

# DAILY UPDATE:

## ISRAEL – HAMAS WAR

DAY 26 OF THE WAR

LAST UPDATE -01/11/2023, 16:00PM ISRAEL TIME

### Statistics

- 1,400+ Israelis killed since the morning of October 7th.
- **326 fallen soldiers**
- 5,400+ Israelis wounded.
- 240 Confirmed hostages, among them 30 children under the age of 18.
- **40 confirmed missing persons.**
- 8,000+ Rockets launched into Israel.
- 360,000+ Reservists drafted.

### Operational Updates

#### Gaza and Southern Israel:

- **The IDF killed Ibrahim Biari, Commander of Hamas' Central Jabalya Battalion, who was responsible for deploying terrorists in the October 7th attack and all military activities in northern Gaza since the beginning of the war.**
- During an IDF operation in the Gaza Strip, IDF and ISA forces rescued an IDF soldier, PVT Ori Megidish who was abducted by the Hamas terrorist organization on October 7th.
- In the past few days, IDF ground forces have carried out a number of targeted raids inside the Gaza Strip with the aim of preparing the ground for future stages of operations.
- 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 **800,000 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 is operating inside the Gaza Strip and is preparing for the next stages of its operational offensive plans.
- The AIF thwarted an aerial threat in the area of the Red Sea using the "Arrow" Aerial Defense System. This is the first operational interception by the "Arrow" Aerial Defense System since the beginning of the war.
- **In accordance with the situational assessment and as part of defensive efforts in the area, Israeli Navy missile boats arrived in the area of the Red Sea on 31/10.**

#### 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.

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### 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 239 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.

### Hamas' actions against Gazan civilians

- On the 27/10, the IDF released intelligence that proves that Hamas has been using Shifa hospital, located in Gaza City as a command-and-control center and hideout for Hamas terrorists and commanders. It is also confirmed that there is fuel in hospitals in Gaza however Hamas is hijacking this fuel for its terror infrastructure.
- On 24/10, Israel published an aerial photograph that proves that Hamas is in possession of fuel tanks near the Rafah border crossing, 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 approximately 550 failed rocket launches, which have landed in the Gaza Strip causing severe damage to infrastructure and harming civilians.
- 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. Rather Hamas fails to supply their 90% of water, leaving all Gazan civilians to depend on Israel's 10%.
- Under international law, if a civilian structure is used for military purposes then it becomes a legitimate military target. Hamas uses their civilians as human shields by embedding themselves within densely populated areas and concealing their military operations and infrastructure within residential buildings, schools, hospitals and mosques.
- 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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### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.