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Statistics

- 1,200+ Israelis killed since the morning of October 7th.
- **371 fallen soldiers.**
- 5,400+ Israelis wounded.
- 239 Confirmed hostages, among them more than 30 children under the age of 18.
- dozens of confirmed missing persons.
- **10,000+ Rockets launched into Israel.**
- 360,000+ Reservists drafted.

Operational Updates

Gaza and Southern Israel:

- **The body of Yehudit Weiss, who was abducted by the Hamas terrorist organization from her home in Be'eri on October 7th, was extracted by IDF troops from a structure adjacent to the Shifa Hospital in the Gaza Strip and was transferred to Israeli territory. In the structure in which Yehudit was located, military equipment including Kalashnikov rifles and RPG's were also found.**
- **Terror organizations in the Gaza Strip continue with their cynical use of children as a cover for terror, as rockets were found inside a bed in the children's bedroom inside the house of a Hamas terrorist during operational activity carried out by the troops of the 551st Brigade. The terrorist was a part of a Hamas terrorist cell in Beit Hanoun.**
- **In a joint operation, soldiers of the 188th Armored Brigade, and Flotilla 13 ("Shayetet 13"), took operational control of the Gaza harbor, which was controlled by the Hamas terrorist organization and used as a training facility for their naval commando forces for planning and executing naval terror attacks under the guise of a civilian harbor, all the while using civilian and Gaza harbor police vessels.**
- On November 14th, the IDF undertook a precise and targeted operation against Hamas in a specified area in the Shifa Hospital based on intelligence information and an operational necessity.
- The IDF forces included medical teams and Arabic speakers, who underwent specified training to prepare for such a complex and sensitive environment.
- The operation was carefully planned with the intent that no harm is caused to the civilians being used by Hamas as human shields. In recent weeks, the IDF has publicly warned time and again that Hamas' continued military use of the Shifa hospital jeopardizes its protected status under international law, and enabled ample time to stop this unlawful abuse of the hospital.
- **During the ongoing operation the IDF has found AK-47s, grenades, ammo, military vests and communication equipment in Shifa Hospital.**
- **A tunnel shaft was found in the residence of Ismail Haniyeh, the head of Hamas' so-called political bureau (currently living in Qatar), the residence was struck as IDF troops continue to operate in the Gaza Strip .**
- On November 13th, the IDF exposed Hamas' Exploitation of Rantisi Children's hospital for military purposes which is a core Hamas tactic. Weapons discovered in hospital basement include suicide-bomb vests, grenades, AK-47 assault rifles, explosive devices and RPGs.
- The world must hold Hamas accountable for the dire situation in Gazan hospitals and human rights violations.
- IDF troops have completed encirclement of Gaza City, which is the focal point of the Hamas terror organization.
- The IDF is operating inside the Gaza Strip and is fighting in complex, urban warfare; close-quarter combat between our troops and Hamas terrorists.
- The IDF has struck over 15,000 terror targets, destroyed over 300 terror tunnel shafts and more than 6000 weapons while operating within the Gaza Strip.
- **51 IDF soldiers have been killed in action in the ground operation.**
- The IDF called on the residents of northern Gaza to evacuate south of Wadi Gaza by dropping 1.5 million flyers, recording 6 million voice messages, sending four million text messages, conducting 20 thousand phone calls and opening multiple corridors for the Gazan civilians to go south. More than 900,000 Gazan civilians have left the area so far despite Hamas prevention.

Humanitarian Aid

- Under coordination of Israel, the USA, Egypt, and the UN, international humanitarian aid is entering into the Gaza Strip through the Rafah Crossing in Egypt.
- **More than 1350 trucks containing approximately 16,000 tons of aid have entered the Gaza Strip.**
- 7,920 tons of food has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 2,757 tons of medical equipment has entered the Gaza Strip
- 1,400 tons of equipment for temporary shelters has entered the Gaza Strip.
- Over 2,804 tons of water has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 2,211 tons of mixed aid has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 12 ambulances that were donated by Kuwait entered into the Gaza Strip

Northern border:

- The IDF has deployed a large number of troops along the northern border and is heavily prepared to act against all terror activities on the northern front.
- The IDF holds Lebanon and Syria responsible for all activity emanating from their borders.

