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Missile Fired From Lebanon Explodes in West Bank; Sirens Blare Across North Israel

- *Shin Bet arrests five West Bank residents over planned terror plot at Tel Aviv mall*
- *Report: U.S. seeks to use Israel's offensive in Lebanon to oust Hezbollah, Egypt and Qatar say plan unrealistic*
 - *IDF says 40 rockets from Lebanon target northern Israel in latest barrage*
 - *IDF says it intercepted drone launched from Gaza into Israel*
- *Israeli reserve soldier killed in combat in northern Israel, another seriously wounded*
 - *Six people wounded in a stabbing attack in central Israel, one critically*
 - *IDF intercepts two Hezbollah missiles aimed at northern and central Israel*
- *42,010 Palestinians killed in Gaza since war started, Hamas-run Health Ministry says*
 - *130 IDF soldiers declare they'll refuse to serve unless gov't seeks Gaza hostage deal*
 - *Iran Quds Force chief Qaani is well, to get medal from Supreme Leader, adviser says*

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One Year Since October 7 Attack: Swords of Iron War in Numbers; As Israel marks a year since the Hamas attack of October 7, 2023, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit is publishing updated data on its operational activity in the past year. As of September 19, 2024, a total of approximately 300,000 reservists have been enlisted from the beginning of the war. Approximately 18% of reservists are women, and approximately 82% of reservists are men. Since the start of the war and as of September 25, 2024, eight terrorist brigade commanders have been eliminated in Gaza. About 30 terrorist battalion commanders have been eliminated, and about 165 terrorist company commanders have been eliminated. In the northern arena, more than 800 terrorists have been eliminated, and about 90 commanders have been eliminated. In the central arena, about 690 terrorists have been eliminated. Over 7,000 interrogations have been conducted by Unit 504 since the beginning of the war. As of October 2, 2024, approximately 13,200 launches from Gaza toward Israeli territory have been recorded. Approximately 12,400 launches from Lebanon toward Israeli territory have been recorded. There have been approximately 60 launches from Syria, approximately 180 launches from Yemen, and approximately 400 launches from Iran toward Israeli territory. 726 soldiers have fallen since the start of the war whose names have been cleared for publication, including 346 since the beginning of ground operations on October 27, 2023. *(INN / VFI News)*

Army Destroys 3.5-Kilometer Smuggling Tunnel from Syria to Lebanon; The military says fighter jets struck a 3.5-kilometer-long tunnel that crossed between Lebanon and Syria, and which the IDF says was used by Hezbollah to smuggle Iranian weapons. According to the IDF, the tunnel was operated by Hezbollah's Unit 4400, which is tasked with delivering weapons from Iran and its proxies to Lebanon. The strike destroyed the tunnel where weapons were transported through and stored, as well as buildings, weapon depots, and other infrastructure in the vicinity, the military says. A separate overnight strike targeted "infrastructure" at the Masnaa Border Crossing between Lebanon and Syria after the IDF said it identified attempts to deliver Iranian weapons to Hezbollah. The IDF has said it has stepped up efforts to prevent any weapons being delivered from Iran to Hezbollah via Syria. On Tuesday, October 1, the commander of Hezbollah's Unit 4400 was killed in a strike on Beirut. *(TOI / VFI News)*

Report: Nasrallah's Successor Eliminated; An Israeli security source on Saturday, October 5, confirmed to Saudi media that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's successor, Hashem Safieddine, was eliminated in a Friday night strike. According to another Saudi news outlet, commanders from the Iranian Revolutionary Guard were eliminated together with Safieddine. On Friday, Israel estimated that Safieddine was injured in the strike since those who were with him in the underground area that was struck could not have escaped the site alive. In addition, it is estimated that alongside Safieddine, senior Hezbollah intelligence officials were also present at the site and were also injured. Safieddine, 60, is a cousin of Nasrallah and last month was appointed his successor. Before his appointment, Safieddine served as the head of Hezbollah's Executive Council. He is Nasrallah's cousin from his mother's side. His brother,

Abdullah, is Hezbollah's envoy to Iran. In addition, Safieddine is one of six clerics currently serving on Hezbollah's Shura Council. (*INN / VFI News*)

