LIVE BLOG: Israel Resumes Genocidal War on Gaza, Hundreds Killed – Day 528

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Dozens of casualties overwhelm Gaza's field hospitals as Israeli bombardment targets residential areas. (Photo: QNN)

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The Israeli occupation resumed its genocidal war on the Gaza Strip in the early hours of Tuesday, after a hiatus of nearly two months. Hundreds were reported killed and many more wounded in the extensive bombing campaign that targeted various parts of the Strip.

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Tue, Mar 18, 7:03 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Home of Al-Akhras Family in Rafah

QUDS NEWS NETWORK: Israeli warplanes bomb the home of the Al-Akhras family in Al-Mahatta Street, Al-Janineh neighborhood, Rafah.

Tue, Mar 18, 6:36 AM (Palestine Time)

'Resumption of Fighting in Gaza May Delay Dismissal of Shin Bet Chief'

ISRAELI RADIO: The resumption of fighting in Gaza may delay the dismissal of the Shin Bet chief, who is leading operations alongside the Chief of Staff.

Tue, Mar 18, 6:32 AM (Palestine Time)

Children Killed in Israeli Bombing Near Al-Tawba Mosque, Rafah

QUDS NEWS NETWORK: Children have been killed due to an Israeli airstrike near Al-Tawba Mosque in Al-Zohour neighborhood, northern Rafah.

Tue, Mar 18, 6:18 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Requests Delay of Testimony Due to Renewed Fighting in Gaza

ISRAELI MEDIA: Maariv: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has requested a delay in his testimony before the court today, Tuesday, due to the renewal of fighting in Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 6:06 AM (Palestine Time)

White House was 'Consulted' before Gaza Bombardment

US MEDIA: The White House confirms that Israel 'consulted' the US before its mass bombardment of Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 5:46 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Target Dar Al-Fadhila School in Northwestern Rafah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli warplanes have bombed Dar Al-Fadhila School in the northwestern part of Rafah, southern Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 5:38 AM (Palestine Time)

Hundreds of Palestinians Killed as Israeli Army Resumes Genocidal Assault

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Israeli military has intensified its bombardment, targeting residential areas, displacement camps, and strategic locations in Gaza. According to medical sources, the death toll has now reached 232, with the majority concentrated in southern Gaza, including Rafah and Khan Younis.

Tue, Mar 18, 5:35 AM (Palestine Time)

WSJ: Israeli Official Says Trump Gave Israel Green Light to Resume Attacks

WALL STREET JOURNAL (Citing an Israeli official): The American president, Donald Trump, gave Israel the green light to resume attacks after Hamas refused to release the prisoners.

Tue, Mar 18, 4:55 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Tanks Shell Southern and Eastern Areas of Rafah

LOCAL MEDIA: Israeli tanks are shelling the southern and eastern areas of the city of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 4:53 AM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll from Israeli Airstrikes in Gaza Rises to 199

AL-JAZEERA (Citing medical sources): The toll from the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip has risen to 199 martyrs, with 107 of them from the southern part of the Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 4:19 AM (Palestine Time)

More than 20 Killed in Bombing of Homes East of Khan Younis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Local sources reported that over 20 people were killed in the Israeli occupation's bombardment of homes east of Khan Younis city in the southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 4:04 AM (Palestine Time)

Islamic Jihad: Netanyahu Deliberately Sabotaged All Efforts to Reach a Ceasefire

STATEMENT: Islamic Jihad Movement:

The declaration by war criminal Netanyahu and his government to resume the aggression in the Gaza Strip is an intentional act of committing more massacres.

Netanyahu deliberately sabotaged all efforts to reach a ceasefire.

Tue, Mar 18, 4:00 AM (Palestine Time)

Sami Abu Zuhri: US Administration is Partner in the Aggression against Gaza

STATEMENT: Hamas leader Sami Abu Zuhri:

The US administration is a partner in the aggression against the Gaza Strip.

