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IDF Takes out Hamas Tunnel to Coastline; Since Monday, October 23, the IDF has struck over 400 terror targets and killed several Hamas commanders and numerous operatives preparing attacks. In a widescale operation to dismantle Hamas' terrorist capabilities, the IDF struck dozens of Hamas gunmen preparing to fire rockets and carry out terror attacks. IDF fighter jets struck dozens of terror infrastructure and Hamas staging grounds in the neighborhoods of Shuja'iyya, Shati, Jabalia, Daraj Tuffah, and Zaytun. In addition, an IDF aircraft struck a Hamas operational tunnel shaft which gave terror operatives quick access to the coastline. Further, overnight, IDF aircraft struck command centers used by Hamas operatives and staging grounds located in mosques used by Hamas. The deputy commanders of the Nuseirat, Shati, and Furqan battalions were killed in the strike. Since the beginning of the war with Hamas, the IDF, directed by the Shin Bet, has eliminated five commanders of the Hamas Aerial Array and a surface-to-air missile launching cell. The Hamas Aerial Array operates a variety of weapons against the State of Israel.

The array took a significant part in the attack against Israel at the start of the war, and in recent days the IAF has eliminated several commanders in the array. The commanders of the array who were eliminated are Murad Abu Murad - Commander of the Hamas Aerial Array in Gaza City, Moed' Abdel Rahman - Head of Hamas Training Portfolio in Gaza City, Othman Hamdan - Aerial Defense Officer of Hamas' Zabra Tel Elhua Battalion, Machud El Rifi - Hamas Weapons Supply Manager in Gaza City and Essan Shalouf - Head of Training for the Hamas Aerial Defense Array in northern Gaza. (INN / VFI News)

This Is the Drug Hamas Terrorists Took to Help Them Slaughter Israelis; Hamas terrorists who carried out the unprecedented attack on October 7 were found to be under the influence of Captagon, a synthetic amphetamine-type stimulant that has been clandestinely produced in southern Europe and trafficked through Turkey to the consumer markets on the Arabian Peninsula, as reported by Israeli media. The pills were recovered from the pockets of many terrorists who lost their lives on Israeli soil. This stimulant drug, also known as the “cocaine for the poor,” allowed the terrorists to commit heinous acts with a sense of calmness and indifference. Simultaneously, it kept them highly alert for extended periods and suppressed their appetite. Captagon gained notoriety in 2015 when it was discovered to be used by ISIS fighters to suppress fear prior to carrying out terrorist operations. As the influence of terrorist organizations like ISIS diminished, Lebanon and Syria took the reins and began producing and distributing the drug on a large scale. Gaza, in particular, became a popular market for the drug, especially among addicted young individuals. Its primary effects include arousing feelings of euphoria, reducing the need for sleep, suppressing appetite, and providing sustained energy. Once a source of revenue for ISIS members through drug smuggling, Captagon has now become a major source of income for Syria and is actively supported by Hezbollah. The profits generated from the drug trade in Syria exceed those gained from legitimate exports. (JPost / VFI News)

The Terrorists' Confessions: We Beheaded People, Set Fire to Houses with People Inside; The Shin Bet and Israel Police published a joint statement Monday, October 23, summarizing the results of the investigation so far into the Hamas massacre of over 1,400 people in southern Israel on October 7, Simchat Torah. The investigation revealed how Hamas encouraged the murder of men, women, and children of all ages, as well as the taking of hostages back to Gaza. From the interrogation of six terrorists who were captured in the wake of the massacre, it was discovered that Hamas offered significant financial incentives to anyone who successfully kidnapped an Israeli, with abductors promised \$10,000 and a free apartment. The detainees also stated that “the instructions were to kidnap elderly women and children,” and “to clear the houses, and kidnap as many prisoners as possible.” Meanwhile, the senior commanders of Hamas hid in bunkers in Gaza while sending their men to kill, be killed, or be captured in Israel. One detainee described how he shot a dog in one of his victims' houses. Another described how he and his fellow terrorists grabbed a 15-year-old girl from her home and took a selfie with their captive before putting her on a motorcycle to Gaza. One detainee said: “There was a body lying on the floor, I shot her. The commander shouted at me why I was wasting bullets on her body. We finished killing and then before we finished we burned down two houses with their occupants inside.” (INN / VFI News)

