



Freed hostage Yair Horn accompanied by Hamas terrorists. He is carrying his "release certificate" written in Hebrew and sticker with Matan Zangauker's face next to the writing "time is running out" | Source: Quds News Network on Telegram, <https://t.me/QudsN>

Overview

- Hamas leader **Osama Hamdan** vowed that Hamas would **rebuild and expand its military capabilities**, emphasizing that its key strength lies in its ability to attack Israel whenever it chooses. He also said that they reject any other power in Gaza that is not Hamas and they would fight any other political entity (PA or Arab countries). He rejected any idea of exiling or disarming its leaders.
- **President Trump met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House**, announcing plans to collaborate on a major trade route connecting India, Israel, Italy, and the U.S. This initiative aims to link allies through ports, railways, and undersea cables, with significant investments to ensure technological advancement.
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- **The Shin Bet is investigating former Netanyahu aide Eli Feldstein for alleged ties to Qatar.**

ISRAEL AT WAR

WEEK 71

1 Total Israeli casualties This Week

1 Total Civilians killed this week

0 Total IDF Casualties this week

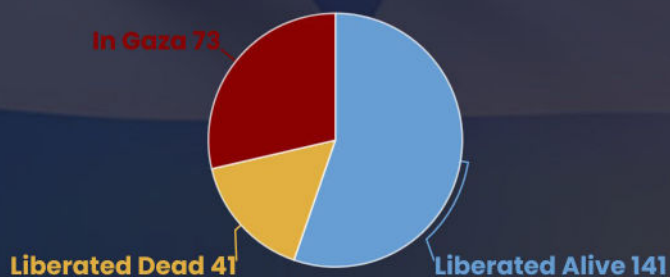
MAIN EVENTS

Former Israeli security officials demand an inquiry into Qatar's alleged links to the Prime Minister's Office, citing national security risks.

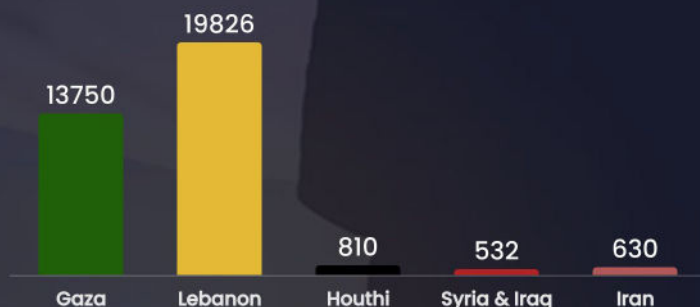
Hamas resists Israeli and U.S. pressure, calls for global protests, and delays hostage releases, accusing Israel of ceasefire violations.

Netanyahu discussed U.S. support for an Israeli strike on Iran's nuclear sites, with Trump potentially backing military action.

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 73/255



ATTACKS ON ISRAEL & ALLIES 35,548



Judea & Samaria + Israel Front

0 / 89
This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilians and 0 security force fell.

9,200
Since Oct.7
Palestinian Terror Attacks since Oct.7
6,800 Palestinians Arrested

Gaza Front

1 / 1,634
This Week Since Oct.7
0 IDF soldiers fell in battle. 1 hostage was killed

23,500
Since Oct.7
Hamas terrorists killed. Over 250 Senior officials killed since Oct.7

Lebanon Front

0 / 132
This Week Since Oct.7
0 civilian and 0 IDF soldiers fell.

+3,500
Since Oct.7
Hizbollah terrorists killed, 154 Hezbollah Leadership killed.

Greater Middle East Front

0 / 2
This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilian killed this week.

+1,972
Since Oct.7
Attacks on Israel. +810 from Yemen, 532 from Iran, +630 from other

