

# **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update September 29, 2025 (Tishrei 7, 5785)**



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## **Israel-Hamas War 724 Days, Trump to Host Netanyahu to Discuss Gaza Plan at White House: 'Very Close to Deal'**

- *IDF says reservist officer seriously wounded from blast in southern Syria*
  - *Gaza toll tops 66,005; West Bank truck ramming attack*
- *One seriously wounded in West Bank ramming attack targeting Israelis; assailant shot dead*
  - *IDF strikes Hezbollah weapon storage sites in southern Lebanon*
- *Hostages in Gaza at constant risk from both sides, says IDF coordinator for missing soldiers and hostages*

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***50 Hurt in UAV Strike in Eilat, 2 in Serious Condition;*** A drone strike in the heart of Eilat’s tourist district left around 50 people injured, including at least two in serious condition, as emergency teams converged on the area near the Mall Hayam. The attack, arriving as the holiday period drew to a close on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, rattled a city that has repeatedly faced long-range UAV threats. First responders rapidly secured the scene, transported the wounded to hospitals, and initiated a meticulous investigation into the unmanned aircraft’s route and launch point. The incident underscores how Israel’s southern gateway remains squarely in the crosshairs of hostile actors seeking to disrupt daily life and strain emergency resources. Local authorities cordoned sections of the city center while damage assessments continued into the evening, and residents reported a heavy security presence around key sites. Public safety officials reiterated guidance about taking immediate cover during sirens and emphasized the role of civilian preparedness in limiting casualties. As investigators analyze debris and radar data, attention turns to the broader pattern of UAV activity and the defensive measures required to blunt future attacks. The resilience of Eilat’s population—tourists and locals alike—remains a decisive factor in restoring normalcy even as the threat environment persists. (*INN/VFI News*)

***Satellite Images Show Iran Has Started Rebuilding Key Missile Sites Hit by Israel;*** Reconstruction activity is visible at Iranian missile-production facilities that were struck during the June conflict, with commercial satellite imagery indicating new construction around damaged buildings and support infrastructure. Analysts note that the focus appears to be on reviving solid-propellant manufacturing capacity, which has long been seen as central to Iran’s ability to produce large numbers of fast-deploying missiles. Yet a crucial element remains in question: the availability of industrial-scale mixers used to produce solid fuel. Experts say that even energetic building repairs cannot restore mass production without those mixers, which were targeted precisely because they form the bottleneck of the production line. Iranian officials have not detailed the scope or pace of the rebuilding, but the images show heavy equipment on-site and ground disturbances consistent with construction and repair. The broader strategic picture is clear: Tehran seeks to reconstitute capabilities that were degraded to constrain its missile output. That effort intersects with intensified international scrutiny following the war, as regional adversaries assess whether Iran can quickly replenish inventories that previously gave it leverage during periods of heightened tensions. The resumption of work at these complexes also ripples through the region’s deterrence calculus. If Iran manages to reacquire or fabricate replacement mixers through clandestine procurement, it could accelerate the return of large-volume production and erode the lasting impact of the strikes. For Israel and its partners, the pace of reconstruction will inform defensive planning, procurement of interceptors, and diplomatic messaging aimed at limiting proliferation pathways. The coming weeks may therefore prove decisive in determining whether the damage to Iran’s missile program becomes a temporary setback or a durable constraint. (*TOI/VFI News*)

***Iran, European Powers Struggle to Reach Deal Ahead of Deadline for Return of UN Sanctions;*** Negotiations between Iran and the European powers edged forward amid a looming deadline that could trigger the snapback of comprehensive UN sanctions. Diplomats floated a possible delay to give space for a

