

DAILY UPDATE: ISRAEL – HAMAS WAR

DAY 20 OF THE WAR

LAST UPDATE -26/10/2023, 16:00PM ISRAEL TIME

Statistics

- 1,400+ Israelis killed since Saturday morning, among them 309 fallen soldiers.
- 5,400+ Israelis wounded.
- 224 Confirmed kidnapped Israelis, among them 30 children under the age of 18. Even more missing.
- 7,000+ Rockets launched into Israel.
- 360,000+ Reservists drafted.

The double standards in the international community:

Protests against Israel around the Western world.

Despite the calls to “Free Gaza” Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip voluntarily in 2005. After Hamas won the democratic election in 2007 they have served as the sovereign in the Gaza Strip and no democratic election has been held since. Hamas fails to provide its civilians with basic necessities and uses much of the aid given to them for terror purposes. Therefore the only liberation of Gaza should be from Hamas.

The media is using Hamas as a reliable source, an indication of Irresponsible journalism

Without performing any independent research or awaiting an official response from Israel, many media outlets published false information regarding the failed rocket launch of the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad. Five hours later the IDF published that after conducting a thorough investigation the bombing of the parking lot next to the hospital could not have been caused by the IDF and was in fact a result of a misfired rocket which was fired by the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad. International media referred to Hamas’ statement and considered it a reliable source. The world has now seen how journalists spread fake news brought to them by a terrorist group.

Hamas prioritizes terror more over its civilians:

Since the beginning of the war, the international community has blamed Israel for stopping the aid brought into Gaza from Israel, ignoring the fact that Hamas is sovereign in the Gaza Strip and that Israel has no responsibility over the Gazan civilians. Hamas is not providing its civilians with essential and basic necessities like water, food, and fuel. Instead, Hamas uses its resources for terror causes. Hamas wants to harm and terrorize Israeli civilians more than it wants its civilians to be safe. Ask yourself, how come Gaza is running out of everything but rockets?

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Israeli Homefront

- This is the worst massacre of Israeli civilians in Israel's history. The last time this many Jewish civilians were murdered in a single day was by the Nazis during the Holocaust.
- This is barbarism the likes of which the world hasn't seen since the worst days of ISIS.
- 250K+ Israeli civilians have been evacuated from their homes in both Southern and Northern Israel due to the areas being declared as closed military zones after the brutal attacks of Hamas and the ongoing provocations occurring on Israel's border with Lebanon. This decision has been made to ensure the safety of Israeli civilians from the ongoing combat activities occurring in both areas.

The Situation in the Gaza Strip

- **On (24/10), Near the Rafah border crossing, Israel published an aerial photograph that proves that Hamas owns fuel tanks, containing hundreds of thousands of liters of fuel. whoever asks why the civilians in Gaza don't receive fuel, can refer the question to Hamas.**
- Since the beginning of the war, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad have had 550 failed rocket launches, which have landed in the Gaza Strip.
- The UN has been made aware of the inhumane actions of Hamas, and the fact that Hamas, the sovereign in Gaza has no interest in providing for or protecting their civilians. Hamas uses humanitarian aid that is supposed to go to civilians in Gaza for its own terrorist purposes. One example is that on Monday the 16th of October, Hamas stole fuel from the UN that was meant for civilians in Gaza. By this, Hamas stole what would be equivalent to 6 days of running water.
- Water issue: approximately 90% of the water inside the Gaza Strip, is provided from within Gaza, and only approximately 10% of the water is provided by Israel. With this knowledge, we can understand that Israel didn't leave Gaza without running water.
- Under international law, if a civilian structure is used for military purposes then it becomes a legitimate military target.
- Before Hamas' attack, Israel operated humanitarian aid crossings with Gaza where food, supplies, civilians, and international aid passed through daily. Hamas terrorists attacked the humanitarian aid crossings, killed or captured everyone inside, destroyed equipment, and published videos of their actions. Due to these events, the crossings are inadequate for operational use.

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IDF Goals and Actions

- The IDF is acting against any threats posed on all fronts and is prepared to intensify operations by air, land, and sea to eliminate the threat to Israeli civilians and to ensure regional stability.
- The dismantling of Hamas' military and administrative capabilities should not only be the goal of the IDF and Israel but of the whole world.
- The IDF is not only fighting for Israel's right to exist but also ensuring Hamas' inability to expand to the rest of the Western world.

Hamas' Goals and Actions

- Hamas is a terrorist organization driven by radical hatred toward the Jewish people. Their ultimate goal is to annihilate Israel and kill Israeli civilians, as stated in the Hamas charter.
- Hamas deliberately conceals its military operations and assets inside civilian areas including homes, mosques, and hospitals in an attempt to avoid being attacked, intentionally using Gazan civilians as human shields.
- Israel has no legal or moral obligation to supply electricity or other resources to a hostile territory that initiated a savage war. Hamas, as the leadership in the Gaza Strip, is responsible for taking care of the needs of Gazan civilians.
- Psychological terrorism – Hamas is desperately trying to restore its image as a “humanitarian” organization, as seen in a video released on 16/10/2023 showing the terrorists providing medical treatment to a wounded hostage. However, Hamas has failed to explain why there are 222 hostages still being held within the Gaza Strip, how a 21-year-old attending a festival ended up in Gaza, and why there are thousands of Israeli civilians killed and injured. These terror tactics are the same atrocities the world saw from ISIS.

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Operational Updates

Gaza and Southern Israel:

- IDF called on residents of Gaza City to evacuate south of Wadi Gaza and opened multiple corridors for the Gazan civilians to go south both on 14.10 and 15.10.
- More than 700,000 Gazan civilians have left the area so far despite Hamas prevention.
- Hamas is trying to prevent civilians from evacuating by obstructing the safe passage of residents of the Gaza Strip to the south through roadblocks and pressuring Gazan civilians to stay in their homes.
- The IDF operated inside th is preparing for the next stages of its operational offensive plans.

Northern border:

- The IDF is ready to respond to any attack and will not tolerate any aggression on Israel's Northern border.
- Rocket attacks and attempted infiltrations from Southern Lebanon continue. The IDF forces respond to the sources of fire as well as other Hezbollah military sites.
- The IDF holds Lebanon and Syria responsible for all activity emanating from their borders.

International:

- US cargo planes and vessels with advanced armaments arrived in Israel so the IDF is fully equipped for any scenario.
- The U.S. support of Israel at this time is a sign of our strong partnership and mutual values. The IDF is prepared to take necessary actions to defend Israeli civilians and values the strong relationship and cooperation with the United States Armed Forces.

4. Background Information

- On Saturday, Oct. 7, which coincided with a Jewish holiday marking the end of the High Holiday season, the terrorist organization Hamas carried out a series of unprovoked, murderous, barbaric attacks. Hamas invaded Israel, rampaged Israeli towns near the border, and slaughtered and abducted Israeli civilians. Among the murdered Israelis were infants, the elderly, men, women, and children. Simultaneously, Hamas fired thousands of rockets from Gaza at Israeli civilian territory across the entire country.
- 30+ Communities near the Gaza Strip were attacked by thousands of Hamas terrorists, who massacred and abducted many of the civilians in these communities.