



ISRAEL UPDATE

with Pastor Trey Graham



October 18, 2023

How Many Casualties in the Terrorist Attacks?

- Population of Israel in 2023 is 9.1 million
 - At least 1,400 Israelis killed (soldiers and civilians)
 - At least 4,200 wounded
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- Population of the United States in 2023 is 340 million
 - Equal proportion... 52,300 killed
 - Equal proportion... 156,900 wounded

Texas is 32
times larger
than Israel



● The rates of reserve recruitment are %130 which is far beyond the expectations of the Israeli army and more Israeli reserve soldiers are on their way from vacations all over the world to join the war effort. This goes contrary to the threats of some reservists prior to the attack, to refuse joining the army because of the inner divisions.

● Israel currently has about 400,000 soldiers divided between the southern (Gaza) and northern (Lebanon) fronts getting ready for the command to start a ground assault and finish off Hamas and possibly the same threat from Hizballa in Lebanon.

The Data Analytics Desk at the INSS provides accurate and updated data during the Swords of Iron War, covering information on the Israeli internal front, the Gaza and Northern fronts, the West Bank, and the international arena. Scroll down for the interactive map.

Swords of Iron: An Overview

The Israeli Front, Updated 13:50 18.10.23



Rockets Fired
into Israel

>6,900

Reservists

360,000

Kidnapped Israelis

199**

Evacuated
Israeli
Towns

54

Israeli Casualties

1,400 Killed,* 4,475 Injured

The view from Kfar Aza, where Israelis were slaughtered by Hamas terrorists

Rockets, checkpoints, and a constant movement of military vehicles. Among the soldiers: resolve.

By YONAH JEREMY BOB

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Israeli soldiers around the destruction caused by Hamas Militants in Kibbutz Kfar Aza, near the Israeli-Gaza border, in southern Israel, October 10, 2023. (photo credit: Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)



Kfar Aza is a kibbutz in southern Israel. Located between Netivot and Sderot around 3 miles east of Gaza



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FROM AFP NEWS

Israeli Survivor Returns To Scene Of Hamas Kibbutz Massacre

By Daphne Rousseau October 18, 2023

NEWS Israel At War

Death, destruction, debris mark borderline kibbutz communities near Gaza

Kibbutz Kfar Aza is a silent museum of human and physical destruction, whose tableau of carnage is testimony to the hours-long attack that gutted this once-serene place.

The stench of death fills the air. The signs of carnage and destruction are all around.

Ten days after Hamas terrorists from the Gaza Strip carried out the most lethal assault on Israel in the last half-century, two border-area Israeli communities remain the scene of the wanton horror that struck on Oct. 7, a Shabbat morning and on the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, indelibly changing the face of the modern-day State of Israel forever.

Kibbutz Kfar Aza, which means “Gaza village” in English, was previously a bucolic stretch of green in the southern desert with a school and a synagogue—home to about 1,000 residents. It is now a silent museum of destruction whose tableau of carnage is testimony to the hours-long attack that gutted this once-serene place.

An eerie silence filled the air on Tuesday, with residents now all gone, punctured only by the thunderous booms of explosions rocking the Gaza Strip.

Walking through the communal farm is a trial to the mind and eyes. There is a fallen paraglider and a bullet-filled half-demolished vehicle that the terrorists used in their attack, where they stopped right outside the kibbutz kindergarten. The doors of many of the stucco homes have been blown from their hinges by terrorists using rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank missiles, while throughout the town torched cars are riddled with bullets, leading to an even worse path of destruction.

Doors and outer walls of what used to be a row of neatly kept homes of young couples are blasted wide open. Inside, complete and utter destruction: The blackened skeletal remains of the houses that were set afire, often to goad the residents out to be captured, are virtually all that remain. In others, mattresses and inner household walls spattered with blood. Everywhere is the omnipresent smell of death.

More horror to meet the eye: a baby’s stroller and children’s toys overturned in the courtyard; clothing strewn on the floor outside; plastic chairs turned upside down; burnt and blackened scooters, tractors and motorbikes laying as lifeless as the village itself minus the now-heavy military presence. In one house, all that remained was a picture of a smiling couple on the wall.

“I cannot express in words the scene of Jewish soldiers collecting the burnt bones of their own brothers and sisters,” said Col. Golan Vach, commander of the search-and-rescue team in a briefing to a group of foreign ambassadors and Israeli parliamentarians.

Vach, who has rescued people trapped around the world from earthquakes over the last two decades, including most recently 19 Turks after that country’s recent natural disaster, said he has never witnessed such barbarity in all his service. “In all my years, I have never witnessed such willful evil both to intentionally slaughter, massacre and humiliate,” he said. “It’s not a battlefield. It’s a massacre.”

He described young girls and boys shot in the head, girls raped—some concentrated in groups and burned.

In this kibbutz alone, about 70 people were killed in the hours-long onslaught, while others have been kidnapped to Gaza, according to tentative figures.

“When we say never again talking about the Holocaust, what we see here is nothing less than a genocide,” said Knesset member Sharren Haskel, who organized the cross-party visit of lawmakers, as well as the ambassadors from Chile and Paraguay; the deputy ambassador of Spain; and the Consul of the Czech Republic.

In the next block of homes, the chilling scene of destruction continues. Vach explained that the decapitated remains of a soldier were found in front of one of the destroyed homes with his head missing, taken by the terrorists as a trophy back to Gaza.

Just ahead, looking out at northern Gaza, the gate that once protected residents had been blasted open.

