

ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

WEEK #109

NOVEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 8 ,2025



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

DECEASED HOSTAGE LT HADAR GOLDIN RECOVERED

IDF announcement of the return of Hadar Goldin's body

Source: IDF Spokesperson

ACCOUNT OF THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR AND HOSTILITIES BY THE IRANIAN AXIS

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OVERVIEW



- ◆ Hamas has handed over the body of fallen IDF soldier **Hadar Goldin**, who was killed in **Operation Protective Edge (2014)** and whose body has been held in Gaza for the past 4,117 days.
- ◆ U.S. envoy **Witkoff** met Hamas political leader **Khalil al-Hayya** in Cairo. Al-Hayya allegedly committed that Hamas would **hand over its heavy weapons** to an international stabilization force (ISF) to be deployed in Gaza.
- ◆ Responsibility for **humanitarian aid entry** into Gaza has been **transferred from COGAT (Israeli Coordination Unit) to U.S. military command**, marking a **major shift in operational control**. American officers will now **supervise all aid deliveries**.
- ◆ The IDF subsequently **struck six villages in Lebanon**, targeting **Radwan Force weapons depots, terror infrastructure, and engineering equipment**, and conducted **two vehicle strikes** killing **two militants**.
- ◆ Austrian intelligence uncovered a **Hamas weapons depot in central Vienna**, containing **pistols and ammunition hidden in a suitcase**.



ISRAEL AT WAR WEEK 109

0

Total Israeli casualties This Week

0

Total Civilians killed this week

0

Total IDF Casualties this week

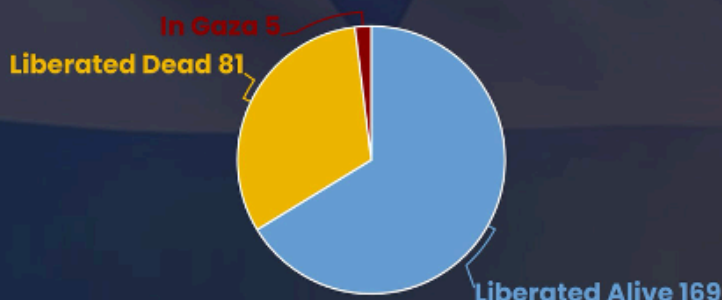
MAIN EVENTS

Hamas Conceals Identities: Hamas instructed Gazans and local media not to reveal the identities of militants killed on October 7, fearing exposure of remaining operational networks.

Claims of Disarmament: U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff stated that Hamas pledged to disarm, while Hamas publicly insists it will retain its weapons.

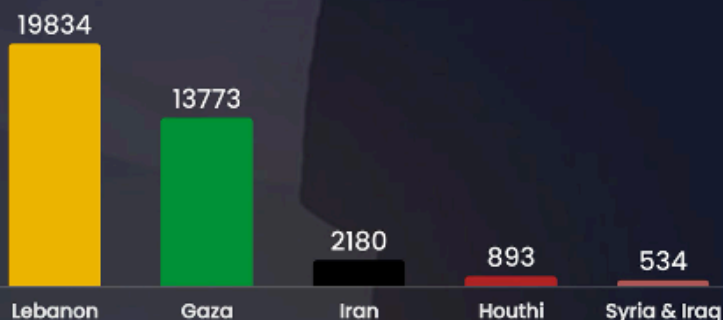
International Pressure on Israel: Turkey issued arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials, and a Hamas weapons cache intended for attacks on Jewish institutions was uncovered in Vienna.

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 5/255



ATTACKS ON ISRAEL & ALLIES 0/37,307

This Week Since Oct.7



Judea & Samaria + Israel Front

0 / 117
This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilians and 0 security force fell.

11,371
Since Oct.7
Palestinian Terror Attacks since Oct.7
Over 7,000 Palestinians Arrested

Gaza Front

0 / 1,721
This Week Since Oct.7
1 IDF soldiers fell in battle. 0 Civilians killed

24,500
Since Oct.7
Hamas terrorists killed. Over 275 Senior officials killed since Oct.7

Lebanon Front

0 / 133
This Week Since Oct.7
0 civilian and 0 IDF soldiers fell.

+3,500
Since Oct.7
Hizbollah terrorists killed, 154 Hezbollah Leadership killed.

