

LIVE BLOG: Hamas Rejects Witkoff's Claims as Resistance Intensifies Operations | Famine Worsens – Day 658

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Israel has continued to use starvation of civilians as a weapon of war against Palestinians in Gaza.(Photo: via QNN)

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Hamas has rejected US envoy Steven Witkoff's criticism of its ceasefire stance, reaffirming its commitment to diplomacy as the US and Israel withdraw their teams from Doha talks.

Meanwhile, nearly 20 Israeli occupation soldiers were wounded by Palestinian Resistance in Gaza and the West Bank, while famine in the Strip deepens.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 59,106 and injured 142,511 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Fri, Jul 25, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

UN Warns Gaza Is Running Out of Therapeutic Food for Malnourished Children

UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES: UN agencies warned that Gaza is facing a severe shortage of life-saving nutritional treatments for malnourished children. The World Food Programme said hunger levels have reached unprecedented severity and called for an immediate ceasefire.

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Francesca Albanese: Israel Is Committing Genocide in Gaza

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR: UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese said Israel is committing genocide in Gaza "in its most horrific form" and called on Britain and other nations to impose sanctions.

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Colombia: We Will Not Be Complicit in Genocide in Gaza

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENCY: President of Colombia announced a ban on coal shipments to Israel, saying his country “will not be complicit” in the genocide in Gaza.

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Canadian Foreign Minister: Women and Children Starving in Gaza

CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: Canada’s Foreign Minister Anita Anand warned of a worsening humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, urging Israel to lift the blockade and allow aid without restrictions.

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Former PM Ehud Barak: Israel Is Collapsing, War in Gaza Is Unwinnable

ISRAELI MEDIA: Ehud Barak warned that Israel is turning into a pariah state. He called for mass civil disobedience to overthrow Netanyahu’s government, citing a failed Gaza policy and collapsing morale.

Fri, Jul 25, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

David Lammy: UK Will Attend Two-State Solution Summit in New York

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTRY: UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy announced participation in next week’s two-state solution summit at the UN, calling for a permanent ceasefire and criticizing Israeli aid obstruction.

Fri, Jul 25, 12:37 PM (Palestine Time)

Freedom Flotilla Reestablishes Contact with Handala after Drone Threat

FREEDOM FLOTILLA COALITION: Contact was restored with the Handala ship after a two-hour blackout. The crew is safe despite drone surveillance near the boat, which is on a humanitarian mission to Gaza.

Fri, Jul 25, 2:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Strike Kills Palestinian Journalist Adam Abu Harbid and Injures His Family

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian journalist Adam Abu Harbid was killed and his wife and children injured when Israeli helicopters bombed their tent in central Gaza. Medical sources confirmed three of his relatives were also killed.

Fri, Jul 25, 2:33 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Officials Slam France’s Recognition of Palestine

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT: Israeli PM Netanyahu condemned France’s decision, while Ministers Yariv Levin and Yoav Gallant called it a “surrender to terror” and urged Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank.

Fri, Jul 25, 1:03 AM (Palestine Time)

France Recognizes State of Palestine, Spain and Ireland Welcome Move

AFP: French President Emmanuel Macron announced France's official recognition of the State of Palestine, calling it a "historic commitment to lasting peace." Spain and Ireland welcomed the move, saying it strengthens the two-state solution and counters Netanyahu's efforts to undermine it.

Fri, Jul 25, 1:03 AM (Palestine Time)

Contact Lost with Freedom Flotilla Ship 'Handala'

FREEDOM FLOTILLA COALITION: The coalition announced it lost contact with the ship Handala, which was attempting to break the Israeli siege on Gaza. Israeli sea drones reportedly surrounded the ship hours earlier.

Fri, Jul 25, 1:03 AM (Palestine Time)

Gaza's Shifa Hospital Director: Medical Staff Starving

AL-JAZEERA: Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya said medical teams in Gaza are working without food or rest, describing a complete collapse of the healthcare system amid relentless Israeli attacks and aid shortages.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:02 PM (Palestine Time)

US Reaffirms Commitment to Gaza Ceasefire

US STATE DEPARTMENT: Washington reiterated its commitment to a ceasefire in Gaza aimed at ensuring humanitarian aid reaches civilians, amid intensifying calls to end the ongoing genocide.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:02 PM (Palestine Time)

WFP: Gazans Are Dying from Lack of Aid

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: The World Food Programme warned that civilians in Gaza are dying due to a severe shortage of aid, food, and clean water, amid tight restrictions on humanitarian access.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:02 PM (Palestine Time)

UK PM Starmer: Gaza Crisis 'Indefensible'

AFP: British PM Keir Starmer condemned the humanitarian situation in Gaza as "indefensible" and announced a trilateral call with France and Germany to push Israel to allow aid entry.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:02 PM (Palestine Time)

Thousands Displaced in West Bank Face Crisis

AL-JAZEERA: Over 50,000 Palestinians have been displaced by Israel's "Iron Wall" campaign in the northern West Bank, with massive home demolitions and forced evacuations reshaping the region.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:02 PM (Palestine Time)

UN: Over 1 Million Gaza Children Suffer from Hunger

UNITED NATIONS: UN spokesperson Farhan Haq confirmed that more than one million children in Gaza face hunger and deteriorating health, as Israel's war leaves over 202,000 Palestinians killed or wounded.

