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Israel-Hamas Cease-fire Netanyahu and Kushner Meet in Israel, Discuss Disarming Hamas and Demilitarizing Gaza

- *Remains of IDF soldier Hadar Goldin returned to Israel for burial, after 11 years in Gaza captivity*
 - *Haredi leader instructs lawmakers to vote against 'Death Penalty For Terrorists' bill*
 - *Commemoration of Germany's November 9 anti-Jewish pogroms attacked*
- *Police chief tells Ben-Gvir probe into leak by former IDF legal chief will proceed only per Supreme Court ruling*
 - *'There will be no Turkish boots on the ground,' Israeli gov't spokesperson says*

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US Pressures Israel to Allow Safe Passage for 100 to 200 Hamas Operatives in Rafah; The United States has pressed Israel to permit a limited group of approximately 100–200 Hamas operatives, believed to be trapped in tunnels on the Israeli-controlled side of the Yellow Line in southern Rafah, to depart without being targeted, a move described on Wednesday, November 5, by a Middle Eastern diplomat. The proposal, framed as a pilot for a broader disarmament-and-amnesty track within Washington’s evolving plan to end the Gaza conflict, centers on getting fighters out of a volatile pocket without triggering combat that could jeopardize the fragile truce architecture. Under the idea being weighed, the operatives would surrender their weapons to a US-led civil-military coordination hub in Kiryat Gat and receive escorted passage either to a third country or into areas west of the Yellow Line that remain under Hamas control. While Israeli officials have engaged on the contours, Jerusalem has signaled it would not agree to blanket amnesty, citing the need to detain individuals implicated in attacks. The dialogue has also included Turkish involvement and attempted ultimatums from mediators that, to date, have not been heeded by the fighters. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly opposed safe passage for the holed-up operatives. Separate debates have swirled around whether any arrangement should be tied to information about slain IDF Lt. Hadar Goldin’s remains; some defense officials suggested the tunnel cluster might hold clues, while the IDF clarified it has no intelligence confirming that the remains are in that specific location. Israel’s military posture has reportedly avoided actions that could risk losing those remains, even as strategists weigh how to remove the operatives without collapsing the ceasefire scaffolding. (TOI/VFI News)

IDF Reveals Hamas Ties to Iran, UNRWA, Al Jazeera, Stolen Aid in Collection of Documents; Israel’s military has released a trove of declassified material alleging that Hamas diverted humanitarian aid in Gaza and maintained operational or institutional links with Iran, UNRWA, and Al Jazeera amid the ongoing war, in a publication dated Thursday, November 6. The documents purport to show that relief channels were systematically exploited and that messaging and logistics networks reached beyond Gaza’s borders. The material, presented as part of an evidentiary package, underscores a long-running Israeli warning: that aid pipelines can be penetrated by terror factions and repurposed for military ends. Though details and individual cases remain under analysis, the release is intended to fortify Israel’s argument for tighter vetting of personnel, stricter oversight of convoys, and greater accountability from international bodies working in the Strip. If corroborated, the allegations would complicate diplomatic efforts to expand relief corridors while intensifying debates over media access and neutrality. Israeli officials argue such findings justify robust inspection regimes and targeted legal steps; humanitarian groups, in turn, may face renewed scrutiny over compliance and screening procedures in conflict zones. (JPost/VFI News)

Man Arrested for Plot to Supply Arms for Attack on Jewish Targets in Germany; German prosecutors say an Afghan national was arrested in Denmark on Wednesday, November 5, on suspicion of agreeing to procure a weapon for a third party and inciting them to carry out attacks against Jewish targets in Berlin. Identified as Tawab M. under German privacy rules, the suspect allegedly communicated with a Danish national tied to hostile intelligence collection on Jewish individuals and sites in the German capital. Authorities state the suspect has a history of obtaining weapons, accessories, and explosive devices in

Denmark and had offered assistance in late May. He now faces proceedings that could lead to extradition to Germany, where a judge will weigh whether he remains in custody pending formal charges. The arrest comes amid heightened counterterrorism measures, including bans on extremist organizations and wider sweeps targeting Islamist networks. German security officials have bolstered protection for Jewish and Israeli facilities following regional escalation earlier this year, while Berlin's fraught ties with Tehran continue to shape the threat environment across Europe. *(TOI/VFI News)*

