



ISRAEL UPDATE

with Pastor Trey Graham



October 29, 2023

This is our 7th update on the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on Israel. To listen to the previous teachings, please visit

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Last week's Torah portion...

- Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with **violence** [חַמָּס hamas].

Genesis 6:11

- Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with **violence** [חַמָּס hamas] because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 6:13

*The terrorist group's name “ Hamas” is an Arabic Acronym of “Ḥarakat al-Muqāwamah al-Islāmiyyah”

How Many Casualties in the Terrorist Attacks?

- Population of Israel in 2023 is 9.1 million
- At least 1,400 Israelis killed (including 311 soldiers)
- At least 5,400 wounded
- Estimated 230 hostages in Gaza (4 released so far)
- Population of the United States in 2023 is 340 million
- Equal proportion... 52,300 killed
- Equal proportion... 201,700 wounded

Ground forces hit Hamas as IDF warns north Gaza residents area is now a 'battlefield'

Multiple rocket barrages target south and central Israel, with no casualties; army says it will start allowing significantly more humanitarian aid to enter southern Gaza

By EMANUEL FABIAN

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A picture taken from Israel's southern city of Sderot shows rockets fired from Gaza toward Israel as smoke rises from Israeli strikes on October 28, 2023 (Aris MESSINIS / AFP)

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<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ground-forces-hit-hamas-as-idf-warns-north-gaza-residents-area-is-now-a-battlefield/>

PM announces 2nd stage of war, with broad ground offensive; says 'Never Again' is now

Alongside Gallant and Gantz, Netanyahu says decision to expand ground operation unanimous; says not sure Iran planned Oct. 7 but Hamas and Hezbollah wouldn't exist without it

By LAZAR BERMAN

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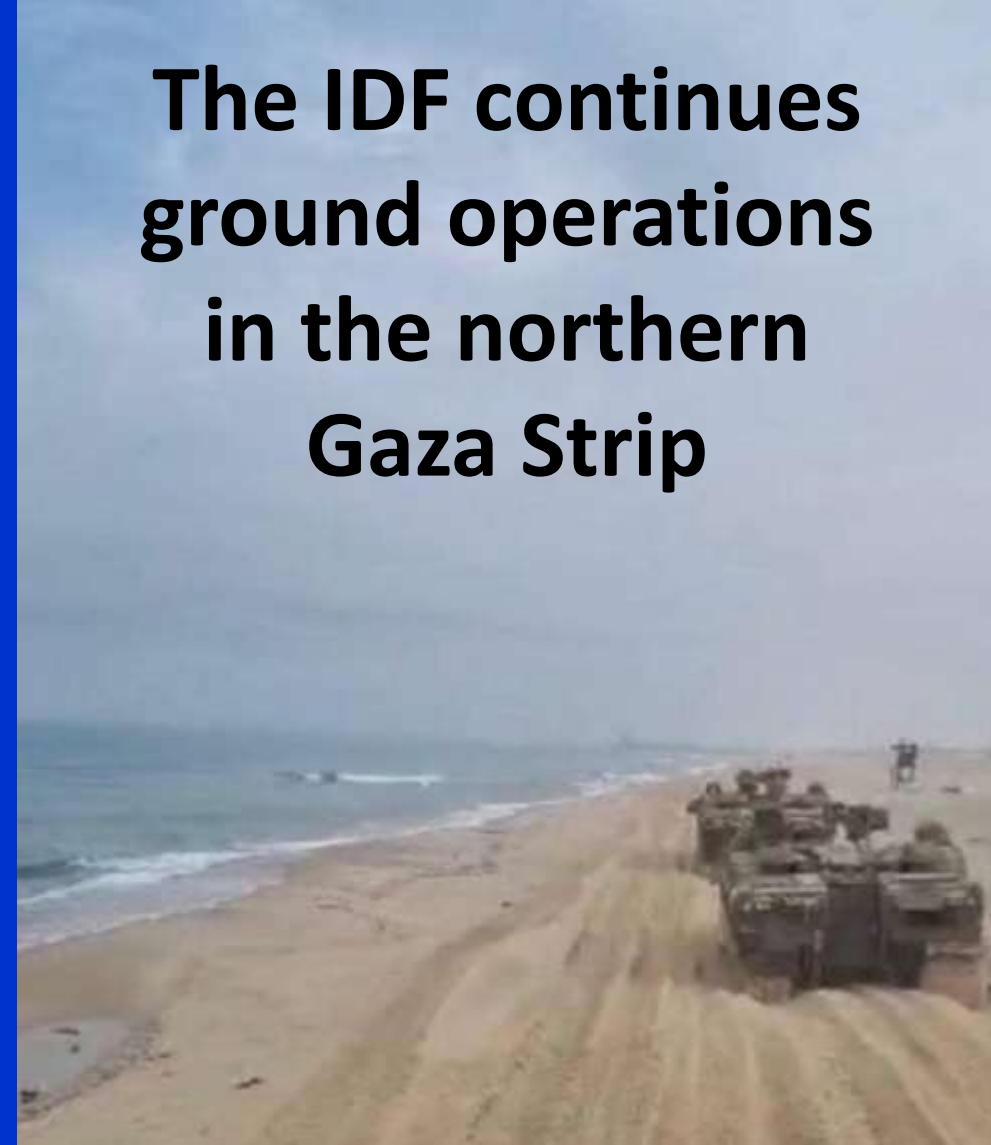


Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks (left) as Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant (center) and head of the National Unity party Benny Gantz (right) during a joint press conference at the Ministry of Defense, in Tel Aviv, October 28, 2023. (Dana Kopel/POOL)

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**The IDF continues
ground operations
in the northern
Gaza Strip**



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Guess what the Israeli soldier are chanting before they enter Gaza ?

אֲנֵנוּ יְהוָה הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא אֲנֵנוּ יְהוָה
הַצְלִיחָה נָא:

O Lord, do save [Hosanna אֲנֵנוּ יְהוָה], we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity [success]! Psalm 118:25

Israel strikes in Lebanon after Hezbollah rocket barrage

Rocket attacks from Lebanon continue to ramp up as Israel hits back at Hezbollah.

By SETH J. FRANTZMAN

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Israeli reserve soldiers seen during a military training in the Golan Heights, northern Israel, on October 27, 2023
(photo credit: MICHAEL GILADI/FLASH90)

Israel struck terror targets in Lebanon amid a Hezbollah rocket barrage on northern communities on Saturday. The widespread attacks in the North came after several days of relative quiet, and included rockets on Margaliot, Misgav Am, and the Bedouin town of Arab el-Aramsha. Three launches from Lebanon towards Israel were detected that fell in open areas. Following the October 7 massacre by Hamas, Hezbollah increased its attacks on northern Israel. More than 40 communities and the city of Kiryat Shmona have been evacuated. On Friday, Hezbollah terrorists attempted to launch rockets toward Israeli territory, the IDF said. “The rockets fell in Syria. Overnight, in response, an IDF fighter jet struck Hezbollah’s military infrastructure in Lebanon.” In response to the launches on the last day, the IDF attacked military targets of the terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanese territory on Saturday night.

Netanyahu: Hamas war is Israel's 2nd War of Independence

IDF launches ground invasion to crush Hamas in Gaza.

By MAAYAN JAFFE-HOFFMAN

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to the media during a joint press conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, in Tel Aviv, Israel, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023

(photo credit: MAYA ALLERUZZO/POOL/VIA REUTERS)

The IDF entered the Gaza Strip and is operating on the ground with support from troops in the air and at sea, Israel's political and military leadership said Saturday night. "Last night, additional ground forces entered Gaza, marking the beginning of the second stage of the war, whose goal is to destroy the military and political capabilities of Hamas and to bring our kidnapped citizens back," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in an evening briefing. "We are only at the beginning of the road. The war will be tough and long," the prime minister said. But he stressed, "We are prepared for it. This is our second War of Independence. This is our mission, our purpose in life, and together we will prevail." Netanyahu said that not only do "the people and the leadership stand behind our soldiers," but also the international community is rooting for Israel. "Our partners understand that if Israel doesn't win, they will be next," he said. "Many around the world understand well that Israel is not only fighting its war but a war for all of humanity, a war of humanity against barbarism."

Estimated 230 hostages held in Gaza (4 released so far)



Hamas says it wants all Palestinian prisoners for Gaza hostages

The IDF spokesman stated around that time that the official number of hostages in Gaza had risen to 230.