Hostage Deal

- **Despite Trump's ultimatum demanding that Hamas release all hostages by noon on Saturday or else the U.S. would give Israel carte blanche to act how it pleases in Gaza, Israel decided to proceed with the deal in its pre-determined manner.** Trump's statement came in response to Hamas' declaration of suspending the hostage deal, claiming that Israel was violating its terms. Hamas stated that hostages would not continue to be released until Israel changed its approach.
- Hamas cited several grievances, including delays in opening routes for civilian movement northward, an insufficient number of trucks carrying humanitarian aid entering Gaza, and attacks on vehicles and boats attempting to move north through unauthorized paths. Hamas has been trying to disrupt the negotiations and force a permanent ceasefire and transition to the second phase of the agreement for its survival in the post-war period. Hamas' central claim is that no caravans have been brought in, only a quarter of the agreed-upon tents arrived, only four heavy engineering vehicles were delivered, and no construction materials or equipment for restoring the electricity grid have been provided. Hamas' demands are tied to ensuring that they can house, clothe and feed the Gazan population to retain control over them.
- **Prime Minister Netanyahu** released a video warning Hamas that if the hostages were not released according to the deal, the IDF would resume combat. However, Netanyahu was less aggressive than Trump, stating "hostages" rather than "all hostages," as Trump insisted in multiple statements to the media. Trump has expressed distrust in the phased-release approach and insists that all hostages should be freed at once.
- Following Hamas' announcement that it would not release three hostages on Saturday, the Security Cabinet convened on Tuesday for a four-hour discussion. The Cabinet members unanimously **approved Trump's Gaza plan and set a deadline for Hamas to release nine living hostages**, who were supposed to be freed in the first phase of the deal, by noon on Saturday. There are an additional eight deceased hostages whose remains Hamas must return as part of the agreement. If the nine hostages are not returned in the coming days, there will be no discussions on moving to the second phase of the deal, meaning no negotiations for a permanent ceasefire.
- Prime Minister Netanyahu made a statement announcing that he had instructed the IDF to reinforce its forces inside and outside Gaza and outlined the following Cabinet decision: *"If Hamas does not return our hostages by noon on Saturday, the ceasefire will end, and the IDF will resume fighting until Hamas is decisively defeated."*
- The *Wall Street Journal* reported that due to mediation efforts, **three hostages would be released on Saturday at noon, instead of the nine demanded by Israel.** Israel urged mediators to expedite the release of the remaining six living hostages and to increase the number of hostages released in the first phase of the deal. Israel has backed down from its initial demand to release all nine hostages or resume fighting and will instead settle for the original three-hostage release.
- *Reuters* reported that Egypt and Qatar were intensifying their mediation efforts to prevent the collapse of the ceasefire agreement. These efforts focused on allowing the entry of tents, caravans, and heavy engineering equipment into Gaza for clearing the rubble. Footage circulating online showed convoys of trucks waiting on the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing to enter Gaza.
- However, on Thursday afternoon, the Prime Minister's spokesperson denied claims that there were discussions about allowing this equipment into Gaza through Rafah.
- Despite reports of hunger in Gaza, Palestinian social media accounts and TikTok videos show that restaurants are still operating, with some Palestinians claiming there is an abundance of aid and even *"too much"* food.
- **Hamassenior official Osama Hamdan announced that they would begin negotiations for the second phase of the ceasefire on February 17, under Egyptian and Qatari mediation,** provided that Israel does not "violate" the agreement. So far, Israel has not announced any talks regarding the second phase.
- On Saturday, February 15, three hostages were returned to Israel following yet another "victory display" by Hamas and the Islamic Jihad in Khan Yunis. The number of hostages remaining in Gaza dropped to 73. In exchange, Israel released 369 security prisoners, including 333 Gazans captured during the military maneuver, 10 prisoners who returned to the West Bank, one to East Jerusalem, and the rest were deported abroad. Many of the released prisoners were high-profile terrorists and murderers from the Second Intifada, including the infamous perpetrator of the Ramallah lynching, who proudly displayed his bloodstained hands for all to see.
- **Since the ceasefire began, 1,135 imprisoned Palestinian terrorists have been released in exchange for 24 Israeli hostages.**
- On Saturday evening, U.S. Secretary of State Mauro Rubio landed in Israel for talks with senior government officials to advance the second phase of the deal, which is expected to begin in about two weeks.

Hostage Release and Propaganda Strategy

Hamas released three hostages on Saturday:

- **Sagui Dekel-Chen**
- **Sasha Troufanov**
- **Iair Horn**

During their release ceremony, their masked captors presented them with commemorative “gifts”—a practice Hamas has carried out in all previous releases.

Horn was also given an hourglass featuring images of hostage Matan Zangauker and his mother, Einav, along with a message: *“Time is running out.”* Einav Zangauker has been one of the most outspoken activists demanding a deal to free all remaining hostages. However, her son, Matan Zangauker, is not slated to be freed in the first phase of the deal.