It was in these very fields that Ofir Libstein, mayor of the nearby Sha’ar HaNegev community, had dreamed of creating a joint industrial area with his Palestinian neighbors, Haskel said. On Saturday morning, he was gunned down outside his home—his dream and visions of peaceful relations obliterated, like his very life.

**Before you attended this rally,
did you read about what
happened in Kfar Aza?**

News

'This community is our community': Thousands show up in Dallas to march for Palestinians

KERA | By Stella M. Chávez

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Vicki and Frank Nassar marching in Downtown Dallas during a Free Palestine rally on October 15, 2023.

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Thousands of people rallied in front of Dallas City Hall on Sunday to show support for Palestinians and to speak out against Israel's military action in Gaza. Some carried signs that read "Free Palestine," "Decolonize Palestine" and "From The River To Sea Palestine Will Be Free."

NEWS > FAITH

Protesters march in Dallas to support Palestine amid Israel's response to Hamas attack

A designated legal observer believes the "All Out for Palestine" protest was the largest demonstration in Dallas since 2020.



Ahmed Abunijmeh waves a Palestinian flag while riding in a vehicle on Ervay Street during a protest titled "All Out for Palestine" near Dallas City Hall, on Oct. 15. (Ben Torres / Special Contributor)

By [Joy Ashford](#)

7:27 PM on Oct 15, 2023



Organizers at the Dallas protest Sunday led the crowd in chants of “free, free, free Palestine” and “hey hey, ho ho, the occupation’s got to go,” condemning Israel’s occupation of the Palestinian territories. Many attendees held signs, with slogans including “The US is funding genocide,” “‘Truth is on the side of the oppressed’ - Malcolm X” and “one Holocaust doesn’t justify another.”



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Remarks by President Biden on the October 7th Terrorist Attacks and the Resilience of the State of Israel and its People | Tel Aviv, Israel

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/10/18/remarks-by-president-biden-on-the-october-7th-terrorist-attacks-and-the-resilience-of-the-state-of-israel-and-its-people-tel-aviv-israel/>

“Thank you, Joe Biden” – quotes from the US President’s Speech in Israel on 10/18/23

- As long as the United States stands — and we will stand forever — we will not let you ever be alone. Most importantly, the — I know the recent terrorist assault on the people of this nation has left a deep, deep wound.
- More than 1,300 innocent Israelis killed, including at least 31 American citizens, by the terrorist group Hamas.
- Hundreds — hundreds of young people at a music festival of — the festival was for peace — for peace — gunned down as they ran for their lives.
- Scores of innocents — from infants to elderly grandparents, Israelis and Americans — taken hostage. Children slaughtered. Babies slaughtered. Entire families massacred. Rape, beheadings, bodies burned alive.
- Hamas committed atrocities that recall the worst ravages of ISIS, unleashing pure unadulterated evil upon the world. There is no rationalizing it, no excusing it. Period. The brutality we saw would have cut deep anywhere in the world, but it cuts deeper here in Israel.
- October 7th, which was a sacred to — a sacred Jewish holiday, became the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. It has brought to the surface painful memories and scars left by a millennia of antisemitism and the genocide of the Jewish people. The world watched then, it knew, and the world did nothing. We will not stand by and do nothing again. Not today, not tomorrow, not ever.

“Thank you, Joe Biden” – quotes from the US President’s Speech in Israel on 10/18/23

- To those who are living in limbo waiting desperately to learn the fate of loved ones, especially to families of the hostages: You’re not alone. We’re working with partners throughout the region, pursuing every avenue to bring home those who are being held captive by Hamas.
- My administration has been in close touch with your leadership from the first moments of this attack, and we are going to make sure we have — you have what you need to protect your people, to defend your nation.
- For decades, we’ve ensured Israel’s qualitative military edge. And later this week, I’m going to ask the United States Congress for an unprecedented support package for Israel’s defense.
- We are going to keep Iron Dome fully supplied so it can continue standing sentinel over Israeli skies, saving Israeli lives.
- We have moved U.S. military assets to the region, including positioning the USS Ford carrier strike group in the Eastern Mediterranean, with the USS Eisenhower on the way, to deter — to deter further aggression against Israel and to prevent this conflict from spreading.

Thank you, Joe Biden, for your leadership and your support.

“Please be careful, Joe Biden” – quotes from the US President’s Speech in Israel on 10/18/23

- The State of Israel was born to be a safe place for the Jewish people of the world. That’s why it was born. I have long said: If Israel didn’t exist, we would have to invent it.
- Shock, pain, rage — an all-consuming rage. I understand, and many Americans understand. You can’t look at what has happened here to your mothers, your fathers, your grandparents, sons, daughters, children — even babies — and not scream out for justice. Justice must be done. But I caution this: While you feel that rage, don’t be consumed by it.
- And my message to any state or any other hostile actor thinking about attacking Israel remains the same as it was a week ago: Don’t. Don’t. Don’t.
- The vast majority of Palestinians are not Hamas. Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people.
- Today, I asked the Israeli cabinet — who I met with for some time this morning — to agree to the delivery of lifesaving humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza. Based on the understanding that there will be inspections and that the aid should go to civilians, not to Hamas, Israel agreed that humanitarian assistance can begin to move from Egypt to Gaza.
- Let me be clear: If Hamas diverts or steals the assistance, they will have demonstrated once again that they have no concern for the welfare of the Palestinian people and it will end. As a practical matter, it will — it will stop the international community from being able to provide this aid.
- Today, I’m also announcing \$100 million in new U.S. funding for humanitarian assistance in both Gaza and the West Bank. This money will support more than 1 million displaced and conflict-affected Palestinians, including emergency needs in Gaza.