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF, REUTERS

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HAMAS GAZA leader Yahya Sinwar speaks at a rally marking Quds Day (Jerusalem Day), in Gaza, in April.
(photo credit: IBRAHEEM ABU MUSTAFA/REUTERS)

Hamas is "ready to conduct" an immediate release of all Israeli hostages in the Gaza Strip in exchange for all Palestinian security prisoners in Israeli prisons, the terror group said in a statement attributed to Yahya Sinwar. The IDF spokesperson, who was giving a daily briefing at the time of the statement, responded by suggesting that the timing of the statement was "psychological terror." "We will continue to exhaust all options to bring them home." The IDF spokesman also stated around that time that the official number of hostages in Gaza had risen to 230. Hamas claimed earlier this week that 50 prisoners were killed in Israeli airstrikes, but offered no proof. The comments were made by Hamas's al-Qassam Brigades spokesperson, Abu Obaida, on the terrorist group's Telegram channel.

Gaza Hospitals, Shelters Cut Back on Services as Fuel Runs Short

Israeli officials say Hamas has enough fuel but isn't distributing it to civilians

By [Chao Deng](#) [Follow](#)

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Gaza hospitals face fuel shortage



Hospitals in Gaza warn lives are on the line as fuel runs out. Isa Soares speaks with Dr. Omar Abdel-Mannan, who is a pediatric neurologist and founded Gaza Medic Voices.

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Gaza's hospitals treating emergency cases only as fuel runs low

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Aid agencies warn people will die if life-saving medical equipment in hospitals stops working because of fuel shortages

By Sarah Fowler
BBC News

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Israel Defense Forces @IDF · 3h

These fuel tanks are inside Gaza.

They contain more than 500,000 liters of fuel.

Ask Hamas if you can have some.



UNRWA @UNRWA · 5h

● @UNRWA warning: If we do not get fuel urgently, we will be forced to halt our operations in the 📍 #GazaStrip as of tomorrow night.

...

Why is Hamas so stressed about the lack of fuel in the Gaza Strip?
This diabolic Nazi terror group created a whole city underground with 1300 tunnels located 70 meters (229 feet) below the surface with a total length of 500KM (310 miles). Each tunnel is two meters high and two meters wide (6.5' x 6.5'). All are made of concrete that the western world donated for schools, hospitals, kindergartens, and more. These tunnels are protecting the top commanders and leaders as well as 30K of their "soldiers". Air for the tunnels comes via a ventilation system that uses engines operated by gasoline. This is their only source of oxygen underground. No fuel means no air. No air means they must come out of the tunnels to breathe. Coming out means being killed by the IDF.

Reality

Q: Are there innocent civilians in Gaza who are suffering?

A: Yes.

The responsibility for that suffering lies with only one side of this conflict... Hamas and the other Muslim terrorist groups directed by Iran.

In Gaza there is
no water to bathe
the children.
In Kibbutz Bari,
there are no
children left alive
to bathe



Hamas places missile launch pad next to mosque and preschool

The Israeli Navy struck a surface-to-air missile launch pad in Khan Yunis that was situated next to a mosque and a preschool.



