

LIVE BLOG: Israel to Annex West Bank as ‘World Body of Genocide Scholars’ Issues a Verdict – Day 698

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

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Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar reportedly informed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio during a recent meeting of Israel's intention to annex the occupied West Bank in the coming months.

Meanwhile, the world's leading organization of scholars studying genocide has passed a resolution declaring that Israel's "policies and actions in Gaza meet the legal definition" of genocide.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 63,633 and injured 160,914 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Tue, Sep 2, 9:09 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Struggling to Secure Reservists for Gaza Operation – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli army is "struggling" to find enough reservists to report for duty, with many questioning the purpose of the ongoing military operation in Gaza, according to the Wall Street Journal.

This comes as Israel seeks to call up 60,000 reservists for the army's new offensive on Gaza City, employing "unusual methods to find enough men," the report stated.

Tue, Sep 2, 9:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Broadcasting Authority Reveals Cost of Gaza City Occupation

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority said the cost of occupying Gaza City could reach \$7.4 billion.

Tue, Sep 2, 8:55 PM (Palestine Time)

CNN: Sharp Escalation of Tensions Between Israeli Leaderships

CNN (citing Israeli officials):

Tensions between the political and military leaderships have escalated sharply in the past week.

Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir confronted Netanyahu directly in a recent meeting on plans to expand the Gaza war.

Zamir opposed the decision to launch a large-scale assault on Gaza in two Cabinet meetings.

Tue, Sep 2, 8:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: US Secretary of State Rubio to Visit Israel in 12 Days

ISRAELI MEDIA: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will visit Israel in 12 days.

Tue, Sep 2, 8:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Netanyahu Moves Cabinet Meeting to Secret Bunker

HAARETZ:

Haaretz reported that Netanyahu insisted on moving Sunday's Cabinet meeting to a secret fortified bunker despite Shin Bet seeing no need for it.

Netanyahu's office justified the move by citing increased threats from the Houthis after the assassination of their officials.

Sources close to Netanyahu linked his insistence to his expected testimony in his ongoing trial.

Tue, Sep 2, 8:55 PM (Palestine Time)

Ismail Thawabteh: Gaza Faces Mass Deaths

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE:

Ismail Thawabteh, head of the Government Media Office in Gaza, told Al Jazeera Net:

Time is running out, and the likelihood of mass deaths is increasing.

Israel pursues a deliberate starvation policy by blocking food, obstructing aid, destroying markets and supply stores, and ensuring aid does not reach those in need.

Famine is not limited to Gaza City—indicators show all parts of the Strip face catastrophic conditions heading quickly toward food system collapse.

Tue, Sep 2, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Announces Attacks on Israeli Targets

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN:

We attacked the Israeli General Staff headquarters, Lod Airport, and Ashdod Port with four drones.

We attacked Israel's electric company in Hadera with another drone.

Tue, Sep 2, 6:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Doctors Without Borders: Pressure Must Be Put on Israel to End Genocide

AL-JAZEERA:

Pressure must be applied on Israel to stop the genocide in Gaza.

We are unable to respond to the humanitarian needs in Gaza.

The US and Israel's allies must stop supplying it with weapons.

As long as Washington uses its veto, nothing will change in Gaza.

There must be an immediate and unconditional ceasefire to deliver services to Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

One Killed and Others Injured in Israeli Strike on Khan Younis

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that one person was killed and others were injured when an Israeli drone struck Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

“Soldiers for the Prisoners” Movement in Israel Refuses to Enlist

ISRAELI MEDIA: The “Soldiers for the Prisoners” movement in Israel said at a press conference in Tel Aviv that they will not comply with military service because it would lead to the captives’ deaths and serves only the government.

Tue, Sep 2, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Israel Continues Systematic Destruction in Gaza

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said Israel continues the systematic destruction of Gaza’s neighborhoods as part of a genocidal campaign and criminal ethnic cleansing. It said Netanyahu’s government is waging an open war on innocent civilians, especially in Gaza City, adding that Israel’s actions are war crimes requiring immediate Security Council intervention to impose an end to the genocide and hold those responsible to account.

Tue, Sep 2, 4:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Seven Killed, Including Five Children, in Strike on Khan Younis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nasser Medical Complex reported that seven people, including five children, were killed when an Israeli drone struck the Mawasi area of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Erdogan Urges US to Stop Israeli War on Gaza

TURKISH PRESIDENCY: The United States must tell Israel to stop the massacres and injustice in Gaza. It cannot be forgotten that Israel committed genocide, and people around the world will not forget the brutal killing of Gaza’s children.

Tue, Sep 2, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Demonstrations in Central Israel to Demand Return of Prisoners

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 reported that young Israelis protested in Ramat Hasharon, central Israel, demanding a prisoner exchange deal to secure the return of prisoners.

Tue, Sep 2, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Sixty-Three Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza confirmed that 63 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since dawn today, including 41 in Gaza City.