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news carefully**

At least 500 killed in Israeli airstrike on Gaza City hospital, says Palestinian health ministry



By AP

Oct 18, 2023 12:52:14 PM IST (Updated)

The Gaza Health Ministry said an Israeli airstrike on Tuesday hit a Gaza City hospital packed with wounded and other Palestinians seeking shelter, killing hundreds.

If confirmed, the attack would be by far the deadliest Israeli airstrike in five wars fought since 2008. Photos from al-Ahli Hospital showed fire engulfing the hospital halls, shattered glass and body parts scattered across the area.

The ministry said at least 500 people had been killed. Several hospitals in Gaza City have become refuges for hundreds of people, hoping they would be spared bombardment after Israel ordered all residents of the city and surrounding areas to evacuate to the southern Gaza Strip.

📺 **LIVE** Hundreds killed in Israeli strike on Gaza hospital - Palestinian officials

Palestinian health officials say 500 people are dead after an alleged strike in Gaza City; the Israeli military says it is investigating.

Middle East

- Dozens killed as Israel strikes Gaza refuge areas
- ▶ Video shows moment girl is rescued in Rafah
- Thousands gather at Gaza-Egypt border hoping to leave
- Inside the exhausted Gazan city with a million mouths to feed



The Issue of a Dismantling Regime

500 killed as Israel hits hospital

- Saudi Arabia calls for immediate ceasefire
- Mid-east on the brink of all-out firing
- Jihadists were taking refuge in Gaza facilities
- Both parts scattered all over burning complex

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City Hall, North Western, and
an historic grounds on Hudson
are a few of the beautiful parks and
scenic spots that offer a relaxing
vacation for the whole family.

display being an endogenous determinant of the resulting life-history traits, and should give rise to early growth patterns across the entire life span, rather than a rapid early growth pattern followed by a period of stasis or senescence. The present study found evidence to support the latter hypothesis, with the life-history traits of the studied fish being determined by the early growth pattern.

Further, studies of children with autism, a spectrum disorder in which children display extreme social and communication deficits, have found that the amygdala plays a role in social and communication processing (Baron-Cohen, Ashwin, Ashwin, & Bull, 2009; Baron-Cohen, Ashwin, Ashwin, & Bull, 2009; Baron-Cohen, Ashwin, Ashwin, & Bull, 2009; Baron-Cohen, Ashwin, Ashwin, & Bull, 2009).

Several chapters in *From the Sun to the Moon* explore the transition to single flying when there is good communication after having entered all systems of the life cycle successfully, such as in the case of the well-known honey bee.

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These data are similar to previous studies of the health of women in their 40s, who report the highest rates of hypertension and the lowest rates of stroke in the population (10-12).

— **Quelle:** Statistisches Bundesamt, *Statistik der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667,

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Abstract: *Salmonella* Typhimurium is a serotype causing increasing human infections in Great Britain and Ireland.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2000; 283: 2669-2675.

The other two groups of students, one from a private school and the other from a public school, were selected from the same grade and were matched with the first group on the basis of their scores on the pretest. The students from the private school were selected from a list of students who had scored in the top 10% of the pretest scores, while the students from the public school were selected from a list of students who had scored in the bottom 10% of the pretest scores.

Stressors in the workplace have long been known to be one of the most important factors in the development of mental health problems.

Some research suggests that the use of the Internet to promote information is different from traditional print-based information.

CONCLUSION

For more information, contact your local distributor or write to: Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Division of Health Care Policy and Research, Room 520, 455 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

As a result, the following are the main findings of the study:

A consistent message by the authors is that a "transdisciplinary approach" is vital and the authors of *Pathways* helped to inspire those who are attached to the idea of a more focused and systematic effort, aiming to bring the future-proofed financial and technology sectors together. *Pathways* is a landmark

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**Yemenia
resumes
flights from
Sana'a**

These authors also argue that the results suggest that the impact of the program on the health of the population may be limited by the low level of health care services in the community.

Importing operators had comparatively low growth, but were important in helping boost the overall output growth of the electricity group, as well as the industrial sector. In 2002, the electricity group's output was 10.5% higher than in 2001, and the industrial sector's output was 10.5% higher than in 2001.

These officials, including Indiana's Attorney General, William Miller, and the Justice, traveled up from the coast that up peninsula that is better described as human effort than that nature had offered it, with its few shacks and its

Lowland rainforests had experienced less growth this July compared to July 1998, from the tropical equatorial zone affected by the El Niño drought, after the palmists returned to record the thickness of tree trunks in the Amazon.

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These studies were completed in April 2002 after results from a preliminary survey of the study methods and the World group, following a 170 telephone survey.

Wages for piece-work independent of productivity as a training device and for the satisfaction of the worker that will allow the employer to use a flat rate wage system.

The Wilson House project was awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The key message of the literature about communication between a user and a system, and that is a need for a 100 percent effort, is that in spite of the best service, the user, a 100 percent effort, is not always enough, simply because of the human condition.



Rashida Tlaib ✓

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Israel just bombed the Baptist Hospital killing 500 Palestinians (doctors, children, patients) just like that.

@POTUS this is what happens when you refuse to facilitate a ceasefire & help de-escalate.

Your war and destruction only approach has opened my eyes and many Palestinian Americans and Muslims Americans like me. We will remember where you stood.

