

LIVE BLOG: Qassam Releases QR Code Video as Israel Fears ‘Vietnam Scenario’ in Gaza – Day 701

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Israel continues to commit horrific massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via social media)

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A video published on the Al-Qassam Telegram channel under the title “Urgent Warning” featured a QR code and included images of 45 Israeli prisoners, one of whom was shown covering his face in grief.

Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reported that Israeli ministers and security officials are privately urging Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to reach a ceasefire deal as Israeli Reserve Major General Yitzhak Brik has warned that Netanyahu’s plan to reoccupy Gaza City could lead to a ‘Vietnam scenario’.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 64,300 and injured 162,005 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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‘Struck Four Times’ – AP Probe Questions Israel’s Attack on Nasser Hospital

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Associated Press (AP) has gathered new evidence that it said draws into question Israel’s attack on a Gaza Hospital last month that killed 22 people, including five journalists, among them Mariam Abu Daqqa, who worked for the news organization.

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Lebanese Cabinet Backs Army Arms Plan amid Walkout by Resistance Ministers

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Lebanese government has endorsed an army plan to confine the possession of weapons exclusively to the state, despite a walkout by ministers from Hezbollah, the Amal Movement, and an independent Shia minister during Friday's cabinet session.

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Amnesty International: Gaza Operation Will Have Catastrophic Consequences

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Amnesty International warned that Israel's military operation in Gaza City will have catastrophic consequences.

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Senior Israeli Official: No One Knows What We Aim to Achieve in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Walla reported Israeli assessments warning that occupying Gaza City could result in the death of around 100 soldiers.

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Israeli Security Message: Gaza Operation Will Take at Least 3 Months

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, a security message from Israeli agencies warned that the military operation in Gaza City will take at least three months.

Fri, Sep 5, 9:27 PM (Palestine Time)

Google Involved in \$45M 'Hasbara' Campaign Deal with Israel – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Google is in the middle of a six-month \$45 million contract with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office to promote government messages and downplay the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Fri, Sep 5, 9:22 PM (Palestine Time)

'Unthinkable' Already Unfolding in Gaza City, Affecting One Million – UNICEF

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: UNICEF warned on Thursday that the "unthinkable" has already begun in Gaza City, with Israel's military offensive intensifying amid the famine and forced displacement affecting almost one million Palestinians.

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Palestinian Health Ministry: Israel Kills Man in Nablus and Seizes His Body

PALESTINIAN HEALTH MINISTRY: The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that Israeli forces killed 57-year-old Ahmed Shehadeh at the Al-Murabba checkpoint in Nablus and seized his body.

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Israeli Army Orders Evacuation of Residential Tower in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army ordered the evacuation of the Mecca residential tower near Abu Mazen Square, west of Gaza City, in preparation for its demolition.

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Netanyahu's Office Accuses Egypt of Blocking Gaza Residents from Leaving

ISRAELI MEDIA: The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that contrary to claims by Egypt's Foreign Ministry, Netanyahu had spoken about the freedom of every person to choose where to live.

Fri, Sep 5, 6:41 PM (Palestine Time)

Residential Tower Sheltering Displaced Families Destroyed in Gaza City

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli military on Friday struck Mushta Tower, a residential building in western Gaza City that houses hundreds of displaced Palestinians. The attack targeted multiple floors of the tower, causing extensive destruction, as plumes of smoke rose over the densely populated area.

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Protests in Morocco Against Genocide in Gaza and in Support of Flotilla

AL-JAZEERA: Moroccans continue to protest demanding an end to the genocide and starvation campaign carried out by Israel against Palestinians in Gaza.

The cities of Marrakesh and Meknes hosted new demonstrations in support of the Global Solidarity Flotilla heading to the Strip to break the Israeli blockade.

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'Mission to End 18-Year Blockade' – Mandela's Grandson Joins Gaza Flotilla

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The grandson of Nelson Mandela has joined the Global Sumud Flotilla to break the siege on Gaza, saying the global community has to continue supporting the Palestinians just as they did to isolate and collapse apartheid in South Africa.

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Israeli Captive in New Video: 'We're Prisoners of Our Own Government'

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli captive Guy Dalal blames Netanyahu's government for abandoning prisoners and warns of their deaths in any Gaza City assault.

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WHO Warns of Worsening Catastrophe in Gaza Due to Displacement

WHO: The World Health Organization's representative in the occupied Palestinian territories said that health services in Gaza are struggling to cope, warning that the catastrophe in the Strip will worsen as Palestinians are displaced to the south.

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WHO Director: Starving Gaza Will Not Bring Security to Israel

WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that starving Gaza will not bring security to Israel nor contribute to the release of captives.

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Hamas: Escalation in Gaza Is Forced Displacement

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas said Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz's declaration of intensified operations in Gaza is a challenge to international law and an open admission of genocide and forced displacement.

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UNICEF: 700,000 Children in Gaza Deprived of Education

UNICEF: UNICEF said that more than 700,000 children in Gaza have been deprived of formal education.

It stressed that children in the Strip have been stripped of their right to learn, as schools have become shelters, homes have turned into rubble, and there is no safe place left for education.