This incident demonstrates Hamas’ attentiveness to Israeli public sentiment and media narratives. Hamas recognizes Israel’s vulnerabilities and uses Einav Zangauker—who has taken a hardline stance advocating for hostage releases at any cost—as part of its psychological warfare. The terror group weaponizes the rhetoric that “time is running out for the hostages,” turning it into propaganda to pressure Israel into making further concessions.

- The military wing of Islamic Jihad released footage of **hostages freed in the last exchange** in Khan Yunis including Arbel Mozes. The footage shows Arbel Yehud in **an open area in southern Gaza**, with Nir Oz—where she was kidnapped—visible in the background. She is seen wearing a **headscarf to disguise her as a Palestinian** and distributing **sweets to passersby**. Hamas released a similar video of **Sasha Troufanov “fishing” in Gaza as part of Hamas’ efforts to downplay the horrors of captivity and present it as a long “vacation”**. These videos help indicate that **Hamas is focused on shaping the narrative of the hostages to the Arab public, who tend to view Hamas’s actions as morally justifiable**.
- At the **hostage release ceremony in Khan Yunis**, large propaganda banners were displayed with **broken Hebrew text**, alongside images of: The Al-Aqsa Mosque, and footage from the **October 7 attacks**.
- One of the banners read: *“There is no migration except to Jerusalem,”* as a direct response to Trump’s plan and attempting to show that despite the destruction in Gaza, the “resistance” won since it would remain in Gaza and is the sovereign.
- Hamas militants **arrived at the hostage release**

site dressed in stolen IDF uniforms, wearing military vests, and carrying captured Israeli weapons.

- The **vehicle used to transport the hostages** was one of the vehicles **stolen from an Israeli family during the October 7 massacre**.
- Loudspeakers played Hamas propaganda songs, with lyrics such as: *“When you see soldiers being kidnapped, know that this is the Nukhba.”*
- The **location of the hostage handover to the Red Cross** was intentionally chosen **next to the ruins of Yahya Sinwar’s home**, in an attempt to frame the moment as a **symbol of Palestinian resilience**.
- Flags of **Arab nations that oppose the evacuation of Gazans** were also displayed at the event as a tribute.
- Hamas-affiliated media have intensified **calls for a second “October 7” attack from Judea and Samaria**, with slogans such as: *“Glory to those who followed the path of the flood!”* “Flood” is a reference to the name that Hamas gave the October 7th massacre. Another slogan was: *“Glory to the heroes of the West Bank.”*
- Hamas and its supporters are presenting such an operation as **the next logical step**, portraying it as a **“victory” against the occupier**. Hamas is involved in a new **narrative construction** and is adjusting to shape a **new generation of “Nukhba” fighters**.
- These propaganda efforts continued throughout the war, demonstrating that **terror groups are not only regrouping militarily** during the ceasefire **but also maintaining a strong ideological recruitment campaign** that is shifting to new narratives.



Freed hostages, Sagui Dekel-Chen, Sasha Troufanov and Yair Horn in the orchestrated “release ceremony”. | Source Source: Quds News Network on Telegram, <https://t.me/QudsN>

Operational

- The IDF withdrew from the eastern part of the Netzarim corridor, dismantling its last outposts. Aside from the perimeter and the Philadelphi Corridor, the IDF no longer has a presence in the Gaza Strip.
- Hamas issued an official statement claiming the withdrawal as a **victory for Palestinian resilience**, stating that Israel's leadership had been *"deluded into thinking they could impose military control over the Strip, divide it, and create facts on the ground through systematic destruction."*
- Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri declared that the *"humiliating"* Israeli withdrawal from the Netzarim Corridor was an admission of defeat and Netanyahu's failure to achieve his war objectives.
- Under the cover of the ceasefire and IDF withdrawal, Hamas **set up checkpoints across main roads** in the Strip, where its operatives **stopped and taxed humanitarian aid trucks** entering Gaza.
- On Sunday, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported several shooting incidents at multiple locations in Gaza due to Palestinians approaching Israeli forces. In the Nachal Oz area, three Palestinians (according to local reports) were killed after entering the buffer zone. Defense Minister Israel Katz warned that anyone entering the buffer zone does so at their own risk.
- Israeli aircraft struck several vehicles east of the Kuwaiti Square (a recently evacuated area) due to an attempted unauthorized northward movement outside the Salah al-Din Road. The Israeli Navy also struck a vessel attempting to move from central Gaza northward.
- An unidentified party fired a rocket from central Gaza that landed in the Nuseirat refugee camp, killing a 14-year-old boy. In response, the Israeli Air Force targeted and destroyed the rocket launcher.
- **The IDF has significantly reduced its forces around Gaza**, reaching the lowest troop presence since the war began, following the demobilization of Division 99 and the Harel Brigade. Currently, Division 162 is responsible for the northern sector from Zikim to Kibbutz Be'eri, while the Gaza Division covers the area from Be'eri to the Swedish Village, effectively controlling the entire Philadelphi Corridor.
- The 252nd Reserve Division (*"Sinai Division"*) has been deployed around Gaza per government orders, and reserve forces are being mobilized. In the coming days, three divisions are expected to be ready for an offensive—Divisions 162 and 252 are preparing for an assault in northern Gaza, likely beginning with a renewed breakthrough.

