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Israel-Hamas Cease-fire

Red Cross on Its Way to Receive Hostage Bodies From Hamas in Gaza, IDF Says

- *IDF strikes Hezbollah infrastructure in Lebanon,
Israeli police arrest a Bethlehem resident previously released in hostage-prisoner exchange*
- *Hamas says it will return two bodies at 4:00 P.M. local time*
- *Tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Israelis rally in rare show of unity
against arrests of draft dodgers*
- *Death toll in Gaza reaches 104, Health Ministry says;
Defense chief renews ban on Red Cross visits for Palestinian security prisoners*
- *Palestinians report: Settlers set fire to cars in the West Bank village of Atara*

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Israel Katz Tells JD Vance that over 60% of Hamas Tunnels Remain Undestroyed; Israel's defense leadership has warned that a majority of Hamas's subterranean network in Gaza is still intact, underscoring the scale of the unfinished work beneath densely populated areas. On October 25, 2025, Defense Minister Israel Katz told U.S. Senator JD Vance that more than 60% of tunnels have yet to be destroyed and stressed that dismantling the underground grid is central to demobilizing Hamas and securing Israel's south. He framed the mission as a high priority in any future framework meant to stabilize the Strip. Katz linked the ongoing effort to broader strategic aims, saying that neutralizing the tunnels—used for smuggling, command, and attacks—must be a shared objective with international partners. Securing key corridors and preventing the reconstitution of militant capability is, in his view, part of translating battlefield gains into lasting security for returning communities. The continuing challenge below ground, officials suggest, remains one of the most complex obstacles to a durable calm. As discussions about future arrangements continue, the defense establishment emphasizes that success will be measured not only above the surface but by what is permanently dismantled below it. (JPost/VFI News)

IDF Says it Eliminated Hamas Terrorists behind Nova Kidnappings; Israel's security services announced targeted operations that killed multiple Hamas operatives tied to the October 7, 2023, assault and the kidnappings from the Nova music festival, naming figures linked to the abductions of Noa Argamani, Eitan Mor, and Avinatan Or. The IDF and Shin Bet said the strikes were carried out over recent months as intelligence allowed, with several of the kidnappers eliminated in separate actions throughout the year. Families of the victims welcomed the news and urged continued pursuit of the attackers still at large. Officials highlighted that the campaign remains focused on removing direct perpetrators and commanders responsible for murder, rape, and hostage-taking, while working to prevent their return through prisoner swaps or reorganization. The announcement listed a series of dates and locations where the operatives were struck, illustrating a methodical effort propelled by accumulated intelligence. Relatives of the abducted said the operations brought a measure of justice, even as they pressed authorities to sustain pressure until every captor is found. Their message stressed that accountability for the horrors of that day is inseparable from deterrence and the safe future of border communities. (YNN/VFI News)

Israel Permits Searches for Deceased Hostages' Remains in Specific Gaza Areas; Israel has allowed controlled efforts to locate the remains of hostages killed in Gaza, including in zones where the IDF previously operated and later withdrew under the terms of a U.S.-brokered arrangement. Some of the missing may be situated behind the "Yellow Line," requiring careful coordination for recovery teams to enter and work. The process involves sensitivity for families and operational caution amid unstable conditions on the ground. Officials described the initiative as a humanitarian step meant to provide closure while maintaining Israel's security interests. Movements within designated areas are closely monitored, and any work near contested sites is calibrated to prevent renewed hostilities or exploitation by militant groups. The endeavor underscores the painful reality that not every abducted Israeli can be returned alive—and that dignified recovery remains a sacred duty. The hope is to honor those lost while ensuring

that investigative, forensic, and pastoral care for families is conducted with utmost respect. (JPost/VFI News)

Freed Hostage Says Hamas Torture was ‘Punishment’ Tied to Israeli Politics; New testimony from freed captive Bar Kuperstein describes severe abuse in Gaza—beatings, starvation, and threats—allegedly framed by captors as retaliation for decisions and rhetoric by Israel’s National Security Ministry. Shared publicly on October 27, 2025, his account adds to a growing archive of personal narratives that paint a harrowing picture of hostage conditions and the psychological war waged against victims and their families. Kuperstein’s story, while uniquely his, reflects patterns heard from others who were held: isolation, deprivation, and the use of political developments to intensify intimidation. The testimony invites renewed scrutiny of how captors manipulate outside events to break spirits, and it renews the call to prioritize the release of all remaining hostages through every viable means. For families still waiting, the report is both validating and excruciating—another reminder of the urgency of decisive, humane, and effective action to end the ordeal and secure lasting deterrence against future kidnappings. (JPost/VFI News)

