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- *Israeli army says forces take control over Hamas stronghold in northern Gaza Strip after overnight fighting*
 - *Palestinians say at least seven killed from IDF strikes in West Bank*
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- *In GOP presidential debate, candidates tell Netanyahu to 'finish the job'*
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Iranian Group Puts up Recruitment Posters for Suicide Bombers Willing to Attack Targets in Israel; A hard-line Iranian group has been actively recruiting potential suicide bombers for operations in Israel, images seen by British media reveal. The group responsible for this recruitment drive, Hezbollah, different from the Lebanese militant group with the same name, has initiated a campaign in the southeastern Iranian city of Mashhad, a significant place in Shia Islam. Posters featuring calls for “martyrdom” have appeared on the streets of Mashhad, imploring residents to submit their personal details for consideration. These posters declare that “It's time for Jihad,” and seek individuals to join a “special battalion of martyr seekers for Palestine.” One poster, shared by a Telegram channel close to the group, shows triumphant jihadists arriving at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites after the defeat of Israel while waving Iran's flag. “Liberating” Al-Aqsa Mosque has been one of the fundamental slogans of the Islamic Republic's officials over the past four decades. The group has gone as far as providing potential recruits with the option to choose between using motorcycles or cars for their deployments to Israel. Tawab, a resident of Mashhad, expressed his concern about the situation. In a telephone interview with British media he stated, “I have seen these posters in several places in the city, but no one seems willing to take such a perilous path. It makes the face of the city scary.” (DM / VFI News)

Hamas Leader Haniyeh Meets Iran's Khamenei; Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh met with Iran's Supreme Leader, Iranian pro-regime media said on Sunday, November 5. Iranian media noted that the “head of the political office of Hamas and the delegation met with the supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamenei.” Haniyeh presented the Iranian Ayatollah with an update on “developments in Gaza” and also accused Israel of “crimes.” “The Leader of the Islamic Revolution also once again expressed his appreciation for the patience and perseverance of the steadfast people of Gaza and strongly deplored the crimes committed by the Zionist regime with the direct support of the United

States and some Western countries,” the report noted. This illustrates how Iran is trying to create a united front against the US and Israel. It is using Hamas as part of this front but also trying to get Hezbollah, the Houthis, and militias in Iraq and Syria involved. Iran is trying to mobilize Muslim countries in general, according to the report. This coincides with protests against the US in Turkey. While the Iranian reports are slim on what was actually achieved in the meeting, the meeting itself is symbolic and important. Further, according to Israeli journalist Ben Caspit, Hamas's mass infiltration and massacre of Israelis on October 7 was originally intended to take place during the last Passover's Seder meal, but Iran forced it to delay. Caspit speculated that this could have happened due to informal negotiations with the United States which eventually led to \$6 billion being freed up for Iran in September. (JPost / VFI News)

Israeli Source Says Many Hostages in Gaza Are Still Alive; Israel has estimated that many of the over 240 Hamas-held captives in Gaza are still alive, as it opposed any ceasefire understanding without the release of all the hostages. An Israeli diplomatic source said that the pressure of a ground campaign may press Hamas to make a deal. “Initially nothing was seen in that direction,” the source said. Now, “we see something, it hasn't matured yet.” The source spoke as Israel is under international pressure for a ceasefire, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken pushing it to accept at least a humanitarian pause in the fighting. The source said that any ceasefire understanding would in fact be temporary, more akin to a pause. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during a visit to the Ramon Air Force base on Sunday, November 5, that Israel won't agree to any form of ceasefire without the return of all the hostages. He explained that he was delivering this message both to Israel's allies and enemies. “There is one thing we will not do: There will be no ceasefire without the return of the hostages,” Netanyahu told the pilots. “This should be completely removed from the lexicon,” he added. (JPost / VFI News)

IDF Takes Control of Hamas Compound, Arrests Ahd Tamimi Who Was Calling to Murder Jews; IDF troops on Sunday, November 5, took control over a Hamas compound, struck 450 aerial targets, and killed Hamas commanders in cooperation with the ISA, an IDF source said. The compound contains observation posts, training areas for Hamas operatives, and underground terror tunnels. During the operation, several Hamas terrorists were killed. IDF soldiers also killed Hamas battalion commanders in battles on the ground. Additionally, since Sunday morning, IDF fighter jets struck over 450 Hamas targets, including tunnels, terrorists, military compounds, observation posts, anti-tank missile launch posts, and more. As part of the activities to target Hamas terrorists, based on ISA and IDF intelligence, IDF fighter jets struck and killed additional Hamas terrorists, including Jamal Mussa, who was responsible for the special security operations in the Hamas terrorist organization. Furthermore, Israeli forces have arrested Palestinian activist Ahd Tamimi after she called to murder Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria. In an Instagram post last week, the 22-year-old wrote, “Our message to the herds of settlers is: ... We will slaughter you, and you will say that what Hitler did to you was a joke. We will drink your blood, and we will eat your skulls. Come on, let's go, we're waiting for you.” A video posted by an Arab Israeli source shows IDF soldiers leading the woman out of her Nabi Salah home. Tamimi became known in 2018 when videos of her assaulting IDF soldiers went viral. She was sentenced to eight months in prison and eight months probation. (INN / VFI News)

