



ISRAEL UPDATE

with Pastor Trey Graham



November 5, 2023

Lebanon's militant Hezbollah leader threatens escalation with Israel as its war with Hamas rages on

Nasrallah praised Hamas' Oct. 7 rampage across southern Israel. The militants attacked farming villages, towns and military posts, killing more than 1,400 people — most of them civilians — and taking hundreds of hostages back to Gaza while Israeli forces were slow to respond. It was “proof that Israel is weaker than a spider’s web” and one month into the war, it “has not been able to make any achievement,” Nasrallah said. He insisted that Hamas had planned the attack in secrecy and that Hezbollah had no part in it. “This great, large-scale operation was purely the result of Palestinian planning and implementation,” Nasrallah said.

Hezbollah's Nasrallah blames IDF for massacre of Israelis

The leader of the terrorist organization Hezbollah made a televised address about the ongoing war against Israel

By REUTERS, JERUSALEM POST STAFF

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Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah delivers his first address since the October conflict between Palestinian group Hamas and Israel, from an unspecified location in Lebanon, in this screenshot taken from video obtained November 3, 2023.

(photo credit: AL-MANAR VIA REUTERS)

In the speech, Nasrallah denied that Hamas had beheaded babies and claimed that there was no evidence to support these accusations. Mocking Israel, the terrorist leader said that in a whole month, Israel had failed to rescue any hostage or make any significant military achievement. The United States is responsible for this war, Nasrallah claimed. He also stated that the current war is a battle between "right and wrong", insisting that Israel's image of being a democratic champion of Human Rights was false.

How Many Casualties in the Terrorist Attacks?

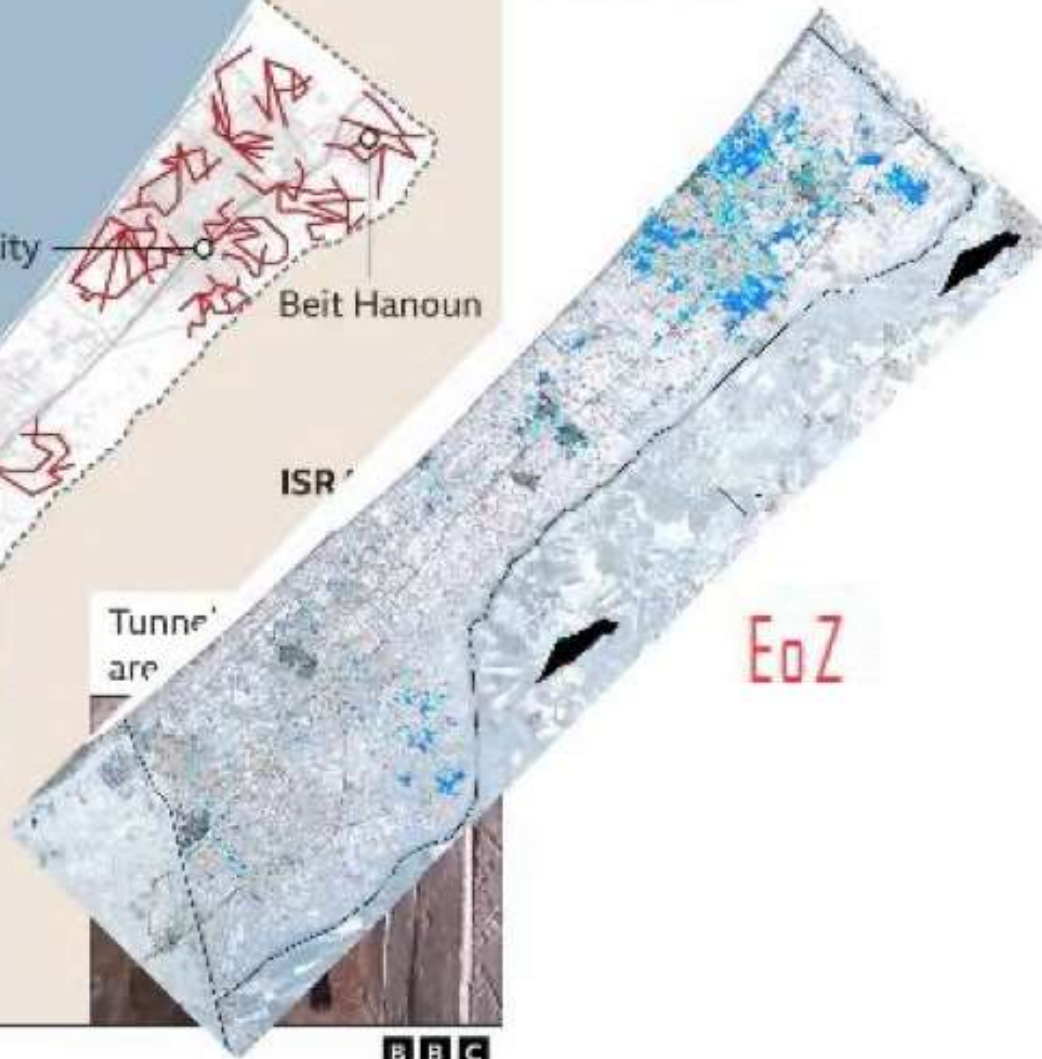
- Population of Israel in 2023 is 9.1 million
- At least 1,400 Israelis killed (including 345 soldiers)
- At least 5,400 wounded
- Estimated 241 hostages in Gaza (4 released, 1 rescued)
- Population of the United States in 2023 is 340 million
- Equal proportion... 52,300 killed
- Equal proportion... 201,700 wounded

