

LIVE BLOG: Scores Killed in Gaza | General Strike in West Bank | Netanyahu Meets Trump – Day 549

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Israel targeted the journalist tent in front of the Nasser Hospital. (Photo: via QNN)

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Two Palestinian journalists were killed and several others injured when Israel targeted the media tent outside Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is en route to Washington to meet US President Donald Trump. His plane reportedly took a 400km detour from Budapest to avoid countries enforcing the ICC arrest warrant against him.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 50,752 Palestinians and injured 115,475 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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Tue, Apr 8, 2:06 AM (Palestine Time)

Nine Killed in Airstrike on a House West of Deir al-Balah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Nine Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a house west of Deir al-Balah city in the central Gaza Strip.

Tue, Apr 8, 1:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Shelling on the Shujaiya and Zeitoun Neighborhoods in Eastern Gaza City

PALESTINIAN MEDIA:

Israeli artillery shelling targeted the Shujaiya and Zeitoun neighborhoods in eastern Gaza City.

Five people were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a house northwest of Gaza City.

Tue, Apr 8, 1:46 AM (Palestine Time)

59 Palestinians Killed in Gaza since Monday Morning

MEDICAL SOURCES (Cited in Al-Jazeera): 59 Palestinians have been killed due to Israeli shelling on the Gaza Strip since Monday morning.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: We Give Israel Billions of Dollars Annually, Which Is a Lot

US PRESIDENT TRUMP:

We give Israel billions of dollars annually, which is a lot.

I told Netanyahu that the Israelis must act rationally to solve any problem with Turkiye.

I told Netanyahu that I like Erdogan, and if he has problems with him, he has to solve them.

I have a wonderful relationship with a man named Erdogan, and I like him, and he likes me, and this angers the media.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: Gaza is a Closed, Besieged Place, and We Are Not the Ones Besieging It

NETANYAHU:

All we seek is to enable the residents of Gaza to have the option to go to other countries.

Gaza is a closed, besieged place, and we are not the ones besieging it.

We discussed President Trump's bold vision for Gaza, including the countries that may participate in receiving Palestinians voluntarily.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: We Will Call Gaza the Freedom Area After the Residents Are Moved From It

US PRESIDENT TRUMP:

We will call Gaza the Freedom Area after the residents are moved from it.

The Gaza Strip is like a death trap, and it is a very dangerous place and needs years to rebuild.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: Direct Talks With Iran Are Taking Place at the Highest Levels

US PRESIDENT TRUMP:

Direct talks with Iran are taking place at the highest levels.

There may be an agreement with Iran, and that would be wonderful.

There will be a big meeting on Saturday with the Iranians, and it will be a direct meeting with them.

We are holding direct talks with Iran.

We want Israel to be involved in any agreement on Iran, but we seek to avoid any clash.

We hope that our negotiations with Iran will be successful.

Reaching an agreement with Iran is our preferred option.

We have rebuilt the American army, and we must be strong to confront the forces of evil in the world.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump: I Would Like to See the War in Gaza Stop

US PRESIDENT TRUMP: I would like to see the war in Gaza stop. We are working hard to reach another agreement for a ceasefire in Gaza. The Houthis are making advanced drones, but we have hit them hard.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Deaths and Injuries in Israeli Airstrikes on Southern Lebanon

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: Two Lebanese were killed and two others were injured in two Israeli airstrikes on the towns of Al-Khiam and Al-Taybeh in southern Lebanon.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Trump Calls French and Egyptian Presidents and Jordanian King Before Meeting Netanyahu

AXIOS: US President Donald Trump made a phone call to French President Emmanuel Macron, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, and Jordanian King Abdullah II before meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:48 PM (Palestine Time)

Seven Takeaways from FloodGate Interview with Roger Waters

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In this compelling episode of the Palestine Chronicle's FloodGate podcast, Palestine Chronicle editors Ramzy Baroud and Romana Rubeo were joined by iconic musician and activist Roger Waters for an unfiltered and thought-provoking conversation on Gaza, genocide, and global resistance.

Mon, Apr 7, 8:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Expels Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque Director for 15 Days

ALJAZEERA: Occupation forces ordered the expulsion of the Ibrahimi Mosque director and another employee for 15 days, continuing Judaization efforts at the holy site.

