

# LIVE BLOG: Dozens Killed in Gaza | Shin Bet Standoff | PA Crackdowns | Day 550

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The aftermath of an Israeli airstrike on Deir Al-Balah. (Photo: via QNN)

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## **Staff**

Khan Yunis, Deir al-Balah, and various areas in northern Gaza were targeted in the latest Israeli airstrikes, killing scores of Palestinians and wounding many more.

The ongoing massacres come amid reports of disappointment—and even shock—within Israel over indications that US President Donald Trump may be willing to strike a deal with Iran, even at Tel Aviv’s expense.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has killed 50,810 Palestinians and injured 115,688 others, the majority of whom are women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.

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## **Israeli Ministers Slam Supreme Court Ruling on Shin Bet Chief**

ITAMAR BEN-GVIR: “We urgently need judicial reforms.”

BEZALEL SMOTRICH:

- “The Shin Bet chief should no longer attend government meetings.”
- “The Supreme Court is endangering national security – it’s our duty to prevent this.”
- “We can’t let judges’ arrogance hinder security operations during war.”
- “No negotiations should be held with the legal advisor for compromise.”

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## **Israeli Forces Demolish 9 Homes in West Bank**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces demolished approximately 9 homes and structures across various West Bank locations today.

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## **Netanyahu Vows to Continue Shin Bet Chief Selection Process**

ISRAELI PM NETANYAHU'S OFFICE: The prime minister will continue interviewing candidates for Shin Bet leadership position.

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## **Netanyahu's Office Criticizes Court Ruling on Shin Bet Chief**

AL-JAZEERA: PM Netanyahu's office called the Supreme Court's freeze on dismissing Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar "unimaginable and baffling," after the court blocked Bar's removal pending further review.

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## **Israeli Supreme Court Blocks Shin Bet Chief's Dismissal**

AL-JAZEERA: The court issued an injunction preventing Netanyahu from firing Shin Bet head Ronen Bar or appointing a replacement.

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## **Israeli Reservists Oppose Continued Gaza Service**

ISRAELI MEDIA: Reservists argue the renewed Gaza campaign is "politically motivated," with some threatening to refuse duty if Bar is fired.

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## **Far-Right Minister Ben-Gvir Invited to Washington**

MAARIV: Ben-Gvir will meet US officials next week, including Trump administration figures and Congress members.

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## **Can Netanyahu Survive Trump's Shift on Iran? – Analysis**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Trump's unexpected embrace of diplomacy with Iran has thrown Netanyahu off balance and exposed cracks in the US-Israel "special relationship." Read the latest analysis by Ramzy Baroud.

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## **1,700 Millionaires Left Israel in 2024**

YEDIOTH AHRONOTH:

- Wealthy exodus due to declining market appeal.
- Number of billionaires dropped from 82 to 76.

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## **Poll: 81% of Israelis Oppose Palestinian State**

ISRAEL HAYOM:

- 13% support a Palestinian state; 6% undecided.
- 70% equate the Palestinian Authority with Hamas.

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## **U.S. State Department: Hamas Cannot Play Any Future Role in Gaza**

US STATE DEPARTMENT (to Fox News):

- Captives must be released, and Hamas cannot continue any role in Gaza.
- Israel is defending itself, and pressure continues for hostage release.
- No progress in Gaza until fighting stops and hostages are freed.

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## **Erdoğan: Israel Must Stop Its Crimes in Gaza**

AL-JAZEERA:

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan:

- Israel must halt its crimes in Gaza and return to a ceasefire.
- War crimes are being committed by merciless gangs in Gaza.
- The genocide in Gaza must end.

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## **Gaza Death Toll Rises**

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY:

58 killed and 213 wounded in the past 24 hours.

Total casualties since October 7, 2023: 50,810 dead and 115,688 injured.

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## **Occupation Forces Demolish Homes in Rafah**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces demolished Palestinian homes in Rafah, southern Gaza.

