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Israel-Hamas War, Day 47

Mossad Chief Arrives in Qatar to Finalize Israel-Hamas Cease-fire, Hostage Release

- ***The Israel-Hamas deal includes the release of 50 hostages from Gaza in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners***
- ***Israel publishes list of 300 prisoners who are release candidates, gives public 24 hours to appeal***
 - ***Religious Zionist party votes for deal, says 'will advance goals of war'***
 - ***IDF continues Gaza ground operation, announces death of two soldiers***
 - ***Five killed in Tul Karem, according to local medical sources***
- ***At least 1,200 civilians and soldiers killed in Israel since October 7, 236 hostages held in Gaza***
 - ***Hamas-controlled health ministry: 14,128 dead in Gaza***

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Hamas Operatives Surround Themselves with Children; IDF soldiers operating in the Gaza Strip filmed Hamas operatives surrounding themselves with children to prevent the IDF from firing at them. Leading online activist Ella Kenan, who shared the photo, commented: “A photo taken today in Gaza shows how Hamas-ISIS terrorists walk the streets surrounded by children, which they use as human shields in order to prevent the IDF from attacking them!” “This battle between these Jihadists, Islamic fundamentalists can’t be decided until Egypt and other countries around the world will take the people of Gaza and let Israel fight the Jihad terror.” The Southern Command continues to expand its operational activities in additional neighborhoods in the area of the Gaza Strip and conducts such activity in the areas of Zaytun, Jabalya, and Beit Lahia to target terrorists and strike Hamas infrastructure. Further, the IDF spokesperson said Sunday, November 19, that the IDF has killed numerous Hamas terrorists and destroyed Hamas infrastructure throughout the weekend, as it hit the Gaza-based terror organization from the air, sea, and land, with both naval and aircraft operating in tandem with Israeli ground forces. (INN / VFI News)

Rape by Hamas Was Systematic, 364 Murdered During Re'im Music Festival Massacre; The Israeli police and Israel’s newly formed Civil Commission on October 7th Crimes by Hamas Against Women believe sexual violence during the terror attack was widespread, systematic and even endorsed by the Islamic fundamentalist group’s religious and spiritual leaders as permissible during war. First responders from both the Israeli military and the country’s civilian services have described in detail the disturbing brutality and atrocities carried out by an estimated 3,000 Hamas and other Palestinian terrorists. A commander with the Israeli army’s National Rescue Unit told journalists in the initial days after the attack that he had found multiple bodies of dead women who had been stripped naked. In one case, on Kibbutz Be’eri, Col. (Res) Golan Vach, said he found two women tied together on the same bed with no clothes on. In another case, a soldier from the army’s special forces unit who was sent to search for survivors on a kibbutz told one media outlet he found the dead bodies of two young girls together in one room. “There was a teenage girl, 14 or 15. She was lying on the floor, on her stomach, her pants were pulled down, and she was half naked.” “Her legs were spread out, wide open, and there was the remains of sperm on her back,” he said. “It was the first time I realized that we are not acting against terrorists here, we are acting against savages.” In the morgue, too, those working to identify the dead and prepare their bodies for burial spoke about brutalities consistent with rape and sexual assault. “We saw evidence of rape. Pelvises were broken ... And this was also among grandmothers down to small children. These are things we saw with our own eyes,” Shari, who works with a team of female volunteers tasked with cleaning the bodies of murdered women, told American media. Meanwhile, an ongoing police investigation into the

Hamas massacre of the Re'im music festival on October 7 has updated the death count to 364. Forty attendees of the festival were captured and taken to Gaza, the investigation finds. Earlier counts had placed the death count in Re'im at 270. (FN / VFI News)

Israel Needs to Shock the World by Sharing the Hamas Massacre Footage; Many players, whether representatives of the Israeli government, the army, or the many volunteers and Jewish leaders, have been trying to organize private showings of the IDF Spokesperson's documentation of Hamas's terrible massacre on October 7, for influencers around the globe. The film, some 40 minutes long, has caused parliamentarians worldwide to burst into tears after seeing it and has been widely regarded as highly impactful; three hours of discussion followed one screening for Americans. The IDF film, titled "Hamas Massacre – Collected Raw Footage, Oct. 7, 2023," features a combination of footage from various sources, including GoPro body cameras worn by the terrorists themselves, dashcams from the cars of both terrorists and civilians, closed-circuit television recordings, cellphone footage, and more. But the question arises: Why was the movie shown only to small audiences of influencers or decision-makers? The hype and secrecy surely add to the intrigue and interest, but on the other hand, Hamas and its proxies continue to publish real, as well as fake, footage daily, of the Gaza ruins and those who were killed or injured by IDF attacks. The understanding has been that the families of those killed and/or kidnapped vetoed opening the screening to all, or airing it on social media, for millions to see. Israel, as opposed to any of its Middle Eastern neighbors, is a democracy and also respects the privacy of its citizens. Therefore, it may be commendable that Israel has listened to the families whose lives were destroyed on October 7; but it may also be what's causing Israel to lose the lead in the international arena. (JPost / VFI News)