Greater Middle East Front

0 / 36
This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilian killed this week.

+3,696
Since Oct.7
Attacks on Israel. +884 from Yemen, 2180 from Iran, +632 from other

CEASEFIRE

- ◆ Hamas has handed over the body of fallen IDF soldier **Hadar Goldin**, who was killed in **Operation Protective Edge (2014)** and whose body has been held in Gaza ever since.
- ◆ U.S. envoy **Witkoff** met Hamas political leader **Khalil al-Hayya** in Cairo. Al-Hayya allegedly **committed** that Hamas would **hand over its heavy weapons** to an **international stabilization force (ISF)** to be deployed in Gaza. The process would begin with **two Hamas holdout units of resistance** surrendering their arms in exchange for **amnesty**, forming a “model of disarmament” for the rest of Gaza. Militants from the **Jenina neighborhood (Rafah area)** are expected to surrender their arms to **the mediators**, receive amnesty, and be allowed to relocate to Hamas-controlled zones of Gaza. Washington was said to view the effort as a pilot program for a broader decommissioning and amnesty initiative for Hamas fighters, part of US President Donald Trump’s 20-point plan.
- ◆ Turkish mediator and spymaster, **Ibrahim Kalin**, met with Al-Hayya to promote the ceasefire, while senior Hamas official, **Mousa Abu Marzouk** told Al Jazeera that Hamas **would not fully disarm**, exposing ongoing disagreement with the U.S., which insists on moving into “Phase B” of the plan.



INTERNATIONAL STABILIZATION FORCE (ISF)



GAZA

- ◆ The ISF will be subordinate to the **“Peace Council”**, under **American—not UN—oversight**. It will act as an **enforcement mission**, not a peacekeeping one, with deployment scheduled for **January 2026** and a **mandate until end-2027**, with a mechanism to extend mandate.

Its duties will include:

- Securing **crossings, humanitarian routes, and supply convoys**.
 - **Training local police** until the **Palestinian Authority (PA)** can assume control after significant internal reforms.
 - **Dismantling Hamas’ military infrastructure** and preventing future rearmament.
- ◆ The specific countries participating in the ISF have **not yet been publicized**.
 - ◆ Qatar supports the U.S. proposal before the **UN Security Council**, offering **financial support** for the ISF but **refusing to send troops**.
 - ◆ **Azerbaijan** opposes troop deployment until a full ceasefire is in effect, agreeing only to a **peace-preserving role**, not disarmament enforcement.
 - ◆ The **U.S. ambassador to the UN** met with senior **PA officials** to discuss the ISF mandate, indicating **Washington’s openness**—under regional pressure—to involve the PA in Gaza’s post-war governance.
 - ◆ Meanwhile, **Egypt and Jordan** are training up to **3,000 PA police officers** for eventual deployment inside Gaza.



OPERATIONAL

- ◆ Shejaiya continues to be systematically demolished amid **controlled detonations**.
- ◆ In **Rafah**, engineering units are conducting **tunnel-clearing operations** in the **Jenin sub-district**, while in eastern Khan Yunis (Abasan al-Kabira and Bani Suheila), the IDF targets the **remaining pockets of resistance**.
- ◆ Israel's objective is to **force the surrender** of these units **without granting amnesty**, in contrast to U.S. proposals.

HUMANITARIAN

- ◆ Responsibility for **humanitarian aid entry** into Gaza has been **transferred from COGAT (Israeli Coordination Unit) to U.S. military command**, marking a **major shift in operational control**. American officers will now **supervise all aid deliveries**.
- ◆ Israel **retains authority** to approve or deny entry of **strategic materials** and maintains **security control over crossings**, but it **no longer oversees food distribution**, signaling a **deepening American administrative role** inside Gaza.





