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Hundreds of Palestinians were killed in Gaza as Israel resumed its genocidal war. (Photo: via social media)

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The Israeli ambulance service announced that 13 people were injured while heading to shelters after sirens were triggered by a missile launched from Yemen.

Meanwhile, Israel's genocidal campaign continues, with airstrikes destroying civilian homes, aid warehouses, and mosques in Gaza.

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Fri, Mar 21, 1:15 AM (Palestine Time)

Ansarallah: We Carried Out a Precision Operation with a Ballistic Missile South of Occupied Yafa

ANSARALLAH MILITARY SPOKESMAN YAHYA SAREE:

We carried out a precision operation with a "Palestine 2" ballistic missile south of occupied Yafa.

We carried out a precision operation with a ballistic missile targeting an Israeli military site south of occupied Yafa.

Fri, Mar 21, 1:15 AM (Palestine Time)

New York Times: Pro-Palestine Activists Sue UCLA

NEW YORK TIMES

Pro-Palestine activists are suing the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) over an attack on a protest camp.

The activists accuse UCLA of allowing pro-Israel supporters to assault a camp within the university campus.

Fri, Mar 21, 1:15 AM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu: I Do Not Trust Shin Bet Chief Ronen Bar

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that he does not trust Ronen Bar's handling of matters and does not believe he will consult him in critical moments.

Fri, Mar 21, 1:15 AM (Palestine Time)

Bar: My Dismissal Should Have Been Based on Clear Allegations

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Shin Bet Chief Ronen Bar sent a message to ministers:

The allegations against me are completely baseless.

The allegations against me are merely a cover for other strange and unacceptable motives.

I personally led the prisoner exchange deal with the approval of the Prime Minister.

The Shin Bet implements the policy set by the political level and will continue to do so.

The decision to dismiss me should have been based on clear allegations that I could respond to.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Government Session Begins to Dismiss Shin Bet Chief

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Walla reported that the Israeli government session to dismiss Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar has begun.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Protests Against Israeli Government in Jerusalem

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that members of the National Guard, designated to combat violence and crime, are participating in suppressing protests against the Israeli government in Jerusalem.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:35 PM (Palestine Time)

Shin Bet Chief Will Not Attend Government Session on His Dismissal

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israel's Channel 14 reported that Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar has decided not to attend the government session dedicated to his dismissal.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:35 PM (Palestine Time)

UNICEF: Over 200 Children Killed in Recent Gaza Airstrikes

UNICEF SPOKESPERSON (to Al-Jazeera):

Over 200 children have been killed in the recent wave of airstrikes, a shocking number.

Thousands of residents are constantly moving from one area to another under harsh weather conditions.

Thousands of children who were not killed are suffering from very serious injuries.

Gaza's hospitals are unable to cope with the disaster caused by continuous bombardment.

The effects of the food siege are severe on Gaza's residents, especially children.

The prices of available basic goods have become exorbitant and unaffordable for most residents.

Many children have died due to the absence of vital medical supplies.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Shifting Allegiances: The Role of Palestine in US Domestic and Foreign Policy

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: "Palestine may not be the sole measure by which the Trump administration will be judged. Yet, it is undoubtedly a crucial test." Read the latest editorial by Ramzy Baroud.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Begins Ground Operation in Rafah

ISRAELI ARMY:

Our forces began a ground operation in the Al-Shaboura area of Rafah hours ago.

We have expanded our operations in southern Gaza and continue activities in the north and center of the Strip.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Artillery Shelling in Northern Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli artillery shelling targeted southern Gaza City and western Beit Lahia in northern Gaza.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Explosions Heard in Hebron Settlements

AL-JAZEERA (citing sources): Explosions were heard in Hebron settlements following the activation of sirens.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Flights Halted at Ben Gurion Airport

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that flights at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv were halted after a missile was launched from Yemen.

Thu, Mar 20, 9:33 PM (Palestine Time)

Sirens Sound in Central Israel

ISRAELI HOME FRONT COMMAND: Sirens sounded in central Israel, West Bank settlements, and Jerusalem.

ISRAELI CHANNEL 14: The security system detected launches from Yemen toward central Israel.

TIMES OF ISRAEL: A ballistic missile was launched from Yemen toward Israel, and the army is investigating the details.

Thu, Mar 20, 7:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Why Did Israel Collapse The Ceasefire Agreement Now? – Analysis

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: “In the event that a full-scale ground invasion is launched once again, the Israelis will likely have committed an enormous strategic mistake.” Read the latest analysis by Robert Inlakesh.