Abbas announces three days of mourning over deadly Gaza hospital blast

By AGENCIES and TOI STAFF



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, September 21, 2023. (AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas declares three days of mourning after what he calls a “hospital massacre” in Gaza, a strike that Hamas officials blame on Israel and say killed several hundred people.

The IDF says it is still investigating the blast and whether or not it was caused by an Israeli airstrike.

Abbas announces “public mourning for three days and flags flown at half-mast for the martyrs of the Baptist hospital massacre and all our people’s martyrs,” the official Palestinian news agency Wafa says.

Egypt blames Israel for blast at Gaza City hospital

By JACOB MAGID



Smoke rises after Israeli air strikes in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, October 17, 2023. (Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90)

Egypt says Israel is responsible for striking Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza City, which reportedly killed hundreds of Palestinian civilians.

Egypt’s foreign ministry strongly condemns the incident and says that Cairo considers this “deliberate bombing of civilians to be a serious violation of international, humanitarian law and of the most basic values of humanity.”

The IDF says it is still investigating whether its forces were responsible for the strike, or whether it was the result of a failed rocket launch or other cause.

“Egypt called on Israel to immediately stop its policies of collective punishment against the people in the Gaza Strip,” the Egyptian foreign ministry statement adds.

Jordan cancels Biden summit with King Abdullah, Sissi, Abbas after hospital blast

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

[Protests swept through the region](#) after the blast at the hospital, which had been treating wounded Palestinians and sheltering many more who were seeking a refuge from the fighting.

Hundreds of Palestinians flooded the streets of major West Bank cities including Ramallah. More people joined protests that erupted in Beirut, Lebanon and Amman, Jordan, where an angry crowd gathered outside the Israeli Embassy.

Outrage scuttled Biden's plans to visit Jordan, where King Abdullah II was to host meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. But Abbas withdrew in protest, and the summit was subsequently canceled outright.

Ayman Safadi, Jordan's foreign minister, told a state-run television network that the war is "pushing the region to the brink."

Jordan declared three days of mourning after the hospital explosion and Safadi said the summit was canceled after speaking with all leaders. He said they had wanted the meeting to produce an end to the war, which seems unlikely now, and to give Palestinians the respect they deserve.

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Source: New York Times

Israel National News > News Briefs > IDF: Explosion at Gaza hospital was caused by Islamic Jihad rocket

IDF: Explosion at Gaza hospital was caused by Islamic Jihad rocket

Oct 17, 2023, 10:47 PM (GMT+3)

Explosion which reportedly killed hundreds occurred as rocket barrage at Israel passed over area of the hospital which was struck.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/flushes/617151>

Benjamin Netanyahu - בנימין נתניהו
@netanyahu



An analysis of IDF operational systems indicates that a barrage of rockets was fired by terrorists in Gaza, passing in close proximity to the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza at the time it was hit.

Intelligence from multiple sources we have in our hands indicates that Islamic Jihad is responsible for the failed rocket launch which hit the hospital in Gaza.

תרגום את הפוסט

23:02 · 17.10.2023

The Al Jazeera channel unknowingly saves Israel from the lie that it is responsible for the attack on the hospital.

Attached here is a recording of Aljazeera's live broadcast today against the background of Gaza. Pay attention to the broadcast time on the right. 18:59 - In the background we can see a failed launch that crashes inside the strip - exactly at the time when the red color warning was activated.

The line of reports running at the bottom of the page talks about the elimination of Iman Nofal so that the broadcast is certain from today.

That is, a reasonable period of time of about ten minutes from the moment of the fall to the Gaza news channels.



An important Russian intelligence OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) channel close to the Kremlin: There was no Israeli attack on the hospital and there is no indication that there were a large number of casualties.

IDF spokesperson:

An increasing trend in the failed launches from the Gaza Strip - The terrorist organization Hamas continues to place the citizens of the Gaza Strip as human shields and to use sensitive civilian compounds for military purposes.

Since the beginning of the fighting, the terrorist organization Hamas has been launching rocket barrages on a regular basis and using sensitive civilian compounds for military purposes.

- Amir Tsarfati

The launches are carried out from compounds adjacent to buildings containing civilian populations, such as hospitals, UN schools, mosques, restaurants, diplomatic buildings, and hotels.

The terrorist organizations Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad shoot indiscriminately at Israel and also harm the residents of the Gaza Strip. In the last day, there has been an increase in the number of failed launches that hit the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, the terrorist organization Hamas continues to use the residents of the Gaza Strip as human shields, and does not hesitate to risk their lives to cover up its attacks.

Israel says Islamic Jihad rocket misfire caused blast near Gaza hospital

After Hamas, Arab states blame Israel, IDF says analysis shows errant rocket fired by Gazan terror group hit Al-Ahli hospital's parking lot; videos appear to back Israel's position

By EMANUEL FABIAN, JACOB MAGID, LAZAR BERMAN and AGE...

