit in Northern Gaza Belongs to Netzah Yehuda Battalion

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli sources stated that the military unit targeted in northern Gaza belongs to the Netzah Yehuda Battalion.

Mon, Jul 7, 11:28 PM (Palestine Time)

10 Israeli Soldiers Injured in IED Explosion in Northern Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli news websites confirmed that 10 soldiers were injured by an improvised explosive device that struck a military force and targeted a rescue unit. They added that air force helicopters opened fire at the site of the security incident in northern Gaza.

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Sderot Residents Report Explosion Sound

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 confirmed that residents of the city of Sderot, near northern Gaza, reported hearing an explosion and a power outage in the area. No further information was provided.

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"Severe Security Incident" in Northern Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media confirmed the occurrence of a severe and exceptional security incident in northern Gaza, without providing further details.

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11 Killed in Israeli Strike on Al-Nuseirat Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Awda Hospital reported that 11 Palestinians were martyred in an Israeli airstrike north of Al-Nuseirat Camp in central Gaza Strip.

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Netanyahu and Witkoff Begin Talks in Washington

AL-JAZEERA: Talks have begun in Washington between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and envoy Steve Witkoff, ahead of Netanyahu's meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House.

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Hamas Security Official Confirms Spy Devices Found in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA:

A Hamas security official told Al Jazeera:

Resistance security forces uncovered listening and surveillance devices planted by the occupation at multiple sites in Gaza with the help of collaborators.

Multi-function quadcopter drones were used to plant the devices for espionage and military purposes.

One of the seized devices was camouflaged among rubble in a vital area and could transmit and record video.

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Gaza Death Toll Since Dawn Rises to 61

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in the Gaza Strip confirmed that the number of martyrs since dawn today has risen to 61, due to Israeli airstrikes on various parts of the Strip, including 35 in Gaza City and northern Gaza.

Mon, Jul 7, 11:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital Warns of Patient Deaths Due to Fuel Shortage

AL-JAZEERA: In a statement from Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza:

Fuel will run out in the coming hours, and the lives of hundreds of patients are at risk inside the hospital wards.

A shutdown would end healthcare services for half a million people in the central governorate.

We call on the international community and relevant bodies to intervene after the failure of the main generator.

Mon, Jul 7, 11:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Seven Martyred in Strikes on Al-Nuseirat and Al-Mawasi

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Awda Hospital confirmed the killing of three Palestinians and the injury of others in an Israeli airstrike north of Al-Nuseirat Camp in central Gaza.