Mon, Apr 7, 8:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah Claim Drone Attack on Jaffa, Targeting US Warships

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN: We struck a military target in Jaffa and attacked 2 US destroyers in the Red Sea.

Mon, Apr 7, 8:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Netherlands Reviews Military Exports to Israel

DUTCH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT: The Dutch government will now assess exports of military equipment and dual-use goods to Israel on a case-by-case basis.

Mon, Apr 7, 8:34 PM (Palestine Time)

1 Killed in Khan Yunis Drone Strike

AL JAZEERA: Casualties reported in Israeli drone attacks on Al-Mawasi (south) and Jabaliya (north).

Mon, Apr 7, 8:34 PM (Palestine Time)

UK PM Condemns Israel's MP Ban

THE TELEGRAPH: Downing Street called the detention of British parliamentarians “counterproductive,” while affirming Israel’s right to self-defense.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:25 PM (Palestine Time)

‘No One is Above Law’ – Ten British Citizens facing Gaza War Crimes Complaint

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Ten British citizens who served in the Israeli military are facing a complaint of war crimes committed in Gaza, set to be submitted by a group of lawyers to Scotland Yard’s war crimes unit, The Guardian reported.

According to The Guardian, a 240-page dossier will be handed over “alleging targeted killing of civilians and aid workers, including by sniper fire, and indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas, including hospitals.”

Mon, Apr 7, 6:25 PM (Palestine Time)

Widespread Raids, Arrests across West Bank ahead of Strike in Support of Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli occupation forces carried out widespread raids across the occupied West Bank, resulting in arrests in the early hours of Monday.

The army also continued to displace residents of the Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarm for the 58th consecutive day.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Meets Trump Envoy to Discuss Gaza Ceasefire Deal

AXIOS: Israeli PM Netanyahu is currently meeting with US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff to negotiate a new prisoner exchange and ceasefire agreement in Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

42 Killed in Israeli Strikes on Gaza since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 42 Palestinians killed in ongoing Israeli bombardment across Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Lieberman: Captive Return Must Be Top Priority

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH: Israel Beitenu leader Avigdor Lieberman stated that securing captives' release is currently the most critical issue and should be everyone's priority.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Jordan-Egypt-France Summit to Address Gaza Crisis

JORDANIAN FM: King Abdullah II will meet with Presidents Sisi and Macron in Cairo to discuss the dangerous situation in Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Continues Probe Into Ambulance Shootings in Rafah

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON:

- Investigation ongoing into ambulance shootings 2 weeks ago
- Netanyahu to discuss Gaza war and hostages with Trump today

Mon, Apr 7, 6:22 PM (Palestine Time)

Palestinian Killed in Khan Yunis Airstrike

AL JAZEERA: One Palestinian killed in Israeli bombardment of Abasan east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Health Ministry: Israel Blocks Polio Vaccines Amid Health Collapse

AL JAZEERA: On World Health Day, Gaza's Health Ministry warned Israel is blocking polio vaccines, undoing 7 months of pandemic control efforts. Over 2 million Palestinians face malnutrition due to closed crossings, with water shortages spreading disease.

Mon, Apr 7, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

37 Killed in Ongoing Israeli Attacks on Gaza

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 37 Palestinians killed since dawn, including 22 in central/southern Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 4:00 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Finance Minister: 'Not a Single Grain of Wheat Will Enter Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Far-right minister Bezalel Smotrich admitted Israel is weaponizing starvation, vowing to block all aid despite military preparations to resume deliveries.

Mon, Apr 7, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Mass Protest in Rabat Against Gaza Genocide and Normalization

AL JAZEERA: Hundreds of thousands marched in Morocco's capital, organized by the Moroccan Front to Support Palestine and Reject Normalization. Protesters chanted "Shame! Gaza under siege!" and demanded an end to normalization with Israel, while condemning US support for the war.

Mon, Apr 7, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza War Undermines Israel's Welfare State

AL JAZEERA: Israel's social services face collapse since October 7, with 40% of social workers leaving municipal departments. A Yedioth Ahronoth reporter warns of a deepening crisis unless the government takes urgent action.