Thu, Mar 20, 7:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Artillery Shelling on Rafah

AL-JAZEERA: Israeli artillery shelling targeted the Al-Juneina neighborhood, east of Rafah city, southern Gaza Strip.

Thu, Mar 20, 7:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Analysts Warn Israel’s ‘Forever War’ Pushing Army to the Limit – Report

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: With Israel renewing its genocidal onslaught on the Gaza Strip, defense analysts, and reservists “have begun to warn of growing attrition on the fighting force, with jobs, families and lives put on hold,” the Financial Times reported on Thursday.

Thu, Mar 20, 7:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli President: We Cannot Send Our Children to the Frontlines

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli President Isaac Herzog said: “We cannot send our children to the frontlines and take steps that cause deep divisions within society.”

Thu, Mar 20, 7:38 PM (Palestine Time)

Katz Approves Continuation of Operations in Gaza

ISRAELI CHANNEL 12:

Defense Minister Israel Katz approved the continuation of operations in Gaza.

Military pressure is affecting Hamas, and we will not stop until the detainees are freed.

Thu, Mar 20, 6:09 PM (Palestine Time)

The Elders Urge Immediate End to Israel's Attacks on Gaza, Return to Ceasefire

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Elders, a group of independent global leaders committed to peace, justice, human rights, and a sustainable planet, have expressed grave concern over the collapse of the ceasefire in Gaza.

Founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007, the group is calling for an immediate end to Israel's military assault on Gaza, urging all parties to prioritize human life and peace over domestic political interests.

Thu, Mar 20, 5:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Netanyahu Accuses 'Deep State' of Targeting Him Like Trump, Elon Musk Shows Support

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has accused the "deep state" of targeting him in Israel, mirroring the claims of US President Donald Trump.

In a statement posted on X, Netanyahu said,

"In America and in Israel, when a strong right-wing leader wins an election, the leftist Deep State weaponizes the justice system to thwart the people's will. They won't win in either place! We stand strong together."

The post was swiftly deleted from the official Prime Minister's Office account but was later reposted on Netanyahu's personal account.

Thu, Mar 20, 5:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Abu Obeida Calls for Supporting Gaza and Al-Aqsa

ABU OBEIDA:

We salute our true brothers in Yemen for their honorable stance and direct support for their people in Gaza despite the heavy cost.

Today, Yemeni missiles intersected with Gaza's missiles in the skies of Tel Aviv, confirming that Gaza is not alone.

We call on the free people of our nation to join the battle to defend Al-Aqsa and continue supporting Gaza to break the enemy's strength.

Thu, Mar 20, 4:54 PM (Palestine Time)

China Urges Israel to Renounce ‘Obsession’ with Force in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

China has strongly condemned renewed Israeli attacks on Gaza, expressing regret over the “harm done to the hard-won ceasefire” and urging Tel Aviv “to renounce its obsession with the use of force” in the besieged Palestinian enclave.

Beijing “is gravely concerned about Israel’s resumption of hostilities in Gaza,” China’s envoy to the UN Fu Cong, told the Security Council on Tuesday. “We strongly condemn this,” read a transcript of Fu’s statement to the Council.

Thu, Mar 20, 4:19 PM (Palestine Time)

Georgetown Researcher Detained amid Crackdown on Pro-Palestinian Advocacy

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

Masked federal immigration agents detained a Georgetown University researcher in the US on Monday night amid the American administration’s clampdown on student activists.

Badar Khan Suri, an Indian national and postdoctoral fellow, was arrested outside his home in Virginia and told his visa had been revoked, according to a lawsuit.

Thu, Mar 20, 4:17 PM (Palestine Time)

110 Killed in Gaza since Dawn Today

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: 13 Palestinians were martyred and 40 others injured in Israeli airstrikes on inhabited homes in Abasan al-Kabira, east of Khan Yunis. Medical sources told Al-Jazeera that 110 Palestinians have been martyred in Israeli bombardment of Gaza since dawn today.

Thu, Mar 20, 4:17 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Police Investigate Former Shin Bet Chief

CHANNEL 13: The police are investigating former Shin Bet chief Nadav Argaman on suspicion of threatening Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Massacre in Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Seven Palestinians were martyred and others injured in airstrikes on homes in the town of Abasan al-Kabira, east of Khan Yunis.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Guterres Calls for Respecting Ceasefire in Gaza

UN: UN Secretary-General António Guterres reiterated his call for respecting the ceasefire in Gaza and allowing the entry of humanitarian aid.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Two Airstrikes on Abasan al-Kabira, East of Khan Yunis

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli warplanes launched two airstrikes on the town of Abasan al-Kabira, east of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Britain: Israel's Actions Pose a Threat to International Humanitarian Law

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID LAMMY

Israel's actions in Gaza pose a clear threat to international humanitarian law.