Iran Cuts Military Service, Warns Israel and US of Escalation; Iran on Sunday, October 22, warned Israel and the US of a regional escalation, while cutting its military conscription. Iran-backed proxies have increased their attacks across the region; in Iraq and Syria, Iranian proxy groups attacked US forces a number of times over the last week, while Hezbollah increased its own attacks on Israel's northern border in the last several days, and Iran-backed Houthis launched drones and cruise missiles over the Red Sea, intercepted by a US warship. Iran has issued multiple threats against Israel during the last two weeks; for instance, a British renowned news outlet noted that “the war in the Middle East could expand in unpredictable and dangerous ways if Israel further increases its attacks on Gaza,” citing a senior diplomat in the UK. Further, on October 15, Iran warned of an escalation. British media reported at the time that

“Iran warned Israel of escalation if it failed to end aggressions against Palestinians, with its foreign minister saying other parties in the region were ready to act.” However, according to Iranian media, Iran on Sunday cut the military service for conscripts by three months. The revised service duration will be determined based on the specific service location and the nature of the assigned missions and “will range from a minimum of 14 months up to a maximum of 21 months in service duration.” Iran’s constant warnings stand in contrast to its apparent posture at home. Reducing military service doesn’t really broadcast a message of concern about a major conflict. Iran prefers to use its proxies, but it does not seem to believe the conflict will hit home. (JPost / VFI News)

Freed Israeli Hostage Speaks Out About Terrifying Hamas Capture, Describes 'Spiderweb' of Tunnels; One of the two Israeli hostages released Monday, October 23, by Hamas, is now speaking out about her time as a captive of the Palestinian terrorist group, describing a “spiderweb” of tunnels underneath the Gaza Strip where she was fed only one meal of cheese and cucumber per day. Yocheved Lifshitz, 85, was taken from Israel on October 7 alongside her 83-year-old husband Oded, who still remains held inside the Gaza Strip, and was released with Nurit Cooper, 79. The IDF and Egypt are reported to have played a key role in their release. Lifshitz said civilians beat her once she was brought into Gaza before being moved into an extensive tunnel system where Hamas did provide hostages with some medicine, medical treatment, and hygiene supplies, according to American media correspondent Trey Yingst. “They went wild in the kibbutz, they kidnapped me, they laid me on the side of the motorcycle and drove on the plowed fields towards Gaza. During this time, they took my watch and my jewelry, and the Shabab beat me with sticks,” Lifshitz said. “There was no difference between elderly and youth, and they kidnapped them all. On the way, while I lay on the motorcycle, they hurt me a lot. They didn't break my ribs but it made it very hard for me to breathe.” Prior to their capture from their home in the Nir Oz kibbutz near the Israel-Gaza border, Yocheved and her husband were activists who helped sick Gazans receive medical care in Israel, her grandson Daniel Lifshitz told British media. “They are human rights activists, peace activists for all their life.” (FN / VFI News)

Journalists Who Watched Israeli Compilation of Hamas Terror Footage Reveal How It Left Them Horrified; Journalists who attended an IDF screening of a 45-minute-long montage of Hamas murdering, torturing, and abducting Israeli civilians have told of the horrors with which they were confronted. The lengthy compilation, pieced together from material recorded by Hamas gunmen on bodycams and smartphones, was shown by the IDF to a closed pool of journalists in Tel Aviv on Monday, October 23. One journalist said audience members began weeping as they sat in their chairs, while others whimpered “Make it stop” after a matter of minutes. “There is no moment of redemption in the footage,” he said. “After the video was done, we were allowed to go outside... I had to sit down. I leaned against a wall and cried.” Another journalist said some audience members were heard retching and heaving - a violent, involuntary response to the level of evil and gore on display. “I certainly hope I never see any of the extra footage again,” he wrote. By all accounts, the footage was stuffed with clip after clip of civilians being shot, stabbed, tortured, and burned. Their corpses were arranged for all to see - bound, gagged, and riddled with bullet holes and knife wounds. One young girl was seen hiding under a desk, waiting as the terrorists decided what her fate would be. Moments later they decided to gun her down from point-blank range. The full unedited footage will not be shared with the public, Israel says, unless all of the families of those killed within view it and give permission, meaning it is unlikely the whole clip will ever be released to the world. (DM / VFI News)