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Bodies of Palestinians killed by an explosion near the Ahli Arab hospital are gathered in the front yard of the al-Shifa hospital, in Gaza City, central Gaza Strip, October 17, 2023. Israel said the explosion was caused by a rocket misfire by Palestinian terrorists, denying Hamas claims of an Israeli airstrike. (AP/Abed Khaled)

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-says-islamic-jihad-rocket-misfire-caused-gaza-hospital-blast/>



מגמת עלייה בכמות הירי הכושל מרצועת עזה

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אחוז השיגורים הכושלים מרצועת עזה מתוך כמות השיגורים היומית



Failed rocket launches fired from the Gaza Strip



**Al Ahli Hospital hit by the
Islamic Jihad Terror Organization**

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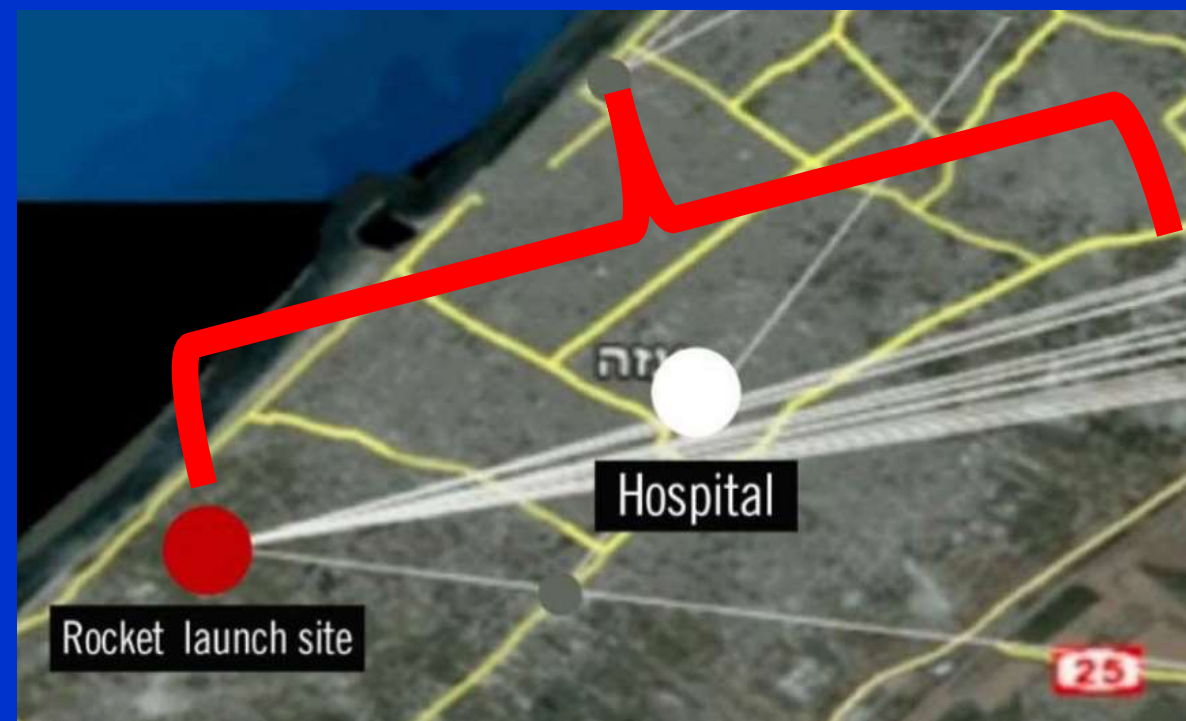
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Rocket launch site

***Taken by IDF Radar Footage**

IDF: Following the briefing by the IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, attached is a visual related to the failed rocket launch by the Islamic Jihad that hit the Al Ahli hospital.

Amir Tsarfati



British FM: Too many jumped to conclusions

Last night, too many jumped to conclusions around the tragic loss of life at Al Ahli hospital.

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Tlaib refuses to apologize for blaming Israel for Gaza hospital blast, attacks Biden

The backlash to Tlaib's remarks showed divides within the Democratic Party.

By [Oren Oppenheim](#)

October 18, 2023, 4:49 PM



Biden gives remarks following visit with Israeli leaders

The president met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other leaders Wednesday as Gaza ree... [Read More](#)

Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib refused to apologize Wednesday for saying Tuesday that Israel is to blame for the hospital explosion that day in Gaza, an accusation that sparked political backlash against Tlaib from Republicans as Israel denies fault.

Tlaib joined thousands of protesters calling for a ceasefire in Gaza during a solidarity rally hosted by the left-leaning group Jewish Voice for Peace at the National Mall. She was visibly emotional, at times pausing her speech to openly weep and criticizing lawmakers who have not backed a ceasefire resolution.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/tlaib-refuses-apologize-blaming-israel-gaza-hospital-blast/story?id=104085727#:~:text=Democratic%20Rep.%20Rashida%20Tlaib%20refused,Republicans%20as%20Israel%20denies%20fault.>

Why would the Hamas terrorists lie about Israel targeting a hospital?

1. Terrorists lie.
2. Terrorists lie to accuse Israel of war crimes to turn public opinion against Israel.
3. Terrorists lie to hide their own operational failures.
4. Terrorists lie to protect themselves.

Hamas leaders are currently hiding under the main hospital in Gaza. This is exactly why they fabricated the story on the attack on the other hospitals. They wanna make sure no one hits theirs. Them hiding under a hospital alone is a prof that they know very well that Israel never touched hospitals! - Amir Tsarfati

Trey's attempted summary of this "fake news"

Muslim terrorists who constantly target civilians failed in their effort to kill Jewish civilians and then accused the Israeli army, who never targets civilians, of targeting civilians when it was actually their own failed attempt to kill Israeli civilians that killed Gazan civilians.

And the world media, when covering a story about targeting civilians, believes the side of the group who ALWAYS targets civilians instead of the group that NEVER targets civilians.

Terrorists' rockets misfire and hit their own people

- Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, for what he deserves will be done to him. Isaiah 3:11
- He who digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him. Proverbs 26:27
- He who sows iniquity will reap vanity, and the rod of his fury will perish. Proverbs 22:8
- For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality. Colossians 3:25

In other news...