longer-term framework if Tehran restores access for international inspectors and addresses concerns about enriched uranium levels. The talks have taken place on the margins of diplomatic gatherings and included high-level overtures meant to test whether Tehran will make verifiable commitments in exchange for time. European officials presented a narrow window, stressing that any reprieve must be tied to measurable steps that rebuild trust after months of volatility. The timing sharpens pressure on all sides. For Iran, the prospect of sanctions returning in full threatens deeper economic strain and further isolation, just as it works to repair critical military infrastructure. For European capitals, the calculus balances nonproliferation goals against the risks of escalation if diplomacy stalls. Transparency measures—particularly inspector access and clarification of stockpiles—have become key benchmarks for assessing whether Tehran is prepared to engage constructively beyond slogans or vague assurances. The International Atomic Energy Agency has signaled readiness to deploy if a political green light emerges, but concrete arrangements remain unsettled. Regional stakeholders are watching closely. Israel and Gulf states view monitoring and limitations as essential to preventing a rapid rebound in missile and nuclear capabilities. A short-term delay without real access would likely harden skepticism and spur contingency planning, while a verifiable path could ease immediate tensions. With the clock ticking, the shape of any understanding reached—or the lack thereof—will echo across security, energy, and diplomatic channels well beyond the deadline. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***‘Mass Killing Campaign’: Watchdog Says Iran Has Executed at Least 1,000 People in 2025;*** A human-rights monitor reports that executions in Iran have surged to at least 1,000 this year, describing a “mass killing campaign” carried out largely within prisons away from public view. The organization’s running tally indicates dozens of executions in just the past week, reflecting an average pace that exceeds previous years and highlights a harsh trend of repression. Advocacy groups emphasize that the published figures are likely a floor rather than a ceiling due to restricted access, intimidation of families, and opaque judicial procedures that prevent full accounting. The announcement coincides with intensive diplomatic activity focused on Iran’s nuclear and regional behavior, prompting calls to center human rights within any broader negotiations. Advocates argue that leveraging international attention is the only way to create pressure against systemic abuses, including the use of capital punishment for a wide range of offenses. The current rate, they say, points to a punitive approach aimed at silencing dissent and reinforcing fear following waves of domestic protest. For policymakers and faith communities alike, the report’s grim numbers pose a moral test. The plight of prisoners and their families—often without transparent trials or avenues for appeal—demands clear-eyed engagement that pairs accountability with compassion. As governments weigh sanctions and incentives, the lives at stake inside detention facilities must not be reduced to a footnote in geopolitical bargaining. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***Israel’s Foreign Ministry Slams Abbas Following UN Speech;*** Israel’s Foreign Ministry issued a sharp rebuke following a video address delivered by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to the UN General Assembly. The ministry highlighted the symbolism of a lapel pin Abbas wore during the remarks, framing it as part of a wider pattern aimed at erasing Israel’s legitimacy. The exchange unfolded as world leaders debated recognition, accountability, and regional security on the margins of the annual gathering. Officials in Jerusalem signaled that rhetoric perceived as delegitimizing would be met with clear responses, asserting Israel’s sovereignty and the need for responsible discourse. The ministry’s stance fits within ongoing diplomatic sparring that shapes international narratives about the conflict, even as practical cooperation on the ground remains difficult. The UN stage once again became a venue for competing stories—each with implications for public opinion and policy in far-flung capitals. The episode also illustrates how symbols can intensify disputes at a moment when de-escalation and constructive engagement are urgently needed. The tone chosen by leaders influences not only diplomatic atmospherics but also the prospects for people-to-people understanding in a region craving stability and hope. *(JPost/VFI News)*

***A Quiet Diplomatic Earthquake;*** A commentary highlights a subtle yet significant shift in tone at the UN after Indonesia’s president used language acknowledging Israel’s right to security and concluded with the word “Shalom.” For a country with the world’s largest Muslim population and a long-standing alignment with the Palestinian cause, such phrasing hints at a potential opening for more balanced engagement. The author argues that even symbolic gestures can create space for recalibrated diplomacy by signaling to domestic audiences that outreach is possible without abandoning core commitments. While words alone cannot resolve entrenched disputes, the blog suggests that language shapes habits, and habits can eventually shape policy. If sustained, this rhetorical moderation could encourage other states to explore pragmatic cooperation that lowers the regional temperature. The piece frames these moments not as breakthroughs but as tremors—subtle movements that, cumulatively, can alter the diplomatic landscape over time. For observers invested in peace, the careful watch for such “earthquakes” is part of discerning where genuine opportunities for dialogue might emerge. The hope is that respectful acknowledgement across divides, however tentative, can nurture practical steps that benefit both Israelis and their neighbors. *(TOI/VFI News)*

***October 7th Drama Series to Reach Millions of Viewers;*** A four-part scripted series titled *RED ALERT* is slated for global release on October 7 on Paramount+, bringing dramatized accounts of the 2023 Hamas massacre and its aftermath to a wide audience. The production draws on survivor testimonies and research to depict the day’s chaos, courage, and heartbreak, aiming to memorialize victims while countering disinformation. Timed with the two-year mark of the attack, the series seeks to broaden international understanding of what unfolded and why remembrance matters. Beyond commemoration, the project aspires to catalyze empathy and informed conversation far from Israel’s borders. Storytelling at scale can illuminate lived experiences that statistics obscure, especially for families still navigating trauma and loss. As viewers encounter the narratives of first responders and civilians thrust into unimaginable circumstances, the hope is that compassion will translate into vigilance against future atrocities and support for those rebuilding their lives. In cultural terms, the series contributes to a growing body of works dedicated to preserving memory and challenging revisionism. Its reach could help ensure that the events of that day remain anchored in truth even as time passes and new crises compete for attention. *(INN/VFI News)*

***Treasure Hoard Found Near Jesus’ Galilee Site Tied to Forgotten Jewish Uprising, Archaeologists Say;*** Archaeologists in northern Israel uncovered a cache of bronze coins near Hukok, a kibbutz west of Capernaum in the Galilee, an area closely associated with the ministry of Jesus. The hoard—hidden in a crevice within an underground hiding complex—may connect to the little-known Gallus Revolt of the mid-fourth century A.D., when local communities resisted Roman authority. Researchers with the Israel Antiquities Authority said the discovery provides rare material evidence from a turbulent period and offers fresh insight into how residents prepared for danger. Finds like this help illuminate the everyday realities of people living at the crossroads of empire, faith, and conflict. The proximity to biblical sites underscores how archaeology can enrich both the historical record and contemporary faith conversations by rooting them in tangible artifacts. As the hoard undergoes further study, scholars expect it to refine timelines and shed light on the networks of refuge and resilience that once crisscrossed the hills of the Galilee. The public response to the announcement has been marked by curiosity and wonder, a reminder that the land of Israel bears layers of memory still surfacing after millennia. Each new discovery invites renewed engagement with Scripture and history, encouraging readers to see familiar places through the lens of those who hid valuables in hopes of returning to a peace that never came. *(FOX/VFI News)*

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