Analysis

Due to Israel's threats, Hamas announced its commitment to the deal—provided that Israel also adheres to it. However, at this stage, it may be too late for Hamas, as it is trapped within its own rhetoric and what it called **"victory displays."** Israel is no longer demanding only three hostages but all nine. Hamas is in a weak position to resume fighting; having already lost nearly a quarter of the hostages it held (likely half of the living ones). If another ceasefire occurs, it will only be under conditions that include Hamas' expulsion and the deportation of Gaza's Arab population.



Gazan children posing with weapons as Hamas terrorists in Gaza | Source: Quds News Network on Telegram, <https://t.me/QudsN>

Trump's Gaza Plan

In an interview with Fox News, Trump stated that new communities would be built outside Gaza for its 1.9 million residents. When asked by the journalist, Trump said that Gazans would not be allowed to return, implying that they should be encouraged to acclimate to their new homes as it will require many years to rebuild Gaza.

On February 9, the **Egyptian Foreign Minister announced that an emergency summit of Arab leaders would be held in Cairo on February 27th to formulate a response to Trump's plan.**

During a meeting between **King Abdullah of Jordan and Trump**, the U.S. President appeared to have not coordinated his statements with the King, putting him in an awkward position where he neither fully rejected nor accepted the plan. King Abdullah had to provide highly diplomatic responses to the ambush Trump set for him. The King announced that Jordan would accept 2,000 sick Gazan children for treatment and stated that any plan for Gaza must consider the interests of regional countries.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi canceled his planned trip to Washington, possibly to avoid the potential embarrassment and difficult political situation that Trump might have put him in, as King Abdullah had just experienced. Egypt is currently positioning itself as the leading Arab nation opposing Trump's plan.

During the Trump-Abdullah meeting, Trump hinted that he had dropped the threat of cutting U.S. aid to Jordan and Egypt if they did not cooperate with his plan, stating that such threats were unnecessary.

Hamas' Reactions

- Hamas is using Trump's Gaza plan as a rallying call for resistance against what it describes as an Israeli-American conspiracy. Trump has even appeared on Hamas propaganda posters as a tool for rallying Arab public support.
- Hamas has called for **mass protests worldwide** ahead of Trump's ultimatum on Saturday and the Gaza "migration" plan.
- Hamas leader **Osama Hamdan** spoke at the Al Jazeera Forum in Doha, Qatar where he reinforced **Hamas' refusal to disarm, leave Gaza, or accept any external control** over Gaza. He said that the idea of resistance triumphed and that they would not accept any other entity in Gaza other

than Hamas and would treat any entity (including the PA and Arab countries) as occupiers that they would fight against. He highlighted allies of Hamas like **Iran, Turkey and South Africa that provided it with material and political support.** He also vowed that Hamas will **rebuild and expand its military power**, emphasizing that its key strength lies in its ability to attack Israel whenever it chooses.



