

# **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update November 24, 2025 (Kislev 4, 5786)**



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## **Israel-Hamas Cease-fire**

### **Palestinian Reports: Israeli Drone, Tank Shell Kill Three in Gaza**

- *IDF strikes three militants in Gaza; Report: Remains of Israeli hostage found*
- *Israeli Defense Minister freezes senior IDF appointments following October 7 report*
- *IDF to hold scheduled training exercise in northern Israel amid Lebanon escalation*
- *Hezbollah military chief killed in Israeli strike in Beirut; IDF ex-generals dismissed from reserve duty*
- *Palestinian Health Ministry: 20-year-old Palestinian killed in West Bank by IDF in clash with settlers*
  - *Five killed, 28 wounded in Israel's strike on Beirut, Lebanon's Health Ministry says*

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***Israeli Killed in Terror Attack at Gush Etzion Junction in Judea and Samaria; 3 Others Wounded;***

A man was stabbed to death and three other people were wounded in a terror attack on Tuesday, November 18, at the Gush Etzion Junction in Judea and Samaria. The victim was later identified as Aharon Cohen, 71, a resident of the settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron. A spokesperson for the settlement said he was set to be buried later on Tuesday evening. The attack was carried out by two Palestinian assailants who accelerated their vehicle into people at the junction, before one got out and stabbed several victims, according to preliminary findings by the Israel Defense Forces. Both terrorists were shot dead by security forces at the scene; they were later identified by Palestinian officials as Imran al-Atrash and Walid Sabarneh, both 18. In the aftermath of the attack, several explosive devices were discovered in the vehicle and disarmed. (TOI/VFI News)

***Released in Shalit Deal: Hamas Terror Architect Orchestrating Attacks in Judea and Samaria;***

Ayman Abu Khalil, a senior Hamas terrorist originally from Beit Hanina, has been identified as a central architect of Hamas terrorism in the Palestinian Authority territories, according to a television report. Abu Khalil was released as part of the Gilad Shalit prisoner deal and relocated to Turkey, where he established his operational base. From abroad, he is said to be directing terrorist activity in Judea and Samaria, activating local cells and coordinating attacks. The report stated that Abu Khalil is deeply involved in transferring large sums of money to support Hamas's military wing and facilitating the smuggling of weapons and military expertise from overseas. In recent months, he has intensified his operations in the Ramallah and Hebron areas as part of a broader strategy to bolster Hamas operations in the region. (INN/VFI News)

***Sa'ar: PA Doubled Its Payments to Terrorists in 2025;*** The Palestinian Authority has nearly doubled its payments to convicted terrorists and to families of those killed while carrying out attacks, Israel's Foreign Ministry revealed on Wednesday, November 19. Officials said the outlays have surged this year despite repeated claims that the policy had been ended. Last year, Ramallah disbursed \$144 million in such payments; in 2025, it has already committed \$214 million, and the year is not over, Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said. Sa'ar urged international partners to hold the PA accountable and to end the practice often referred to as "pay-for-slay." The revelation followed criticism that PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas had attempted to "fool the world" by firing an official over so-called unauthorized payments while shifting the stipends to an "independent" foundation branded as welfare support. Over the years, PA officials have remained defiant about continuing these stipends. (INN/VFI News)

***Ireland Advances Anti-Israel Boycott Bill, US Warns of Consequences;*** The Irish parliament advanced a bill on Wednesday, November 19, to ban goods and services from Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem, drawing sharp criticism from American and Jewish leaders who warned of legal, diplomatic, and economic fallout. The so-called "Occupied Territories Bill," long championed by anti-Israel factions, gained momentum as opposition parties pushed a motion urging passage by year's end; the government, which had previously stalled the measure, stood down. A US State Department spokesperson said the legislation is unhelpful and could adversely affect American businesses operating in Ireland, adding that the move does

not serve the cause of Middle East peace. The bill's scope may extend beyond goods to include services, a matter still under debate, and officials acknowledged the timing is sensitive amid ongoing regional diplomacy. Supporters argue there is "no policy issue" with including both goods and services, but stressed the need for legal robustness to withstand challenges. Critics warned the proposal would place Ireland outside the European Union's framework on trade with Israeli-controlled territories and could harm the country's standing with key allies. *(INN/VFI News)*