Hamas has fully committed to implementing the terms of the ceasefire agreement.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:52 AM (Palestine Time)

86 Killed and Dozens Injured in Israeli Airstrikes on Homes and Shelters for Displaced People in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: 86 people were killed and dozens more injured in Israeli airstrikes on homes and shelters for displaced people in the Gaza Strip, with 52 of the casualties in Khan Yunis.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:49 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrike Hits School Sheltering Displaced People in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Palestinian sources reported that five people were killed and several others injured in an Israeli airstrike that targeted the Al-Taba'een School, which houses displaced people in the Daraj neighborhood in central Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas: Criminal Netanyahu Bears Responsibility for Aggression Against Gaza

STATEMENTS: Hamas:

We hold the criminal Netanyahu and the Nazi Zionist occupation fully responsible for the consequences of the treacherous aggression against Gaza. Hamas: Netanyahu and his government have decided to violate the ceasefire agreement.

We call on the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to fulfill their responsibilities in supporting our people and breaking the siege on Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:26 AM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll Rises as Gaza Hospitals Receive Dozens of Wounded

UPDATES:

34 killed and dozens injured in Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

Dozens of injured arrive at Al-Awda Hospital in Tal al-Zaatar, Jabaliya Refugee Camp, following airstrikes on homes in northern Gaza Strip.

Israeli artillery shells western areas of Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:12 AM (Palestine Time)

25 Killed, Scored Injured in Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza

GAZA MEDICAL SOURCES (Cited in Al-Jazeera): 25 killed and dozens injured in renewed Israeli Airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:07 AM (Palestine Time)

Civil Defense in Gaza: Our Crews Face Major Difficulties Due to Simultaneous Airstrikes

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Civil Defense in Gaza reported that their crews are facing significant difficulties in their work due to simultaneous airstrikes on various areas of the Gaza Strip.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:05 AM (Palestine Time)

Dead and Wounded in Israeli Airstrike on Al-Ahrar Building West of Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The Civil Defense in Gaza reported that there were dead and wounded as a result of an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Ahrar building in the northern beach area, west of Gaza City.

Tue, Mar 18, 3:01 AM (Palestine Time)

Israel Resumes Military Operations in Gaza

US MEDIA: Axios, citing the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, reported that Israel has resumed its military operations against Hamas in Gaza.

The Israeli Broadcasting Authority also reported that the air force launched a wave of attacks across the Gaza Strip.

It was stated that Netanyahu and Defense Minister Israel Katz instructed the Israeli army to take strong action against Hamas in Gaza.

Tue, Mar 18, 1:16 AM (Palestine Time)

US Aggression on Yemen

YEMENI MEDIA:

A US airstrike targeted the Jabal Sarf area in Bani Hashish district, Sanaa governorate.

The Al-Habashi iron factory in Bajil district, Hodeidah, was targeted by over 12 US airstrikes.

A US airstrike targeted an open area near 60th Street West in the Thawra district of Sanaa.

Tue, Mar 18, 1:16 AM (Palestine Time)

UNRWA Calls for Ceasefire to Hold

UNRWA: The UNRWA Gaza Operations Director stated that the ceasefire must hold to allow children in Gaza to resume their education. He emphasized the need to provide a future for children and their families, warning that an entire generation is at risk.

Tue, Mar 18, 12:57 AM (Palestine Time)

'Kingdom' is Collapsing – Israeli Newspapers on Civil War, Netanyahu's Dictatorship

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to dismiss Shin Bet (Shabak) chief Ronen Bar has captured the attention of many political and military analysts in Israeli newspapers, many of whom have issued warnings about an impending larger crisis.

Most articles collectively suggest that this decision, which will be presented to the government if judicial petitions fail to stop it, could lead to internal divisions described by some as civil war.

Tue, Mar 18, 12:06 AM (Palestine Time)

KAN: Hamas has 25,000 Fighters; Islamic Jihad 5,000

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Broadcasting Authority (KAN), citing sources:

The preparations of the Palestinian groups to resume fighting included rebuilding damaged field leaderships.

These preparations also involved distributing weapons and setting up military sites.

There has been no progress in negotiations with Hamas so far, and the realistic scenario is a return to fighting.

Hamas currently has 25,000 fighters, while Islamic Jihad has 5,000.

The army has observed intensive preparations by the Palestinian factions in Gaza over the past two weeks for a resumption of fighting.