Fri, Sep 5, 3:58 PM (Palestine Time)

US Sanctions Palestinian Rights Groups over ICC Case against Israel

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The US has imposed sanctions on three Palestinian human rights organizations, which, in November 2023, petitioned the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate Israel for genocide in Gaza. This was indicated in a notice posted by the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

Fri, Sep 5, 3:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Death Toll Rises

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in the Gaza Strip announced the deaths of 69 Palestinians and the injury of 422 others by Israeli occupation forces' fire over the past 24 hours.

The ministry added that the total number of victims of the Israeli aggression since October 7, 2023, has risen to 64,300 dead and 162,005 wounded, including thousands of children and women, amid ongoing Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip.

Fri, Sep 5, 3:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Ceasefire: Behind-the-Scenes Contacts to Resume Negotiations

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Initial closed-door contacts between Israel and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, are taking place, aimed at resuming ceasefire negotiations, as reported by the Israeli Broadcasting Authority on Thursday.

US envoy Steve Witkoff is working behind the scenes to resume negotiations, the Jerusalem Post reported, also stating that mediators will try to ensure a faster pace in negotiations this time.

Fri, Sep 5, 2:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Accuses Netanyahu of Blocking Mediation Efforts

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of deliberately obstructing mediation efforts aimed at ending the war, pushing ahead with "genocide and forced displacement" in what it called a "war with no end."

Fri, Sep 5, 2:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Destroys Mushtaha Tower in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army destroyed the Mushtaha Tower in Gaza City. Another Israeli airstrike also hit a residential building in the Ansar area, west of the city, demolishing it.

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Katz: Gates of Hell Open in Gaza

ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTRY:

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said: “Now the gates of hell are open in Gaza.”

He confirmed that the army issued its first evacuation order for a multi-story building in Gaza City before striking it.

Katz warned that once this door is opened, it will not close, and Israeli operations will intensify gradually until Hamas accepts Israel’s conditions for ending the war, which include releasing all captives and disarming.

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Child Killed in Israeli Strike North of Gaza

GAZA EMERGENCY SERVICES: A source in Gaza’s emergency services reported that a child was killed and others injured after an Israeli strike hit a Volkswagen bus near the Al-Tuwam roundabout, north of Gaza City.

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Al-Qassam Brigades Release Video of Israeli Captive Guy Dalal

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, released a video of Israeli captive Guy Dalal in which he holds Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responsible for his continued detention in Gaza.

Fri, Sep 5, 11:20 AM (Palestine Time)

Massacres in Gaza City as Israel Pushes Plan to Occupy and Displace

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces escalated air and ground attacks on Gaza City, killing scores — including children — as hospitals overflow and resistance groups warn of fierce retaliation.

Fri, Sep 5, 10:54 AM (Palestine Time)

China’s Foreign Ministry Calls for Two-State Solution

CHINA’S FOREIGN MINISTRY:

China’s Foreign Ministry said that implementing the two-state solution is the only way to resolve the Palestinian issue.

It added that China’s support for the New York Declaration on the two-state solution is consistent with its long-standing position on the Palestinian cause.

Fri, Sep 5, 10:54 AM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Army Officers Warn Families of Captives ahead of Gaza Operation

ISRAELI MEDIA: Haaretz reported that families of Israeli captives received calls yesterday from army officers ahead of a possible military operation in Gaza City.

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Israeli Media: Witkoff Seeks to Revive Exchange Deal Talks

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli media outlets reported that US envoy Steve Witkoff has begun initial contacts to restart negotiations on a prisoner exchange and is promoting a new initiative.

At the same time, the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, citing sources involved in the talks, said that backchannel contacts are underway to resume discussions between Israel and Hamas.

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Gaza NGO Network: We Are in the Most Dangerous Stage

AL-JAZEERA: Amjad Shawa, head of the Palestinian NGO Network in Gaza, told Al Jazeera, “We are in the most dangerous stage since the beginning of the aggression against the Palestinian people. We fear that the international community will become desensitized to scenes of children being killed and starved in Gaza, leaving them as mere numbers in news bulletins.”

Fri, Sep 5, 8:06 AM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: Gaza Has Become a City of Fear, Flight, and Funerals

UNICEF: The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has stated that Gaza City is rapidly becoming a place where childhood cannot survive, a city of fear, flight, and funerals.

Speaking to journalists via video from the Gaza Strip, UNICEF spokesperson Tess Ingram said that the youngest and most vulnerable residents of Gaza City are struggling to survive due to the collapse of basic services. She emphasized that everything possible must be done to prevent an imminent, large-scale Israeli military offensive to avoid an unimaginable tragedy.

The UNICEF spokesperson added that malnutrition and famine are weakening children’s bodies, while displacement deprives them of shelter and care, and shelling threatens their every movement.

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Khan Yunis's Al-Mawasi Area Becomes a Hub of Thirst and Overcrowding

OXFAM AMERICA: The Al-Mawasi area of Khan Yunis has become a hotspot for thirst and overcrowding, amid warnings about the consequences of displaced Palestinians from the northern Gaza Strip moving there.