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## **Palestinian Woman Killed near Ariel Settlement**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli occupation forces opened fire on a Palestinian woman near the Ariel settlement in the northern West Bank, claiming she tried to carry out a stabbing attack. A Palestinian woman was killed by the occupation forces' bullets near the Ariel settlement in the northern West Bank.

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## **Death Toll of Journalists Rises to 211**

GAZA GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICE: The death toll of journalists has risen to 211 after the martyrdom of journalist Ahmed Mansour. We call on all media institutions in the world to condemn the occupation's systematic crimes against journalists in the Strip.

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## **11 Killed in Israeli Airstrikes since Dawn Today**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): 11 Palestinians were martyred in Israeli airstrikes on several areas in the Gaza Strip since dawn today.

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## **Chaos in Israeli Supreme Court as Hearing on Shin Bet Chief's Dismissal Suspended**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The President of the Israeli Supreme Court suspended a high-profile hearing on Monday regarding Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's controversial dismissal of Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar, following chaotic scenes in the courtroom.

According to Israel's Channel 12, the chief justice halted the session due to escalating tensions and shouting matches between opposing camps.

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## **Nablus Brigade Engages in Fierce Battles With Occupation Forces**

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Nablus Brigade of Al-Quds Brigades reported intense clashes with Israeli forces around the Old City, targeting them with gunfire. Sources also confirmed confrontations between Palestinians and occupation forces in Nablus, northern West Bank.

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## **Hamas Condemns PA's Arrest of Gaza Solidarity Protesters**

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## **'Schock' in Israel as Trump Announces High-Stakes US-Iran Talks**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

In a surprising development, US President Donald Trump announced on Monday that Washington would hold direct talks with Iran—marking the first time such a move was publicly confirmed.

However, Tehran was quick to clarify that the discussions would be indirect and held in Oman.

Israeli media reported that the Israeli delegation in Washington was caught off guard by Trump's announcement.

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/schock-in-israel-as-trump-announces-high-stakes-us-iran-talks/WS>

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## **YEDIOTH AHRONOTH Wealthy exodus due to declining market appeal. Number of billionaires dropped from 82 to 76.**

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Intense Israeli airstrikes have killed dozens in Gaza, pushing the healthcare system to the brink due to severe shortages of essential medical supplies and widespread displacement.

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## **5 Killed in Israeli Airstrike on Beit Lahia Home**

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli airstrike on a house in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza, killed five and injured others.

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## **UN: 400,000 Displaced in Gaza since War Resumed**

AL-JAZEERA: Nearly 400,000 Palestinians have been displaced in Gaza since Israel renewed attacks, with no safety provisions. The UN held Israel accountable as the occupying power.

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## **Israeli Broadcaster: Netanyahu's D.C. Trip Ended Suspiciously**

AL-JAZEERA: Netanyahu's Washington visit concluded abruptly without progress in negotiations or tariff reductions, raising suspicions.

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## **No One Safe in Gaza: Occupation Targets Food Distribution Centers**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli forces struck a food aid center in Khan Younis, killing civilians, including children, amid relentless bombardment.

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## **CNN: Evidence Debunks Israel's Claim on Rafah Medics**

CNN: CNN's analysis of footage contradicts Israel's narrative about attacking medics in Rafah. A former US military expert confirmed gunfire sounds, and autopsies revealed bullet wounds.

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## **60 Killed in Gaza Since Monday Dawn**

AL-JAZEERA (citing medical sources): The death toll from Israeli strikes rose to 60, including journalist Ahmed Mansour, who died after an attack on a press tent at Nasser Hospital.

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## **US Launches New Airstrikes in Yemen**

AL-JAZEERA: Yemeni media reported US strikes targeting areas in Sanaa, Al-Hudaydah (Kamaran Island), and Marib.

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## **Israeli Shelling Hits Northern Rafah**

AL-JAZEERA: Artillery fire struck northern Rafah, southern Gaza, amid escalating attacks.

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## **Israeli Forces Raid Qalqilya**

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli troops stormed Qalqilya in the northern West Bank.

Israeli forces shelled the eastern Gaza neighborhoods of Shejaya and Zaytoun.  
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— The Palestine Chronicle (@PalestineChron) April 8, 2025

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