Majority of Palestinians in Gaza, Judea, and Samaria Strongly Support Hamas, October 7 Attack; After Hamas' devastating October 7 massacre in which some 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals were murdered, the globe was divided into people able to condemn the attack and people perceiving the terrorists as "freedom fighters." Palestinian society seems much less divided on the issue compared to the rest of the world, according to a November 14 poll by the Arab World for Research and Development. When asked the leading question "How much do you support the military operation carried out by the Palestinian resistance led by Hamas on October 7?" Palestinian responses showed support for the attack. Palestinians living in Judea and Samaria overwhelmingly answered that they supported the attack to either an extreme or "somewhat" extent (83.1%.) Only 6.9% answered that they were "extremely" or "somewhat" against the attack, and 8.4% expressed that they had no opinion either way. Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip show a little less consensus but the overall majority supported the attack. A mass of 63.6% said that they supported the attack "extremely" or to a "somewhat" extent. A further 14.4% answered that they did not oppose or support the attack and 20.9% opposed the attack to some degree. When asked "Do you support the solution of establishing one state or two states?" the majority (74.7%) of respondents answered that they support a single Palestinian state "from the river to the sea." Similarly, the support for a single Palestinian state was more commonly held by Palestinians living in Judea and Samaria (77.7%) than Palestinians living in Gaza (70.4%). (JPost / VFI News)

Former Israeli PM Says Hamas' HQ is in Khan Yunis, More Revelations About Shifa Hospital; In an interview on Friday, November 17, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said that the real headquarters of Hamas leadership were located in Khan Yunis. "Khan Yunis, which is in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, is the real headquarters of Hamas," Olmert said. "There they have the leadership, they are hiding, they have the bunkers, they have the command positions, they have the launching pads." Interviewer Shona Murray pushed back, stating that the narrative has been that Al-Shifa Hospital has been the center of the Hamas command structure, but Olmert clarified that "you have seen the weaponry, you haven't seen the leaders. There [is] so many fake news. It's now part of life. Everything is spread carelessly. Had you asked me two weeks ago, I'd have told you that the center is really in Khan Yunis."

Meanwhile, on the same day, IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari said that IDF troops located additional underground infrastructure in Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Based on IDF and ISA intelligence, IDF troops exposed a 55-meter-long terror tunnel 10 meters deep underneath the Shifa Hospital complex. Hagari was asked about the prospects of the troops entering the southern part of the Gaza Strip, and replied, “We are determined to keep moving forward. This will happen wherever Hamas is, and they are also in the southern Gaza Strip. It will happen at the best time, place, and under the best conditions for the IDF.” (JPost / VFI News)

Hamas Could Be Planning Terror Attacks on American Soil – FBI; In testimony to the US House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee on Wednesday, November 15, officials from the US Department of Homeland Security and the FBI warned about increased security threats following the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7. “Although the terrorism threat in the United States has remained heightened throughout 2023, Hamas’s attack on Israel, along with other recent events, have sharpened the focus of potential attacks on targeted individuals and institutions perceived as symbolic of or tied to the conflict,” Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said. FBI Director Christopher Wray also highlighted the growing threats on US soil, “Our top concern stems from lone offenders inspired by, or reacting to, the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, as they pose the most likely threat to Americans, especially Jewish, Muslim, and Arab-American communities in the United States.” Christine Abizaid, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said “Since 7 October, there have been increased threats ... and some attacks and violent exploitation of protests, primarily driven by overall heightened tensions and individuals engaging in violent extremist attacks.” Michael Masters, national director and CEO of Secure Community Network (SCN), added: “We will not tolerate hate, violence, or terror – nor should we resign ourselves to living less Jewish lives. Instead, we have the tools in place to empower the Jewish community in safety and security.” SCN reported an unprecedented uptick in incident reports. “The 772 incident reports SCN logged in October marks the highest of any month in our nearly 20-year history, a 192% increase from October 2022,” the report said. (JPost / VFI News)

Neo-Nazi Group March in Wisconsin with Swastika Flags; A group of neo-Nazis in Madison, Wisconsin, on Saturday afternoon, November 18, were reportedly seen carrying flags with swastikas, according to local sources. Around 20 people carried Nazi flags and walked up the Wisconsin State Capitol’s State Street before heading to James Madison Park for a neo-Nazi rally. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers condemned the group, who call themselves the Blood Tribe, saying, “To see neo-Nazis marching in our streets and neighborhoods and in the shadow of our State Capitol building spreading their disturbing, hateful messages is truly revolting.” The Anti-Defamation League has identified the Blood Tribe, established by ex-US marine Christopher Pohlhaus, as a neo-Nazi faction. According to a statement made by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and its chancellor, the neo-Nazi group started its march around noon on Saturday, starting from the State Street Mall and ending at the state Capitol. The university condemned the presence of the group and also said in the statement that it was uninformed about the march ahead of time. (JPost / VFI News)

Bahraini Crown Prince Condemns Hamas and Israel, Calls to Release Hostages; The crown prince of Gulf Arab state Bahrain on Friday, November 17, called for a “hostage trade” between Palestinian terrorist group Hamas and Israel to achieve a break in hostilities that he said could lead to an end to the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also said that security would not be realized without a two-state solution, which he described the United States as “indispensable” in achieving. “It is a time for straight talking,” he said, urging Hamas to release Israeli women and children held hostage in Gaza and for Israel in exchange to release from its prisons Palestinian women and children, who he described as non-combatants. Prince Salman described the situation in Gaza as “intolerable” and condemned both Hamas for its October 7 attack and Israel for the “air campaign” it

launched in response. He outlined what he said were red lines in the conflict, including the forced displacement of Palestinians, “now or ever”, an Israeli reoccupation of Gaza, and a military threat from Gaza towards Israel. (JPost / VFI News)



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