

LIVE BLOG: Casualties in Israeli Strike on Gaza's Sole Catholic Church Amid Massacre of Aid Seekers – Day 649

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Israel committed another 'aid' massacre in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN)

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Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF, told the UN Security Council that more than 17,000 children have been killed in Gaza, averaging 28 child deaths per day.

Meanwhile, Israeli news sites reported two “security incidents” in Gaza, currently under military censorship, indicating possible Israeli military casualties inflicted by Palestinian resistance.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 58,386 and injured 139,077 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Thu, Jul 17, 12:53 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Woman Without Food for Five Days Amidst Gaza War and Aid Blockade

QUDS NEWS: A Palestinian woman in Gaza says she hasn't eaten in five days due to the ongoing war, the closure of crossings, and the complete unavailability of food in the Strip.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Detainee Dies in Israeli Prison

ARABIC MEDIA: Palestinian sources told Al Jazeera that a Palestinian detainee from Jenin city has died inside Israeli occupation prisons.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:48 PM (Palestine Time)

MSF: Israeli Forces Bombed Displacement Tents in Khan Yunis at Dawn Yesterday

STATEMENT: Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has reported that Israeli forces bombed displacement tents in Khan Yunis at 3 AM yesterday as part of their expanding military operation.

Among those injured in the Israeli shelling on Khan Yunis was their colleague, Husni Al-Najjar, and an infant was killed in an adjacent tent.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:46 PM (Palestine Time)

Child Killed in Strike on Displacement Tents in Khan Yunis; 22 Fatalities in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

A young girl was killed and several others injured today in an Israeli drone strike on displacement tents northwest of Khan Yunis, according to Nasser Medical Complex.

Across the Gaza Strip, 22 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli raids since dawn, with 17 of these fatalities occurring in Gaza City, hospital sources reported.

Separately, a source at the Baptist Hospital confirmed that two Palestinian women were killed and others injured in an Israeli strike on the Latin Monastery Church in eastern Gaza City.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:44 PM (Palestine Time)

One Killed in Israeli Drone Strike in Southern Lebanon

LEBANESE MEDIA: The Lebanese Ministry of Public Health reported that one person was killed, and two others were injured in an Israeli drone strike on the town of Al-Kfour in southern Lebanon.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:42 PM (Palestine Time)

Latin Monastery Church Pastor Wounded in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: A source at the Baptist Hospital confirmed that Father Gabriel, pastor of the Latin Monastery Church in Gaza, was wounded in an Israeli strike.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

22 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources in Gaza hospitals reported that 22 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes on the Strip since dawn today, including 17 in Gaza City.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

The Guardian: European Company's Missiles Killed 100 Children in Gaza

THE GUARDIAN: A Guardian investigation revealed that European missile company MBDA sold components for bombs that killed at least 100 children in Gaza. The company's missiles were used in 24 verified incidents from January 2024 to May 2025, resulting in 500 deaths in Gaza.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Four Israeli Soldiers Injured in Clashes in Sheja'iyya

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that four soldiers were injured, two critically, during fighting in the Shuja'iyya neighborhood east of Gaza City this morning.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Eight Killed in Israeli Bombing North of Gaza Strip

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An ambulance source confirmed that eight Palestinians were killed and others wounded after Israeli drones targeted aid security workers in the Al-Tuwam area, northern Gaza Strip.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Israeli Soldiers Injured in Northern Gaza Battles

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that two paratroopers from Battalion 202 were seriously injured in battles in northern Gaza yesterday.

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Israeli Soldier Injured in Central Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that a reservist from the Yahalom unit was moderately wounded after an unexploded ordnance incident in central Gaza.

Thu, Jul 17, 11:46 AM (Palestine Time)

International Criminal Court Rejects Request to Cancel Warrants Against Netanyahu and Gallan

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, the International Criminal Court in The Hague rejected Israel's request to cancel arrest warrants issued against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant over war crimes in Gaza.

Thu, Jul 17, 12:51 AM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF Director: 28 Children Killed Daily in Gaza

UNICEF: Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF, told the UN Security Council that over 17,000 children have been killed in Gaza, averaging 28 children killed each day. She said Gaza is losing the equivalent of a full classroom of children every day for almost two years.

Wed, Jul 16, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Severe Blood Shortage in Gaza Hospitals

AL-JAZEERA: Hospitals in Gaza are experiencing a severe shortage of blood supplies, endangering the lives of the wounded and sick. The number of donors has decreased due to widespread hunger and malnutrition. Despite these challenges, those able to donate blood continue to visit hospitals.

