

# LIVE BLOG: As Resistance Strikes in Gaza, Netanyahu Meets Witkoff in DC – Day 639

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A missile from Gaza hit the Nirim settlement, producing material damage. (Photo: video grab)

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The army confirmed material damage after a rocket from southern Gaza struck the Israeli settlement of Nirim.

Meanwhile, an Israeli source told I24 News that there is a push to make significant progress on a prisoner exchange and ceasefire deal within the next 24 hours.

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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## **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.

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## **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.

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### **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.

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### **White House: Trump's Priority Is Ending Gaza War**

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT: President Trump will discuss with Netanyahu the Gaza ceasefire proposal alongside other issues.

We hope Hamas agrees to the ceasefire proposal and that the hostages return.

President Trump's priority is to end the war in Gaza and secure the return of all hostages.

Steve Witkoff intends to visit Doha this week to participate in the negotiations.

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### **Negotiations Ongoing in Doha**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12, citing officials, reported that the negotiation team is currently holding talks with mediators as part of the Doha negotiations.

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### **Gaza Death Toll since Dawn Rises to 42**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Sources at Gaza hospitals confirmed the martyrdom of 42 Palestinians in Israeli airstrikes on the Strip since dawn today, including 22 in Gaza City and northern Gaza, amid anticipation over the outcome of ongoing negotiations in Doha.

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### **Hamas Urges UN to End Israeli Siege**

HAMAS STATEMENT:

"The occupation has turned aid points into death traps with American cover, and we demand an immediate alternative international mechanism.

"The occupation's targeting of schools, shelters, and hospitals in Gaza is a systematic crime within the ongoing genocide.

"The enemy army is using thirst as a weapon alongside hunger by bombing water desalination plants, deepening the humanitarian catastrophe.

"We call on the United Nations, Arab, and Islamic countries to take urgent action to stop the massacres, the siege, and the starvation."

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### **Three Killed in Strike on Vehicle Outside Al-Shifa Hospital**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A source at Al-Shifa Medical Complex confirmed that three Palestinians were martyred and others injured following an Israeli airstrike on a vehicle outside the hospital in Gaza City.

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### **UNICEF Warns: Thousands of Infants in Gaza Without Food**

UNICEF: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned that thousands of Palestinian infants in Gaza are not receiving necessary nutrition and face the risk of death, stressing that every minute counts to save lives.

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### **Katz: Decision Made to Pursue Deal**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Defense Minister Yisrael Katz acknowledged that efforts are now underway to reach a prisoner exchange and ceasefire deal in the Gaza Strip, saying:

"There is now a conflict between the war's two goals: defeating Hamas and returning the hostages. Therefore, the decision has been made to pursue a deal."

He affirmed that the Israeli army is not responsible for food distribution in Gaza, but rather for securing the American company that handles it, known as the "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation."

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### **Smotrich: I Won't Challenge Netanyahu During Washington Visit**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said, "I didn't say I won't resign, but I won't challenge the prime minister during his important visit to Washington," referring to his opposition to the proposed deal Netanyahu is set to discuss with US President Donald Trump.

He added that he had agreed with Netanyahu to hold consultations on the deal and on the aid he claimed was "going to Hamas," saying, "Israel will not coexist with aid being given to Hamas," as he alleged.

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### **Ben-Gvir Opposes Continued Entry of Aid into Gaza**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 14 reported that Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir told Channel 14 that he strongly opposes the continued policy of allowing humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, warning that this policy "puts soldiers at risk." Ben-Gvir stated that he is not threatening to dismantle the government, but noted that his party's political strength gives it influence.

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### **Homes Blown Up in Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli occupation forces blew up residential buildings in central Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

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## **Ansarallah Announce ‘Special Operation’ with 11 Missiles**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESPERSON: The military spokesperson for Ansarallah said that their forces carried out an operation using 11 drones and missiles targeting Lod Airport (Ben Gurion), Ashdod Port, Ashkelon Power Station, and Eilat Port.

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## **Field Hospitals Director: Occupation Preventing Blood Units from Entering Gaza**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Director of the field hospitals department at the Gaza Ministry of Health told Al Jazeera: “We are facing a serious issue providing blood bags. We only managed to secure 3,500 units of blood, while we need more than 10,000. We appeal to our brothers in the West Bank to send more blood units. The occupation is preventing us from bringing in additional supplies.”

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## **35 Killed in Gaza since Dawn**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Hospital sources in Gaza reported that 35 Palestinians were martyred in Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip since dawn Monday, including 18 in Gaza City and northern Gaza, amid ongoing Israeli strikes.

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## **Al-Quds Brigades: We Blew Up Two Israeli Vehicles in Sheja’iyya on Thursday**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES: Al-Quds Brigades said they managed to blow up two Israeli armored vehicles with anti-armor explosives during an incursion east of the Sheja’iyya neighborhood in Gaza City last Thursday.

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## **Gaza Death Toll Rises**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that the death toll from the Israeli aggression has risen to 57,523 martyrs and 136,617 wounded since October 7, 2023.

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## **26 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA (citing sources at Gaza hospitals): 26 Palestinians were martyred in Israeli strikes on various areas of the Strip since dawn Monday.

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## **Netanyahu Meets Witkoff Before Meeting with US President**

NBC: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with US envoy Steve Witkoff before his meeting with US President Donald Trump on Monday.

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## **Injuries in Israeli Strike West of Gaza City**

AL-JAZEERA: Several civilians were injured in an Israeli strike on Al-Shifa Street in Al-Nasr neighborhood, west of Gaza City.

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## **Two Killed and 20 Injured near Aid Center**

EMERGENCY AND AMBULANCE SERVICES: The Emergency and Ambulance Service reported the martyrdom of two Palestinians and the injury of 20 others by Israeli occupation forces near an aid center north of Rafah city.

