

# LIVE BLOG: Al-Qassam Brigades Pound Occupation Tanks in Tuffah as Anti-War Voices Rise in Israel – Day 558

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Israel continued to carry out massacres in Gaza. (Photo: via QNN)

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## **Staff**

Agence France-Presse quoted Doctors Without Borders as saying that “the Gaza Strip has become a mass grave for Palestinians.”

Meanwhile, the number of signatories on petitions demanding an end to the war on Gaza and the return of the detainees has surpassed 110,000.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 51,000 Palestinians and injured 116,343 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **35 Killed in Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza Strip since Wednesday Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 35 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes on various areas in the Gaza Strip since dawn.

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## **Putin Speaks of Possibility of Releasing Russian Captive in Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that the release of captives in Gaza, including Trufanov, has become possible thanks to the long-standing relations between Russia and the Palestinian people.

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## **More Than 68 US Raids on Yemen in 24 Hours**

YEMENI MEDIA: The United States launched more than 68 raids on northern, central, and western Yemen in the past 24 hour

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## **Al-Qassam Targets Three Israeli Tanks**

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: In the past 24 hours, our fighters targeted 3 invading Merkava 4 tanks near Al-Wafa Hospital in the eastern Al-Tuffah neighborhood, east of Gaza City, with Al-Yassin 105 shells.

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## **US Airstrike on Yemeni Capital Sanaa**

YEMENI MEDIA: The US launched an airstrike on the Yemeni capital, Sana'a.

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## **Netanyahu Asks Court to Cancel Decision Preventing Ronen Bar's Dismissal**

ISARELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Walla reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reportedly asked the Supreme Court to overturn the decision preventing the dismissal of the Shin Net (Shabak) chief following the exposure of a leaks case within the agency.

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## **Punitive Measures in Israel Against Petitioners Demanding War Halt**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORPORATION (Citing military doctors who signed the protest petition): The military medical corps has begun punitive measures, including dismissals, against those who signed the petition. A female doctor was dismissed for signing the petition. The Israeli army has demanded that the protesters withdraw their signatures, stating that no final decisions have yet been made regarding them.

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## **Hind Rajab Foundation Files Request to Arrest Sa'ar Visiting Britain**

ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORPORATION: The Hind Rajab Foundation, a non-governmental human rights organization and a branch of the "March 30 Movement" focused on prosecuting Israeli soldiers accused of war crimes, has reportedly submitted a request to issue an arrest warrant for Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar, who is visiting Britain.

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## **Israeli Bombing on Khan Yunis and Deir al-Balah**

AL-JAZEERA: Several Palestinians were injured by an Israeli drone strike on the Al-Amal neighborhood, west of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip.

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## **Netanyahu Holds Security Consultations Today on Exchange Deal**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Benjamin Netanyahu is reportedly holding security consultations by phone today regarding an exchange deal, and the Shabak chief may participate.

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## **Dr. Abu Safiya Held in ‘Inhumane Conditions,’ Subjected to Torture in Israeli Detention**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The director of Gaza’s Kamal Adwan hospital, Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, detained by Israel since December, is being held in “inhumane” conditions and enduring “physical and psychological intimidation”, his lawyer told AFP.

“He is suffering greatly, he is exhausted from the torture, the pressure and the humiliation he has endured to force him to confess to acts he did not commit,” Abu Safiya’s lawyer, Ghaid Qassem, said.

Qassem last visited the doctor on March 19 in Ofer prison in the occupied West Bank.

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## **Army Begins Procedures to Isolate Military Doctors Who Signed**

ISRAELI CHANNEL 7: The Israeli army has reportedly begun procedures to isolate military doctors who signed a petition calling for an end to the war on Gaza.

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## **EGYPT: Gaza Agreement Only Way to Release All Prisoners**

EGYPTIAN FM: Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry affirmed today that the Gaza agreement signed on January 19th is the only way to achieve sustainable de-escalation, a permanent ceasefire, and the release of all prisoners.

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## **Gantz: What is Happening in Gaza is a Resounding Failure**

CHANNEL 12 (quoting Israeli “National Unity” party leader Benny Gantz):

Netanyahu continues to fortify himself behind tactical achievements of the army.

Netanyahu does not seek real achievements that change the reality of the region.

What is happening in Gaza is not a complete victory, but a resounding failure.

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## **GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: 25 Martyrs in 24 Hours**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll in the past 24 hours has reached 25 dead and 89 injured as a result of the Israeli aggression.

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## **US Weapons Shipments Have Reached Israel**

MAARIV (citing a defense industry official):

The Israeli army recently received a shipment of bunker-buster bombs from the United States, some weighing a ton and a half.

US weapons shipments have arrived in Israel to replenish the air force's emergency stockpiles.

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## **Ben Gvir Raids Ibrahimi Mosque under Heavy Guard, amidst Muslim Worshipper Ban**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli Minister Ben Gvir entered the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron with heavy security, performing religious rituals while Israeli occupation authorities barred Muslim access.

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## **Israeli Forces Kill Two Palestinians, Seize Bodies in Jenin Raid**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Two Palestinians were reported killed and their bodies seized today, Wednesday, during a military operation by Israeli occupation forces in the town of Qabatiya, near Jenin in the northern West Bank, according to Palestinian sources.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health was informed of the killing of two young men, Muhammad Zakarna, 32, and Marouh Khuzaimiya, 19, who were shot by the occupation forces this morning in Qabatiya, south of Jenin, media outlets reported.

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## **Israeli Drone Strike Targets Hanin Town in South Lebanon**

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli drone strike targeted the town of Hanin in south Lebanon.

