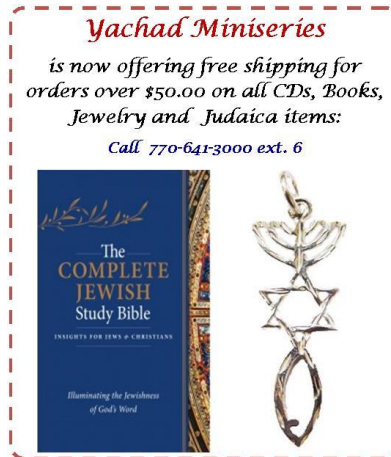


# **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update October 2, 2025 (Tishrei 10, 5785)**



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## **Israel-Hamas War 727 Days, 51 Killed in Gaza as Red Cross Halts Gaza City Operations Citing Israeli Escalation**

- *Trump signed executive order 'assuring the security' of Qatar the day he met with Netanyahu*
  - *IDF will block road connecting Gaza City to rest of Gaza Strip, spokesperson says*
  - *Gaza-bound aid flotilla says drone activity has increased as it nears destination*
- *Hamas yet to respond to cease-fire proposal; 42 Palestinians killed in Gaza in past 24 hours*
- *Hostages' families 'express cautious hope' following Trump's Gaza plan announcement*
  - *Trump says he will give Hamas 'three or four days' to respond to cease-fire proposal*
  - *Israeli man arrested for spying for Iran, photographing military bas*

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***IDF Soldier Killed by Gunfire During Car-Ramming in Northern West Bank;*** An IDF paratrooper was killed Sunday after a suspected Palestinian assailant rammed troops with a truck at Jit Junction, near Kedumim. The fallen soldier was identified as Staff Sgt. Inbar Avraham Kav, 20, of the Paratroopers Brigade's 890th Battalion, who suffered a severe head wound when the truck struck him and was then fatally hit by gunfire as comrades shot the attacker. He was evacuated by Magen David Adom to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, where he succumbed to his wounds. The assailant, identified as a resident of Nablus, was shot dead at the scene. Following the attack, the IDF sealed entrances to Nablus and nearby villages; Palestinian reports also noted closures along Route 55 toward Qalqilya. Hamas welcomed the assault without claiming responsibility. The incident came 10 days after two IDF soldiers were killed in an attack at the Allenby Bridge crossing. *(TOI / VFI News).*

***IDF: Nukhba Commander Who Took Part in 10/7 Attack Eliminated;*** The IDF reported the elimination of Wael Mutrieh, a Nukhba platoon commander in Hamas's Shati Battalion, citing his role in the October 7, 2023, assault and the infiltration of the Nahal Oz outpost bomb shelter. Briefing reporters, the spokesperson described intensified operations across Gaza City, with multiple divisions maneuvering alongside close air support striking hundreds of targets. The update also referenced humanitarian corridors and ongoing efforts to secure the release of the remaining hostages held by Hamas. Beyond Gaza, officials linked the current phase to a broader regional picture. Israeli aircraft struck Houthi command and intelligence sites after a UAV attack wounded civilians in Eilat, noting that while interception rates remain high, "no defense is absolute." Home Front Command guidance remains in effect as communities adapt to a protracted conflict marked by bursts of high-intensity fighting interspersed with intelligence-driven raids and tunnel-clearing operations. Israel's war aims—ending Hamas's military rule and returning the hostages—continue to guide decision-making. Military pressure remains coupled with diplomatic outreach designed to limit escalation while preserving operational freedom. For Israelis following the daily briefings, the mix of progress and peril underscores a hard truth: deterrence is not an endpoint but a landscape to be continually managed. *(INN/VFI News)*

***Signals from Hamas on Hostage Talks as Qatar's Role Wobbles;*** Reports point to tentative indications from Hamas about resuming talks over Israeli hostages, even as Qatar's role as chief mediator appears uncertain following a sequence of shocks and diplomatic strains. Families of captives continue to press for momentum, urging negotiators to close gaps before positions harden or communication channels fray. The situation is fluid, with officials weighing alternative frameworks and guarantors that might deliver tangible movement toward releases. In parallel with military pressure inside Gaza, Jerusalem has cultivated multiple diplomatic lanes—European and regional—that could become more prominent if Doha steps back. But progress depends on leverage, trust, and enforceable commitments; in their absence, discussions risk drifting or collapsing altogether. For those living this crisis at kitchen tables and in WhatsApp groups, the human stakes are relentless: sleepless nights, frayed nerves, and an abiding hope for a knock at the door bearing good news. The passage of time magnifies risk to the captives' health and safety, particularly if they are moved or hidden in unstable conditions. That urgency animates rallies and public appeals across Israel and

the diaspora, keeping the issue at the forefront of national life and reminding leaders that nothing short of their freedom will be accepted as closure. (*INN/VFI News*)

***Naim Qassem: Hezbollah Will Not Disarm;*** Lebanon marked the anniversary of former Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah's death with large public events and messaging from the movement's leadership. Naim Qassem used the moment to insist Hezbollah would not lay down its weapons, framed its arsenal as a matter of national sovereignty, and warned that the organization remains ready for war if necessary. He pressed the Lebanese state to pursue reconstruction, demand an Israeli withdrawal, halt cross-border strikes, and prioritize the release of Lebanese prisoners, signaling no openness to internationally backed disarmament initiatives. His remarks arrive amid persistent exchanges of fire on the northern border and growing concern inside Israel over rockets, drones, and the potential for infiltration attempts. Hezbollah's rhetoric is calibrated to project confidence and continuity, especially following losses among senior figures, and to reassure its base that the group can absorb blows while continuing to set the tempo of confrontation. For civilians on both sides of the frontier, the message translates into ongoing uncertainty: sporadic sirens, disrupted livelihoods, and the strain of living within range of an entrenched militia that rejects the prospect of demobilization. Israel's leadership has repeatedly stated that it will not tolerate the entrenchment of precision-guided munitions or new terrorist infrastructure on its border. That places diplomacy in a narrow lane; while outside actors explore de-escalation formulas, the gap remains wide between Israel's security requirements and Hezbollah's self-declared mission. Until those fundamentals shift, the region remains exposed to miscalculation and escalation, even as families in northern Israel pray for quiet and a safe return to normal life. (*INN/VFI News*)