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## **Wall Street Journal: Zamir Prefers Prisoner Exchange Deal**

WALL STREET JOURNAL (citing a well-informed source): Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir told the government he prefers a deal for the release of hostages.

Zamir told the government that further operations would endanger the lives of the hostages. He added that the benefit of further weakening Hamas remains unclear.

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## **10 Injured in Israeli Airstrikes on South Lebanon**

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: The Lebanese Ministry of Health announced that 10 people were injured in Israeli airstrikes on south Lebanon yesterday.

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## **Netanyahu Arrives in Washington**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu landed in Washington, DC, in preparation for his meeting with President Donald Trump, according to the Israeli Broadcasting Authority. Israeli Channel 14 reported that Netanyahu and Trump are scheduled to meet for dinner at the White House at 6:30 PM local time

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## **Israel to Issue 54,000 Draft Notices to Haredi Men**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said it will issue 54,000 draft notices to ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) men by the end of this month, following the expiration of a long-standing exemption law.

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## **Ansarallah: Operations to Support Gaza Will Not Stop**

ANSARALLAH MEDIA OFFICE: Operations to support Gaza will not stop unless the aggression ends and the blockade is lifted. The Zionist aggression has not and will not be able to stop the Yemeni strikes on its depth.

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## **Intense Israeli Shelling on Central and Northern Khan Yunis**

AL-JAZEERA: The Israeli army intensified artillery shelling on central and northern Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli army intensifies artillery shelling on central and northern Khan Yunis in Gaza.  
#GazaUnderAttack #KhanYunis pic.twitter.com/HQFZpHAsAy

— The Palestine Chronicle (@PalestineChron) July 7, 2025

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## **Israeli Army: Sirens Sound in Several Areas in Israel**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli army said that air raid sirens sounded in several areas in Israel following the launch of a projectile from Yemen.

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## **Two Killed, Others Injured in Strike on Home in Central Bureij Camp**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A medical source at Al-Aqsa and Al-Awda Hospitals reported that two Palestinians were martyred and others injured in an Israeli strike on a house in central Bureij Camp, in central Gaza Strip.

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## **Saree: Yemeni Air Defenses Responded Effectively to the Aggression**

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESPERSON: The Yemeni air defenses effectively responded to the Israeli aggression. We forced many enemy formations to withdraw using locally made surface-to-air missiles.

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## **Ansarallah Official: Strikes Will Only Strengthen Our Support for Gaza**

YEMENI MEDIA: A senior member of the Ansarallah Political Council stated that Israel's continued attacks on Yemeni infrastructure "will only strengthen our people's resolve to support Gaza."

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## **Trump: We Are Very Close to a Deal on Gaza**

TRUMP: Speaking late Sunday night, US President Donald Trump said there was a "very high chance" of reaching a deal with Hamas soon that would secure the release of a large number of hostages. "We are very close," he said.

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## **Yemeni Media: Israeli Aggression Targets Hodeidah City**

YEMENI MEDIA: Israeli strikes were actively targeting the city of Hodeidah on Yemen's western coast.



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### **Israeli Army Confirms Airstrikes on Yemeni Ports**

ISRAELI ARMY: The army reiterated its intention to bomb Yemeni infrastructure, including the ports of Hodeidah, Ras Isa, and Al-Salif, citing alleged hostile activity linked to the Ansarallah.

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### **Israeli Army Threatens Strikes on Yemeni Ports**

ISRAELI ARMY: The Israeli military announced plans to carry out airstrikes on Yemen's ports of Hodeidah, Ras Isa, and Al-Salif, citing "military activity in the area." It also confirmed issuing an evacuation order for the Hodeidah power station.

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### **US Official: Gaza Aid and Israeli Deployment Still Under Negotiation**

WALL STREET JOURNAL: A US official told the Wall Street Journal that negotiations must still resolve issues regarding Israeli troop deployment in Gaza, aid quantities, and delivery mechanisms—demands previously raised by Hamas.

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### **Israeli Army Acknowledges Damage in Nirim Rocket Strike**

ISRAELI ARMY: The army confirmed material damage after a rocket from southern Gaza struck the Israeli settlement of Nirim. Israeli media said it was the seventh such rocket fired since the beginning of July.

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### **Resistance Leaders Outline Conditions for Truce**

AL-JAZEERA: Palestinian resistance groups told Al-Jazeera that the likelihood of a truce has increased, though they expect Israeli reluctance on key points. They believe mediators can bridge the gaps through indirect negotiations.

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### **BRICS Summit Condemns Israeli Violations in Gaza**

BRICS: The closing statement of the BRICS summit condemned Israel's resumed attacks on Gaza, its obstruction of aid, and the use of starvation as a weapon of war. It called for good-faith negotiations for an immediate ceasefire.

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### **Two Palestinians Killed Near Aid Distribution Point in Central Gaza**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians were shot and killed by Israeli forces while waiting for aid near the Netzarim corridor in central Gaza. Others were wounded.

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### **Witkoff: Momentum Building toward a Gaza Deal**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: US envoy Steve Witkoff said at a New York event that the situation is moving in a “positive direction,” praising Qatar’s role and expressing hope the war would soon end.

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### **Al-Qassam Targets Settlements and Israeli Troops in Gaza Envelope**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The armed wing of Hamas said it targeted the settlements of Nirim and Ein HaShlosa with Rajoum rockets and struck Israeli troop gatherings near al-Qarara and al-Satar north of Khan Yunis with mortar fire.

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### **Israeli Source: Breakthrough Possible within 24 Hours**

ISRAELI MEDIA: An Israeli source told I24 News that there is a push to make significant progress on a prisoner exchange and ceasefire deal within the next 24 hours.