Mon, Mar 17, 11:58 PM (Palestine Time)

Osama Hamdan: On Negotiations and Hamas's Demands

ARABIC MEDIA: Hamas leader Osama Hamdan (speaking to Al-Jazeera):

Our position is clear, which is to adhere to what has been agreed upon.

We are ready to implement any measure that facilitates the application of the agreement, and it is unacceptable to return to square one.

The mediators have been unable to pressure Israel to enter the second phase of the agreement.

We demand allowing the entry of medical supplies and rubble removal equipment.

The blockade on the Gaza Strip, starvation, and the closure of the crossings cannot be acceptable to the Palestinian people.

The (Steve) Witkoff proposal does not address a ceasefire, the opening of crossings, or ending the blockade, and is limited only to the exchange of prisoners.

Mon, Mar 17, 9:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Egypt Proposes UN Presence in Gaza, West Bank for Palestinian State

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Egypt is pushing for an international presence in Gaza and the West Bank, proposing UN-backed peacekeeping forces to pave the way for Palestinian statehood and secure a lasting ceasefire.

Mon, Mar 17, 9:04 PM (Palestine Time)

First Petition Filed with Supreme Court Against Shinbet Chief's Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 13 reported that the first petition has been filed with the Supreme Court against the dismissal of Shinbet chief Ronen Bar.

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Tel Aviv University Announces Two-Hour Strike in Protest of Bar's Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Tel Aviv University announced a two-hour strike tomorrow, Wednesday, in protest of the dismissal of Shinbet chief Ronen Bar.

Mon, Mar 17, 7:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Families of Gaza Captives Attempt to Intercept Netanyahu's Convoy

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Israel Hayom reported that representatives of the families of Israeli captives in Gaza are attempting to intercept Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's convoy at the entrance to the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

Mon, Mar 17, 7:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Shin Bet Chief Absent from Netanyahu's Security Meeting

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority (KAN) reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu discussed the security situation today with the Defense Minister, the heads of the military and Mossad and that Shin Bet Ronen Bar did not attend the meeting.

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Lieberman: Netanyahu May Attempt to Postpone Elections

ISRAELI MEDIA: The leader of the Yisrael Beiteinu party stated that Netanyahu may attempt to postpone elections scheduled for next year.

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UK Condemns Israel's Prevention of Aid to Gaza

BRITISH FM STATEMENT: Britain condemns Israel's prevention of aid to Gaza and the punishment of its residents. Hamas cannot have any role in Gaza. Targeting shipping vessels in the Red Sea by the Ansarallah is unacceptable and cannot go unpunished.

Mon, Mar 17, 7:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Golan Accuses Netanyahu of Seeking to End the Zionist Project

ISRAELI MEDIA: The leader of the Israeli Democratic Party, Yair Golan, accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of seeking to end the Zionist project, stating that he poses a threat to Israel.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:43 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza Government Official: Siege and Delays Hinder Reconstruction Efforts

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Gaza's government media head stated that the ongoing siege, restrictions on heavy equipment, and delays in reconstruction are hindering efforts to prevent the collapse of Gaza's many deteriorating buildings.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:39 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Tanks Fire Sound Bombs on Tel Sultan Neighborhood in Rafah

AL-MAYADEEN: Israeli tanks launched several sound bombs at the Tel Sultan neighborhood in western Rafah, southern Gaza.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:36 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Assault Red Crescent Crews

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) reportedly said that Israeli soldiers severely beat its crews while they were covering the clashes in Odala.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:26 PM (Palestine Time)

Israel Displaces 200 Families in Tulkarm

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli forces forced around 200 Palestinian families to flee from Tulkarm refugee camp and the surrounding neighborhoods over the past two days.

The occupation forces informed the remaining families in the Qaqoon neighborhood of the camp to leave their homes, while assaulting other citizens in the Abu al-Foul neighborhood as they tried to return to their homes to retrieve essential items.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:23 PM (Palestine Time)

Yemen's Defense Minister: Armed Forces Ready for Escalation

AL-MAYADEEN: Yemen's Defense Minister Mohammad al-Atifi states that the Yemeni armed forces are prepared to escalate confrontations according to the scale of any emerging challenge.