According to James Heubler, a humanitarian policy advisor at Oxfam America, Israel is issuing conflicting evacuation orders to people. He noted that Gazans have faced evacuation orders repeatedly during the current war, with many being displaced more than 10 times to locations that lack healthcare and essential services due to extensive damage.

Fri, Sep 5, 6:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Breakings News from the Gaza Genocide

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

Artillery shelling is targeting the Sabra and Al-Zaytoun neighborhoods, south of Gaza City.

A medical relief agency in Gaza says the situation in the Strip is very difficult and there is no place for the approximately one million residents of Gaza City to relocate, especially those who are hungry and sick.

Gaza hospital sources report that 18 people, including 7 children, have been killed in Israeli raids on residential apartments and displaced people's tents in Gaza City.

Fri, Sep 5, 2:43 AM (Palestine Time)

Breaking News from the Gaza Genocide

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

14 killed, including 5 children, in raids on Gaza City:

Gaza hospital sources report that 14 people, including 5 children, have been killed in Israeli raids targeting residential apartments and displaced people's tents in Gaza City.

2 more killed in apartment bombing:

Ambulance and emergency services report that two people were killed in an Israeli bombing of a residential apartment on Al-Thalatheeni Street, south of Gaza City.

A child killed in a separate raid:

A child was killed in an Israeli raid on a displaced people's tent in the universities area, west of Gaza City, according to ambulance and emergency sources.

2 killed in central Gaza:

Ambulance and emergency services report two more deaths and several injuries in an Israeli raid on a residential apartment in central Gaza City.

8 killed in raids on homes and tents:

Gaza hospitals confirm that 8 Palestinians have been killed and dozens wounded in a series of Israeli raids on homes and displaced people's tents in Gaza City.

Woman killed in Al-Rimal neighborhood:

Gaza ambulance and emergency services report that a woman was killed in an Israeli bombing of a building housing displaced people in the Al-Rimal neighborhood, central Gaza City.

4 killed in helicopter strike:

Four Palestinians were killed in a helicopter bombing on a displaced people's tent inside the Islamic University, south of Gaza City, according to Gaza ambulance and emergency services.

1 killed in bombing of residential apartment:

Gaza Strip Ambulance and Emergency Services report one person killed and several others wounded in an Israeli bombing of a residential apartment in the Al-Daraj neighborhood, east of Gaza City.

Fri, Sep 5, 12:36 AM (Palestine Time)

US Official: Trump Serious about Ending Gaza War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 quoted a US official as saying that President Donald Trump is serious about ending the war if all "hostages" in Gaza are released, adding that the US administration is working toward that goal.

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New York Times: Trump Administration Warns Lebanese Leaders

NEW YORK TIMES: The New York Times reported that the Trump administration warned Lebanese leaders that time is running out to disarm Hezbollah.

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Osama Hamdan: Time Is Pressuring Israel Too

AL-JAZEERA: Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan told Al Jazeera that Trump's remarks about ending the war by releasing all captives did not amount to an actual offer but were merely an idea.

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Al-Quds Brigades Take Part in 'Moses' Staff', Qassam Warns Israel with QR Code

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement, announced on Thursday that it had bombed what it described as the "Zionist enemy's command and control headquarters" in the Zaytoun neighborhood, in the central Gaza Strip, using mortar shells.

In addition to military operations, the Qassam Brigades intensified its psychological warfare against Israel.

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How the UN Can Act Decisively to End Genocide in Gaza: Turning ICJ Rulings into Action

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: As world leaders gather again in New York for another UN General Assembly beginning on September 9th, how will they respond to Israel's ever-escalating genocide and continued occupation and expansion of settlements in the West Bank and Jerusalem?

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Israeli Police Arrest Protesters against Gaza War

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that police arrested demonstrators protesting against the Gaza war in the city of Haifa.

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Channel 12: Israeli “National Guard” Used for Protest Crackdowns

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that the “National Guard,” created by National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, has been deployed to reinforce police at protests, contrary to its stated purpose.

Thu, Sep 4, 11:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Wall Street Journal: Israeli Officials Concerned About Occupying Gaza

WALL STREET JOURNAL: The Wall Street Journal reported that Israeli ministers and security officials are privately urging Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to reach a ceasefire deal.

Thu, Sep 4, 11:37 PM (Palestine Time)

75 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 75 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since dawn today, including 44 in Gaza City.

Thu, Sep 4, 8:31 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Holds Thousands of Gaza Civilians under ‘Unlawful Combatants’ Law – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Civilians make up the overwhelming majority of Palestinians from Gaza held without charge or trial in Israeli prisons, with only one in four detainees identified as fighters, according to classified data cited in a joint media investigation.

Thu, Sep 4, 3:09 PM (Palestine Time)

'Vietnam Scenario': Israeli General Brik Says Netanyahu's Gaza Plan a “Death Trap”

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli reserve Major General Yitzhak Brik wrote that Netanyahu's push to reoccupy Gaza City is a “death trap,” accusing Israel's leadership of weakening the army and deceiving the public about the war.