Mon, Apr 7, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Washington Post Exposes Israeli Soldiers' Confessions on Systematic Destruction in Gaza

WASHINGTON POST: Israeli soldiers admitted to systematically demolishing over 3,500 buildings to create buffer zones, often without military justification. They also destroyed agricultural lands critical for Palestinian livelihoods.

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Sole Survivor of 'Paramedics Massacre' in Rafah Exposes Israeli War Crime

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Monther Abed, the sole survivor of the Israeli attack on paramedics in Rafah, reveals the details of the crime in which 15 humanitarian workers were killed.

Mon, Apr 7, 2:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Seal Off Nablus amid West Bank Strike

ALJAZEERA: Israeli forces imposed a full closure on Nablus in the northern West Bank, blocking all entrances with iron gates and military checkpoints. The lockdown coincides with a comprehensive strike across Palestinian cities protesting Israel's genocide in Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 2:12 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Ambassador to Ethiopia Expelled from African Union Headquarters

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli ambassador to Ethiopia was expelled from an African Union meeting after several African countries objected to his participation in a session on the Rwanda genocide.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Settlers Storm Al-Aqsa Under Occupation Forces' Protection

ALJAZEERA: 93 settlers raided Al-Aqsa Mosque via the Mughrabi Gate under heavy Israeli police guard and performed Talmudic rituals in its courtyards, according to Jerusalem's Islamic Waqf.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel's Ambassador Expelled from African Union Summit

ALJAZEERA: Israel's envoy to Ethiopia was removed from the AU headquarters after member states rejected his participation in an annual meeting.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

One Killed, Others Injured in Israeli Strike on Car in Gaza City

ALJAZEERA: A Palestinian was killed and others wounded when Israel targeted a civilian car on Al-Nasr Street in western Gaza City.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:24 PM (Palestine Time)

Scores Killed as Israeli Warplanes Hit Journalists' Tent, Homes in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Dozens of Palestinians, including journalists, were killed or wounded in Israeli airstrikes on Khan Yunis and Deir al-Balah as the military threatens a new offensive in central Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Health Ministry: 57 Killed in 24 Hours

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY : Hospitals received 57 dead and 137 wounded in the past day, raising the toll since March 18 to 1,391 killed and 3,434 injured. The overall death toll since October 7 now stands at 50,752.

Mon, Apr 7, 1:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Media Office: Journalist Death Toll Rises to 210

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The government media office condemned Israel's "systematic targeting" of journalists after the killing of Hilmi Al-Faqawi brought the total to 210 media workers killed.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:34 AM (Palestine Time)

Settlers Attack Palestinians in Nablus, Expel Them From Their Land

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Illegal Israeli Jewish settlers attacked Palestinians and forced them off their agricultural land in Beit village, south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

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20 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): Israeli airstrikes killed 20 Palestinians, with 13 deaths in central and southern Gaza. Injuries were reported in Khan Younis after a drone strike.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:34 AM (Palestine Time)

Lebanon Health Ministry: One Killed in Israeli Drone Strike

LEBANESE MEDIA: A civilian died in an Israeli drone attack on Tayba, southern Lebanon.

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Mass Strike in West Bank Cities in Solidarity With Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A mass strike shut down Ramallah, Jerusalem, Nablus, and Tulkarm in protest against Israel's ongoing war on Gaza.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:34 AM (Palestine Time)

Haaretz: Netanyahu Took Detour to Avoid ICC Arrest

HAARETZ: PM Netanyahu's plane reportedly took a 400km detour from Budapest to Washington to avoid countries enforcing the ICC arrest warrant against him.

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Israeli Tech Workers Flee Amid War

ISRAELI BROADCASTING AUTHORITY: 8,300 high-tech workers have left Israel since October 7, per a government report.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:34 AM (Palestine Time)

Journalist Killed in Israeli Strike on Khan Younis Tent

AL-JAZEERA: Journalist Hilmi Al-Faqawi was killed, and six others, including an Al Jazeera cameraman, were injured in an attack on a media tent near Nasser Hospital.

Mon, Apr 7, 11:34 AM (Palestine Time)

US Airstrikes Kill 4 in Sanaa

YEMENIMEDIA: Four civilians, including two women, died in US strikes on Sanaa's Sha'ub