Hamas's 'Gaza Metro' tunnel system in 2021

Israeli map showing tunnels allegedly destroyed in air strikes



NYT map of Gaza damage from airstrikes, October 31, 2023 (color enhanced)



If we compare the NYTimes map of damage in Gaza with the map of the "Gaza Metro" that the IDF had released, it shows that the IDF is targeting tunnels, and when we see buildings seemingly damaged for no reason, it is because the tunnels - legitimate military targets - were built underneath them.

US special forces said deployed to help Israel track down hostages held in Gaza

Senior Pentagon official says commandos on ground aiding efforts to 'identify hostages, including Americans,' NY Times reports

By TOI STAFF

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Families and friends of Israelis held hostage by Hamas terrorists in Gaza hold an event outside the Art Museum of Tel Aviv, calling the Israeli government to act, on October 28, 2023. (Gili Yaari /FLASH90)

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-special-forces-said-deployed-to-help-israel-track-down-hostages-held-in-gaza/>

The US has sent special forces to Israel to assist in finding hundreds of hostages held captive in the Gaza Strip by Hamas, a senior Pentagon official reportedly said Tuesday. Though the US has previously said it has sent military advisers to help Israel in its war on the Hamas terror group, Christopher Maier, an assistant secretary of defense, indicated that commandos have also been deployed, according to the report. "We're actively helping the Israelis to do a number of things," Maier said at a special operations conference in Washington. The comment came a day after Israel freed one of its soldiers who had been held by Gazan terror groups, though it was unclear what role, if any, the American commandos had in the rescue of Pvt. Ori Magidish, one of at least 245 people abducted when thousands of Hamas terrorists invaded southern Israel in a devastating October 7 attack that also killed some 1,400 people. Most of those being held captive are civilians, and several hold US citizenship. Israel has vowed to destroy Hamas and free the hostages, while diplomats from Qatar and other countries have attempted to negotiate their release. Maier, who is the Pentagon's senior special operations policy official, told the conference a key objective for the US personnel is to "identify hostages, including American hostages." "It's really our responsibility to do so," he said. Maier said the US commandos have not been given any combat roles but were discussing with Israeli forces the situation in Gaza for "what is going to be a very complex fight going forward." Though Maier would not reveal how many special operations forces are in Israel the NY Times cited other unnamed US officials as saying several dozen have been sent in the past few days. There was already a small team in Israel on October 7 for previously arranged training. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the newspaper that the commandos were joining FBI, State Department and other US hostage-recovery specialists who are working with Israeli counterparts. US Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin is known to be holding near daily discussions with Israel's Defense Minister Yoav Gallant in which he has reportedly stressed that any ground incursion into Gaza must be carefully handled due to the complexity of fighting in a tightly populated urban area, further complicated by the networks of tunnels Hamas has dug under the Strip to hide and move its forces. "We will work with them as much as possible to help advise them on those types of activities," Maier said.

Tracking U.S. Naval Assets Near Israel

Large U.S. Naval Fleet massing in the theater; Destroyer intercepts missiles

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1 IKE Carrier Strike Group



USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (IKE)
Nimitz-class Aircraft Carrier



USS Gravely (DDG 107) & USS Mason (DDG 87)
2x Arleigh Burke-class Guided-Missile Destroyers



USS Philippine Sea (CG 58)
Ticonderoga-class Guided-Missile Cruiser

2 BATAAN ARG & 26 MEU



USS Bataan (LHD 5) Gulf of Aden
Wasp-class Amphibious Assault Ship



USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) Gulf of Aden
Harpers Ferry-class Dock Landing Ship



USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) Eastern Med
San Antonio-class Amphibious Transport Dock

3 FORD Carrier Strike Group



USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)
Gerald R. Ford-class Aircraft Carrier



USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), USS Ramage (DDG 61)
USS Carney (DDG 64), USS Roosevelt (DDG 80)
4x Arleigh Burke-class Guided-Missile Destroyers



USS Normandy (CG 60)
Ticonderoga-class Guided-Missile Cruiser

Other Ships in Area of Responsibility but Unassigned*



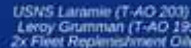
USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20)
Blue Ridge-class
Command & Control Ship



USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13)
Dry Cargo & Ammunition Ship



USS Stethem (DDG 63), USS McFaul (DDG 74), USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117), USS Bulkeley (DDG 84)
5x Arleigh Burke-class Guided-Missile Destroyers



USNS Laramie (T-AO 203) & USS LeMay (T-AO 195)
2x Fleet Replenishment Oilers



+ USNS Yuma (T-EPF 8) & USS Trenton (T-EPF 5)
2x Expeditionary Fast Transports

4 U.S. Coast Guard Cutters



6x USCGC Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters
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Israel Strikes The Largest **Refugee Camp** In Gaza: Claims Killing Of Top Hamas Commander

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What to know about Gaza **refugee camps** after Israeli strike on Jabalya

By Annabelle Timsit and Leo Sands

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Catastrophic damage after second Israeli airstrike hits Gaza **refugee camp**

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Jabalia: Israel air strike reportedly kills dozens at Gaza **refugee camp**

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Refugee camp??

Jabalia, Gaza has a shopping mall and a zoo!



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Dozens of deaths reported in Gaza refugee camp airstrike; Israel says it killed top Hamas commander

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This was CNBC's live blog tracking developments in the [Israel-Hamas war](#). [Click here for the latest Israel](#)



Palestinians search for casualties at the site of Israeli strikes on houses in Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, October 31, 2023.

Anas al-Shareef | Reuters

An IDF spokesperson said the Israeli military killed senior Hamas commander Ibrahim Biari, one of the architects of the Oct. 7 terror attack, during the deadly strike.

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.

"If the Arabs put down their guns there would be no more fighting. If the Israelis put down theirs there would be no more Israel."

— Golda Meir

*Former Prime
Minister of Israel
(1969-1974)



Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

*dwell יָשׁוּב yashab

*abide לִין loon

***Our calling is NOT to experience life as a drive-by, occasional relationship with God**

I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!”

Psalms 91:2

People around the world now are looking for a place of **refuge**. People are looking for leaders they can **trust**. People are looking for a **spiritual residence**, not a religious place to visit occasionally.

What you call God signifies your relationship with Him

- Most High El-yown עֶלְיוֹן
- Almighty Shaddai שַׁדַּי
- Lord Yahweh יְהוָה
- Refuge Mah-seh מַחְסֶה [shelter]
- Fortress Mat-so-dah מְצוּדָה [stronghold]
- God Elohim אֱלֹהִים

Video - IDF soldiers preparing for battle

For it is He who delivers you from the
snare of the trapper and from the deadly
pestilence. Psalm 91:3

Watch out for the snare...
Do we believe the lies?

IDF to open evacuation route from north to south Gaza Sunday morning

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF

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The IDF will open a humanitarian corridor to allow civilians to evacuate from northern to southern Gaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, the head of the Arab media division of the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, Avichay Adraee, posted on X on Saturday night.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-771741>



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قامت حماس اليوم بإطلاق قذائف هاون وأخرى مضادة للدروع نحو قواتنا التي حرصت على فتح الطريق من شمال قطاع غزة نحو جنوبيه لتمكنوا من حماية أنفسهم. عناصر حماس نفذوا ذلك لأنهم أرادوا أن تنقوا دروفاً بشرية لهم ولقاداتهم.

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"Today, Hamas fired mortar and anti-tank shells towards our forces, who were trying to open the road from the north of the Gaza Strip to its south so that you could protect yourselves. Hamas members carried this out because they wanted to keep human shields for themselves and their leaders."

"Despite this, the IDF will allow traffic on Salah al-Din Road tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For your safety, take advantage of this time to move south beyond Wadi Gaza," added Adraee. "If you care about yourself and your loved ones, head south according to our instructions. Rest assured that Hamas leaders are already taking care to protect themselves."

“Israel is making more effort to try to save Palestinian lives than Hamas is.”

– Israeli Ambassador Mark Regev

Israel agreed to allow 1,200 trucks of humanitarian aid into Gaza each day. Hamas will only accept 400.

Michael Oren

October 31, 2023

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Hamas tried to smuggle terrorists among Gazan civilians, US confirms

The White House official also said that "this is not the time to withhold funds from the Palestinian Authority - the opposite should be done."

