

OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

ISRAEL – HAMAS WAR

DAY 146 OF THE WAR

LAST UPDATE 29/02/2024, 07:00 PM ISRAEL TIME

UPDATE ON HUMANITARIAN CONVOY INCIDENT IN NORTHERN GAZA

Background:

- Over the last week, Israel has been increasing the number of humanitarian aid convoys transferred from Israel to the northern Gaza Strip as a part of a humanitarian operation to transfer supplies - including water, food, shelter supplies and medicines - to Gazan civilians in the area. This is a complex area with many humanitarian challenges, and combat continues in northern Gaza. Together with international aid organizations, we are doing everything we can to get humanitarian aid to those who need it.

Details of the Incident:

- At around 4:00am this morning, 30 trucks with humanitarian aid crossed from the Kerem Shalom crossing. The convoy traveled up to Northern Gaza, towards shelters in Gaza City along the coastal road. As the convoy proceeded in Northern Gaza, thousands of people surrounded the trucks. This led to a stampede, during which dozens of Gazans were injured and killed due to the trampling, some after being run over by the trucks. After some of the aid trucks managed to continue traveling north, the IDF received reports that armed Gazans in the area of the shelters had also fired, hitting the trucks and looting them in Gaza City near the dock.
- A separate event took place near the crossing of trucks into Gaza, involving IDF troops securing the convoy on its way through. Dozens of Palestinians, who ambushed the last truck in the convoy, began to move toward the forces and approached a tank and the forces nearby. The soldiers fired warning shots into the air and then fired toward those who posed a threat and did not move away.