Gazan children dressed as Hamas terrorists "celebrating" their victory. | Source: Palestine Post on Telegram, <https://t.me/PalpostN>

Domestic Israel

- The Shin Bet and police arrested **two Israeli Arabs** who planned a shooting and vehicular attack. They had expressed support for Hamas and the **October 7 massacre** on social media, acquired materials for Molotov cocktails, and conducted bomb-making tests. In Hadera, authorities arrested an **Arab from Tulkarm** suspected of planning a separate attack.
- The Shin Bet is investigating **former Netanyahu aide Eli Feldstein** who was arrested for allegedly disseminating classified information to the German newspaper "Bild" to influence the negotiations over the hostage deal. According to new allegations he worked for the company "Perception" along 2 other Netanyahu aides, Yonathan Orich and Srulik Einhorn, who provided PR services to Qatar whilst he was in Netanyahu's circle when the Prime Minister was in negotiations with Qatar.
- **Former senior security officials** signed a letter demanding an investigation into Qatar's ties to the Prime Minister's Office. The letter, initiated by the *Truth Machine* organization, was signed by Ehud Barak, Omer Bar-Lev, Dani Yatom, and other political opponents of Netanyahu.
- IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi is expected to travel to the U.S. next week to meet with senior American officials.

Judea and Samaria

Operational

- Before releasing 183 imprisoned Palestinian terrorists (including 32 to Judea and Samaria), the IDF confiscated Hamas flags, celebratory symbols, and equipment for festivities. Families of released prisoners were warned that celebrations were prohibited.
- **On Sunday morning, the IDF launched a large-scale exercise called "Lightning Bolt Surprise"** to test the readiness of Central Command for various scenarios, including terrorist attacks on roads, infiltrations into settlements, and riots. The drill was focused on the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Golan Heights (along the Jordanian border). The IDF stated that the exercise was also in preparation for the upcoming Ramadan period.



Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani participated in a summit in Paris, meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron and Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot. Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Syria on facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Mofaexsy>

Operation Iron Wall

Over the past week:

- **90 wanted suspects** were arrested.
- **12 illegal weapons** were confiscated.
- **50 unregistered vehicles** were seized.
- **Hundreds of explosive devices** were destroyed, and **hundreds of suspects** were interrogated.
- In **Jenin**, fighters from the *Egoz* unit identified a suspected car bomb and neutralized it using a drone grenade. Secondary explosions confirmed that the vehicle was indeed rigged with explosives.
- Since the start of **Operation Iron Wall**, IDF forces in the West Bank have:
 - Arrested **210 suspects**.
 - Eliminated **over 60 terrorists**.
 - Seized **85 illegal weapons**.
 - Destroyed **30 terrorist infrastructure sites**.
 - Conducted **14 airstrikes**.

- The operation is expected to continue for several more weeks.

Diplomatic

- Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas announced the establishment of a new body to pay salaries to prisoners, "martyrs" (convicted terrorists), the "pay to slay" scheme, bypassing Israeli and American sanctions and the freezing of tax transfers by Israel. Some media outlets falsely reported that the PA was stopping payments to terrorists convicted of killing civilians, but this appears to have been a deliberate move to create the impression of reform in order to convince the Trump administration that the PA is capable of governing Gaza post-war.
- PLO Executive Committee Secretary **Hussein Al-Sheikh** demanded that Hamas show **national responsibility** and announce that it will not attempt to **govern Gaza** after the war. Instead, he called for the **Palestinian Authority to control** Gaza, managed by a **technocratic national Palestinian committee** closely linked to the PA government.
- The **UN Development Program (UNDP)** signed an **\$80 million memorandum of understanding** with the **Arab and International Organization for Palestinian Construction**. Palestinian Prime Minister **Mohammad Mustafa** stated that the PA would continue efforts for **full Gaza reconstruction**.
- At the **African Union Summit in Ethiopia**, PA President **Mahmoud Abbas** commented on Trump's Gaza Plan and said that the calls to tear Palestinians from their land are delusional.

Lebanon

Diplomatic

- Major General Jasper Jeffers, the U.S. Central Command's coordinator for Lebanon's stabilization mechanism, stated on Friday that he hopes the Lebanese Army will enter all populated areas in southern Lebanon.
- The Lebanese and French foreign ministers discussed implementing the ceasefire, with the French minister calling for a full Israeli withdrawal.
- Despite initial reports that the U.S. **rejected Israel's request to extend the IDF's presence in Lebanon beyond February 18** Israel's Strategic Affairs Minister, Ron Dermer, stated that the U.S. **granted Israel a 10-day extension** to remain in five locations in southern Lebanon until February 28.
- Iran is delaying Lebanese civilian flights from departing its airspace in response to the Lebanese government's ban on Iran's Mahan Air from landing in Beirut due to allegations of being used

to transfer Iranian money to Hezbollah.