Hamas Leader's House Hit by Airstrike, Terrorist Launch Site Found Inside Children's Playground; The house of Hamas' senior political leader was destroyed in an alleged Israeli airstrike on Saturday, November 4, officials said. The family residence of Ismail Haniyeh, located in the Shati refugee camp on the northern outskirts of Gaza City, was hit Saturday morning, according to a Hamas-run media outlet. There were no immediate details about possible casualties or the true extent of the damage. At the time of the strike, Haniyeh's home was being used by his two sons, senior Hamas official Ghazi Hamad said, while Haniyeh - who was elected Hamas' political chief in 2017 - has lived in luxurious “exile” in Qatar since 2019. Hamas has been accused of using civilian infrastructure such as UNRWA schools and

apartment buildings as its launching pads for rocket attacks against Israel, which endanger the civilian population of Gaza. On Sunday, the IDF released footage that showed Hamas rocket launchers and launch pits next to a playground and a children's swimming pool in Gaza. "This is further proof," the IDF said, "of Hamas's ceaseless use of the civilian population as a human shield for terrorist purposes." "What you can see here is a group of four launching barrels for rockets being fired towards Israel, only five meters from a children's pool, and maybe 20-30m from residential buildings – all in the heart of a residential neighborhood," an IDF officer stated. "We arrived here and found an area where there is a playground that used to be some kind of amusement park. You can see the launch site from within the amusement park and the children's playground," a second officer stated. (NYP / VFI News)

Pentagon Suspends Israel Travel For Top Officials, 'High Risk' Hamas Might Get Some of US \$100 Million Gaza Aid; Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has implemented a temporary suspension of Pentagon flights to Israel for top DOD officials and members of Congress due to the intensity of military conflict in the area. Any senior DOD leader who needs to travel to Israel will have to get authorization directly from either Austin or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, depending on the position of the person making the request. However, the Pentagon will continue to provide support for "any desired visits by the President and Vice President of the United States," according to a memo. "These restrictions also do not apply to travel by the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretaries of the Military Departments, or Service Chiefs," the memo added. Further, a government watchdog warned Friday, November 3, that some of US President Joe Biden's \$100 million in humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza and Judea and Samaria is likely to fall into the hands of Hamas terrorists. Biden pledged on October 18 that the fuel, medical supplies, food, and water included in the package would not be diverted to Hamas, which has political and military control of Gaza. The United Nations and Israel maintain oversight of aid trucks heading in and out of Gaza, according to the State Department, but there is a high risk of diversion to Hamas, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) internal watchdog warned in an alert distributed Friday. "USAID has identified this area as high-risk for potential diversion and misuse of U.S.-funded assistance," the USAID Office of the Inspector General (OIG) warned. (DW / VFI News)

Jordanian National Living Illegally in Texas Accused of 'Studying How to Build Bombs' to Target Jews: Reports; Authorities in Texas have arrested a man accused of "studying how to build bombs" for a possible attack against Jewish people, and the FBI director used his case as an example of the increased risk of terror attacks in the U.S. "We've already seen that with the individual we arrested last week in Houston who had been studying how to build bombs and posted online his support for killing Jews," FBI Director Chris Wray said during a congressional hearing. The man he was referring to is 20-year-old Sohaib Abuayyash, American media confirmed from an FBI source. The FBI referred the media outlet to the publicly filed court documents, which show Abuayyash was in the country illegally. Abuayyash's immigration status doesn't allow him to possess or use firearms or ammunition, and he was consequently arrested in the Houston area in October for unlawful possession of a firearm, according to federal court documents. Abuayyash previously allegedly posted several images and videos of him training with firearms on social media accounts. According to American media, the judge's order that detained Abuayyash states that he "has made statements that he wants to go to Gaza to fight." (FN / VFI News)

U.S. Citizens Told To Leave Lebanon Amid 'Unpredictable Security Situation'; The State Department issued a travel advisory on Saturday morning, November 4, urging Americans to leave Lebanon amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. The warning comes amid threats from Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah to escalate military actions against Israel. Israel has been sending targeted strikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon as Hezbollah has fired rockets at Israeli troops. "The [State Department] recommends that U.S. citizens in Lebanon leave now while commercial flights remain available due to the

unpredictable security situation,” the State Department posted to X, former Twitter. Americans were also told to have “a plan of action for crisis situations that does not rely on U.S. government assistance. The best time to leave a country is before a crisis, if at all possible. U.S. military-assisted evacuations of civilians from a foreign country are rare. There is no guarantee the U.S. government will evacuate private U.S. citizens and their family members in a crisis situation.” The previous day, Nasrallah gave a speech that aimed at the U.S., calling it “The Great Satan,” and blaming America for the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, which started after Hamas launched an unprecedented terrorist attack on October 7. (DW / VFI News)