New York Times Admits It Relied 'Too Heavily' on Hamas; The New York Times admitted on Monday, October 23, that “editors should have taken more care with the initial presentation” of the explosion that occurred at a Gaza hospital last week after the paper “relied too heavily on claims by Hamas.” Much of the legacy media has egg on its face for allowing the Hamas-backed Gaza Health

Ministry to set the initial framing of the story, as Hamas' claim that Israel was at fault was widely parroted. The Israel Defense Forces determined the blast was caused by a rocket misfire launched by Islamic Jihad, another terrorist organization active in Gaza. President Biden, based on evidence from the IDF and U.S. intelligence, has publicly said Israel was not to blame. Times published a lengthy editor's note on Monday explaining its mistakes, "The Times's initial accounts attributed the claim of Israeli responsibility to Palestinian officials, and noted that the Israeli military said it was investigating the blast." "However, the early versions of the coverage — and the prominence it received in a headline, news alert, and social media channels — relied too heavily on claims by Hamas, and did not make clear that those claims could not immediately be verified. The report left readers with an incorrect impression about what was known and how credible the account was." (FN / VFI News)

University Donors Are Pulling Their Support After Schools Failed To Condemn Hamas; Many billionaires, business moguls, and university alumni are withdrawing their support from Ivy League universities after school administrators and students failed to strongly condemn the Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel. Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) were heavily criticized for their response to the October 7 Hamas terrorist attacks, after which students and faculty blamed Israel for the conflict. Jon Huntsman Jr., former U.S. ambassador to China and governor of Utah, said in a letter that the Huntsman Foundation would no longer be donating to UPenn after its "silence in the face of reprehensible and historic Hamas evil against the people of Israel" and called the situation "a new low" for the university. David Magerman, who helped launch the trading hedge fund Renaissance Technologies and a "Torah-observant Jew," said on October 17 that he would also be revoking his funding after UPenn President Liz Magill did not immediately label Hamas as a terrorist organization in her October 10 statement. Further, after over 30 student groups at Harvard refused to condemn Hamas as a terrorist organization and blamed Israel for the attacks, the Wexner Foundation, founded by billionaire Leslie Wexner, announced in an October 16 letter that it would no longer be funding the university. Ken Griffin, a Harvard alum and founder of Billionaire Citadel, and Bill Ackerman, billionaire and CEO of Pershing Square Capital Management, vowed earlier this month that their companies would not hire student leaders at Harvard who signed onto letters blaming Israel for Hamas' attacks. Lastly, Larry Hogan, former governor of Maryland, announced Monday, October 23, that he would no longer participate in fellowships with the Kennedy School and the Chan School of Public Health. He said that the university should have called out the students' statements on Israel. (DC / VFI News)

IDF: Hamas Is Losing Control of Northern, Central Gaza Strip; Approximately 750,000 Gazan residents are moving to safer grounds in southern Gaza, amid indications that Hamas's control over the northern and central regions of the territory is waning, according to Israeli media. The IDF has been dropping leaflets advising residents not to get caught up in the conflict and to leave for safer areas. Human shields are a growing concern for Israel, with reports stating that Hamas plans to use the remaining 350,000 residents in the northern part of Gaza as shields, in a bid to forestall a ground invasion and offset ongoing air raids. The number of Hamas rockets fired so far in the war is more than 7,000, and the IDF has targeted thousands of terror sites in Gaza and dozens in Lebanon. There have also been numerous incidents of anti-tank fire, rockets, mortars, and small arms fire from Lebanon. Preparations for a potential ground invasion are underway, with IDF forces targeting strategic Hamas infrastructure. High-rises, suspected to house command centers, have been demolished, necessitating additional precautions against sniper threats from elevated positions. In the past few days, Israel struck 320 Hamas terror targets in the Gaza Strip and also struck a terrorist cell in Lebanese territory, along with an anti-tank missile launch post overnight. (JPost / VFI News)