Thu, Jul 24, 7:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Source to CNN: Hamas Response Positive

CNN (citing Israeli sources): An Israeli official told CNN that recalling the negotiation team from Qatar does not indicate a crisis in ceasefire talks. Instead, the move was made to facilitate decision-making that cannot happen remotely. The official described Hamas's response as positive and expressed optimism about narrowing the gaps in the negotiations.

Thu, Jul 24, 7:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Youths Shot and Killed, Dozens Detained in Escalating West Bank Raids

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli army forces shot and killed two Palestinian youths and detained dozens of others during a large-scale across the occupied West Bank on Thursday.

Thu, Jul 24, 7:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army: 8 Soldiers Injured in 'Operational Incident' in Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli military announced that eight soldiers were wounded in what it described as an operational incident inside the Gaza Strip.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Leader: Considering Further Escalation amid Gaza Crisis

ANSARALLAH: Abdul-Malik Al-Houthi, leader of Yemen's Ansarallah movement, said the group is exploring additional escalation options in light of the catastrophe in Gaza. He emphasized enhancing military capabilities to pressure Israel and called for open corridors to support the Palestinian people.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel: Negotiation Team Returns to Narrow Gaps

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT: Israel's prisoners' affairs coordinator confirmed that the negotiation team has returned from Doha for consultations following Hamas's response to the ceasefire proposal. The aim, they said, is to reassess and narrow remaining gaps.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

10 Soldiers Injured in Serious Security Incident in Sheja'iyya.

NASSER MEDICAL COMPLEX: At least eight Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli forces while waiting for humanitarian aid south of Khan Younis, according to medical sources.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Child Dies from Starvation in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza's Al-Shifa Hospital reported the death of Nour Riyad Akhzeeq, a young girl who succumbed to hunger and severe malnutrition as famine tightens its grip on the Strip.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: US Directly Responsible for Starvation and Genocide in Gaza

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas held the United States directly responsible for the continuation of genocide and starvation in Gaza due to its unconditional support for Israel. The movement urged Western countries to match their public statements with action, including halting arms supplies and backing immediate aid entry.

Thu, Jul 24, 6:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Withdraws Negotiation Team from Doha for "Consultation"

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT: Prime Minister Netanyahu's office announced that the negotiation team was recalled from Doha following Hamas's response to the latest truce proposal. Israeli media reported that "critical decisions" were pending.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrike in Gaza, Four Killed

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An ambulance and emergency source reported that four people were killed and a large number injured in an Israeli airstrike on the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:52 PM (Palestine Time)

US Envoy in Italy for Gaza Ceasefire Talks

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority reported that the US President's envoy Steve Witkoff has arrived in Italy to discuss Gaza ceasefire negotiations.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:31 PM (Palestine Time)

British Paramedic Sam Seers: 'I See Them Collapsing Before Me'

SOCIAL MEDIA: Sam Seers, a British paramedic working at the UK Med field hospital in Mawasi, Khan Yunis, has issued a desperate plea, describing the dire situation he witnesses daily.

He warned that the field hospital where they operate will not last more than 27 days, citing critical shortages.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:28 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Calls for Global Rallies to Break Gaza Siege

STATEMENT: Hamas's official website has issued "An appeal to the free people of the world... to living consciences," urging for widespread popular and public mobilization in all capitals and cities worldwide.

The movement calls for these demonstrations to take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 25, 26, 27), and on all subsequent days, with the goal of breaking the siege on Gaza and ending the famine.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:18 PM (Palestine Time)

Major News Agencies Express Alarm Over Starving Journalists in Gaza

AL-JAZEERA: Leading global news agencies, including Associated Press, Agence France-Presse (AFP), BBC, and Reuters, have issued a joint statement expressing deep concern for their journalists in Gaza who are unable to feed themselves and their families.

The statement highlights that independent journalists have served for months as the eyes and ears of the world in Gaza. The agencies are facing significant challenges in treating sick and hungry journalists and are currently unable to provide them with adequate care.

They are urging Israeli authorities to permit journalists to enter and exit Gaza freely.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:16 PM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA: One in Five Children in Gaza City Malnourished

STATEMENT: Philippe Lazzarini, the Commissioner-General for UNRWA, has issued a dire warning, stating that one out of every five children in Gaza City is suffering from malnutrition, with cases increasing daily.