By GADI ZAIG

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UN-flagged fuel trucks move towards the border crossing, amid the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, October 16, 2023 (photo credit: REUTERS/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa)

https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-771630?utm_source=jpost.app.apple&utm_medium=share

A White House official said on Saturday that the evacuation of the wounded and foreign citizens from Gaza was delayed because Hamas had tried to take some of its wounded fighters through the Rafah crossing to Egypt for treatment, Hebrew media sourced the official as saying. "A third of the people who were on the list that Hamas submitted turned out to be Hamas fighters," said the official. The official added that the administration is talking about a "humanitarian truce" and not a ceasefire, and claimed that it is impossible to talk about it "when a terrorist organization murders 1,400 people, kidnaps civilians, and hides in tunnels." President Biden's visit to Israel and a conversation with Egyptian President El-Sisi led to the beginning of the arrival of humanitarian aid, about 100 trucks a day, N12 reported, and he says that "they are working on it to increase." The conversation with the Egyptian president acknowledged that there are still foreign citizens in Gaza who have difficulty leaving the region. "Yesterday foreign nationals were allowed to leave Gaza but Hamas didn't allow them. There are approximately 6,000 foreign nationals and 1,000 Americans and their families who cannot leave because of Hamas," N12 reported him as saying.

A Snapshot of Support for Palestinians Across America

Marches in Washington, D.C., Ohio, Utah and California, with tens of thousands of protesters, reflect the many different groups calling for a cease-fire and lifting of the siege in Gaza.

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At a pro-Palestinian march in Washington on Saturday, the streets swelled with demonstrators, and the crowd was dense. Amir Ranja for The New York Times

Pro-Palestine protests in DC and across the US call for a ceasefire

By Zoe Sottile, and Abby Baghini, CNN

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<https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/04/us/washington-dc-ceasefire-protests-palestine/index.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/04/us/protests-israels-gaza.html>



California university offers extra credit for marching against Israel

Controversy erupted when a teacher at UC Berkeley offered her students extra credit for participating in anti-Israel activities in support of terrorist-run Gaza.

The University of California Berkeley is under fire after the school approved an instructor's plan to offer extra credit to students who participate in an anti-Israel march or watch an anti-Israel documentary.

Graduate student Victoria Huynh, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley, sent an email to students enrolled in her course, "Asian American Communities and Race Relations," about the anti-Israel extra-credit options.

The email promoted an event called the "National walkout against genocide, settler-colonialism, and the siege of Gaza," and informed students that they had the option to participate in the national student walkout or watch a short documentary on Palestine and contact their local California representatives.

This participation would count as either a field trip or an extra five points in the field trip category of their course grade.

After students posted a screenshot of the assignment on social media, the school faced heavy backlash, including with a diversity and inclusion organization that Huynh had previously worked for, Model Expand.

The post about the assignment received more than 1.9 million views in less than a day.

UC Berkeley received extensive criticism on social media, with concerns raised about the safety of Jewish students on campus and the broader implications of such actions by a teacher.

After dozens of media outlets contacted UC Berkeley over the issue, a spokesperson there responded that they are broadening the scope of the assignment.

In an official statement, the university explained that students could now attend any local event related to the course's subject, including protests, panel discussions, or book talks.

They could also watch any documentary related to the Middle East, not just those with an anti-Israel focus.

UC Berkeley's Assistant Vice Chancellor at the Office of Communications and Public Affairs, Dan Mogulof, said in a statement: "The situation has been remedied, the assignment has been changed, and there are now a number of options for extra credit, not just one."

The teacher's email also drew condemnation from pro-Israel activists who called it indoctrination.

"Extra credit for protesting anything is pathetic," Matt Sarelson, a Florida-based attorney, wrote in a post on X viewed more than 10,000 times. "Extra credit for participating in a pro-Hamas protest is evil."

Antisemitism Is Rising at Colleges, and Jewish Students Are Facing Growing Hostility

Some students report being spat upon and harassed, while some campus groups have forced out those who support Israel

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/antisemitism-is-rising-at-colleges-and-jewish-students-are-facing-growing-hostility-11671027820>

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Top law firms signal they won't recruit from college campuses that tolerate antisemitism

By Matt Egan, CNN

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<https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/02/business/law-firms-antisemitism-universities/index.html>



IDF says it hit Gaza ambulance carrying Hamas terrorists, several killed

The IDF said a number of Hamas terrorists were killed in the strike and said it had information that Hamas used Gazan ambulances to transport fighters and weapons.