***Iranians Brace for UN 'Snapback' as Currency Slides and Prices Surge;*** With UN Security Council sanctions due to be reimposed, ordinary Iranians describe a daily grind of soaring prices, shrinking wages, and a currency testing historic lows. Street-level voices speak of dreams "slipping away," a phrase that captures the economic and emotional wear of uncertainty. As policymakers trade statements, families in Tehran focus on rent, groceries, and the challenge of stretching paychecks as inflation moves faster than any household can adjust. The squeeze has also been accompanied by reports of intensified repression, leaving many anxious about both livelihood and liberty. Western capitals argue the sanctions track need not foreclose diplomacy and point to recent steps by the international watchdog to restart inspections. Tehran's counter-messaging—recalling ambassadors, denouncing the measures as "illegal," and hinting at hard responses—suggests a period of sharper standoff is ahead. For Israel and regional partners, the calculus is straightforward: pressure on Iran's nuclear and military apparatus may alter the economics of proxy warfare, but only if enforcement is credible and sustained. Markets, meanwhile, are already pricing in prolonged isolation and supply chain friction. As measures take effect, attention will turn to whether economic pain shifts Iran's internal decision-making or, conversely, stiffens resolve to push enrichment and regional adventurism further. For families in Iran, the debate is lived in the checkout line and on the bus to work; for Israel, it is measured in risk, distance to breakout, and the resilience needed to navigate another round of uncertainty. (*TOI/VFI News*)

***Tehran Condemns 'Illegal' Reimposition of UN Sanctions, Warns of Response;*** Iran's foreign ministry condemned the UN snapback as "illegal" and urged countries not to comply, while voices in the regime floated radical options such as exiting key nuclear agreements. European capitals countered that a door to diplomacy remains open if Tehran reins in enrichment and allows rigorous verification. The temperature rose in parallel with the rial's slide and fresh uncertainty in regional markets, as observers assessed how increased pressure might ripple through Tehran's networks in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen. Western officials emphasized that inspections have restarted under the international watchdog, but the scope and durability of access remain in question. The snapback's effectiveness will depend on enforcement by global powers and the willingness of other states to align export controls and police illicit

procurement. For Israel, the concerns are direct: stockpiles of enriched uranium, advanced centrifuge cascades, and the risk that economic stress could incentivize further adventurism abroad. The coming weeks will test whether sanctions can modify Iran's cost-benefit calculus or instead deepen confrontation. Policymakers will look for signs in both the streets of Tehran and the behavior of allied militias across the region. For Israelis following the issue closely, vigilance and unity remain essential while praying that a durable path to de-escalation emerges. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***Bill Maher Says Christian Slaughter in Nigeria Gets Overlooked;*** A U.S. television host spotlighted the years-long massacre of Christians in parts of Nigeria, arguing that Western media and political leaders have underplayed the crisis. He characterized the violence—carried out by Islamist factions and marauding gangs—as closer to a genocidal campaign than many conflicts dominating headlines, and questioned why the suffering of religious minorities receives uneven attention. The comments stirred debate about selective outrage and whether identity politics distorts coverage of atrocities worldwide. Advocates for persecuted Christians have long called for better reporting, improved data collection, and practical support to at-risk communities. For Jewish and Israeli readers familiar with bias and double standards, the exchange resonates: suffering can be politicized, and tragedies can be ignored when they do not fit prevailing narratives. Whatever the media's focus, churches and villages on the ground endure trauma, displacement, and fear with limited protection and sparse resources. The question that remains is what can be done: more effective local security, accountability for attackers, and international assistance directed at prevention rather than reaction. While arguments play out on television and social platforms, vulnerable families continue to look for tangible signs that the world sees them—and will act. *(FOX/VFI News)*

***New Garin Tzabar Lone Soldier Home Opens in Galilee;*** A new residence at the Hannaton Educational Center in the Galilee has opened its doors to IDF lone soldiers, creating a warm home where young men and women without nearby family can live alongside Israeli peers. The project aims to ease both the practical and emotional burdens of service by embedding soldiers within a supportive campus setting—shared meals, mentorship, and a built-in circle of friends that can make all the difference during long stretches away from base. Organizers describe the model as a meaningful upgrade over classic housing assistance, offering a true community rather than just a room. Beyond a bed and four walls, the residence focuses on the ordinary rhythms that build resilience: a place where someone asks about your day, a Shabbat table that is set even when parents are continents away, and a neighbor who notices if you're late back from base. Staff and volunteers coordinate healthcare appointments, budgeting workshops, and career guidance, while alumni and reservists drop by to share hard-won advice on navigating military bureaucracy and planning for life after service. The home also plugs soldiers into nearby kibbutzim and regional programs, widening their social network and deepening roots in northern Israel. Supporters say the approach fills gaps that stipends alone cannot bridge. The stability of “home life” helps soldiers focus on their missions and endure the stress of training, deployment, and reserve duty. With new cohorts already applying, advocates hope Hannaton's example will be replicated in other regions so that no IDF lone soldier has to serve Israel without a place to belong. *(JPost/VFI News)*

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