Tue, Sep 2, 2:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Iran Slams IAEA Politicization, Says Europe Backed Israeli Strikes

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In an interview with The Guardian on Monday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei stated that confidential details about Iran's nuclear facilities were passed on to Israel, raising serious concerns about the agency's impartiality and credibility.

Tue, Sep 2, 2:05 PM (Palestine Time)

Belgium Announces Recognition of Palestine, Citing Duty to Prevent Genocide

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Belgium's foreign minister said the country will recognize a Palestinian state at the UN this month, joining other Western nations amid Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

One Killed and Others Injured in Israeli Drone Strike on Al-Bureij Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Aqsa Hospital said a Palestinian was killed and others injured in an Israeli drone strike on Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Homes in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli airstrikes targeted homes in the Al-Sabra neighborhood, south of Gaza City.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported 76 killed and 281 wounded in the last 24 hours, raising the toll since October 7, 2023, to 63,633 killed and 160,914 wounded.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: We Shot Down Drone From Yemen

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said it shot down a drone coming from Yemen before it reached Israel.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Forty-Four Killed in Gaza Since Dawn, Including Thirty in Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza said 44 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire since dawn today, including 30 in Gaza City. Among the dead were 14 people waiting for aid in central and southern Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 1:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Families of Israeli Prisoners in Gaza Criticize Continuation of War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Families of Israeli prisoners in Gaza criticized the continuation of the war, asking: "How can normal life continue during the war?"

Tue, Sep 2, 12:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Children and Aid Seekers among Scores Killed by Israel in Gaza Strikes

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: At least 36 Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, with casualties reported in Gaza City, Jabaliya, and Khan Yunis.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

361 Killed From Starvation and Malnutrition, Including 130 Children

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza said the number of people killed due to famine and malnutrition has risen to 361, including 130 children.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Leaders Confirm Rise in Requests for Exemptions

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that reserve army leaders confirmed they have received more requests for exemptions from service than before.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Nine Killed While Waiting for Aid in Central Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Awda Hospital reported that nine Palestinians were killed while waiting for aid near Wadi Gaza Bridge south of the Netzarim axis in central Gaza.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

EU: Possible Sanctions on Israel, Calls to Suspend Partnership Agreement

AL-JAZEERA:

The EU Commissioner for Crisis Management told Al Jazeera:

We condemned the starvation imposed on Gaza's population.

We call on Israel to allow aid into Gaza.

The European Commission has proposed suspending the partnership program with Israel.

Several European states are moving toward sanctions on Israel.

We will continue pushing for negotiations and an end to the war in Gaza.

We have allocated €170 million in aid for Palestinians.

The EU has no authority over member states regarding recognition of Palestine.

There is consensus that what is happening in Gaza is a catastrophe that must be stopped.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed in Israeli Strike on Jabaliya

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Emergency services reported three Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes on Abu Iskandar and Jabaliya Al-Nazla in northern Gaza City.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldiers and Officers: We Have Reached Breaking Point

WALL STREET JOURNAL:

The Wall Street Journal reported that a group of Israeli reservists said they stopped serving for reasons including immoral conduct against Palestinians.

Interviews with more than 30 Israeli officers and soldiers revealed that “ Hamas cannot be eliminated due to its guerrilla warfare tactics.”

They said soldiers are exhausted after nearly two years of fighting, and many are questioning the war’s purpose.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Belgium: We Will Recognize Palestine and Impose Sanctions on Israeli Government

BELGIAN FM:

Belgian Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot said Belgium will recognize Palestine at the UN session and impose strict sanctions on the Israeli government.

He added that Brussels decided to vote positively at the European level on measures to suspend cooperation with Israel.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Influence of Israeli Lobby on Congress Is Declining

US MEDIA: US President Donald Trump told the Daily Caller:

Israel will be forced to end the war in Gaza, which is undoubtedly harming it.

Israel may win the war but is losing the global public relations battle, and this is damaging it.

The influence of the Israeli lobby on Congress is declining.

Israel once had the strongest lobby he had ever seen, with complete control over Congress, but it has now lost that.

No one has done more for Israel than I have, including the recent strikes on Iran.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

UN Rapporteur: Israel Has Killed More Journalists Than in Both World Wars

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FRANCESCA ALBANESE: Israel has killed more journalists in Gaza since October 7, 2023, than were killed in both World Wars.

Israel is waging a systematic war against journalists in Gaza as part of its genocide, which has killed 247 journalists.

Israel seeks to impose a media blackout and conceal the massacres taking place in the besieged Strip.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Detonates Booby-Trapped Robot in Sheikh Radwan

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media said the Israeli army detonated a booby-trapped robot among homes east of Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in northern Gaza City.

Tue, Sep 2, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Drops Flares Over Sheikh Radwan Neighborhood

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Al-Aqsa TV reported that Israeli forces dropped flares over the Al-Jisr and Al-Souq areas in Sheikh Radwan, Gaza City, igniting fires.