IDF notifies relatives of 199 people that their loved ones are Gaza hostages

Spokesman says military has information on the whereabouts of some of those who were kidnapped during murderous assault by Hamas terrorists

By EMANUEL FABIAN and JACOB MAGID

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Supporters and family members of Israeli hostages look at images of the hostages plastered on a wall during a rally outside of the Kirya military base in central Tel Aviv on October 14, 2023. (Gil Cohen-Magen/AFP)

IDF spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said the military has some information on the whereabouts of hostages being held in Gaza.

“We are making valiant efforts to try to understand where the hostages are in Gaza, and we have such information,” Hagari said.

“We will not carry out an attack that would endanger our people,” he added.

Israelis and foreign nationals — infants, children with special needs, octogenarians with chronic health issues — were dragged by terrorists into Gaza, with their whereabouts largely unknown since. While the majority are being held by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad claims to be holding 30 hostages of its own, further complicating efforts to bring about their release. It is unknown how many of those taken are alive.

Aviv bat Doron	Dvir ben Hagit	Michoel ben Rachel	Inbar bat Yafat
Avigail bat Samdor	Dod Carol ben Gartziya	Maayan bat Racheli	Anar ben Shira
Avinatan ben Ditzza Tirtza	Dor ben Irys	Matan ben Miriam	Kareen bat Osnat Isah
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Avraham Gilad ben Liat	Dor ben Galit	Navo ben Merav	Kim bat Miri Pinas
Avshalom ben Ruti	Dor ben Zered	Noey bat Chava	Keshet ben Natalia
Adar bat Daniella	Dor ben Sherona	Noah ben Adi	Room ben Tamar
Ofir ben Rishel	Daron bat Sara	Noa bat Leah	Room bat Mar
Ofek ben Ati	Daron Itias bat Tali	Noa bat Leora	Roomi bat Mariv
Or ben Avi	Dan Sasiy ben Sharona	Noa bat Mali	Roomi Rachma bat Sarah
Or ben Sima	Daniel ben Inga	Noam bat Hadas	Ronne bat Liach Sandra
Orel ben Marav	Danielle bat Ela	Nachaman ben Daganit	Ronne ben Barta
Or ben Einav	Dror bat Ela	Nitzan ben Vered	Roey ben Nitza
Oriel ben Naomi	Hili bat Margolit	Nitzan ben Yiska	Rotam bat Ariella
Oriya bat Chana	Hirash ben Rachel	Nitzan bat Ronit	Roz bat Doron
Osher ben Rachel	Vivian bat Shoshana	Noa bat Notzdhona	Rachel bat Felina
Osher bat Tikva	Ziv ben Tamar	Noam ben Celia	Rina bat Machla
Izbalah bat Natalie	Chava bat Sali	Noam bat Sharon	Sagav ben Galit
Eilat bat Rachel	Tal ben Mitza	Noam Liel ben Rutel	Shaham bat Rachel
Eitan Avraham ben Efrat	Yonatan ben Limor	San ben Sarah	Shoham ben Pazit
Eitan ben Chagit	Yahal bat Adi	Sahar ben Tamar	Shoshan ben Rina
Elon ben Idit	Yoal Kim bat Miriam	Sativan ben Irna	Shachak ben Marav
Eliyah ben Oodel	Yochi ben Ziva	Satrustah Tomar ben	Shanav bat Rachel
Eliyahu ben Chana	Yonatan ben Miriam	Orly	Shakad bat Bela
Eliyahu Yaakov ben	Yonatan Chai ben Linda	Sigal bat Ani	Sharon ben Limor
Hadassah Adi	Yosef ben Chana	Sigal bat Esther	Sharon bat Matuka
Aliana bat Yavganina	Yoram ben Miriam	Sativ bat Ati	Sharon bat Roti
Alisya bat Ludmila	Yafsach ben Shoshana	Adi bat Ahuva	Taier bat Adna
Alkas ben Uksana	Yitzchak Eziek ben	Adi bat Ziklav	Tomar ben Sigal
Elroee ben Iris	Tzipora	Adi Margolet bat Elka	Tamar bat Irya
Amir ben Rachel	Yeshi ben Talia	Aden bat Oreen	Taparat bat Sarah Sarit
Amiti ben Chافتzi	L'or ben Michal	Aden bat Alita	Gavriel Ben Shlomit
Amnon Saan ben Sarah	Lotan ben Naomi	Adi bat Shoshan	Idan Alexander (Yael)
Artur Aharon ben Mina	Liel ben Nardit	Omar ben Asnot	
Bachur Chay ben Hadas	Liel bat Yonit	Omar ben Sheli	
Ben ben Zahava	Lidor ben Batel	Omari ben Chagit	
Ben Benzion ben Mazel	Lidor ben Dita	Omari ben Raya	
Benihu ben Etel	Lilach bat Rena	Aiden ben Cochba	
Benyamin ben Elizavat	Liam ben Sarit	Aiden ben Dalit	
Bar ben Gili	Motee ben Mazel	Aiden ben Tamar	
Bar bat Nili	Mor ben Linda	Aniv ben Penina	

These are the
names (in English)
of the known
Israeli hostages.

Please pray for
them.