Mon, Mar 17, 5:20 PM (Palestine Time)

Former Shin Bet Chief: Netanyahu is Destroying the Agency

ISRAELI MEDIA: Haaretz (Citing former Shin Bet chief Karmi Gillon:

Netanyahu acted like a dictator by firing the Shin Bet chief, as he wasn't personally loyal to him.

Netanyahu is destroying Shin Bet and asking its head to serve the king, not the kingdom.

Efforts to fire the Attorney General and now the Shin Bet chief are laying the foundation for dictatorship.

Mon, Mar 17, 4:40 PM (Palestine Time)

EU Official: Humanitarian Aid Must Reach Those in Need in Gaza

STATEMENT (Cited in Al-Jazeera): European Union Foreign Policy Chief, Kaja Kallas, emphasized the necessity for humanitarian aid to reach those in need in Gaza.

She also stressed that, for Europeans, it is crucial that Hamas plays no role in the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.

Mon, Mar 17, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Lapid: Opposition Parties to File Joint Petition Against Bar's Dismissal

STATEMENT: Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid stated that the moment the Shin Bet began investigating Netanyahu's office, the latter decided to dismiss Bar hastily and unlawfully:

The leaders of opposition parties met today to coordinate efforts and halt this irresponsible action. They have decided to file a joint petition with the Supreme Court against Bar's dismissal.

Lapid emphasized that the motive behind Bar's dismissal is to disrupt serious criminal investigations in Netanyahu's office, which involve violations of state security.

Mon, Mar 17, 4:34 PM (Palestine Time)

Former Israeli Security Officials: Netanyahu Unfit to Dismiss Anyone

ISRAELI MEDIA: Channel 12 reported on statements from former Israeli security officials regarding the dismissal of the Shin Bet chief:

Netanyahu is unqualified to dismiss anyone.

Israel is now at risk.

Netanyahu is trying to prevent investigations and conceal information.

Mon, Mar 17, 3:30 PM (Palestine Time)

US and Israel Considering Resettling Gaza Residents in Syria - CBS

CBS: Sources revealed that the Trump administration and Israel have contacted the governments of Sudan and Somalia as potential locations for resettling Gaza residents. They have also shown interest in Syria as a possible resettlement site.

Mon, Mar 17, 3:30 PM (Palestine Time)

Gaza's Silent Killers: The Constant Threat of Unexploded Missiles

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: In Gaza, unexploded missiles and bombs now pose a silent, lingering threat to civilians, turning everyday life into a deadly gamble, as reported by Shaimaa Eid.

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36 Workers from West Bank Detained for Working Without Permits

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli occupation police announced the detention of 36 Palestinian workers from the West Bank who were allegedly working illegally inside Israel.

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Two Killed, Others Injured in Israeli Strike East of Al-Bureij Camp

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two people were killed and others injured after an Israeli drone targeted Palestinians east of Al-Bureij camp in central Gaza.

Mon, Mar 17, 3:30 PM (Palestine Time)

Settler Attacks on West Bank Villages Intensify amid Israel's Military Operations

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Illegal Israeli Jewish settlers, backed by Israeli army forces, have increased attacks on Palestinians and their homes across the occupied West Bank, including the towns of Masaffer Yatta and Wadi Hilweh.

In Masaffer Yatta, south of Hebron (Al-Khalil), local activist Osama Makhamreh said a group of settlers attacked the homes of residents in the village of Susiya and assaulted one of the families.

Mon, Mar 17, 3:30 PM (Palestine Time)

Smotrich: Any Attempt to Block Bar's Replacement is Illegal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The far-right Israeli Finance Minister stated that any attempt by judicial authorities to block the replacement of Ronen Bar through force is illegal and should not be complied with.

Mon, Mar 17, 3:30 PM (Palestine Time)

For Second Time in 24 Hours, Ansarallah Hits USS Truman amid US Aggression

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Yemeni Armed Forces announced on Monday that they had successfully targeted the US aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman for the second time within hours, in addition to thwarting a planned US airstrike on Yemen.

In a statement delivered by its spokesman, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the Yemeni forces, affiliated with the Ansarallah movement, confirmed that the USS Harry S. Truman was hit for the second time in 24 hours in the northern Red Sea, "with a number of ballistic and cruise missiles and drones in an engagement that lasted for several hours."