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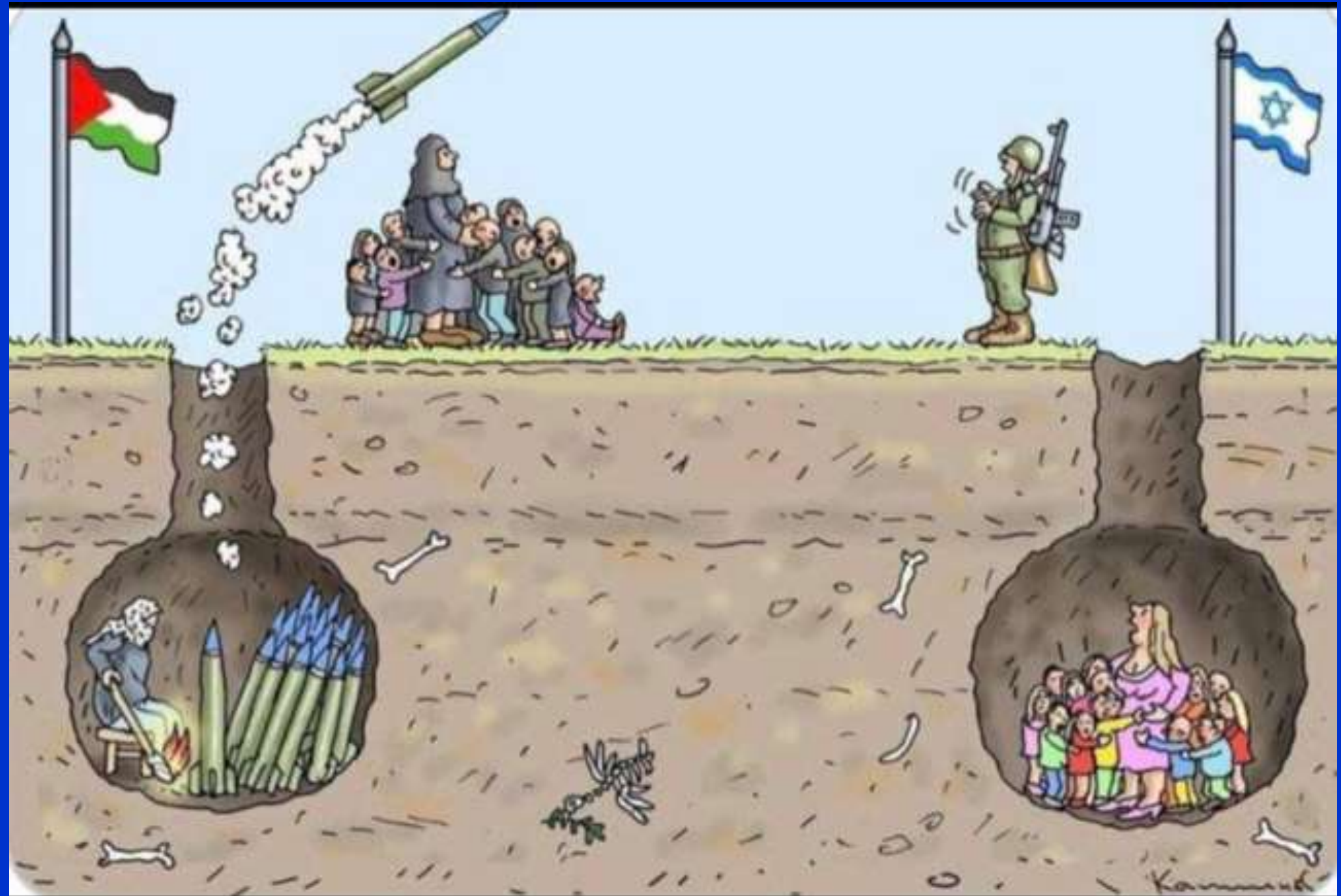
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<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/379199>

In the past day, IDF fighter jets struck 250 targets belonging to the Hamas terror organization in the Gaza Strip.

Among the targets that were struck were terrorist infrastructure, operational headquarters, terror tunnel shafts, and rocket launch pads placed in civilian areas from which missiles were launched at Israel.

In addition, the Navy struck a Hamas surface-to-air missile launch pad near Khan Yunis. The launch pad was situated next to a mosque and a preschool.





Ismail Haniya, chairman of the political bureau of Hamas, poses in front of the cameras, on Thursday evening, just like last week, with the aim of igniting the crowds to fill the ranks in the Friday demonstrations for Gaza that will be held tomorrow in various cities in the Gaza Strip.

On the one hand he tells in a particularly militant way that the condition of the resistance is excellent and on the other hand he complains about how difficult the situation is in Gaza due to the war of annihilation that Israel is waging against the citizens of the Gaza Strip...

They always like to hold the stick from both ends - both the strongest and bravest along with the poorest.

WATCH: Hamas head Haniyeh tells Palestinians why they need to die

IN HIS OWN WORDS: Hamas Leader Ismail Haniyeh, from the comfort of his home in Qatar:

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Hamas Leader Ismail Haniyeh: We Need The Blood Of Women, Children, And The Elderly Of Gaza - So It Awakens Our Revolutionary Spirit

October 27, 2023

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh called in an October 26, 2023 address upon all the "free people of the world" to stop the bombing of Gaza, which he referred to as the "new holocaust." He said: "The blood of the women, children and elderly [...] we are the ones who need this blood, so it awakens within us the revolutionary spirit, so it awakens with us resolve." He said that the demise of the Israeli occupation is "inevitable," and therefore, preparations must be made for the post-occupation phase. The address was aired on Mayadeen Network (Lebanon), and other TV networks.