Israel Vows to Launch a Military Attack Against Iran If Hezbollah Joins the War with Hamas; Israel vowed to cut off "the head of the snake" and launch a military attack against Iran if Tehran-backed

terror group Hezbollah joins the war. In an exclusive interview on Sunday, October 22, Nir Barkat, Israel's Minister of Economy, warned that Iran's Ayatollahs will be “wiped off the face of the earth” should Hezbollah, their proxy terror group in Lebanon, attack Israel. In a direct threat to deter Tehran from intervening further, Mr Barkat warned that not only would Israel “eliminate Hezbollah”, if it believes the terror group is opening up a “northern front”, but “we will actually target Iran.” “The plan of Iran is to attack Israel on all fronts. If we find they intend to target Israel, we will not just retaliate to those fronts, but we will go to the head of the snake, which is Iran. If our enemies attack, we will wipe them out.” “The Ayatollahs in Iran are not going to sleep good at night, we are going to make sure they pay a heavy price if, God forbid, they open the northern front. Lebanon and Hezbollah are going to pay a heavy price, similar to what Hamas is going to pay.” “The very clear message is that we are going to be going after the heads of Iran as well. When will we do that? When we decide.” Meanwhile, on the same day, Israel attacked two Syrian airports in Damascus and Aleppo amid real concern that forces and precision weaponry from Iran and Iraq were set to arrive and be deployed in Syria and Lebanon. (DM / VFI News)

IDF Stepping up Strikes to Create ‘Best Conditions’ for ‘Next Phase of War’ on Hamas; IDF spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said Saturday night, October 21, that Israel was planning to enter “the next phase of the war in the best conditions [for us], not according to what anyone tells us. From today, we are increasing the strikes and minimizing the danger.” Hagari added that Israel was “strong on defense and offense” on its northern borders but clarified that the “main mission is Gaza.” “That’s where Hamas is, and it’s where our abducted nationals are, and we are focused on Gaza,” he said. The next day, defense Minister Yoav Gallant held a meeting at the Air Force operations headquarters with Air Force Chief Tomer Bar and high-ranking officers. Gallant was briefed on the Air Forces' strikes in the Gaza Strip and on the northern border since the onset of the war and spoke about the offensive goals ahead of the expansion of the campaign in the Gaza Strip. “In an operational aspect of the maneuver, in the end, nothing will stop the IDF. It is a combination of two things: one - the aerial capabilities, and the second - the ground maneuver. This has to be the last maneuver in Gaza, for the simple reason that after it, there will not be a Hamas,” Minister Gallant stated. He added: “It'll take a month, two months, three, but in the end, there will not be a Hamas.” (TOI / VFI News)

IDF Eliminates Senior Hamas Engineer; The IDF on Friday, October 20, eliminated Mahmud Sabih, a senior Hamas terrorist who served as a senior engineer and unit head in Hamas' projects and development department, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said. The department operated to increase Hamas' weapons capabilities, exchanging knowledge with terrorist organizations across the Middle East, it added. Mahmud Sabih operated to facilitate the transfer of information for Hamas in the production of weapons and UAVs, said the IDF. Earlier, overnight Thursday, the IDF struck over a hundred operational targets belonging to Hamas, including an underground tunnel, weapon warehouses, and dozens of operational command centers. During the strikes, Amjad Majed Muhammad Abu 'Odeh, a Hamas naval operative who took part in the massacre of Israeli civilians in southern Israel, was also killed. In addition, a terror squad belonging to the Hamas aerial array was neutralized in a targeted strike on Gaza City, after they attempted to fire rockets at a jet. The forces also destroyed terror assets and weapons located in a mosque in the Jabaliya neighborhood, which was used as an observation post and staging ground by Hamas terrorists. (INN / VFI News)

IDF Provides Proof of Hamas Rockets Launched Near Schools, Mosque; The IDF Spokesperson's Unit unveiled aerial images on Sunday, October 22, captured during the Swords of Iron War, providing evidence of Hamas's strategy of initiating rocket attacks in close proximity to civilian locales from within the Gaza Strip. According to the IDF Spokesperson, these attacks are strategically launched near vulnerable public areas, including schools, kindergartens, and mosques, indicating a deliberate exploitation of these non-combatant populations. The rocket attacks are directed toward Israeli territory, underscoring