Iran Declares Major Private Bank Bankrupt Amid Sanctions and Mismanagement; Tehran has announced the bankruptcy of Ayandeh Bank, one of Iran’s largest private institutions, transferring its assets to state-owned Melli Bank and promising depositors’ access to savings. The move, reported October 26, 2025, highlights widening financial strain in the Islamic Republic as sanctions bite and years of risky lending and ill-fated projects come due. Officials presented the transfer as a necessary stabilization measure for an economy under pressure, with the Central Bank vowing continuity for customers. The collapse, however, signals deeper troubles inside Iran’s banking sector—where government controls, politicized credit, and opaque balance sheets often mask systemic fragilities. For Israel and regional partners, Iran’s economic turbulence is more than a financial story; it speaks to the regime’s capacity to fund proxies and pursue nuclear ambitions. Economic distress does not automatically curtail aggression, but it can reshape calculations and create openings for diplomacy and deterrence to have a greater effect. (INN/VFI News)

Ireland Elects President Known for Harsh Anti-Israel Rhetoric; Ireland has elected Catherine Connolly as president in a landslide, a largely ceremonial post whose symbolism nonetheless reverberates in Jerusalem and across the diaspora. Connolly has previously used inflammatory language about Israel and Hamas, sparking concern among Jewish communities and officials monitoring European sentiment. Her victory places a frequent critic of Israel at the head of state, even as the government in Dublin continues to shape policy day to day. While the office carries limited executive power, the presidency’s platform can influence discourse and international perceptions. Connolly’s past comments and future engagements will be watched closely for signals of tone and direction on Middle East issues. Israel’s diplomatic corps and Jewish leaders in Europe are expected to continue outreach, seeking to clarify facts on the ground and to encourage a balanced approach that condemns terrorism and supports genuine peace. (INN/VFI News)

‘Don’t Ignore the Slaughter’: Niger-Born Christian Urges Action on African Persecution; Lanre Williams-Ayedun calls attention to the staggering toll of anti-Christian violence in Nigeria and across the Sahel, lamenting that Western engagement and media focus often miss one of the world’s deadliest crises. Citing years of jihadist atrocities by groups like Boko Haram and the Islamic State’s local affiliates, the author points to mass killings, the sacking of churches, and the displacement of millions, pressing policymakers and the global church to respond with both humanitarian aid and sustained advocacy. The piece notes recent U.S. discussions about redesignating Nigeria a “Country of Particular Concern” and urges prioritizing refugee protections for those with credible fears. It also challenges Christian

communities worldwide to pray, give, and partner with trusted local organizations that can address both practical needs and reconciliation efforts. The appeal is simple and sobering: when persecution goes unremarked, impunity grows. Greater attention—matched by wise action—can save lives and restore hope where violence has become routine. (FOX/VFI News)

Hollowing Out: Editorial Warns Israel to Bring Back Emigrés After the War; A Jerusalem Post editorial on October 26, 2025, argues that the recent rise in emigration is a symptom of deeper fractures—political, social, and spiritual—and a warning that cohesion cannot be taken for granted. The piece urges a plan to invite home those who left, rebuild trust between citizens and institutions, and strengthen the national ethos that binds diverse communities together. The editorial frames postwar recovery as more than infrastructure and security; it calls for an inward renewal that restores confidence, encourages aliyah, and re-anchors a vision for the country’s future. It suggests practical steps that could include service opportunities, incentives, and a broad civil dialogue aimed at healing rifts and refocusing on shared purpose. The message is ultimately hopeful: Israel has overcome darker chapters by choosing unity, responsibility, and faith. The challenge now is to turn lessons into lasting reform so that Israelis worldwide see a future worth returning to and building together. (JPost/VFI News)



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