Wed, Jul 16, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah: We Carried Out Special Operation Against Ben Gurion Airport

YEMENI MEDIA: Yahya Saree, military spokesperson for the Houthis, announced that their missile forces conducted a special operation targeting Lod Airport (Ben Gurion Airport) and carried out three drone attacks on Lod, the Negev, and the port of Eilat.

Wed, Jul 16, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Official: Child Hunger in Gaza at Record Levels

UNITED NATIONS: UN Humanitarian Affairs chief Tom Fletcher said child hunger in Gaza reached record levels in June. He warned that food supplies are running out, people seeking food are being shot at, and five newborns must share a single incubator while 70% of essential medicines are depleted.

Wed, Jul 16, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Sites Report Evacuation of Wounded Soldiers from Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli news sites reported two “security incidents” in Gaza, which are under military censorship, suggesting Israeli military casualties inflicted by Palestinian resistance. Reports indicated three wounded soldiers were evacuated by helicopter from Gaza, including one in critical condition.

Wed, Jul 16, 11:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Airstrikes and Shelling on Beit Hanoun and Jabaliya

AL-AQSA TV: Al-Aqsa TV said Israeli warplanes carried out multiple airstrikes on Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza this evening, while Israeli artillery shelled eastern Jabalia simultaneously.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: We Will Not Accept the Separation of Any Area from Gaza

AL-AQSA TV: Jihad Taha, spokesperson for the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), said in remarks reported by Al-Aqsa TV that Hamas acted with flexibility and responsibility to end the aggression against the Palestinian people.

He stressed that Hamas will not accept the separation of any geographical area from the Gaza Strip and will not accept the presence of the occupation in the area.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Media: Missile Intercepted from Yemen

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the Israeli army intercepted a missile launched from Yemen on Wednesday evening.

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81 Palestinians Martyred in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 81 Palestinians were martyred in the Strip since dawn on Wednesday, including 25 aid seekers.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Occupation Forces Demolish Residential Buildings North of Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera correspondent said Israeli occupation forces blew up residential buildings in the northwest of Rafah city, southern Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Four Aid Seekers Killed Near Nitsarim Axis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Awda Hospital reported the martyrdom of four Palestinians seeking humanitarian aid after being shot by Israeli forces near the Nitsarim axis in central Gaza.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

ICC Rejects Request to Cancel Arrest Warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that the International Criminal Court rejected Israel's request to freeze investigations and cancel arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

Wed, Jul 16, 7:04 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Appears in Corruption Trial – US Ambassador Present

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared before the Tel Aviv District Court on Wednesday to continue his testimony in his corruption trial, with the US ambassador to Israel attending the session.

Wed, Jul 16, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Child Killed in Bureij Refugee Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that a child was martyred and several other Palestinians were injured following an Israeli artillery strike on "Block 1" in the Bureij Refugee Camp, central Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 16, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed in Airstrike on Deir Al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that three Palestinians were martyred in an Israeli airstrike near Al-Shuhada School, north of Al-Hakar area, in Deir Al-Balah city, central Gaza Strip.

Wed, Jul 16, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: Entire Families and Neighborhoods are Being Erased in Gaza

UNRWA: The Commissioner-General of UNRWA said that in Gaza, entire families, neighborhoods, and an entire generation are being wiped out. He added that the war in Gaza is not only a humanitarian disaster but a crisis that undermines the international legal order.

Wed, Jul 16, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Britain Calls for Ceasefire in Gaza

BRITISH PM: The British Prime Minister stated that Britain wants a ceasefire in Gaza, the release of hostages, and the entry of humanitarian aid. He also stressed that Israel must take steps to protect civilians in Gaza.

Wed, Jul 16, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

51 Killed in Gaza Strip since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza reported that 51 Palestinians have been martyred across the Gaza Strip since dawn today, including 21 who were waiting to receive humanitarian aid.