- In Beirut, **Hezbollah supporters staged mass protests after a civilian Iranian aircraft was denied landing rights at Beirut International Airport, following Israeli warnings that Iran was using civilian flights to transfer funds to Hezbollah.** The Lebanese government, likely fearing an Israeli strike on the airport, enforced the ban. Protesters clashed with security forces, resulting in injuries—a **significant blow to Hezbollah's unchecked authority.**
- Hezbollah supporters rioted and attacked UNIFIL forces, damaging their vehicles and injuring personnel.
- Following a visit by U.S. Deputy Special Envoy for Middle East Affairs Morgan Ortagus, Lebanon formed a new government which included 24 ministers, five of whom are from Shia parties (three from Amal and two from Hezbollah).
- Hezbollah invited journalists to cover the funeral of Hassan Nasrallah and Hashem Safi al-Din on February 23 in Beirut's Dahiya district.
- Saudi sources reported that Iran is attempting to transfer cash via Iraq and Turkey to Beirut's airport to support Hezbollah's political recovery.

Operational

- To combat drug smuggling along the Lebanon-Syria border, the Lebanese Army and Sunni militias in Syria have increased their forces.
- The Lebanese Army confiscated weapons (grenades, ammunition crates, RPGs) from smugglers, including the pro-Hezbollah Jaafar clan. The Syrian Army also seized equipment from smuggler families, with both forces coordinating to tighten border control, weakening Hezbollah's recovery efforts.
- Lebanese media reported that the IDF had demolished infrastructure in **seven villages** (excluding artillery strikes). Reports suggest that Israel plans to establish a new regional brigade, but it is unclear whether this would be in addition to the two existing ones (*Hiram* and *Baram*).
- Task Force "**Hiram**" continues operations in eastern Lebanon, destroying terrorist infrastructure and seizing weapons caches containing rockets, missiles, grenades, mortar shells, explosives, and firearms. Some rocket launchers were positioned toward Israel.
- The Israeli Air Force also targeted Hezbollah military sites in southern Lebanon, including ammunition depots and launch pads.

Syria

Military Activity

- The IDF is advancing construction on nine outposts—two on Mount Hermon and seven in the buffer zone.

Diplomacy

- **President al-Julani (Sharaa) expressed optimism about U.S. President Donald Trump's intentions** to establish peace in the Middle East, viewing it as a promising start. However, he opposed Trump's proposal to relocate Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, emphasizing that despite enduring significant suffering, the residents have consistently refused to leave their land.
- **Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani participated in a summit in Paris, meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron and Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot.** Barrot emphasized the need to facilitate aid into Syria and mentioned efforts with European partners to lift certain economic sanctions on the country.
- Syrian Defense Minister Marahaf Abu Qasra stated that Russia could maintain its air and naval bases along Syria's coast, provided that the agreements serve Damascus's interests.
- Al-Julani spoke with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron. Discussions focused on **Syria's reconstruction and security challenges**, with Macron and Scholz inviting **al-Julani for an official visit.**

Yemen

- Houthi leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi declared that if Trump's plan is implemented, the Houthis will escalate attacks with full force.
- The **UN confirmed** that a staff member detained in northern Yemen has died in custody. UN Secretary-General António Guterres condemned the death and demanded an investigation.

Iran

- A British *Telegraph* report claims that senior Iranian officials are pressuring Supreme Leader Khamenei to cancel his *fatwa* and **develop nuclear weapons due to existential threats from Israel and the U.S.**
- On February 13, a Chinese tanker delivered 1,100 tons of *perchlorate* to Iran, enough for 260 medium-range ballistic missiles. IAEA chief Rafael Grossi stated that by March, Iran will have 250 kg of 60%-enriched uranium, a 50% increase from November 2024.
- A senior Iranian official declared that Iran is prepared to resist Trump's *maximum pressure* policy. He stated that Iran has **secured new oil export**

markets, increased non-oil exports by 5%, joined international organizations such as BRICS, and expanded diplomatic relations.