Reports of over 400 deaths, mostly women and children, in Gaza are horrifying.

Gaza has become the most dangerous place in the world for humanitarian relief workers.

We want an immediate return to a ceasefire, and further bloodshed is in no one's interest.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:51 PM (Palestine Time)

85 Killed, 133 Injured in Gaza since Dawn Today

GAZA HEALTH MINISTRY: Hospitals have received 85 martyrs and 133 injured due to the occupation's bombardment of the Strip since dawn today.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Police Attempt to Disperse Protesters near Netanyahu's Office in Jerusalem

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli police announced that they are attempting to disperse protesters near the Israeli Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem, who are opposing the dismissal of the Shin Bet chief.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Fallout from Missile Interception in Rishon LeZion, South of Tel Aviv

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Fallout from missile interception landed in the city of Rishon LeZion, south of Tel Aviv.

Police are dealing with several locations where missile interception debris fell south of Tel Aviv.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:32 PM (Palestine Time)

Disruption of Takeoff and Landing at Ben Gurion Airport

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Israeli Channel 12 reported that takeoff and landing operations at Ben Gurion International Airport were disrupted following rocket launches from Gaza.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Tel Aviv Hit by Qassam Rockets as Israel Expands Military Campaign in Gaza

PALESTINE CHRONICLE:

The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian Resistance movement Hamas, claimed responsibility for a rocket barrage targeting Tel Aviv in central Israel, citing this attack as a response to the “Zionist massacres” against Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

According to the group’s statement, the rockets used were M90s, and the bombardment was aimed at the heart of the city.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Al-Qassam: We Bombarded Tel Aviv

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, announced that they bombarded Tel Aviv with a rocket barrage “in response to the Zionist massacres against civilians.”

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Sirens Sound in Tel Aviv, Iron Dome Intercepts Two Rockets

ISRAELI MEDIA:

The Israeli Home Front Command reported that sirens sounded in Tel Aviv.

The Israeli army clarified that the sirens were triggered following rocket launches from Gaza.

Israeli Channel 12 reported that the Iron Dome intercepted two rockets from Gaza heading toward Tel Aviv.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Announces Start of Ground Operation in Northern Gaza

ISRAELI ARMY STATEMENT:

We have begun a ground operation in northern Gaza, with airstrikes continuing across the Strip.

Our forces have launched a ground operation along the coastal axis in the Beit Lahia area, northern Gaza.

We, along with Shin Bet, attacked terrorist infrastructure and anti-tank missile launch sites belonging to Hamas in Beit Lahia.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

95 Killed in Gaza Since Dawn Today

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: 95 people have been martyred due to ongoing Israeli bombardment in Gaza since dawn today.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Ireland: We Condemn the Horrific Attacks That Killed Hundreds of Civilians in Gaza

IRISH PRIME MINISTER:

We condemn the horrific attacks over the past two days that have killed hundreds of civilians in Gaza.

The European Union and Washington must exert maximum pressure on Israel to stop its bombardment of Gaza.

Peace has faded due to Israel's indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian homes and families.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Khamenei: The Islamic Nation Must Stand Against Aggression on Gaza

IRANIAN SUPREME LEADER ALI KHAMENEI:

The aggression against the Yemeni people and the targeting of unarmed civilians is a crime that must be confronted and stopped immediately.

The United States is complicit in the crimes of the Zionist entity in Gaza and is responsible for them.

The Islamic nation must stand against the aggression on Gaza and set aside its differences.

Thu, Mar 20, 2:01 PM (Palestine Time)

Artillery Shelling on Al-Shaboura Camp in Central Rafah

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli warplanes targeted a mosque simultaneously with artillery shelling on Al-Shaboura camp in central Rafah.

Thu, Mar 20, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Indonesian Hospital in Gaza Faces Catastrophic Conditions

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: The director of the Indonesian Hospital in Gaza confirmed to Al Jazeera that they are facing severe shortages of fuel, supplies, medicines, and oxygen. He added that the situation in Gaza is catastrophic, with the region experiencing genocide

Thu, Mar 20, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Supreme Court Rejects Petition Against Dismissal of Shin Bet Chief

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported that the Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition against the dismissal of the Shin Bet chief, affirming the government's authority to make the decision.