By REUTERS

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Palestinians check the damages after a convoy of ambulances was hit, at the entrance of Shifa hospital in Gaza City, November 3, 2023. (photo credit: REUTERS/MOHAMMED AL-MASRI)

Israeli forces hit an ambulance that was in control and use of Hamas terrorists, the IDF said on Friday evening. In a post on X, the Israeli military said that an aircraft struck the ambulance, killing several Hamas terrorists inside. It said a number of Hamas terrorists were killed in the strike and said it had information that Hamas used ambulances to transport terrorists and weapons. Israel says that Hamas concealed command centers and tunnel entrances in al-Shifa hospital, and ordered all civilians to leave the north of Gaza last month and its military encircled the area on Thursday.

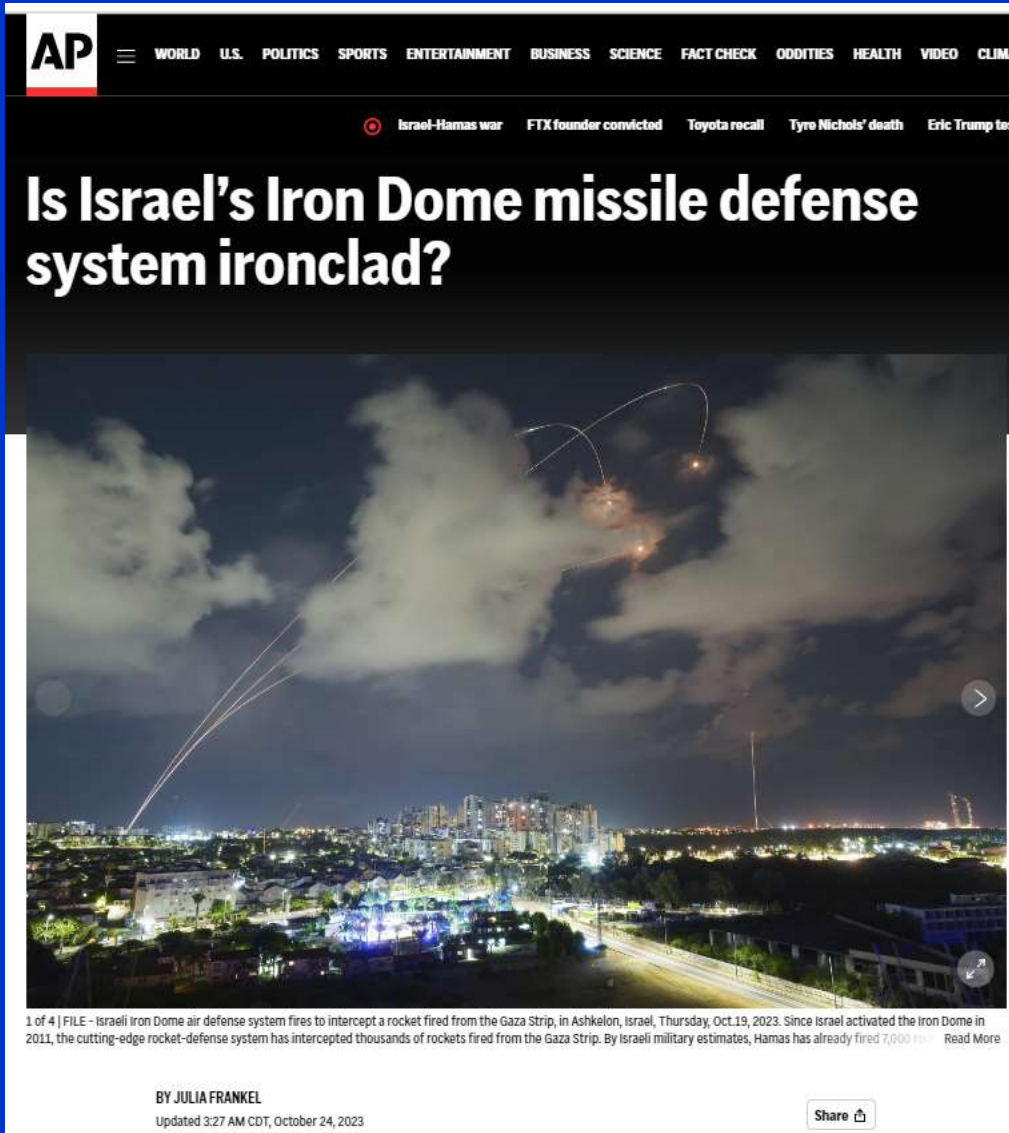
He will cover you with His pinions
(wings), and under His wings you may
seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield
and bulwark. Psalm 91:4