The Kibbutz Be'eri Massacre / Babies Decapitated & Families Slaughtered in their Homes / VFI News; Dear readers, after almost one month into the war, we continue to pray for every Israeli, Jew, and innocent civilian who has been affected by it. We know that the Lord, our God has heard all of our prayers, and will soon deliver a resolution and take care of the afflicted communities. We also pray for the release of all the hostages and protect our soldiers who are sacrificing themselves for our people. Witness the aftermath of the slaughter which took place on October 7th 2023 in Kibbutz Be'eri. A small peace-loving kibbutz which was overrun by murderous barbaric Hamas terrorists. At least 130 innocent civilians were butchered in their homes, babies decapitated, and entire families burned alive. This was the face of evil.

Israel, Hezbollah Exchange Fire in North, IDF 'Ready' for Lebanon Fire; Lebanon's Hezbollah said it had used two drones packed with explosives to attack an Israeli army command position in the disputed Shebaa Farms area at the Lebanese-Israeli border on Thursday, November 2. In a statement, the Iran-backed group said the drones were filled with “a large quantity of explosives” and had hit their targets. In response, the IDF struck several Hezbollah terror targets in southern Lebanon. Israel targeted several Hezbollah terrorist infrastructures along the border, killing many terrorists, the IDF said. The Israeli Air Force, as well as artillery forces, were placed on high alert to respond immediately to any Hezbollah attacks from inside Lebanon. The IDF said it is conducting defensive operations such as ambushes and patrols along the northern border fence, in a bid to deter further escalations from Lebanon. Israeli forces are also carrying out intense training drills to increase preparedness for broad operational plans that “can be activated at any time,” the military noted. The IDF warned that it is ready for the “immediate execution” of said plans. (JPost / VFI News)

Three Hamas Commanders Eliminated; IDF fighter jets, under the direction of military intelligence and the Shin Bet, have eliminated Muhammad A'sar, the head of Hamas' anti-tank force in the Gaza Strip. A'sar's forces have been heavily involved in the battles against Israel's security forces in northern Gaza in recent days. In his position, A'sar was responsible for all anti-tank forces among the various Hamas brigades in Gaza and was involved in activating those forces when Hamas launched its war on Israel on October 7. At A'sar's direction, numerous attacks were committed against Israeli military forces and civilians using anti-tank missiles. On Tuesday, October 31, IAF jets also eliminated Ibrahim Biari, the Commander of Hamas' Central Jabaliya Battalion. Biari was one of the leaders responsible for sending terrorist operatives from the “Nukhba” force to Israel to carry out the murderous terror attack on October 7. Later, in an airstrike Thursday night, the commander of Hamas's Sabra Tel al-Hawa Battalion, Mustafa Dalul, was killed, the IDF and Israel Security Service (Shin Bet) announced in a joint statement on Friday morning. In addition, IDF fighter jets and artillery killed several Hamas terrorists who operated against the ground troops. During searches in the area of Beit Hanun in northern Gaza, IDF soldiers located weapons, intelligence material, an AK-47 rifle, submachine guns, magazines, grenades, explosive devices, RPG, communication means, and maps. (INN / VFI News)

'A Matter Of Good Versus Evil'; US Approves \$14.3 Billion in Aid to Israel; The US House of Representatives on Thursday, November 2, approved a bill to provide \$14.3 billion in aid to Israel amid

the war against Hamas. The bill was approved by a majority of 226 to 196. Speaking with American media, House Speaker Mike Johnson minced no words about the necessity for providing aid to Israel as it fights the terrorist group Hamas, saying, “This is a matter of good versus evil.” The funding for the aid to Israel will be reallocated from money that was meant for the IRS in President Joe Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act. President Biden got \$80 billion through the Inflation Reduction Act to expand the IRS. Roughly \$21 billion was removed as part of a debt ceiling deal in June. Johnson said before the vote, “I understand their priority is to bulk up the IRS. But I think if you put this to the American people and they weigh the two needs — I think they’re going to say standing with Israel and protecting the innocent over there is in our national interest.” Rep. Chip Roy had also tweeted, “To truly #StandWithIsrael, we should swiftly PASS a stand-alone \$14BB Israel-only support package... & PAY FOR that support to ensure our own fiscal & military strength... & STOP FUNDING the soulless globalists (UN, e.g.) supporting Hamas, Iran, & our other common enemies.” (DW / VFI News)