“bring My
people,
the sons of
Israel, out”
Exodus 3:10



“bring My
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the sons of
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Exodus 3:10

KIDNAPPED TO GAZA



Eitan Yerushalmi
15 years old



Abigail Idan
3 years old



Dafna Elyakim
15 years old



Ela Elyakim
8 years old



Ariel Biebs
4 years old



Kafir Bibs
6 months old



Amelia Aloni
5 years old



Noya Dan
13 years old



Yali Shoham
3 years old



Neve Shoham
8 years old



Sahar Calderon
16 years old



Eraz Calderon
12 years old



Emma and Yuli Aloni
3 years old



Ohad Munder
9 years old



Raz Asher
3 years old



Aviv Asher
2 years old



Tomer Arava
15 years old



Noam Avigdori
12 years old

SHOCKING VIDEO: In London, Muslim women tear down notices about kidnapped Jewish children

Muslim women tear off the walls notices put up about the plight of Jewish children kidnapped by Hamas.

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Woman pleads for return of 85-year-old grandmother taken hostage in Gaza

An Israeli woman posts a heartfelt plea on social media with a photograph of her 85-year-old grandmother in the hands of Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

An unknown number of Israelis were captured in Israel and taken hostage by the terror group during their assault yesterday on Israeli border communities. The number is believed to be several dozen.

“This is my grandmother, she was captured and taken to Gaza,” writes Adva Adar on social media. “Her name is Yaffa Adar and she is 85!!”

“My grandmother established the kibbutz with her own hands, believed in Zionism, in this country that has abandoned her, a hostage,” she writes. “She is apparently thrown somewhere, suffering from severe pain, without medication, without food and without water, dying of fear, alone.”



“bring My people, the sons of Israel, out” Exodus 3:10

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**85-year-old
Israeli
Grandmother**

Kidnapped from
her home **by Hamas**

Taken captive: Yaffa Adar, 85: 'The glue of our family'

Video of the great-grandmother on a golf cart among the first evidence that Hamas held hostages

By AP

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In this undated handout photo, Yaffa Adar sits on a chair in the garden at Kibbutz Nir Oz. (Adva Adar and Elinor Shahar Personal Management via AP)

Yaffa Adar loved reading, writing and keeping connected. Even at 85 she often sent her family messages and GIFs on WhatsApp. She was active on Facebook, her granddaughter recalls.

Yaffa Adar loved reading, writing and keeping connected. Even at 85 she often sent her family messages and GIFs on WhatsApp. She was active on Facebook, her granddaughter recalls. Keeping in close touch online became especially important in recent years as she found it harder to walk beyond her home in Nir Oz, a kibbutz near the Gaza Strip. Amid that physical struggle, she kept her mind busy and knew what she wanted, her granddaughter said. “She loved reading,” Adva Adar recalled. “So we were like, “We’re going to get you a Kindle.” What did her grandmother say? “No, I like the smell of the paper in books.” So when Hamas’ October 7 massacre at Nir Oz ended and no one could find Adar, her family worried. That concern turned to horror when video surfaced showing her being driven in a golf cart in Gaza, wrapped in a pink-flowered blanket. The footage was among the first evidence that Hamas had not only killed Israelis — more than 1,300, the vast majority civilians — but had dragged dozens to Gaza regardless of age in the most complex hostage crisis the country has ever faced. Some people speculated that Yaffa Adar’s unflinching demeanor in the video perhaps meant she didn’t understand what was happening. Not her family, which includes three children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandkids. “She absolutely knew what was going on around her. She wasn’t going to panic,” her granddaughter said. What’s frightening now is that her grandmother doesn’t have her medication for blood pressure and chronic pain. “She was really the glue of our family. She loved her life,” Adva Adar recalls. “She liked good food and she liked good wine. She was very young-minded.”



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IDF razes Palestinian pizzeria in West Bank after ad mocks elderly hostage in Gaza

Shop apologizes for flyer, claims someone else published it without its knowledge; owner reportedly arrested

By TOI STAFF

Today, 12:17 pm | 0



The IDF demolishes a pizzeria in Huwara that posted an ad mocking an elderly woman taken hostage by terrorists into Gaza on October 12, 2023. (Screen capture/X)

**What scripture might help
us at this time?**

Psalm 3

A Psalm of David, when he
fled from Absalom his son.

This psalm is set in 2 Samuel 15:13–17:24.

O Lord, how my adversaries have increased!
Many are rising up against me. Psalm 3:1

* Forces of the opposition had driven him from the palace and were then surrounding him. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

* King David is in the midst of unparalleled personal turmoil. Fleeing from his own son, Absalom, who sought his throne, David faced a kind of betrayal that cuts deeper than any other. The opening verses of Psalm 3 capture a feeling of despair and desolation. David acknowledges the multitudes that stand against him, who doubt his deliverance through God. – The Israel Bible

Many are saying of my soul, “There is no deliverance for him in God.” Selah. Psalm 3:2

* Their taunt was that he had no hope of being delivered by God. This arrogant remark was designed to say that God had abandoned David.

– Bible Knowledge Commentary

* Saturday’s brutal onslaught was a betrayal of the fundamental principles of humanity. As the terrorists ruthlessly took innocent lives, the nation, much like David, felt overwhelmed, surrounded on all sides by hatred and violence. Just as David’s adversaries doubted his deliverance through God, our enemies question and test the survival and resilience of the Israeli people. Yet, the psalm does not remain in this space of despair. It moves from lamentation to a profound expression of faith. – The Israel Bible

But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My
glory, and the One who lifts my head.

Psalm 3:3

* The antidote to despondency is, first, to assert divine truth,
and secondly to seek divine aid. – New Bible Commentary

* David speaks of God as a protective shield. The mention of
God as “He who holds my head high” is a poignant reminder
that, even in the face of despair, his spirit remains unbroken.