Pinion אֶבְרָה *'ebrah...* outer part of a bird's wing including
flight feathers

Divine protection is our prayer during terrorist attacks

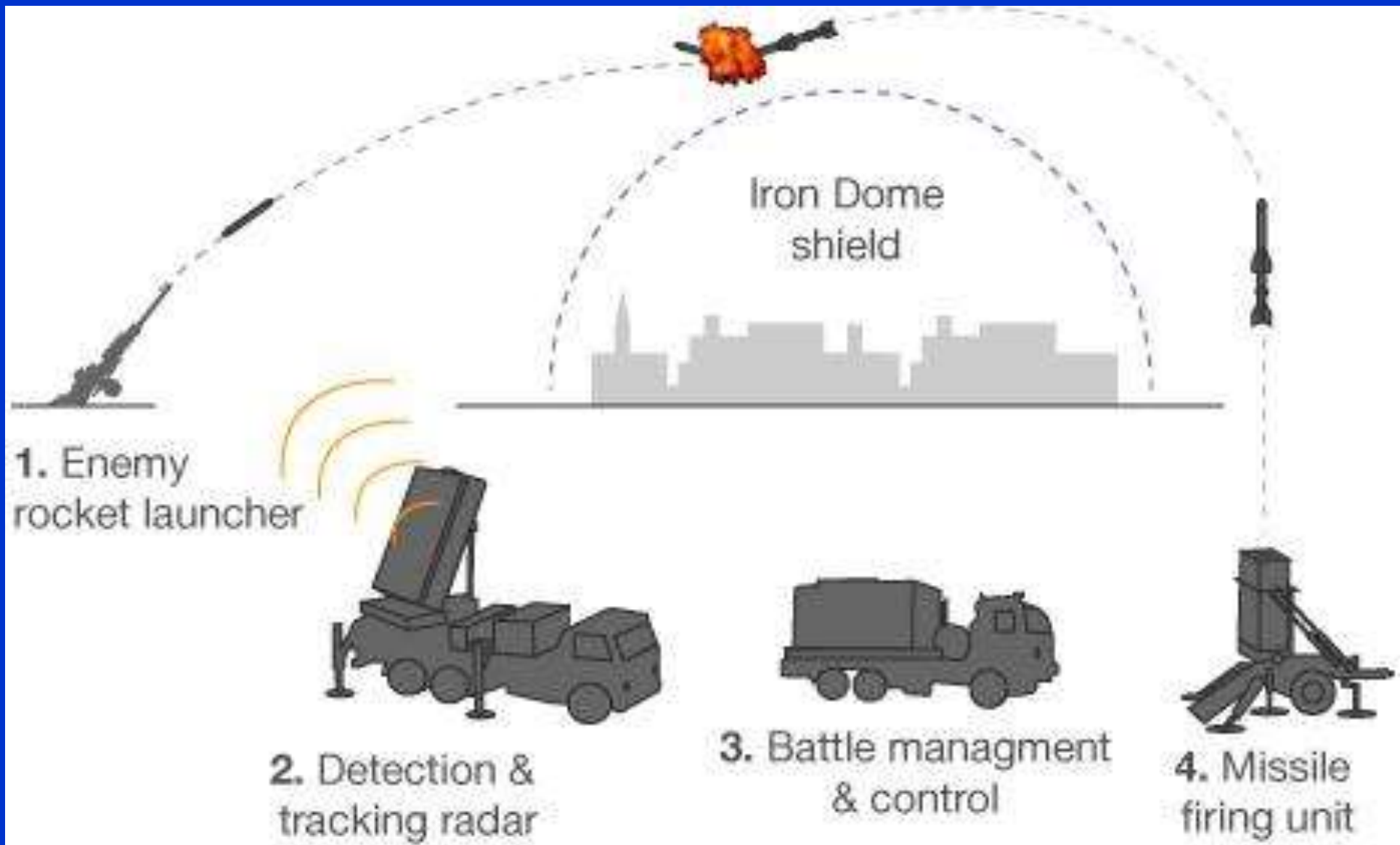
You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. Psalm 91:5-6

How many rockets have been fired at Israel?



Hamas has fired an estimated 8,000 rockets toward Israel, according to the Israeli military. That is more than any of the previous four wars fought between Israel and Hamas since the militant group seized power in Gaza in 2007.

How the Iron Dome works



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*Each interceptor missile costs about \$80,000.

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The Arrow (*Hetz* חץ) is a family of anti-ballistic missiles designed to fulfill an Israeli requirement for a missile defense system that would be more effective against ballistic missiles than the MIM-104 Patriot surface-to-air missile. (Wikipedia)

Israel's Arrow intercepts Hamas missile launched from Gaza

Previous missile launches from Yemen by the Houthis were intercepted over the Red Sea by previous Arrow system launches.

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF

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Arrow air defense system
(photo credit: DEFENSE MINISTRY)

You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; Psalm 91:5

Israel's [Arrow air defense system](#) intercepted a Hamas long-range missile launch from Gaza over the Negev desert on Saturday evening, according to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit.