Exposed: How Hamas Steals Fuel from Gaza's Hospitals; The IDF has released a recording that shows how the terror organization takes gas from hospitals at the expense of the humanitarian needs of Gaza residents. A conversation between a commander of Hamas’s Western Jabaliya Battalion and a Gazan resident, with the participation of the director of the Indonesian Hospital, was intercepted by Israeli Military Intelligence. Despite the sensitive nature of this intelligence, the IDF says this intercept is being declassified to expose Hamas’s cynical exploitation of humanitarian resources in Gaza. “Hamas continues to exploit humanitarian infrastructure in the Gaza Strip to support its terrorist activities at the expense of the residents of Gaza,” it stated. The video confirms that Hamas controls energy distribution in Gaza, prioritizing terrorist needs over the needs of their civilian population. In this phone call, a Hamas commander repeatedly alludes to Hamas taking fuel from the hospital’s stocks, “working as a government for the sake of the country.” (INN / VFI News)

Russia Says Israel Has No Right to Self-Defense, Russia’s Wagner Group to Supply Hezbollah with Air Defense; Israel has no right to defend itself as it is an occupying power, Russia’s representative to the United Nations, Vasily Nebenzya, said at an emergency special session of the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, November 1. “The only thing they can muster is continued pronouncements about Israel’s supposed right to self-defense, although as an occupying power, it does not have that power as confirmed by the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice handed down in 2004,” said the Russian representative. Despite stating that Israel does not have the right to defend itself, Nebenzya proceeded to state that Israel does have the right to “ensure its security” and “to fight terrorism.” Further, US Intelligence has learned that the pro-Russian Wagner Mercenary Group may be supplying Hezbollah with an air-defense system, according to American media. US officials said that the White House has still yet to confirm if the SA-22 system, which uses anti-aircraft missiles and air defense guns to intercept aerial threats like aircraft and drones, will be used in Lebanon. US officials are unable to confirm that the system has been sent yet but noted a positioned aircraft carrier used to deter Hezbollah in the Eastern Mediterranean from opening Israel’s northern front. Wagner has a presence in Syria, where many Hezbollah fighters have been found recently. (JPost / VFI News)

Israel Omitted from Online Maps in China Amid War with Hamas in Gaza; People in China are calling attention to the fact that the state of Israel is not present on online maps in China, a concerning development given China's historical obsession with map boundaries. While it is unclear when Chinese companies like Baidu and Alibaba removed references to Israel, Chinese internet users began discussing the absence after Hamas' October 7 massacre. Searching for “Israel” on Baidu's map portal prompts it to zoom in on the correct region, but Israel's name is absent from the map despite cities like Jerusalem being correctly marked. Israel's neighbors like Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt also appear and are named accurately on the maps. China's strong relationship with Iran may be a reason for Israel's absence from the map.

China remains Iran's largest trading partner, and Iran is the prime source of funding for both Hamas and Hezbollah, the terror groups devoted to the destruction of Israel. After the war began between Israel and Hamas, the Iranian regime has also threatened the Jewish communities in the country, a UK-based Persian language news outlet reported on Wednesday, November 1. Jews of Iranian origin in Israel are reporting that their relatives in Iran have left family WhatsApp groups and are even blocking the numbers of all their Israeli contacts. The report adds that the local Jewish community organized pro-Gaza demonstrations in Teheran and Esfahan. The demonstrations were held under the headline: "Judaism has no connection with Zionism." The demonstrators even waved banners in Hebrew condemning "Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people." (FN / VFI News)

Thai Workers Face Dilemma: Stay and Endure War, or Flee But Lose Vital Wages; When Hamas terrorists rampaged through southern Israeli communities last month, many Thai migrant agricultural workers shared the fate of over a thousand Israelis who were slaughtered, kidnapped, or forced to run for their lives. Since that day nearly a month ago, more than 7,000 of some 30,000 Thais working in Israel have returned home on government evacuation flights. But many others have decided to stay, choosing to take the risk for the opportunity to earn wages far higher than at home. The number of Israelis and other civilians held hostage by Hamas is 241 according to IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, while Thailand reports that at least 23 of them are Thais. This is the largest single group of foreigners held by the terror group. Many more may be missing and 32 have been reported killed. In a visceral illustration of the fate met by some, Israel's UN envoy Gilad Erdan showed to the General Assembly a video of what he said was a Hamas terrorist decapitating a Thai agricultural worker. Farm laborers from Thailand and elsewhere in Southeast Asia seek work in more developed countries where there is a shortage of semi-skilled labor — at wages considerably higher than what they earn at home. Thais remain the largest group of foreign agricultural laborers in Israel today. (TOI /VFI News)



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