Mon, Mar 17, 2:06 PM (Palestine Time)

One Killed by Israeli Strike in South Lebanon

AL-AKHBAR: An Israeli drone targeted a motorcycle in Yuhmor al-Shaqif, South Lebanon, injuring at least two people and causing damage to a residential building and a vehicle.

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: One Lebanese citizen was killed in the Israeli drone strike.

Mon, Mar 17, 2:06 PM (Palestine Time)

100 Protest Leaders in Israel Plan Demonstrations Against Bar's Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reported that one hundred protest leaders announced a massive demonstration in Jerusalem starting next Wednesday in response to the dismissal of Shinbet chief Ronen Bar.

Mon, Mar 17, 2:06 PM (Palestine Time)

3 Injuries in Israeli Drone Strike East of Rafah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Three people were injured after an Israeli drone struck a group of Palestinians in the Al-Juneina neighborhood east of Rafah.

Mon, Mar 17, 2:06 PM (Palestine Time)

Declines in Tel Aviv Stock Exchange following Bar's Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported declines in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange following the dismissal of Ronen Bar, noting that the Israeli shekel is showing weakness in the currency exchange market.

Mon, Mar 17, 11:41 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu's Trial Session Paused for Ten Minutes

ISRAELI MEDIA: The trial session of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was paused for ten minutes after he was handed a security update during the hearing.

Mon, Mar 17, 11:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Shin Bet Chief Refuses to Resign, Accuses Netanyahu of Failure

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The head of Israel's General Security Service Shin Bet, Ronen Bar, has set conditions for his departure while refusing to resign. He accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of repeated failures and rejected calls for his resignation.

Bar stated on Monday that he would remain in his position until all captives were returned and called for an investigative committee involving all relevant parties, including political and government officials as well as the prime minister. He emphasized that such an inquiry was necessary for public safety.

Mon, Mar 17, 11:40 AM (Palestine Time)

Protests Expected Against Shin Bet Chief's Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli Broadcasting Authority (KAN) reported that several groups and sectors plan to protest near the government headquarters in Jerusalem next Wednesday against the dismissal of Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Mayor of Metulla: No Place to Return To

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: The mayor of Metula stated that they have filed a petition with the court against the return of residents due to security risks. There is no place to return to, as the municipality building and over 70% of the structures have been damaged.

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Spanish Foreign Minister: We Want Aid to Continue Entering Gaza

SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER: Spain wants aid to continue entering Gaza without restrictions, and Gaza must be part of any future state.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: One Million Children in Gaza Struggle to Survive

UNICEF: One million children in Gaza are struggling to survive amid a lack of basic necessities. Hundreds of thousands in Gaza lack clean water and sanitation services. A sustainable ceasefire and unrestricted access to aid can save lives in Gaza.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Former Shinbet Chief: Netanyahu Wants to Remove All Gatekeepers

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Former Shin Bet chief Yaakov Peri stated that the position of Shin Bet chief is not based on trust. Netanyahu wants to remove all gatekeepers and act alone.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Yair Golan: Netanyahu Thinks He's a Supreme Ruler

YAIR GOLAN: I warned nine years ago that Israel was descending into dictatorship. The government wants to grant itself the right to do whatever it wants based on the orders of a corrupt individual. Netanyahu thinks he is a supreme ruler who can do as he pleases.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Forces Invade Shuafat Camp in Occupied Jerusalem

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli occupation forces invaded Shuafat camp in occupied Jerusalem on Monday morning.

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Israeli Forces Surround House in Tulkarm

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli forces surrounded a house during an incursion into the town of Qaffin near Tulkarm in the northern West Bank on Monday morning.

Mon, Mar 17, 10:58 AM (Palestine Time)

PA Forces Detain Youth Near Jenin

AL-AQSA TV: Palestinian Authority security forces detained youth Fadaa Abu Amira from the town of Kafr Dan west of Jenin in the northern West Bank early Monday morning. For weeks, PA security forces have been cracking down on Palestinian resistance fighters, labeling them as outlaws in several areas of the West Bank.