Hamas's intent to inflict damage and chaos on civilian lives in Israel. Very recently, a failed rocket launch from within the Gaza Strip by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad fell and damaged a hospital in Gaza. The army spokesperson gave a press conference declaring that “an analysis of IDF operational systems indicates a barrage of rockets was fired by terrorists in Gaza, passing in close proximity to the hospital at the time it was hit. Intelligence from a few sources that we have in our hands indicates that the Islamic Jihad is responsible.” (JPost / VFI News)

Poll: Majority of Israelis Want Israel to Fight Until the Elimination of Hamas; A poll commissioned by the Israel Victory Project demonstrates overwhelming support among all sectors of the Israeli public for the primary objective of Operation Swords of Iron to be the elimination of Hamas. When asked the question, “In the context of ‘Swords of Iron,’ what should be Israel’s primary objective?”, 70% of the public answered to “eliminate Hamas,” 15% answered to “secure the unconditional release of captives held by Hamas,” and 13% answered to “disarm Hamas completely.” Interestingly, 54% of those who voted for an Arab party in the last election also replied: “eliminate Hamas” as their preferred objective of the operation. When poll respondents were given the option of launching a ground operation in Gaza to eradicate Hamas or avoiding a ground operation and finding another way to deal with Hamas, 68% chose the former and 25% the latter solution. Since the beginning of the war, more than 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been murdered, over 5,300 people have been wounded, some 222 people were kidnapped and 2 American hostages were released on Friday. Meanwhile, the Israeli Pediatric Association reports that almost 90% of Israeli children currently seeking treatment from their healthcare providers in pediatric hospitals report symptoms of anxiety. (INN / VFI News)

London Police Report 1,353% Rise in Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes Since Hamas Onslaught; Anti-Semitic hate crimes in London have soared amid the Israel-Hamas war, the British capital’s Metropolitan Police force said Friday, October 20. The Met, the UK’s biggest police force, said there had been 218 anti-Semitic offenses in London between October 1 and 18, compared to 15 in the same period last year, a rise of 1,353 percent. The force added that Islamophobic crimes had also increased from 42 to 101 during the same period, up 140%. Antisemitic crimes have also increased internationally; a hateful vandal scrawled the abhorrent message, “Kill the Jews” on the wall of a Manhattan subway station last week, alongside what appears to be a misshapen swastika. Further, a Detroit synagogue president, Samantha Woll, was found stabbed to death outside her home in the downtown area of the city on Saturday morning. Additionally, a document published Friday morning by the Palestinian Authority's religious affairs department, and revealed by the research departments of Kol Yehudi and the Regavim movement, details a series of instructions and messages for Friday sermons, including sentences from the Sharia Law, among them the anti-Semitic hadith inciting the murder of Jews: “The hour will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and the Muslims kill them, until the Jew hides behind the stones and trees and the stones or trees say, 'O Muslim, O servant of Allah, this is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.” (TOI / VFI News)

Hamas Blocking Americans from Leaving Gaza: Blinken; Hamas is preventing Americans and other foreign nationals from exiting the Gaza Strip, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Sunday, October 22. “The ball is in the Hamas’ court in terms of letting people who want to leave — civilians from third countries including Americans,” Blinken told American media. When pressed about whether Hamas was preventing Americans from leaving Gaza, the US’s top diplomat responded, “That’s correct. We have US personnel on the other side of the border in Egypt, consular personnel,” he said, declining to outright specify whether any US personnel is presently in Gaza. Later during the interview, Blinken stopped short of calling for that publicly but suggested Israel has a history of relenting on its military bombardment to make room for humanitarian assistance. “We’ve seen first of all that in order to get assistance in, we’ve had that happen,” he said. “We want to make sure that we have sustained delivery of food, medicine, water, and things that people need.” “At the same time ... we have to remember Israel has to do everything

it can to make sure this doesn't happen again," he said of the Hamas heinous assault earlier this month. "Freezing things in place where they are now would allow Hamas to remain where it is and to repeat what it's done." (NYP / VFI News)



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