PM Netanyahu: No Country Would Accept the Attack from Iran, and Neither Will Israel; “We have an obligation to respond to Iran - and we will,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a recorded message broadcasted on Israeli media on Saturday night, October 5. The statement came as the world awaits an Israeli response to Iran's missile barrage on Tuesday. “No country in the world would have accepted such an attack, and neither will Israel,” he added. Netanyahu began his statement by recounting Israel's progress in the war over the last month. “About a month ago, towards the end of the destruction of the Hamas battalions in Gaza - we began to fulfill the promise I gave to the residents of the north.” “We eliminated Nasrallah and the top echelon of Hezbollah. We eliminated the commanders of the Radwan force who planned to invade the Galilee and carry out a greater and more terrible massacre of our citizens than the one on October 7,” he added. Netanyahu also slammed French President Emmanuel Macron and other Western leaders on Saturday who he said had called for an arms embargo on Israel over its airstrikes against Hamas in Gaza. He emphasized, “Is Iran imposing an arms embargo on Hezbollah, on the Houthis, on Hamas, and on its other proxies? Of course not. This axis of terror stands together, but countries who supposedly oppose this terror axis call for an arms embargo on Israel.” (*JPost / VFI News*)

US Offers Compensation if Israel Won't Hit Certain Targets in Iran; The US offered Israel compensation if it would refrain from striking certain targets in Iran, Amichai Stein revealed on Sunday, October 6, on Israeli media. According to the report, since the massive Iranian missile attack on Israel last week, there have been discussions between Israeli and American officials regarding an Israeli retaliation. During the discussions, the US officials offered their Israeli counterparts extensive diplomatic support and additional military aid if they would not attack certain targets in Iran. An Israeli source stated: “We take the US, our ally, into consideration, and we are always ready to listen. However, we will do what is needed to defend Israel's citizens and security.” (*INN / VFI News*)

'I Love Hezbollah': Anti-Israel Protesters in London Carry Pro-Hezbollah Banners; Protesters carrying banners in support of Hezbollah marched through central London on Saturday, October 5, British media reported. Police made more than a dozen arrests as tens of thousands of pro-Palestinian Arab activists demonstrated through the city to Whitehall, ahead of the first anniversary of the October 7 attacks by Hamas on southern Israel. Among the crowd were several demonstrators holding placards and banners expressing support for the Hezbollah terrorist organization. One placard on display showed a silhouette of former Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah with the words “We will not abandon Palestine.” Others declared, “Hezbollah are not terrorists” and “I love Hezbollah”, according to the British news outlet. The banners were visible despite the Metropolitan Police's warning on Friday that they would crack down on any displays of support for banned terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah. As the pro-Palestinian Arab demonstrators passed the British Library, they chanted, “Yemen, Yemen make us proud. Turn another ship around” and “British Museum. Paint it red. Over 100,000 dead.” (*INN / VFI News*)

The Lithuanian Parliament Lists IRGC as a Terror Organization; The Seimas, the Lithuanian parliament, on Thursday, October 3, passed a resolution designating the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization, Lithuanian media reported. On Friday, Conservative MP Emanuelis Zingeris told a press conference, “We were the first among EU parliaments to declare this (...). We recognize the IRGC as a terrorist organization. Starting yesterday, our Interior Ministry must monitor whether members of this terrorist organization are crossing our borders.” The country called on the European Union to follow suit, according to Lithuanian media. The parliament “calls on the EU, together with its partner countries, to adopt new sanctions packages against Iran, targeting individuals and companies involved in the development and transfer of Iran's ballistic missile and drone programs to

Russia and terrorist organizations, as well as imposing restrictive measures on Iran's aviation sector." "For more than 40 years now, the current government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which came to power undemocratically during the 1979 revolution, has systematically carried out repression, pursued discriminatory policies against women, violated the rights of its citizens, as well as human rights, and cracked down on protesters," the resolution continued. (INN / VFI News)

10,000 Malawians to Work in Israel As Labor Deal Strengthens Ties; Around 10,000 foreign workers from the southeast African country of Malawi are expected to arrive in Israel by the end of the year to support industries such as agriculture, construction, elder care, and tourism, according to Malawian parliamentarian Joyce Chitsulo. In February, Malawi's parliament approved the program following a fact-finding mission to Israel, where 700 Malawians were already working. Chitsulo noted that despite the conflict between Israel and Gaza, these workers were content and had no desire to return home. At the inaugural Africa-Israel Parliamentary Summit in Ethiopia earlier last month, Chitsulo told the media that many young Malawians finish school without job prospects. She said that working in Israel offers a win-win solution, especially given Israel's labor shortage following restrictions on Palestinian workers after October 7. "Now the people of Malawi know Israel is really good, and we are not ashamed to talk about it," Chitsulo said. "People now know that Israel is a friend indeed." Further, over the last Jewish calendar year, 31,000 Olim (immigrants) arrived in Israel from more than 100 countries around the world despite the disruption of the Swords of Iron War, according to data released in advance of the Jewish New Year by the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration and The Jewish Agency for Israel. (YNet / VFI News)



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