It added that Israeli drones dropped bombs around the Sheikh Radwan market simultaneously with flare fire.

Mon, Sep 1, 11:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Fifty-Nine Killed by Israeli Fire in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 59 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since dawn on Monday, including 35 in Gaza City.

Mon, Sep 1, 11:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Partial Deal Supported by Army, Mossad, and Shin Bet - Israeli Media

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that the Chief of Staff, the head of Mossad, and the acting head of Shin Bet have expressed support for the proposed partial deal.

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Trump's Support for Gaza War Not Unlimited

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority said that Israel has "support from Trump for fighting in Gaza, but its timeframe is not open-ended."

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Global Sumud Flotilla to Break Gaza Siege Sets Sail Again

AL-JAZEERA: The Global Sumud Flotilla to break the Gaza siege has resumed sailing after overcoming weather obstacles.

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Working to Shorten Duration of Gaza War

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is working to shorten the duration of the war in Gaza.

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Mossad Chief Expresses Support for Partial Deal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that the head of Mossad “expressed his support for the proposed partial deal on the grounds that fighting could resume afterward.”

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Expects 100 Soldiers Killed in Gaza Occupation Operation

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 13 reported that Israeli army estimates indicate “the possibility of 100 soldiers being killed in the military operation to occupy Gaza.”

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Calls Up 60,000 Reserve Soldiers

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that the Israeli army will begin tomorrow the mobilization of 60,000 reserve soldiers in preparation for continuing the fighting in Gaza.

Mon, Sep 1, 8:57 PM (Palestine Time)

On the Basis of Allegations Only: Mossad ‘Helps’ to Expel Iranian Ambassador

On the basis of allegations only, the Iranian ambassador was expelled from “Australian soil,” as Albanese put it, yet Israel’s ambassador is still allowed to live on that same soil despite the proof that his government is committing the worst crimes under international law. Does the fact that the soil is Australian (stolen just as the soil in Palestine was) make that much difference?

Mon, Sep 1, 8:28 PM (Palestine Time)

What Drives Americans to Fight on the Frontlines of Gaza’s War Crimes

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Serving in the military is the ultimate test of loyalty. When young Americans raise their right hand, they pledge to defend their nation, their Constitution, their people. Yet for many young Americans, that oath is NOT made to the United States military. Instead, they pack their bags, fly across the Atlantic, and enlist in a foreign army—the Israeli War Machine, aka, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

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Soldier With Psychological Condition Shot in Beersheba

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that a soldier suffering from a psychological condition was shot after attacking guards at a rehabilitation unit in Beersheba.

Mon, Sep 1, 8:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: 18 Soldiers Have Committed Suicide Since Beginning of Year

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that 18 Israeli soldiers have committed suicide since the beginning of this year.

Mon, Sep 1, 7:44 PM (Palestine Time)

Ben-Gvir Expands Gun Licensing – 100,000 Israelis Eligible for Firearm Permits

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir has broadened a controversial gun licensing scheme, making another 100,000 Israelis eligible for private firearm permits.

Mon, Sep 1, 7:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Seize Israeli Drone in Gaza

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: The Al-Quds Brigades announced they seized an Israeli drone "while it was carrying out intelligence missions in the skies of Khan Younis" in southern Gaza.

Mon, Sep 1, 7:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Euro-Med Monitor: Israeli Army Detonates 15 Booby-Trapped Vehicles Daily in Gaza

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR:

The Israeli army destroys around 300 housing units daily in Jabalia and Gaza using booby-trapped vehicles.

The Israeli army has doubled its use of these vehicles.

The army detonates 15 booby-trapped vehicles daily, each carrying about 100 tons of explosives.

Residential blocks are being demolished at an accelerating pace to destroy Gaza City and displace its residents.

The occupation deliberately detonates most of these vehicles at night or dawn to spread fear and panic among civilians.

The international community's failure and complicity have enabled Israel to continue the crime of destroying Gaza City.

Mon, Sep 1, 7:21 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel is Guilty of Genocide in Gaza, Says World Body of Genocide Scholars

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The world's leading organization of scholars studying genocide has passed a resolution declaring that Israel's "policies and actions in Gaza meet the legal definition" of genocide.

The resolution, supported by 86 percent of those who voted in the 500-member International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS), referred to the genocide definition "in

article II of the United Nations convention for the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide (1948).”

Mon, Sep 1, 5:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Yemeni Missile Hits Israeli Tanker as Sanaa Mourns Slain Leaders

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Yemeni Armed Forces announced on Sunday that they carried out a military operation targeting the Israeli oil tanker SCARLET RAY in the northern Red Sea.

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the spokesperson for the Yemeni Armed Forces, confirmed on Monday that the vessel was struck directly with a ballistic missile. He emphasized that the attack was part of Yemen’s continued support for the Palestinian people in Gaza amid the ongoing Israeli war on the besieged Strip.