Thu, Mar 20, 11:48 AM (Palestine Time)

Hamas Spokesperson: Talks Continue to Stop Occupation's Aggression

ABDUL LATIF AL-QANOU, HAMAS SPOKESPERSON:

Talks are ongoing with mediators regarding stopping the aggression against our people and compelling the Israeli occupation to adhere to the agreement and abandon its plans.

We remain committed to the ceasefire agreement and are working with mediators to spare our people from permanent war and ensure the occupation's withdrawal from Gaza.

The siege on Gaza, its starvation, and the genocide there require urgent action from the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to save our people from extermination, prevent their starvation, and lift the siege.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Phone Call Between Egyptian Foreign Minister and Qatari Prime Minister on Gaza

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY:

A phone call took place on Wednesday between the Egyptian Foreign Minister and the Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

The Egyptian and Qatari sides discussed the latest developments in Gaza and efforts to solidify a ceasefire agreement.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Cabinet Meeting Postponed to Saturday

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that the Israeli cabinet meeting has been postponed to Saturday. The Israeli government will meet today to discuss the dismissal of the Shin Bet chief.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

US Authorities Detain Pro-Palestine Indian Researcher

WASHINGTON POST:

US immigration authorities detained an Indian researcher from Georgetown University who was living legally on a student visa.

The US Department of Homeland Security accuses the researcher of spreading Hamas propaganda and anti-Semitism on social media.

The Department of Homeland Security claims the researcher was linked to a senior Hamas advisor.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Military Officials: We Need 10,000 Additional Soldiers

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli military officials stated that an additional 10,000 soldiers are needed “to strengthen Israel’s defense and maintain buffer zones.”

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Financial Times: Israel's Ongoing War Exhausts Israeli Army

FINANCIAL TIMES (citing sources):

Israel’s ongoing war is exhausting the Israeli army to the extreme.

Reserve soldiers warn of increasing depletion of the army as the country approaches a full-scale conflict in Gaza.

For the first time since the start of the war, there may be a chance that some reserve soldiers will not report for duty.

Reserve soldiers may suspend their service if they feel they are sacrificing themselves to achieve the goals of the right wing.

An intelligence officer and an Israeli pilot were discharged after declaring they would not participate in a war that does not serve the people’s interests.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Government Legal Advisor Opposes Dismissal of Shin Bet Chief

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli government’s legal advisor stated that the decision to dismiss the Shin Bet chief cannot be proposed without referring to the High Appointments Committee.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Iran: We Condemn US Aggression on Yemen and Israeli Genocide in Gaza

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: The Iranian Foreign Ministry stated that it condemns “the continued US aggression on Yemen and the genocide committed by the Zionist entity in Gaza.”

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Airstrikes Destroy 10 Homes and a Mosque in Gaza

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli airstrikes destroyed 10 homes, an aid warehouse, and a mosque in northern and southern Gaza early Thursday morning.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:57 PM (Palestine Time)

Over 500 Killed: Gaza Death Toll Rises as Israel Resumes Genocidal War

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: The death toll in Gaza has risen to over 500 as Israel continues its aggressive airstrikes and ground operations, leaving hundreds of Palestinians dead and injured.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

11 Killed in Khan Yunis

AL-JAZEERA: The death toll has risen to 11 after Israeli forces shelled three homes east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Israeli Army Begins Large-Scale Military Maneuvers in Golan Heights

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli media reported that the Israeli army began large-scale military maneuvers in the Golan Heights on Thursday morning.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:57 PM (Palestine Time)

From Malcolm X to Palestine: A Global Struggle for Justice w/ Butch Ware - FloodGate Podcast

Dr. Butch Ware join Karan Singh and Zarefah Baroud to discuss the global struggle for justice, connecting the US civil rights movement and Palestine's fight for liberation.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Death Toll Rises to 37 in Gaza Due to Israeli Bombing

AL-JAZEERA: The death toll has risen to 37 due to ongoing Israeli bombardment in northern and southern Gaza since dawn.

Thu, Mar 20, 3:51 PM (Palestine Time)

Israeli PM Netanyahu Evacuated after Missile Fired from Yemen

PALESTINE CHRONICLE: Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu was evacuated from the Knesset to a secure location after air raid sirens were triggered by a missile launched from Yemen.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

Plane Diverted Due to Yemeni Missile

ISRAELI MEDIA: Israeli Channel 12 reported that a plane en route from London to Ben Gurion Airport diverted at the last moment after sirens sounded in Tel Aviv.

Thu, Mar 20, 10:59 AM (Palestine Time)

13 Israelis Injured after Missile Launch from Yemen

ISRAELI MEDIA: The Israeli ambulance service announced that 13 people were injured while heading to shelters following sirens triggered by a missile launched from Yemen