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## **Brother of Israeli Prisoner in Gaza: We Want a Comprehensive Deal**

AVINTAN OR, BROTHER OF ISRAELI PRISONER IN GAZA (to Al-Jazeera):

Netanyahu decides regarding the deal, and he shouldn't pretend otherwise.

The Israeli government must provide what is necessary to return the kidnapped, and we want a comprehensive deal.

The returning kidnapped from Gaza confirmed that the army's missiles frightened them.

We are looking for any information about my brother and his condition.

Most Israelis support the return of the kidnapped.

How long will my brother remain a prisoner for Netanyahu to decide that he must be returned?

We demand that Hamas reach a single deal to end the whole matter.

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### **Israeli Forces Release 10 Palestinian Prisoners from Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: Occupation forces release 10 Palestinian prisoners from the Gaza Strip and hand them over to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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### **Two Killed during Occupation Aggression on Qabatiya**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians were killed during the Israeli occupation's aggression on Qabatiya town in Jenin, and their bodies were detained.

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### **Lebanese Health Ministry: One Killed in Israeli Raid on Wadi al-Hujair**

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: One person was killed in a raid carried out by an Israeli drone on a car in Wadi al-Hujair, southern Lebanon.

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### **Israeli Defense Minister: We Do Not Plan to Bring Aid into Gaza**

ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER:

We do not plan to bring aid into Gaza, and it is regrettable that there are those who are trying to mislead public opinion.

Preventing the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza is one of the central tools of pressure on Hamas.

No one in the current circumstances wants to bring aid into the Gaza Strip.

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### **200 Officers Sign Protest Petition**

HAARETZ: 200 former police officers, including 8 senior officers, signed a protest petition demanding an end to the war and the return of the hostages from Gaza.

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### **Al-Quds Brigades - Jenin Battalion: We Confronted a Zionist Infantry Force South of Jenin**

AL-QUDS BRIGADES – JENIN BATTALION: Our fighters in the Misliya company confronted a Zionist infantry force that besieged a house in the town south of Jenin in the West Bank.

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### **Doctors Without Borders: Gaza Strip Has Become a Mass Grave**

AFP: Agence France-Presse quoted Doctors Without Borders as saying that “the Gaza Strip has become a mass grave for Palestinians.”

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## **Israeli Forces Launch Military Operation in Areas South of Jenin**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces launch a military operation in several areas south of Jenin in the West Bank.

Armed clashes between occupation forces and a Palestinian barricaded in a house in the town of Misliya, south of Jenin in the West Bank.

An Israeli helicopter participates in the military operation south of Jenin in the West Bank.

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## **Israeli Security Sources: Defense Minister is Netanyahu's Mouthpiece**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH (citing security sources):

We do not know where the war on Gaza is going, nor how to deal with the protesting reserve soldiers.

The Defense Minister is Netanyahu's mouthpiece, and we expect nothing else from him.

We are surprised by the Chief of Staff's statements that the entire military establishment wants the operation in Gaza.

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## **Ben Gvir: Hamas Must Be Eliminated**

BEN-GVIR:

Hamas must be eliminated, its capabilities destroyed, and food supplies bombed, and generators destroyed to completely cut off electricity from them.

If the decision were in my hands, the "kidnapped" would have returned from Gaza a long time ago.

I hope that all parties in the United States have realized the danger posed by Iran.

Iran poses a threat to the United States just as it does to Israel, and it threatens us all.

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## **17 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn Today**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 17 Palestinians were killed in Israeli raids on several areas in the Gaza Strip since dawn today, Wednesday.

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## **Increase in Number of Israelis Signing Petitions to Stop War**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The number of signatories on petitions demanding an end to the war on Gaza and the return of the detainees has exceeded 110,000.

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## **Palestinian Injured by Israeli Fire at Qalandiya Checkpoint**

AL-JAZEERA: A Palestinian was injured after occupation forces opened fire on a vehicle at the Qalandiya checkpoint north of occupied Jerusalem.

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## **Artillery Shelling of Nuseirat and Northern Bureij**

AL-JAZEERA: Artillery shelling targets the Nuseirat camp and the northern Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip.

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## **Killed, Injured in Bombing of House in Jabaliya**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): Three Palestinians were killed and a number of injured as a result of Israel's aircraft bombing a house in the Jabaliya al-Nazla area, northern Gaza.

● In Jabaliya, northern Gaza, Civil Defense teams retrieved the remains of children from trees—following the bombing of the Al-Hassi family's home.  
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## **WHO: We Call for Delivery of Aid and Health Supplies to Gaza**

WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

Attacks on hospitals in Gaza may prevent patients from seeking healthcare for fear of their safety.

Attacks on hospitals in Gaza may lead to the shutdown of facilities and the cutting off of an essential lifeline.

We urge the protection of healthcare and all patients and health workers in Gaza.

We call for the delivery of aid and health supplies to Gaza, the lifting of the siege, and an immediate ceasefire.

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## **Petition from 100 Israeli Reserve Officers to Stop War**

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation said that a petition from 100 active reserve officers from the military intelligence research division demands an end to the war.

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## **Palestinian Man and Child Injured by Occupation Fire in Jenin**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): A Palestinian and his child were injured by fire from Israeli special forces in the old city of Qabatiya, south of Jenin.



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## **UN Human Rights Office: What is Happening in Gaza is Hell**

OCHA DIRECTOR (to Al-Jazeera):

What is happening in the Gaza Strip is hell.

After 18 months, we are witnessing continuous attacks on civilians.

Israel is not complying with the Convention on the Prevention of Genocide.

The residents of Gaza are suffering, and this is the worst period in 18 months.

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## **Israeli Airstrike on Stadium Sheltering Displaced People in Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli airstrike targeted the Yarmouk Stadium, which shelters thousands of displaced people in Gaza City