"Following the initial report on the activation of a warning in the Arava area, one launch from the Gaza Strip was detected and intercepted by the Arrow air defense system," said the spokesperson.

The [Israel Aerospace Industry](#) congratulated the IDF on the successful operational interception of a long-range ballistic missile of the Arrow missile defense system.

A thousand may fall at your side and
ten thousand at your right hand, but it
shall not approach you. Psalm 91:7

*We are living in the days of spiritual warfare

You will only look on with your eyes and
see the recompense of the wicked
[רָשָׁע rasha]. Psalm 91:8

The Lord keeps all who love Him, but all the
wicked [רָשָׁע rasha] He will destroy.

Psalm 145:20

WATCH: 'Our mission was simply to kill,' Hamas operative tells Shin Bet

Following Abu Rusha's account, the interviewer asked: "Is killing children permitted in Islam?" "No," he replied.

By MAYA ZANGER-NADIS

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WATCH: Video of investigation into the activities in the October 7 massacre in Kfar Azza (Credit: Shin Bet)

Israel's Shin Bet released footage on Wednesday of a Hamas terrorist describing his actions in the south of Israel during the October 7 massacre. "The mission was simply to kill," said Hamas operative Omar Abu Rusha. "We weren't supposed to kidnap. Just kill." He specified: "[We were told] to kill every person we see and come back." The interviewer asked if he was told to make any distinction between men, women, and children. He said he was not. Abu Rusha was then asked what the goal of the attack was and why he was instructed to kill indiscriminately. "They told us that all the settlers were soldiers, there were soldiers. Kill every single one you see." His superiors told him that even the women were soldiers. "They told you to kill everyone? The women and the children?" asked the interviewer. "Yes." Abu Rusha was among the terrorists who pillaged Kibbutz Kfar Azza. "We got to Kfar Azza. We were inside a jeep. [Our guide] opened the fence on the border of Kfar Azza using an explosive device." "We went to the first house. There was nobody there. Hamzeh A-Zarad burned the exterior room. Afterwards, someone came out towards the garden in the back with a water hose. [Members of our team] saw him, shot him, and killed him. That's the first thing that happened." "Afterward, we went to the second house. We fired at the windows and broke all the glass. We got to the house, checked it, didn't find any people inside. I set fire to the bedroom." "We went to the third house. There was a woman inside. Hamzeh killed her. He shot her." Abu Rusha reported that his team examined another empty house and moved onto a fifth, which they stayed in for about ninety minutes. "Then three settlers came in our direction," he said. There was an exchange of fire during which Abu Rusha killed one person and his comrades threw grenades. "After that, the shooting stopped." They they went out into the orchards and hid in the trees for nearly two hours. They entered another house through the window. "We checked the house and heard the sounds of young children in the safe room. We shot at the safe room." He said that he and his comrades kept shooting until they heard no more noise. Soon afterward, they surrendered and turned themselves in. Following Abu Rusha's account, the interviewer asked: "Is killing children permitted in Islam?" "No," he replied.

'We will repeat October 7 again and again' - Hamas official

Last week, Hamad stormed out of an interview with the BBC after he was asked about the terrorist group's massacre of civilians in Israel on October 7.

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF

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A damaged and blood-stained kindergarten is seen following a deadly infiltration by Hamas gunmen from the Gaza Strip, in Kibbutz Beeri in southern Israel October 22, 2023.

(photo credit: REUTERS/AMIR COHEN)

"Israel is a country that has no place on our land," Hamas official Ghazi Hamad told Lebanese news outlet LBCI news this week, according to a report and translation from the Middle East Media Research Institute released on Wednesday. "We must remove that country," he continued. "We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do this again and again. The Al-Aqsa Flood is just the first time, and there will be a second, a third, a fourth. Because we have the determination...to fight." Hamad continued, talking about the civilian price of the attack that has been paid on both sides of the war. He expressed that the killings at the Re'im music festival were the result of "complications on the ground." "Will we have to pay a price? Yes, and we are ready to pay it. We are called a nation of martyr and we are proud to sacrifice martyrs." He also said: "The existence of Israel is what causes all that pain, blood, and tears. It's Israel, not us. We are the victims of the occupation. Full stop. "Nobody should blame us. On October 7, October 10, October one million - everything we do is justified." Last week, Hamad stormed out of an interview with the BBC after he was asked about the terrorist group's massacre of civilians in Israel on October 7. During the interview, Hamad reiterated claims made starting a few days after the massacre that Hamas did not intend to kill any civilians during its assault.