<https://www.memri.org/reports/hamas-leader-ismail-haniyeh-we-need-blood-women-children-and-elderly-gaza-%E2%80%93-so-it-awakens>

UNVEILING THE ENORMOUS WEALTH OF HAMAS CHIEF ISMAIL HANIYEH: AN EXPOSÉ

October 16, 2023 by archyde



On Thursday, Saudi journalist Abdul-Azir revealed the size of the wealth of the head of the Hamas political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh. Al-Khamisa said, quoting The Times, that **Ismail Haniyeh's wealth is estimated at \$4 billion**. Pointing out that he lives a luxurious life between Doha and Istanbul while his people suffer in Gaza. He added, the war that Hamas started last week now threatens to bring more misery to the 2.3 million people living under its brutal rule in Gaza. However, Haniyeh (61 years old) seems determined to continue on this path. His income, he continued, is as mysterious as his group's finances. He allegedly embezzled charitable funds and imposed taxes on the use of tunnels to pass to and from Gaza. He even has companies operating outside Gaza. He concluded that although Gaza may provide his income, he shows little sign of concern for its people. When Israel warned residents of the north last week of the need to move south to avoid military action, Haniyeh criticized this. He said: "No to displacement from Gaza, and no to displacement from Gaza to Egypt." When he said this, he was staying at the Four Seasons Hotel in Doha, which Qatar pays for.

Hamas leader's daughter received medical treatment in Israel: sources

By Reuters Staff

Oct 2014



REUTERS

Hamas chief's niece has been hospitalized in Israel for over a month — report

TV news quotes sources saying Haniyeh's relative is being treated at Tel Aviv hospital after bone marrow transplant, was there as fighting in Gaza raged

By TOI STAFF

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A daughter of the leader of Hamas in Gaza was admitted to an Israeli hospital for emergency medical treatment this month after she suffered complications from a routine procedure, two sources familiar with the case said. Ismail Haniyeh's daughter's week-long admission to a hospital in Tel Aviv - which Israeli and Palestinian officials declined to confirm or deny - shows humanitarian coordination between the sides continues just weeks after the Gaza war ended. Haniyeh, who has 13 children, is the leader of the Islamist group in Gaza

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-gaza-hamas-daughter/hamas-leaders-daughter-received-medical-treatment-in-israel-sources-idUSKCN0I80LO20141019>

A relative of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh has been hospitalized in Israel for over a month, including during the recent fighting between the Israeli military and Gaza-ruling terror group, according to a report Thursday. Quoting unnamed sources with knowledge of the matter, Channel 12 news said Haniyeh's 17-year-old niece was being treated at Ichilov Medical Center in Tel Aviv after undergoing a bone marrow transplant. The Walla news site reported that the girl is 6 years old.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-chiefs-niece-has-been-hospitalized-in-israel-for-over-a-month-report/amp/>

A senior Hamas delegation has travelled to Moscow to meet Russian foreign ministry officials in the organisation's first high-profile international visit since it launched a raid in southern Israel on 7 October, killing an estimated 1,400 people and taking another 220 hostage. The delegation was led by Mousa Abu Marzook, a founder and political leader of Hamas, who met the Russian deputy foreign minister, Mikhail Bogdanov. Marzook, who lives in exile in Qatar, travelled to Moscow after an earlier meeting in Doha with Bogdanov and the Iranian deputy foreign minister, Ali Bagheri Kani... The visit has taken place as Russia appears to have aligned with Hamas and its ally Iran in a growing global divide between east and west. Vladimir Putin this week warned that an Israeli ground invasion of Gaza could lead to a broader regional conflict, saying that "our main task is to stop the bloodshed and violence ... otherwise, further escalation of the crisis is fraught with grave and extremely dangerous and destructive consequences. And not only for the Middle East region. It could spill over far beyond the borders of the Middle East."

UN resolution urging immediate Gaza ceasefire passes with overwhelming majority

Jerusalem denounces General Assembly's approval of 'despicable' Jordanian initiative that makes no mention of Hamas, vows to move forward with goal of toppling terror group

By JACOB MAGID

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Egypt's United Nations Ambassador Osama Abdel Khalek address the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 at UN headquarters. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-resolution-urging-immediate-gaza-ceasefire-passes-with-overwhelming-majority/>

A resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, which made no mention of Hamas, was overwhelmingly passed by the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, drawing praise from the Islamist terror group and condemnation from Israel.