700 Cops Deployed Ahead of Maccabi Match in UK; Activists Plaster City with Anti-Israel Posters; West Midlands Police deployed more than 700 officers in Birmingham on Thursday, November 6, 2025, as Aston Villa hosted Maccabi Tel Aviv in a high-risk Europa League fixture with opposing demonstrations planned near Villa Park. Israeli supporters were barred from the match on safety grounds, even as civic leaders urged calm and organizers arranged a solidarity rally. Posts on social media showed masked activists putting up inflammatory signs around the stadium precinct, while law enforcement emphasized experience managing major football events and vowed visible, robust policing to deter disorder and hate crimes. Local authorities also warned that political symbols inside the ground would be restricted under competition rules. The heavy posture follows violent scenes around prior European ties involving Maccabi and reflects broader tensions that have spilled into sport. Officials said the aim was to maintain order, safeguard communities, and ensure the match proceeded without major incident despite mobilization from rival activist networks. *(TOI/VFI News)*

Zohran Mamdani Wins New York City Mayoral Race; Zohran Mamdani, 34, was elected mayor of New York City on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, becoming the city's youngest leader in over a century and its first Muslim mayor. He defeated former governor Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa in a high-turnout contest that reshaped longstanding assumptions about citywide politics and Israel-related positioning. In his victory remarks, Mamdani pledged not to waver in combating antisemitism and cast his mandate as a call for economic change. Results released by the city's Board of Elections showed a decisive edge for Mamdani with about 90 percent of precincts reporting, while outgoing Mayor Eric Adams had previously exited the race but remained on the ballot. Mainstream Jewish groups expressed concern and vowed to hold the new administration accountable on safety and combating hate, signaling a watchful posture as the transition begins. Supporters celebrated the milestone, while critics highlighted the mayor-elect's sharp rhetoric on Israel and policing. Mamdani, acknowledging divides, said the administration would stand "steadfast" with Jewish New Yorkers and make City Hall a place where all communities—Jewish and Muslim included—belong. *(TOI/VFI News)*

Exit Poll Finds One-Third of NYC Jews Backed Mamdani; Cuomo Took Jewish Areas; An exit poll released on Wednesday, November 5, indicates that roughly one-third of Jewish voters supported mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, while Andrew Cuomo captured nearly two-thirds and Curtis Sliwa received a small share. The figures offer one of the clearest snapshots of Jewish voting behavior in a race that drew national attention and unusually high turnout for a municipal contest. Precinct-level returns suggest that heavily Jewish neighborhoods—including enclaves in Williamsburg, Crown Heights, Borough Park, and parts of the Upper East and West Sides—tilted strongly toward Cuomo, even as nearby, more gentrified districts swung decisively to Mamdani. The data highlight a deep split within the broader electorate and within Jewish communal life over priorities like security, affordability, and education. Campaign messaging around anti-Semitism, policing, and the Gaza war loomed large, with many Jewish voters expressing apprehension about how City Hall will approach community safety and public order under the new administration. Mamdani, in his victory remarks, promised to confront antisemitism as mayor. *(TOI/VFI News)*

Israel-to-Europe Gas Pipeline Idea Back on Table, Minister Eli Cohen Tells ‘Post’; Energy and Infrastructure Minister Eli Cohen says a major Israel-to-Europe natural gas pipeline concept has returned to the diplomatic and technical agenda after meetings on Thursday, November 6, with energy counterparts from Greece, Cyprus, and the United States. The parties discussed new avenues for cooperation and regional infrastructure that could help move Eastern Mediterranean gas to European markets. The revival of high-level talks suggests that, despite past hurdles, stakeholders see a strategic opening shaped by Europe’s energy security needs, evolving market prices, and the region’s shifting geopolitical alignments. Officials framed the discussions as exploratory but purposeful, with follow-on working groups expected to test routes, financing options, and regulatory frameworks. While timelines and technical feasibility remain under review, planners argue that a credible corridor could complement LNG exports and strengthen Israel’s role in regional energy integration alongside partners in Athens, Nicosia, and Washington. *(JPost/VFI News)*

5,000-Year-Old Grape Press, Oldest Proof of Wine Production in Israel, Found Near Megiddo; Archaeologists working along Highway 66 near Tel Megiddo have uncovered a 5,000-year-old wine press—the earliest direct evidence of wine production in the Land of Israel—announced on Wednesday, November 5. The salvage excavation, conducted ahead of road expansion, also revealed pits containing cultic objects from roughly 3,300 years ago, including a striking ram-shaped vessel and a small model of a shrine. Researchers say the press dates securely to the Early Bronze Age, supported by surrounding architecture and diagnostic pottery. The finds suggest that the settlement area around the famous Tel was larger and more complex than previously understood, offering new insight into daily life, agriculture, and ritual practice in the eras preceding and overlapping Israel’s early emergence as a people. The team is analyzing residues to better understand the contents and uses of the vessels, while the broader discovery invites fresh study of how ordinary Canaanites may have worshiped beyond the main temple compound. The find enriches both Israel’s archaeological record and its biblical landscape—at Megiddo, a site with layers of history that still yields surprises. *(TOI/VFI News)*

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