

ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

WEEK #113

NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 6, 2025



Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir congratulating Major General Goffman for his Mossad director appointment

Source: IDF Spokesperson

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

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ISRAEL AT WAR WEEK 113

0

Total Israeli casualties This Week

0

Total Civilians killed this week

0

Total IDF Casualties this week

MAIN EVENTS

Hamas and the PA discuss governance despite friction. Judea and Samaria violence escalates with attacks on soldiers, fueling pro-Hamas incitement and praise for terrorists.

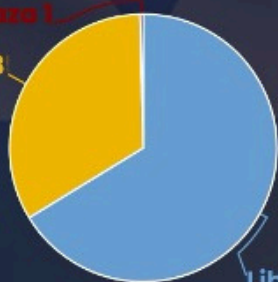
Iran condemns the US and strengthens Saudi ties. Iraq reversed designating Hezbollah and Houthis as terrorists, underscoring deep coordination within the pro-Iranian axis.

Hezbollah rejects surrender while claiming diplomatic intent. Internationally, NYC enforced anti-BDS measures, whereas Guinness World Records reportedly cut ties with Israel over Gaza

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 1255

In Gaza 1

Liberated Dead 8



Liberated Alive 169

ATTACKS ON ISRAEL & ALLIES 0/37,307

This Week Since Oct.7

19834

Lebanon

13773

Gaza

2180

Iran

893

Houthi

534

Syria & Iraq

Judea & Samaria + Israel Front



0/118

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 Hizbollah 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



TRUMP'S GAZA PLAN

- ◆ Axios reported that **President Trump** plans to announce progress toward **Phase B** of the Gaza framework by **Dec 25**. This phase will unveil the structure of the new **technocratic Gazan government** within the **Green Zone**, including the creation of a “**Peace Council**” involving **10 Western and Arab states**, with **Tony Blair** among its senior members. Trump is also expected to reveal the composition of the **International Stabilization Force (ISF)**, scheduled to deploy in **January 2026**.
- ◆ The proposed administration will consist of **15 “apolitical” Gazan businessmen**, whether local or exiled (e.g., **Mohammad Dahlan**). They would cooperate with the **ISF**, which is expected to draw personnel from **Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Egypt**, and possibly **Turkey**. Once the last hostage is released, the **IDF** is expected to withdraw to the **Red Line**, enabling the deployment of the **ISF**.
- ◆ The Qatar-owned **Al-Arabi** reported that Trump urged PM Netanyahu to reconsider Israel’s opposition to a **Turkish military role** in Gaza.
- ◆ An Israeli delegation arrived in **Cairo** for indirect talks with Egypt and Qatar aimed at securing the release of the **last fallen hostage (Ran Guelli)** and reopening the **Rafah crossing** in both directions.
- ◆ Qatar, Egypt, and the U.S. are pressing Hamas to **surrender its heavy weapons** and gradually hand over **light arms** as part of the transition to the “day after.”
- ◆ PM Netanyahu is expected to visit **with President Trump** before the end of the year, to formulate the **reconstruction phase** and organize an **international investment forum** for postwar Gaza. While Hamas has committed to surrendering their heavy weapons, it is not clear that Hamas is actually prepared to do so, which may delay the entry of the **ISF** into active duty.



- ◆ With the most recent addition of Bahrain, the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) now hosts delegations from **24 countries** (excluding the U.S. and Israel).
- ◆ **Turkey and Qatar** remain **outside** the coordination forum.
- ◆ Due to the U.S. refusal to mandate **Hamas' disarmament** and the lack of willingness by any foreign military to execute such a mission, the IDF is evaluating two options:
 - (1) a **renewed ground maneuver** to capture the remainder of Gaza, or
 - (2) consolidating a **Yellow-Line defense** while launching **cross-line operations** with the support of local militias until Hamas is fully neutralized.

PALESTINIAN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH POWER IN GAZA

- ◆ Senior Hamas official **Husam Badran** publicly emphasized that there is “**no rupture**” between Hamas and the **Palestinian Authority (PA)**. He stated that Hamas held a detailed meeting in Cairo with **Hussein al-Sheikh** and **Majed Faraj**, two of the PA's most powerful figures, and discussed the **strategic challenges** facing the Palestinian people.

Badran framed the conversation as one containing **partial agreement**, arguing that the core dilemma is not political differences but establishing **mechanisms for managing Gaza's challenges**, coping with the “occupation,” and developing a **unified Palestinian position**. He added that Hamas maintains **daily contact with other Palestinian factions**, claiming that a broad consensus exists regarding **monitoring mechanisms** and how Palestinians should coordinate political and security strategies.



- ◆ **Mundhir al-Hayek**, the spokesperson for **Fatah in Gaza**, articulated a clearer PA position:

Fatah wants **PA police to operate inside Gaza's cities**, while any **international stabilization force** should be deployed on **Gaza's borders** to separate Palestinians from IDF movements.

This framework essentially rejects Israeli control inside the Strip while seeking to re-establish PA administrative and policing authority.

RECONSTRUCTION & HUMANITARIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- ◆ Beyond reopening departments at **Shifa Hospital** and restoring the **Islamic University**, a **150-bed field hospital** with a 200 person staff, has been established in western Gaza City, capable of treating **up to 1,000 patients**.
- ◆ Qatar has funded the new "**Camp of Dignity**" to house displaced Gazans.
- ◆ The most significant development is in **Mughraqa** (along the former Berri Road), where Egyptian bulldozers are preparing the ground for a **humanitarian city of 15,000 tents**, potentially hosting **150,000 residents**.
- ◆ Meanwhile, Hamas is reconstituting parts of its military presence inside what the Americans term the **Red Zone**, raising concerns of parallel reconstruction and rearmament.