The resolution called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all civilians, the protection of civilians and international institutions, and ensuring the safe passage of humanitarian aid into the Strip. The initiative was nonbinding but highlighted the overwhelming international support for the Palestinians amid Israel's military campaign in response to the October 7 Hamas onslaught. Israel has rejected calls for a ceasefire in Gaza, saying that it is committed to toppling Hamas to prevent another mass assault like the one that took place three weeks ago, when more than 1,400 people were killed. Gaza terrorists also took some 230 people — mostly civilians — as hostage into the enclave, releasing four of them since. The US has also rejected calls for a ceasefire, suggesting that it would amount to a victory for Hamas. It has, however, begun suggesting that "humanitarian pauses" be considered to allow more humanitarian aid into Gaza and to ensure safe passage of civilians looking to flee the areas that the IDF is bombing most intensively in its aerial campaign across the Strip

UN resolution urging immediate Gaza ceasefire passes with overwhelming majority

**Everyone knows now
what they would have done if they were
alive in Germany in the 1930's.
It is what you are doing right now.**

One-hundred and twenty countries voted in favor of the non-binding resolution introduced by Jordan, while just 14 — United States, Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Fiji, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay and Tonga — voted against it. Forty-five countries abstained, including Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Iraq, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine and the UK. France, Belgium, Ireland, Norway and Switzerland were among European nations that voted in favor.

Trey's attempted explanation of Israel's major problem with world opinion

Sentiments being expressed by governments and media:

- Those horrific terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians did not really occur
- If they occurred, they were not as bad as Israel claims
- If they occurred and they really were as bad as Israel claims, Israel deserved it
- If they occurred and they really were as bad as Israel claims, Israel should forget them and focus on other things (hostages, peace negotiations, etc.)
- If they occurred and they really were as bad as Israel claims, Israel should minimize its response to show compassion for “innocent civilians” in Gaza
- If they occurred and they really were as bad as Israel claims, it has already been three weeks and it is time for Israel to move on

*If you have a family member held hostage by Hamas...

*If you are a soldier on the battlefield...

*If you constantly live under the sound of rocket alarms...

What question are you asking today?

How Long, O Lord?

Psalms 13

Before we read Psalm 13...

- Psalm 13 begins with the header “For the choir director. **A Psalm of David.**” לַמְנַצֵּחַ מְזֶמֶר לְדָוִד
- Some other psalms written by David begin with a different phrase...
לְדָוִד מְזֶמֶר “of David a Psalm.” Examples include Psalms 101, 109, 110, and 139.

- Psalms 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 27, 38, 39, 40, 41, 51, 63, 108 and others begin with the phrase “A Psalm of David” מְזֶמֶר לְדָוִד
- In Psalms (like 101) containing לְדָוִד מְזֶמֶר (“of David a Psalm”) the Holy Spirit was upon David and then he sang.
- In Psalms containing מְזֶמֶר לְדָוִד (like Psalm 13), David sang and then the Holy Spirit was upon him.
- The act of singing is what connected David to Holy Spirit.
- King David began his prayer with sadness but would sing praises to the Lord anyway.

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? **How long** will You hide Your face from me? Psalm 13:1

- עַד-אַנָּה יְהוָה [ad anah Yahweh] is “How long, O Lord?”
- Even King David feels like God has forgotten him while knowing that He has not
- “How long will you hide your face from me?” means more than merely being forgotten by God. To say that the face of God is shining upon us is a way of saying that God is being favorable to us or blessing us. So, if God is hiding His face, what this must mean is that the times of blessing or favor seem to have ceased.

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart all the day? **How long** will my enemy be exalted over me? Psalm 13:2

- “In my soul” = wrestling inwardly (Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary)
- What David is really asking is “where is this headed?”
- Our enemy right now (violence and hateful antisemitism) has been exalted over us... in every media outlet and in many of our daily conversations.
- In Psalms 9–12, David is surrounded by foes, but here a single foe, a single enemy, is in mind (13:2, 3). (Source: New Bible Commentary)
- David facing his enemy is a template that applies to all people at all times.

4 times in 2 verses (Psalm 13:1-2)

David says “How long?” ad anah עַד-אָנָה

- These statements from David echo the 4 times in the Torah when God says to His people “**How long** (ad anah עַד-אָנָה) will I have to put up with your rejection of Me?”
- Then the Lord said to Moses, “**How long** do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?” Exodus 16:28
- The Lord said to Moses, “**How long** will this people spurn Me? And **how long** will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?” Numbers 14:11 (twice in one verse)
- The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, “**How long** shall I bear with this evil congregation who are grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are making against Me.” Numbers 14:26-27
- God called out to the people 4 times; David called out to God 4 times.