IAF in an exercise with the Greek air force

Source: IDF Spokesperson

- ◆ The **Knesset** approved a **new death penalty bill** for terrorists. Under the proposed law, **any perpetrator who murders an Israeli citizen due to nationalist or racist motives** will face capital punishment. The initiative reflects **growing public and political pressure** following October 7 and aims to **strengthen deterrence** against future attacks.
- ◆ **Generals Sami Turgeman and Eyal Zamir** presented their **October 7th failure report** to **Defense Minister Israel Katz**, marking a **critical internal review phase** within the IDF.
- ◆ **Former military advocate general Maj. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi** was released to house arrest from police custody after she went missing on a beach and a week after she resigned from her post **and admitted to leaking a classified video from the Sde Teiman scandal**. She appears to have discarded her phone by hiding it the sea, in what seems to be an attempt to obstruct justice. Her phone was later found. She is currently hospitalized after she attempted to commit suicide after she was surprisingly released on Friday to house arrest and without supervision.
- ◆ The IAF and the Hellenic Air Force conducted a joint aerial exercise over Greek airspace, including aerial refueling drills with dozens of Greek fighter jets.



- ◆ **Drone-based smuggling from Egypt and Jordan** has sharply increased.
 - On **Nov 5**, in the **Yoav Brigade** (southern Jordan border), troops intercepted a **drone carrying 10 pistols and magazines**.
 - Later, on **Nov 7**, **Paran Brigade** troops intercepted **two additional drones** on the **Egyptian border**—one carrying **three M-16 rifles**, another containing **48 pistols and 51 magazines**.
- ◆ Following these incidents, **Defense Minister Katz** ordered **eased engagement rules** and declared the border area a **closed military zone**, reflecting growing concern over **weapons and narcotics smuggling**.





JUDEA AND SAMARIA

- ◆ Two **brigade-level operations** were completed across the sector, involving **80 site raids**, **over 60 arrests**, and seizure of weapons, including **handguns**, **six IEDs**, and an **M-16 rifle**.
- ◆ The **Gideonim Unit** (Israel Police) conducted a **daytime raid on the Ramallah market**, arresting a **cell leader** in cooperation with IDF's **Binyamin Brigade** and **Shin Bet**.



- ◆ The IDF issued **evacuation warnings** in **three southern Lebanese villages**, within a **500-meter radius** of targeted buildings, prompting the **fleeing of many civilians** and **immense traffic congestion** due to panic.
- ◆ The IDF subsequently **struck six villages**, targeting **Radwan Force weapons depots**, **terror infrastructure**, and **engineering equipment**, and conducted **two vehicle strikes** killing **two militants**.
- ◆ The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) reported **93 Israeli strikes** in Lebanon between **Aug 7 – Nov 3**, mostly **south of the Litani** and near **Nabatieh**.

POLITICAL AND REGIONAL REACTIONS

- ◆ **Lebanese President Michel Aoun** condemned the Israeli strikes, accusing Jerusalem of **sabotaging bilateral negotiations**.
- ◆ The **Lebanese Army Chief** threatened to **suspend Hezbollah disarmament efforts** while Israeli operations continue.
- ◆ **Egypt's intelligence minister**, visiting Beirut, proposed a **Hezbollah withdrawal south of the Litani River** and cessation of attacks in return for restraint by Israel. However, he observed Israel's **resolve to expand operations** against the **Iranian-led axis** (Hezbollah, Houthis, Iraqi militias).
- ◆ U.S. envoy **David Barak** urged Aoun to begin **direct talks with Israel** as Jerusalem threatened to **strike Beirut's Dahiyeh district** over Hezbollah's disarmament delays.
- ◆ **Gulf States** reportedly offered Lebanon **\$16 billion** in reconstruction aid if **Shiite militias disarm**.
- ◆ Meanwhile, the **U.S. Treasury** imposed **sanctions** on Lebanese figures involved in **oil and cash smuggling** from Iran, estimated at **\$1 billion** since January.



- ◆ On Nov 5, Reuters reported that the **U.S. plans to establish a command post in Damascus** to monitor a **security arrangement** between Israel and Syria.
- ◆ On Nov 6, **Damascus officially denied** the report, though analysts suggest Washington may seek to **station a joint monitoring mission** along the border, **resembling the 1974 disengagement framework**.



- ◆ According to The Wall Street Journal, the **Houthi army** has **expanded dramatically** from approximately 30,000 fighters in 2015 to 350,000 in 2024.
- ◆ The movement is reportedly **seeking full self-sufficiency in arms production**, reducing reliance on **Iranian supplies**, and is **determined to dominate all of Yemen**.
- ◆ This signifies a shift from a **proxy-based structure** to a **localized military-industrial force**, posing increased regional challenges to Saudi and maritime security interests.