Lazzarini emphasized the alarming rise in childhood malnutrition across the Gaza Strip, noting that the specter of famine is silently expanding. He described most children in Gaza as thin and weak, facing the risk of death if they don't receive urgent treatment.

UNRWA is reiterating its urgent call for humanitarian partners to be allowed to bring aid into Gaza without restriction or interruption.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:49 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Reviews Hamas Response as Pressure Mounts for Gaza Ceasefire

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israel is reviewing Hamas's response to a proposed ceasefire as diplomatic pressure mounts and military fatigue sets in amid the US-backed war on Gaza.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:49 PM (Palestine Time)

'Man-Made Hunger Crisis': 115 Palestinians Dead as Gaza Famine Deepens

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Government Media Office in Gaza reported on Wednesday that at least 115 Palestinians have died as a result of famine and malnutrition, amid a near-total absence of food, water, and medicine in the besieged Strip.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Qassam Targets Israeli Command Center in Morag Axis

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Hamas' military wing announced that it bombarded an Israeli command and control site in the Morag Axis with short-range "Rajoum" rockets on Wednesday. Morag is a strategic corridor between Rafah and Khan Younis.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Hails Kfar Yona Attack, Calls for Escalation

HAMAS STATEMENT: Hamas praised the Kfar Yona operation that wounded nine Israeli soldiers, calling it a natural response to genocide and desecration of holy sites. The group urged further resistance operations across the West Bank.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Media Office: Famine Has Killed 115

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The official media office in Gaza confirmed that 115 Palestinians have died from hunger and malnutrition amid a near-total collapse in access to food, water, and medicine.

Thu, Jul 24, 1:20 PM (Palestine Time)

17 Killed in Gaza Today, Including 3 Aid Seekers

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza's hospitals reported 17 deaths by Israeli fire since Thursday morning, including three people waiting for aid.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:29 AM (Palestine Time)

Ramming Operation in Kfar Yona

ISRAELI MEDIA: At least nine Israeli soldiers have been injured in a ramming operation in Kfar Yona. Israeli media reported that the Israeli army has erected checkpoints to capture the driver, who fled the scene.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:29 AM (Palestine Time)

Two Teenagers Killed by Israeli Fire in Bethlehem

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Fifteen-year-old Ahmad Salah and seventeen-year-old Mohammad Issa were shot and killed by Israeli forces in Al-Khader town, Bethlehem. Witnesses say the teens were unarmed.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:29 AM (Palestine Time)

Canadian FM: Hunger in Gaza Has Reached Catastrophic Levels

CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: Canada has condemned Israeli attacks on WHO workers and UN-led food convoys. The Foreign Ministry urged the immediate resumption of humanitarian aid and denounced the killing of Palestinians seeking food.

Thu, Jul 24, 10:29 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Examining Hamas Ceasefire Response

ISRAELI PM OFFICE: The Israeli government is reviewing Hamas' latest response to the ceasefire proposal. According to Yedioth Ahronoth, the revised response could form the basis of a new negotiation round.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:04 AM (Palestine Time)

Three Killed by Artillery Fire While Waiting for Aid in Central Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Three Palestinians were killed and others injured in an Israeli artillery strike targeting a group waiting for aid near Al-Qastal Towers in eastern Deir al-Balah.

Simultaneously, Israeli warplanes bombed areas near Al-Shaheed Mosque in Al-Bureij Camp and Hamad City in northern Khan Yunis, while Israeli forces demolished homes in Khan Yunis.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:04 AM (Palestine Time)

US Congressman: Israel Is Committing Genocide in Gaza

AL JAZEERA: Democratic Congressman Al Green told Al Jazeera that what Israel is doing in Gaza constitutes genocide and a war crime. He said Netanyahu does not want peace but total control of Palestine, calling for accountability.

Thu, Jul 24, 2:04 AM (Palestine Time)

Yemeni Missile Disrupts Ben Gurion Airport Operations

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli broadcasters reported that a missile launched from Yemen fell before reaching Israel, but caused temporary disruption of takeoffs and landings at Ben Gurion Airport due to heightened alert.

Thu, Jul 24, 12:47 AM (Palestine Time)

WHO: 90% of Gaza's Population Struggling to Access Water

WHO: World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that 90% of Gaza's population is facing difficulty in accessing clean water. He affirmed the WHO's commitment to remain in Gaza and called for the protection of UN and humanitarian staff.

Thu, Jul 24, 12:47 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Block Ambulance Access in Bethlehem

PALESTINIAN RED CRESCENT: The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that Israeli forces blocked ambulances from reaching injured Palestinians in the town of Al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, after shooting at them.

Thu, Jul 24, 12:47 AM (Palestine Time)

Brazil to Join Genocide Case Against Israel at the ICJ

BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: Brazil announced it is in the final stages of formally joining the genocide case filed against Israel at the International Court of Justice, stating that the international community must not remain silent in the face of ongoing atrocities in Gaza.