Wed, Jul 16, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Quds Brigades Detonate Israeli Military Vehicle in Al-Zaytoun

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Al-Quds Brigades released footage showing the detonation of an Israeli military vehicle using a high-powered explosive device during an Israeli incursion east of Al-Zaytoun neighborhood in Gaza City.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Government Demands Closure of American 'Aid' Organization

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The Gaza Government Media Office stated that the Israeli occupation and the American organization committed a horrific massacre against hungry civilians, resulting in 21 martyrs. The so-called “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation” is not a humanitarian entity and does not adhere to any relief standards.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Eilat Port Closed Due to Ansarallah Attacks

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported that the port of Eilat (Umm Al-Rashrash) will be shut down starting next Sunday due to Ansarallah attacks.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

15 Palestinians Killed by Suffocation in Khan Yunis

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Gaza Health Ministry announced 21 dead, including 15 who suffocated after gas was fired at civilians gathering at a food distribution center in southern Khan Yunis. For the first time, martyrs have been recorded due to suffocation and severe crowding at aid distribution points. The ministry accused both the Israeli occupation and the American organization of committing massacres against starving people using various methods.

Gaza Health Ministry: 21 Palestinians killed in Khan Yunis, including 15 who suffocated after Israeli forces fired gas at civilians gathered for food aid.
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— The Palestine Chronicle (@PalestineChron) July 16, 2025

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

37 Palestinians Martyred in Gaza since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza confirmed that 37 Palestinians have been martyred since dawn today, including 20 people who were seeking humanitarian aid.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Corruption Trial Session Begins

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the corruption trial session for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commenced. Later, Channel 12 stated the session was halted after Netanyahu received a security update and left the courtroom.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Homes in Gaza City

AL-JAZEERA: Al Jazeera correspondent reported that Israeli airstrikes hit homes in Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City.

Wed, Jul 16, 1:07 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Opens New Axis in Khan Yunis

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army announced that it had completed the opening of a new axis in Khan Younis, which extends for 15 kilometers and separates the east from the west of Khan Yunis.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:37 AM (Palestine Time)

20 Palestinians Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that twenty Palestinians were killed due to Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip since dawn today.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:37 AM (Palestine Time)

Poll: Over Half of Israelis Support Control Over Gaza

MAARIV: A Maariv newspaper poll revealed that 52 percent of Israelis support imposing control over Gaza and establishing temporary military rule after the war. Sixty-four percent oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state, and 53 percent reject involving the Palestinian Authority in any future settlement concerning Gaza.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:37 AM (Palestine Time)

One Killed and Others Injured in Israeli Bombing of Nuseirat Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian media reported the death of one Palestinian and injuries to others following an Israeli airstrike on Al-Safa tower in Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:37 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Grants Negotiators More Flexibility in Doha

ISRAELI MEDIA: According to Yedioth Ahronoth, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu granted his negotiation team in Doha more flexibility and broader options to make decisions.

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UN Rapporteur Calls for Measures to Stop Genocide in Gaza

FRANCESCA ALBANESE, UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR: UN Rapporteur Francesca Albanese called on the world to take action to stop the genocide in Gaza, noting Israel's economy is designed to sustain occupation and escalate it into genocide.

Wed, Jul 16, 9:37 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Soldier Seriously Injured in Fourth Suicide Attempt in Ten Days

MAARIV: An Israeli soldier was seriously injured after shooting himself in a military base in southern Israel, in the fourth suicide attempt among soldiers in ten days.

Wed, Jul 16, 12:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Walla: Israeli Army's Engineering Activities Signal Long-Term Presence in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Walla website, citing sources, reported that the Israeli army is carrying out an engineering operation aimed at reinforcing its presence by expanding bases in the buffer zone and constructing new axes.

Wed, Jul 16, 12:11 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Raid Zababdeh

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation army forces have raided the town of Zababdeh, south of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank.

Tue, Jul 15, 10:54 PM (Palestine Time)

International Protection Group: 1,580 Health Workers Killed in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA (Citing the International Protection Group):

Ten children in the Gaza Strip are losing one or both legs daily due to the ongoing war.

More than 40,000 children in Gaza have sustained war-related injuries.

A staggering 1,580 health workers and 467 humanitarian aid staff have been killed in the Strip.

There's been a systematic targeting of hospitals, ambulances, and medical and humanitarian personnel in Gaza.

Tue, Jul 15, 10:52 PM (Palestine Time)

61 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn, 23 in Al-Shati Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza report that the death toll from Israeli airstrikes across the Strip has risen to 61 since dawn today. Of these, 23 fatalities were in the Al-Shati refugee camp in western Gaza.

Tue, Jul 15, 10:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Reportedly Alters Status Quo at Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil (Hebron)

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel is taking an unprecedented step to change the status quo at the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil (Hebron), according to sources cited by Israel Hayom.

A decision has been made to withdraw powers from the Hebron Municipality and transfer them to the Religious Council of the Kiryat Arba settlement.

This marks the first time significant changes have been made at the Ibrahimi Mosque since 1994.