New websites show firsthand tragic accounts of October 7 massacre

Israel's official X account recently shared www.hamas-massacre.net, a site with dozens of gruesome photos and videos of the slaughter.

By MAYA ZANGER-NADIS

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The destruction caused by Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Kissufim on October 7, 2023, near the Israeli-Gaza border, in southern Israel, November 1, 2023 (photo credit: ERIK MARMOR/FLASH90)

Since the horrific events of October 7, several websites have been built to consolidate information and educate the global population on the details of Hamas's brutal attack. Israel's official X account recently shared www.hamas-massacre.net, a site with dozens of gruesome photos and videos of the slaughter. The site itself appears to still be under construction but can be navigated effectively. Users can see testimony from social media, showing the carnage left in the wake of the Nova Festival ("The Nova Party Massacre") and the invasions into kibbutzim ("Murdered in Their Home"). They can also see videos of Israelis being taken to Gaza as hostages ("Abduction to Gaza") and footage of Gazan rocket fire striking civilian targets ("Rockets Striking Civilians").

Another site, www.october7.org, is focused on the firsthand testimony of the survivors. Entitled "Eyewitness stories from inside the massacre," the site aims to "[stand] as a testament to the unwavering spirit of the survivors who [bore] witness to the unspeakable terrors of October 7th, horrors that continue to haunt the hearts and minds of countless souls across the land of Israel." The site was built by Israeli volunteers who felt moved to create a universally accessible database of the memories of October 7. As of Friday, the site has 118 stories which its creators say are "authentic and unedited." They are in English and some are translated into Spanish and French. Some are from the Nova Festival, others are from residents of the kibbutzim that were pillaged. Yael, the only lookout soldier stationed at Nachal Oz who survived the massacre, also posted her story there. The stories, according to the site's own warning, describe "war crimes involving violence, rape, and brutality."

The interactive site www.oct7map.com, in which users can see a visual representation of each murdered and kidnapped person from October 7 accompanied by an explanation of the day's events. Per the website's own explanation, visitors are encouraged use it to "visit the different sites, listen to the facts, and witness the horrors." Users can flip through different parts of the interactive map, beginning with Re'im, moving onto Be'eri, Kfar Aza, Netiv HaAssara, Ofakim, Nir Oz, Nirim, Sderot, the Re'im army base, the Nahal Oz army base, and finally the hostage situation in Be'eri. At each stage, the site zooms in on the relevant place on the map which is littered with red dots signifying murders. Some also have black dots signifying those who were kidnapped and grey for missing or injured. Each dot has a name next to it. There is also a short explanation on the side of the page for each event and a tally of the total murdered, kidnapped, missing, and injured.

oct7map.com uses several sources to piece together its information, including october7.org, AP News, the National Review, Reuters, Wikipedia, Times of Israel, and ZAKA Search and Rescue. All of these websites continue to add information daily as more people come forward with testimony and more information comes out about the whereabouts of still-missing people.

For you have made the Lord, my refuge,
even the Most High, your dwelling place.

Psalms 91:9

*Where do I turn when I am afraid?

*Where do I turn when I am in danger?

No evil will befall you, nor will
any plague come near your tent.

Psalms 91:10

*During COVID, we prayed that no plague of a
disease would come near our homes.

*Now we pray that no plague of evil and
wickedness would come near our homes.

For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11

*Have you ever prayed that God would send “guardian angels” to protect your loved ones?

*Pray that today and every day.

They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion [a strong enemy] and cobra [a deceptive enemy], the young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

Psalm 91:12-13

The people of God are not alone during these days!

Cobras... deceptive enemies



The Gazan influencer strikes a second time... He uploaded videos of himself hospitalized after allegedly being "severely injured" by IDF attacks, but today, he was miraculously completely healed and uploaded videos from bombed Gazan sites...

- Amir Tsarfati

The psalmist knows that the Lord says...

“Because he has loved Me,
therefore I will deliver him; I will
set him securely on high, because
he has known My name.”

Psalms 91:14

The Lord says...

“He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; **I will be with him in trouble**; I will rescue him and honor him.” Psalm 91:15

- We are promised God's protection **IN** trouble, not **FROM** trouble

The Lord says...

“With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation [יְשׁוּעָה: *yeshua*].” Psalm 91:16

*All the kinds of danger mentioned in this song are ineffective against one who rests in the shadow of the Almighty.

Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary

Now is the Time to Make a Choice

- For followers of Jesus watching the tragic news, what will we say?
- For followers of Jesus who know and believe God's Word, how can we discern truth from lies?
- For followers of Jesus who recognize light and darkness, where will we stand?
- For followers of Jesus who understand God's covenant, what will we pray?
- For followers of Jesus, now is the time to make a choice.

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.