– The Israel Bible

“But You, O Lord, are a shield about me” Psalm 3:3

The psalmists often spoke of God as a shield to depict His protection (Psalm 7:10; 18:2, 30; 28:7; 33:20; 59:11; 84:11; 115:9–11; 119:114; 144:2).

I was crying to the Lord with my voice,
and He answered me from His holy
mountain. Selah. Psalm 3:4

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the
Lord sustains me. Psalm 3:5

* This line not only reflects David's trust in God amidst his personal crisis but also encapsulates the Israeli spirit. Despite the terror, life goes on. People still sleep, wake, and continue with their daily tasks, relying on the sustenance and protection of the Lord, our protective shield. – The Israel Bible

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of
people who have set themselves against
me round about. Psalm 3:6

Adonai Li, Lo Ira יְהוָה לִי, לֹא אֵירָא

The Lord is with Me, I Will Not Be Afraid

Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You
have smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.
Psalm 3:7

*The passionate cry of David, “Rise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God!” is an invocation for divine intervention. As David sought deliverance from his enemies, Israel seeks deliverance from those who wish to see its destruction. The hope and faith in divine justice and protection are palpable in David’s plea. The assertion that deliverance belongs to the Lord underlines the idea that the ultimate justice and salvation come from a higher power. – The Israel Bible

David knew his Bible (Torah)

Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said, “Rise up, O Lord! And let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.” Numbers 10:35

*Our study and knowledge of God’s Word becomes our encouragement and strength in difficult days.

Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah. Psalm 3:8

יְשׁוּעָה Yeshua Salvation, deliverance

* The closing of the Psalm, wishing blessings upon God's people, serves as a reminder of the collective spirit of the nation. It isn't just about individual survival but the survival and well-being of an entire people. In these trying times, Psalm 3 reminds us of the indomitable spirit of the Israeli people and their unwavering faith in the face of adversity. Just as David emerged from his trials with renewed faith and strength, Israel, too, will emerge from this crisis stronger, united, and with an even deeper connection to their people, their faith, and God. – The Israel Bible

Our Refuge and Our Strength



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Here we are again. Thousands of people living in the Holy Land simply want to enjoy life but are again faced with the threat of death. This week, Israelis are experiencing another in a seemingly endless wave of terror attacks. Terrorist forces in the Gaza Strip have fired hundreds of rockets toward Israel, intended to kill and maim innocent civilians. Sirens sound in the streets and red alert notifications appear on mobile phones everywhere. Some Israelis living closest to Gaza have evacuated their homes while others stay vigilant as they await the next siren, knowing exactly how many seconds they have to reach the nearest shelter.

According to IDF reports, this round of attacks has come from only one direction, Gaza to the south, but lovers of Israel everywhere understand that other rounds have recently come and can come from Lebanon to the north, Syria to the northeast, even from Judea and Samaria in Israel's heartland. How should lovers of God and lovers of Israel react to another barrage of rockets? While the rest of the world either willfully ignores the attacks on Israel or ridiculously blames Israel for being attacked, what should believers who know the Bible do?

It is sad that a Bible study needs to be written to reassure this week's victims of terror attacks. It is even more sad that this Bible study lesson can be on standby for use during the next wave of terror attacks. I would like to share with you a list of Bible verses that speak to the various fears and struggles that Israelis face this week. As we read them, we see scriptures that apply to so many needs that people have right now... Fear, Faith, Protection, Courage, Strength, Wisdom, Judgment, Hope and many others.

Let's take a walk through the scriptures, primarily in the Tanakh (Old Testament) but also a few verses from the Brit Hadashah (New Testament). Not surprisingly, many of the verses below come from Tehillim (Psalms), the Biblical prayer book for all generations. I invite you to breathe in the Lord's truth as you are reminded that lovers of God rest on a firm spiritual foundation.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. Psalm 121:4

The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever. Psalm 121:7-8

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. Psalm 31:4

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. Psalm 138:7

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Psalm 9:9-10

Blessed be the Lord, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; my lovingkindness and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and He in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me. Psalm 144:1-2

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

But let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy; and may You shelter them, that those who love Your name may exult in You. Psalm 5:11

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:19

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me,” declares the Lord. Isaiah 54:17

“When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. When you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. He shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’” Deuteronomy 20:1-4

You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word. Psalm 119:114

I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. Isaiah 43:2

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my savior, You save me from violence. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 2 Samuel 22:3-4

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:12-13

Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me. Micah 7:8

I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war. Psalm 120:7

But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head. Psalm 3:3

Even as I write this article, my phone keeps buzzing with the latest red alert warnings. Like many Christian lovers of Israel, every phone notification urges me to pray. I pray for the Lord to protect innocent lives and stop evil. I pray, concerned about the safety of my friends and their families. I pray, trusting God that He will keep the promises from His Word that we have read today.

God’s Word is full of hope for the weary and encouragement for the fearful. We could have listed many more scriptures today, but I ask you to take these thirty promises from the Bible as helpful reminders during Operation Shield and Arrow. They can be sources of strength while living with sirens and alerts. Sadly, I ask you to hold onto them for review during the next operation, hoping it never comes.

As beautiful as these passages are, I pray we never have to read them in this context again.

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Let's pray Psalm 20 together

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high! May He send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion! May He remember all your meal offerings and find your burnt offering acceptable! May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your counsel! We will sing for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God. They have bowed down and fallen, but we have risen and stood upright. Save, O Lord; may the King answer us in the day we call.