***Protesters Chant for an Intifada and Accost Jews at New York City Synagogue;*** Anti-Zionist protesters heckle Jews and chant for an intifada outside Park East Synagogue in Manhattan during an event by Nefesh B'Nefesh, a group that helps Jews immigrate to Israel. Demonstrators gathered on Wednesday, November 19, shouting slogans and confronting attendees as police and metal barricades separated the groups. Chants included "There is only one solution, intifada revolution," "No peace on stolen land," and "We don't want no two states, we want '48," along with Arabic chants declaring "Palestine is Arab." Some held signs denouncing Zionism. As Jews walked past, one woman hurled a vulgar slur, and others launched personal insults while Jewish counter protesters responded from across the street with their own chants. Officers maintained separation as tensions flared outside the synagogue entrance. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***Muslim Group CAIR Cutting \$1,000 Checks for Anti-Israel Agitators Disciplined by Colleges;*** A report this week highlighted a new initiative by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to provide \$1,000 checks to pro-Palestinian agitators who have been disciplined by their colleges. The group described the stipends as assistance for students facing suspensions, fines, or other penalties, inviting applicants to submit cases for review. The move sparked criticism from community leaders and advocates who warn such payments could incentivize disruptive or harassing behavior on campuses, even as CAIR frames the program as support for students targeted by what it calls unfair crackdowns. Questions remain over how many recipients will be approved and how the funds will be distributed. The initiative comes amid months of campus protests and disciplinary actions at universities nationwide, with administrators and law enforcement responding to building occupations, disruptions, and escalating confrontations around Israel-related events. *(NYP/VFI News)*

***Despite Promised Reforms, PA Textbooks Still Teach Antisemitic, Anti-Israel Messages;*** Palestinian Authority textbooks continue to glorify terror, demonize Israelis, traffic in antisemitic themes, and advance exclusivist nationalist rhetoric despite promises to implement reforms, a comprehensive study has found. Now, the report says the content has remained unchanged despite explicit commitments by the PA to reform the curriculum and public claims by European officials that such reforms were underway. "Virulent antisemitism, the glorification of jihad, and incitement to violence remain deeply embedded across all grades of Palestinian Authority textbooks," the researchers concluded. Reform of the curriculum is also a central component of postwar peace plans for the region; there was no immediate PA or EU response to the report upon its publication. Examples cited include early-grade materials introducing the term "shaheed" (martyr) as part of language lessons and poems celebrating "the revolution" while referencing Israeli cities and Jerusalem. The study also notes the absence of Jewish history and the removal of earlier references to peace processes and compromise. Beyond Israel-related content, the review found certain books continue to portray women as subordinate, falling short of UN educational standards in multiple areas. Despite assurances that new textbooks for specific grades would be ready this year, the study said no substantive changes were evident as of November 2025. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***Destroying Iran's Nuclear Ambition Didn't End Threat, but Expanded It Throughout Region;*** An editorial argues that the Iranian threat has not receded with setbacks to Tehran's nuclear program; rather, it has spread across the Middle East through missiles, proxies, and destabilizing influence. The lesson drawn is that clear red lines, firm action, and cooperation with regional partners can shape Tehran's decisions. The

piece urges closer alignment among countries threatened by Iranian aggression, emphasizing strengthened deterrence and integrated defenses. It cautions that ambiguity invites escalation and that a unified stance is needed to prevent further destabilization. The editorial concludes by calling for consistent international resolve, insisting that only sustained pressure, coupled with credible security guarantees for allies, will curb Tehran's ambitions and reduce the regional risk. (JPost/VFI News)

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