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, Psalm 13:3

- God, please don't ignore my pain.
- God, please answer me when I hurt.
- “enlighten my eyes” or “give light to my eyes”
 - David is saying “help me see You in this crisis.”
 - This is David's way of requesting divine wisdom or perspective on his need. (Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary)
- God, if You don't help me, I will not make it out of this struggle alive.

and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. Psalm 13:4

- Israel’s enemy called Hamas seems like it is overcoming Israel
- Our whole world has been shaken by the terrorist attacks
- There are adversaries of God who rejoice when Jews are killed
- There are adversaries of Israel who rejoice when that country is hurting economically
- You may have adversaries who rejoice when your family suffers
- We all have a spiritual adversary, known as Satan, who continually seeks to steal, kill and destroy (as Jesus said in John 10:10)

IDF publishes audio of Hamas terrorist calling family to brag about killing Jews

In recording, parents can be heard praising their son after he tells them exultantly that he murdered 10 Jews during Oct. 7 terror onslaught in southern Israel

By TOI STAFF

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4.4707E 0KM/H PROOF 4G DASHCAM 2023-10-07 09:24: Illustrative: A grab from a UGC video posted on the Telegram channel "South First Responders" on October 9, 2023, shows a Palestinian terrorist walking around the Supernova music festival, near Kibbutz Re'im in southern Israel on October 7. (South First Responders/AFP)

The IDF on Tuesday published a recording of a Hamas terrorist who took part in the October 7 onslaught in southern Israel bragging to his parents of slaughtering Jews, as Israel continues to put out further details from the murderous assault earlier this month. In the call, the man can be heard excitedly telling his parents that he is in Mefalsim, a kibbutz near the Gaza border, and that he alone killed 10 Jews. **“Look how many I killed with my own hands! Your son killed Jews!”** he says, according to an English translation. **“Mom, your son is a hero,”** he later adds. His parents are heard praising him during the call. Identified by his father as Mahmoud, the terrorist says he is calling his family from the phone of a Jewish woman he’s just murdered, and implores them to check his WhatsApp messages for further documentation. **“I wish I was with you,” the mother says.**

What should we do now?

How should followers of Messiah
Jesus respond to hurt and pain?

David prayed...

But I have trusted in Your **lovingkindness**; my heart shall rejoice in Your **salvation**. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:5-6

These 2 verses are said everyday in Jewish prayers before the Shema in a section called “verses of praise.”

In the midst of the suffering in Israel, can we join David in saying Psalm 13:5?

But I have trusted in Your **lovingkindness** [חַסֵּד *chesed*]; my heart shall rejoice in Your **salvation** [יְשׁוּעָה *yeshua*]. Psalm 13:5

Are we ready to proclaim?

I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully [גָּמַל gamal] with me. Psalm 13:6

It is as if David declares... “I am singing to God for what I have NOW, not for what is to come.”

The psalmist, assured that his prayer had been heard, resolved to rejoice and sing to the Lord for giving him salvation and for dealing bountifully with him. He fully anticipated the end of his long wait.

Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary

But I have trusted [past tense] in Your **lovingkindness**; my heart shall rejoice [future tense] in Your **salvation**. I will sing [future tense] to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully [past tense] with me. Psalm 13:5-6

*David trusted God and praised God even before the deliverance happened. (Source: Rabbi Chaim Eisen)

Psalm 13:1-2: The dimensions of distress are **spiritual** (Has the Lord forgotten?), **personal** (inward wrestling and sorrow) and **circumstantial** (dominant enemy).

Psalm 13:3-4: Identical dimensions of prayer: **spiritual** (Look, restored divine favor, no longer the hidden face), **personal** (light, renewal), **circumstantial** (enemy ... foes). True prayer takes every side of need to the Lord.

Psalm 13:5-6: Identical dimensions of transformation: **spiritual**, the hidden face is replaced by unfailing love; **personal**, heart-sorrow has become heart-joy; **circumstantial**, the rampant foe is replaced by divine sufficiency: good to me 'has made full provision for me', better understood as 'perfect of certainty', '... has determined to make ...'.

Prayer thus brings a full-orbed solution to the problem fully shared with the Lord.

Source: New Bible Commentary

How should followers of Messiah Jesus respond to hurt and pain?

Will I pray even when I am scared?

Will I sing God's praises even when I hurt?

Will I speak truth even when it is unpopular?

Will I call out for salvation to Jesus, the only Healer?

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.