- The *Washington Post* reported that U.S. intelligence assessments indicate **Israel is planning to attack Iran's nuclear facilities in the first half of 2025**. The attack could involve either **Ballistic missile strikes launched from aircraft** to avoid entering Iranian airspace or **BLU-109 bunker-buster bombs** designed to penetrate underground facilities.
- Senior *Washington Post* analyst David Ignatius reported that **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with U.S. President Donald Trump regarding possible American backing in Israel's struggle against Iran's nuclear facilities**. This support could include direct military assistance, endorsement of a strike, or a diplomatic ultimatum.
- The U.S. has already supplied Israel with **bunker-buster bombs, and Israeli and American sources indicated that if Iran does not abandon its nuclear program "Israel will take military action—**with or without Washington's support.



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International

- On February 10, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan met with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar bin Ibrahim, and called for Israel to contribute \$100 billion towards Gaza's reconstruction, condemned Trump's plan, and supported the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.
- A new UN report estimates that rebuilding Gaza will cost **\$53 billion, with \$20.5 billion needed within the first three years**. The projected unemployment rate in Gaza is expected to reach **80%**.
- Kremlin spokesperson **Dmitry Peskov** commented

on the release of Russian-Israeli hostage **Alexander (Sasha) Troufanov**, stating: *"Moscow welcomes the release of Alexander Troufanov and expresses gratitude to Hamas' leadership for making this decision."*

- French President Emmanuel Macron reiterated his criticism of President Trump's proposal to relocate Gaza's population, describing it as a "highly dangerous" idea and emphasized that relocating two million people is a political, not a real estate, project.
- The United States imposed sanctions on Karim Khan, the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, as part of broader measures against the court.
- **President Trump met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House, announcing plans to collaborate on a major trade route connecting India, Israel, Italy, and the U.S. This initiative aims to link allies through ports, railways, and undersea cables, with significant investments to ensure technological advancement.**
- U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio addressed the future of the Gaza Strip, indicating that his upcoming visit to the Gulf region would explore alternative plans proposed by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, differing from President Trump's. Rubio stressed that if Arab nations do not present concrete proposals, Israel may have to act independently. He noted that while regional countries express concern for Palestinians, none are willing to accept them.
- **Ahmet Davutoğlu, leader of Turkey's Future Party**, proposed his own solution that as the legal successor to the Ottoman Empire, **Turkey could offer Gaza's residents a referendum to join Turkey as an autonomous region until a Palestinian state is established.**
- **Egypt intends to propose a plan to rebuild the Gaza Strip within 3-5 years without relocating its residents.** The proposal includes phases for debris removal and constructing residential complexes, with details expected to be announced in the coming week.

Munich Security Conference

- **Syrian Foreign Minister** declared at the conference: *"The Golan Heights is Syrian land, and no one has the right to give it to anyone else."*
- **U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio** reaffirmed: Trump's **Gaza evacuation plan** is **America's post-war proposal**, but Washington is *"open to alternative solutions from other parties."*

Global Jihad

- On February 15, 2025, tens of thousands of pro-

Palestinian demonstrators marched through central London, in one of the largest demonstrations since the start of the war, organized by the **Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)** and five other groups. The protest proceeded to the **U.S. Embassy**. During the march, some protesters directed antisemitic slurs at counter-demonstrators, including phrases like "Zionist pig" and chants such as "Khaybar, Khaybar, oh Jews, the army of Mohammed will return." The **Metropolitan Police** reported **eight arrests**.

- On February **15, 2025**, a 23-year-old Syrian asylum seeker in Austria fatally stabbed a **14-year-old boy and injured five others**. Authorities discovered ISIS flags in the suspect's apartment. The attacker was **photographed smiling and making the "Tawhid" gesture**, a symbol commonly used by ISIS terrorists.
- In Munich, Germany, a **24-year-old Afghan asylum seeker**, perpetrated a car ramming attack, injuring 39 people, including a two-year-old child that later died. He reportedly shouted "Allahu Akbar." The attack occurred **ahead of the Munich Security Conference and during the lead-up to Ramadan**, a time when jihadist propaganda often increases.
- In Sydney, **Australia**, **two nurses**, were suspended after a video surfaced showing them making antisemitic remarks, **threatening to kill Israeli patients and boasting that they had already killed Israelis and Jews**.



Prime Minister Netanyahu meeting with Secretary of State Marco Rubio | Source: Government Press Office

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