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Statistics

- 1,200+ Israelis killed since the morning of October 7th.
- **401 fallen soldiers.**
- **75 IDF soldiers have been killed in action in the ground operation.**
- 5,400+ Israelis wounded since the morning of October 7th.
- 137 confirmed hostages.
- dozens of confirmed missing persons.
- **11,000+ Rockets launched into Israel.**
- 86 Israeli hostages released.
- 24 foreign national hostages released.
- **3 bodies of hostages who were murdered while in captivity, have been returned to Israel.**

Operational Updates

Summary of the operational pause

The operational pause which lasted 7 days and began on November 24th, ended in the morning of December 1st at 5:42 AM, when Hamas violated the terms of the framework and decided to fire a barrage of 200+ rockets towards Israeli territory. The IDF has resumed military operations within the Gaza Strip in order to continue in their efforts to dismantle Hamas, all its terror capabilities and infrastructure and bring home the 137 hostages who are still being held within the Gaza Strip. Throughout the operational pause 110 hostages were released from Hamas' captivity.

Hamas clearly used the time during the operational pause to prepare rocket fire for Friday morning while also demanding the IDF don't fly above Gaza so they can move troops before resuming military operations.

Throughout the last week the world has been exposed to Hamas' ludicrous behavior and manipulative abilities once again through their statement insinuating the death of the Bibas family while also admitting to not knowing their whereabouts, suggesting that the hostages have been spread out amongst different factions within the Strip, the separation of families including mothers and their children throughout the hostage release and the inability of Hamas to allow the Red Cross to visit and check on the welfare of the remaining hostages.

Gaza and Southern Israel:

- **Overnight an additional 200 terror targets located within the Gaza Strip were struck by the IAF.**
- **As the ground operation continues, IDF soldiers have exposed 800 and destroyed approximately 500 terror tunnel shafts. The Yahalom special forces unit of the Combat Engineering Corps has played a significant role in uncovering and destroying these shafts using various methods.**
- **For the first time since its establishment in 2005 - the Kfir Brigade is operating inside the Gaza Strip, as part of the brigade's activity, soldiers uncovered more than 30 tunnel shafts, directed dozens of airstrikes and approximately 100 artillery strikes, and destroyed many Hamas targets. In addition, engineering forces from the brigade destroyed several strategic Hamas tunnels with weapons found inside them.**
- The IDF is investigating the accuracy of information regarding the Bibas family. The Bibas family were alive when taken hostage by Hamas terrorists on October 7th. Israel and the IDF hold Hamas responsible for the security of all the hostages.
- The IDF has succeeded in taking control of major Hamas strongholds in the northern Gaza Strip, completing the encirclement in Jabilya and carrying out targeted raids against Hamas in Jabalya and Beit Hanoun.
- The IDF exposed a fortified 55m-long and 10m-deep terror tunnel underneath the Shifa Hospital Complex. The tunnel shaft was uncovered in the area of the hospital underneath a shed alongside a vehicle containing numerous weapons including RPGs, explosives, and Kalashnikov rifles.
- Additionally the IDF and ISA exposed CCTV footage from Shifa Hospital that proves the hospital was used as terrorist infrastructure in which the Hamas terrorists took hostages on Saturday, October 7th. In the documentation exposed with the assistance of the ISA, Hamas terrorists can be seen on Saturday, October 7th, forcibly transporting hostages, a Nepalese civilian and a Thai civilian, who were kidnapped from Israeli territory.
- 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.

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Northern border:

- **IAF fighter jets and UAVS struck a command and control center, terrorist infrastructure, and military sites belonging to the Hezbollah terrorist organization in Lebanon.**
- **The continued exchange of fire along Israel's border with Lebanon is a result of launches towards the areas of Har Dov, Matat, Shtula and Misgav Am.**
- Hezbollah has tried to deflect Israel's attention on behalf of Hamas by sending hundreds of rockets, anti-tank missiles and mortar shells from southern Lebanon.
- There have been multiple infiltration attempts along the border fence and in the air (UAVs), these actions are a breach of the UNSCR 1701 in southern Lebanon and along the Blue Line.
- 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.

International:

- **Two missiles were fired by the Iranian-backed Houthis at non-Israeli chartered ships, attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthis on global shipping is a global threat to freedom of navigation at sea.**
- 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.

Israeli Homefront :

- Following the identification of Ofir Tzarfati on Wednesday, November 29th by medical officials, military rabbis, the Institute of Forensic Medicine, and the Israel Police, IDF and police representatives informed the family of Ofir Tzarfati of his death. Ofir was kidnapped on October 7th, from the area of the party in Re'im.
- Three people were killed and six were wounded, two of them seriously, in a terror shooting attack which occurred at the entrance to Jerusalem. The terrorists were named as brothers, residents of the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sur Baher. According to the Shin Bet security agency, the pair were Hamas members and previously jailed for terror activity.
- 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.

Humanitarian Aid:

- On December 1st, the IDF delivered messages to residents in Gaza with a link to a map detailing evacuation zones for their own safety as military operations resume.
- 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 2850 trucks containing 30,000+ tons of aid have entered the Gaza Strip.
- 10,130+ tons of food has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 3,060+ tons of medical equipment has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 5,500+ tons of equipment for temporary shelters has entered the Gaza Strip.
- Over 3,910 tons of water has entered the Gaza Strip.
- 2,430+ tons of mixed aid has entered the Gaza Strip.

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.

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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.
- 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

- 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 IDF 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.
- 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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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.

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 1,200 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.