Iranian commemorating the anniversary of the American embassy takeover in 1979 as anti-Western imperialism day.

Source: @qsmmd834504 on X

- ◆ Iran has **increased support** for **Iraqi Shiite militias** after internal unrest, reorganizing them as a **frontline defense** against Israel for a potential future war.
- ◆ Iraqi PM **al-Sudani** stated disarmament of these militias would occur **only after a full U.S. withdrawal**.
- ◆ ISW reported that since **Oct 31**, Iran's **Deputy Chief of Staff** visited **eight IRGC and Artesh bases**, signaling **combat readiness preparations**.
- ◆ Tehran claimed a **cyberattack** on Israel's **Rafael defense company**, allegedly stealing sensitive data on "**Or Eitan**" laser defense, **David's Sling**, and a **new cruise missile**. Rafael denied any breach of classified systems, clarifying the hack targeted a **civilian subcontractor managing exhibition models**.



- ◆ Iranian Foreign Minister **Abbas Araghchi** admitted that **Tehran does not know how much of its 400 kg of 60% enriched uranium survived** after recent attacks on its facilities. He declared that **no recovery efforts will be made until a new nuclear deal is reached.**

Meanwhile, the head of Iran's **Atomic Energy Organization** announced plans, **in coordination with Russia, to build eight new nuclear reactors**, reinforcing the **Moscow–Tehran strategic energy axis.**

- ◆ **Revolution Anniversary (Nov 4):** Iran marked the **anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover in Tehran**, when **52 American diplomats were held hostage until January 1981.** The regime commemorated the event as **“Day of Struggle Against Western Imperialism”**, holding **nationwide rallies** where **U.S. and Israeli flags were burned**, reaffirming the Islamic Republic's **anti-Western ideological foundation.**
- ◆ Iran continues **organizing Iraqi Shiite militias** as a **frontline against Israel**, while ISW reported Iranian military visits to **eight IRGC and Artesh bases** since October 31 — an indicator of **strategic mobilization** toward a potential future confrontation.





CENTCOM opened the first bilateral Combined Command Post for air defense in the Middle East with Qatar at Al Udeid Air Base

Source: CENTCOM on X

- ◆ **CENTCOM** announced expanded **defense cooperation** with **Qatar**, including reinforcement of **Qatari air defense systems**.
- ◆ **Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** is expected in **Washington** on **Nov 18**, seeking a **defense pact** and advanced **U.S. weaponry** in exchange for **normalization with Israel**, partly to counter **Qatar's rising influence**.
- ◆ **President Trump** declared that **Kazakhstan** will join the **Abraham Accords**, becoming the **first new signatory** in his second term, leveraging its **oil exports to Israel** to boost **U.S. diplomatic momentum** ahead of upcoming visits by **Syrian President al-Sharaa** and **bin Salman**.
- ◆ The **Istanbul Attorney General** issued **arrest warrants** for **37 Israeli officials**, including the **Prime Minister, Defense Minister, IDF Chief of Staff, and National Security Minister**, on charges of "**genocide in Gaza**."
- ◆ Colombian President **Gustavo Petro** arrived in **Doha** to meet the **Qatari Emir**, seeking mediation with **Donald Trump** amid rising diplomatic tensions between **Bogotá** and **Washington**. Petro, known for his **pro-Hamas sympathies**, is relying on **Qatar's mediation services** to **restore relations with the U.S.**, highlighting **Doha's growing centrality** as a **regional intermediary**.





- ◆ A senior **German military officer** stated that **Germany** should **purchase Turkish drones** to bolster its defenses after **Russia's** invasion of **Ukraine**, suggesting Berlin's **strategic reassessment** of defense procurement.
- ◆ In **Greece**, **Defense Minister Nikos Dendias** warned that Turkey could only join the **EU defense framework** under strict **European conditions and values**, reflecting ongoing **Greek-Turkish friction** within NATO and the EU.
- ◆ The **European Commission** also hinted that it may **block defense cooperation initiatives** with **Turkey**, citing **human rights and governance concerns**.
- ◆ Austrian intelligence uncovered a **Hamas weapons depot** in **central Vienna**, containing **pistols and ammunition** hidden in a **suitcase**, allegedly intended for **attacks on Jewish and Israeli institutions**.