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International:

- 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.

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.
- Hamas is desperately trying to restore its image as a “humanitarian” organization by publishing videos of hostages seemingly caring for them. However, Hamas has failed to explain why there are 239 hostages still being held within the Gaza Strip. This warfare tactic involves using manipulation, propaganda, and intimidation to instill fear, doubt, or helplessness in individuals or groups by controlling or influencing their minds. This is just one example of how Hamas uses psychological terrorism against Israel. These terror tactics are the same the world saw from ISIS.

Hamas' actions against Gazan civilians

- The IDF has exposed that Hamas steals fuel from civilian infrastructures such as the fuel supply of the Shifa hospital, located in Gaza City, for their own nefarious terror purposes. Based off of satellite images, proving thousands of liters of fuel is available within in the Gaza Strip, it is now understood that there is no lack of fuel, rather the terrorist organization Hamas prioritizes the use of fuel for terror acts against Israel.
- Since the beginning of the war, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad have had 1000+ 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.
- Returning all the hostages home is a core priority for the IDF.
- 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.

The rise in anti-semitism worldwide

Antisemitism is a deeply concerning and complex issue. It manifests in various forms, from hate speech and discrimination to violent acts targeting Jewish individuals, institutions, and communities. The surge in antisemitism can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, heightened tensions during and after conflicts can lead to a tendency to generalize blame toward an entire community, such as the Jewish population. Moreover, the dissemination of misinformation and biased narratives through various media channels can exacerbate the situation by presenting partial or distorted portrayals of the conflict, contributing to the reinforcement of negative stereotypes and prejudices. This confluence of heightened emotions, misinterpretation, and unjust attributions often precipitates a rise in anti-semitic sentiments.

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Background Information

- On October 7th, 2023, which coincided with a Jewish holiday marking the end of the High Holiday season, thousands of armed Hamas terrorists invaded Israel through the land, the air and the sea. Hamas terrorists alongside Gazan civilians tore down large parts of the Gaza security fence using tractors, RPGs and explosives which enabled them to infiltrate southern Israel. Simultaneously, Hamas fired thousands of rockets from Gaza towards Israeli civilian territory across the entire country.
- After invading into Israeli territory, the Hamas terrorists split up and made their way to a number of Israeli communities and IDF bases surrounding the Gaza Strip. They invaded the towns, shooting everything in sight. They broke into civilian homes and carried out a series of unprovoked, murderous, barbaric attacks. Over 1,400 civilians were murdered, and over 200 were abducted and are still to this day being held hostage in the Gaza Strip. Hamas terrorists briefly took control of many Israeli communities located in the south, terrorizing and brutalizing their residents.
- Hundreds of IDF soldiers were killed and among the murdered Israelis were infants, the elderly, men, women, and children.
- Additional terrorists drove on to the Nova Music Festival, which took place in a open area in the south of Israel. Partygoers were woken up to the sound of sirens and attempted to evacuate due to the threat of rockets. Many of them did not reach safety. The terrorists fired indiscriminately at the thousands of civilians who came from all over the world to celebrate peace through music. The Hamas terrorists massacred hundreds, raped young women, brutalized bodies, and abducted many. hundreds of bodies were later found in the area of the festival, most of them belonging to innocent youth.
- Many innocent lives were lost not only during the initial attacks but also during the prolonged. The IDF, community security forces and armed individuals fought heroically to regain control of the southern communities and military bases surrounding the Gaza Strip in a strong effort to clear them from terrorists and rescue as many innocent civilians as possible. When the forces were able to regain control of the southern communities, they were faced with horrific sights of Hamas' pure violence that were left behind.
- October 7th 2023, will forever be remembered as a dark day in Israel's history and in humanity's history. A reminder that there are humans capable of utterly inhumane things.