ANTI-HAMAS MILITIAS

- ◆ **Yasser Abu Shabab**, the leader of the **anti-Hamas militias** in eastern Rafah was killed in Eastern Rafah. The attack was a result of **intra-clan fighting**, not Hamas activity. Members of the **Abu-Snimeh clan**, who fall under Abu Shabab's territorial influence, resisted his attempts to conscript them into his militia. This sparked a violent confrontation in which **five clan members were killed**, and another was **executed**. Abu Shabab and his deputy, **Ghassan al-Dahini**, were both wounded. Abu Shabab was evacuated to an Israeli hospital, where he later died of his wounds. Al-Dahini—lightly injured—was seen the same night in eastern Rafah delivering a **direct threat to Hamas**, signaling that the militia leadership would continue operating.
- ◆ Inside the **Red Zone** (the area controlled by Hamas), segments of the local population openly celebrated Abu Shabab's death, distributing sweets and viewing him as a **traitor aligned with Israel**. Shortly after, the militia commander in **Beit Lahia**, **Ashaf al-Mansi**, issued a filmed statement pledging continued fighting against Hamas.
- ◆ Within the **Yellow Zone**, which hosts **five main militias**, Abu Shabab's group had been the most powerful. With his death, leadership shifts to **Ghassan al-Dahini**, a Fatah-affiliated figure with ties to Palestinian Authority security organs. Al-Dahini has played a central operational role: leading **building and tunnel scanning** missions before IDF entry, conducting **raids on Hamas areas**, and spearheading a **three-week campaign to clear eastern Rafah** of Hamas fighters.
- ◆ Hamas issued a public statement offering **amnesty for any militia fighter who surrenders within 10 days**, indicating that the organization seeks to prevent further fragmentation of its authority at a sensitive moment.



- ◆ The success and survival of these militias hinge on developments inside the **Yellow Zone**, particularly the continued **presence of the IDF**, which both protects the militias and prevents Hamas from re-establishing uncontested rule. As long as the **Jeninah pocket of Hamas terrorists** has not been fully cleared, Hamas retains the ability to retaliate against militias and reassert dominance in the Red Zone.

HOSTAGES



Body of the Thai hostage, Sudthisak Rinthalak, brought back to Israel

Source: IDF spokesperson

- ◆ Hamas continued with its psychological games, as it handed over **partial human remains**, which were found not to belong to Israeli hostages. Searches by Hamas and PIJ resumed in **Beit Lahia** after Israel confirmed the identities of the remains did not belong to either of the two remaining hostages. Later, Hamas delivered the **body of Sudthisak Rinthalak a citizen of Thailand**.
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OPERATIONAL

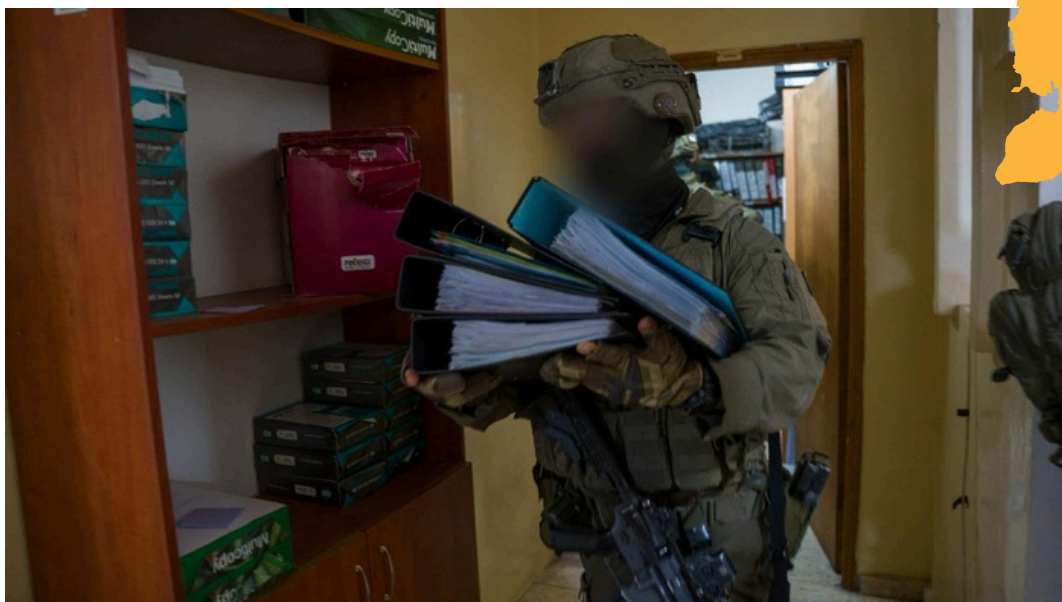
GAZA

- ◆ **Nahal, Golani, and Yahalom** units have been conducting intensive operations under the Gaza Division to collapse the final underground networks in the **Jeninah pocket** and eliminate the remaining Hamas fighters.
- ◆ IDF released footage showing a **Hamas fighter surrendering** by discarding his rifle.
- ◆ Many militants are attempting to escape due to **lack of food, continuous drilling, and airstrikes** that have destroyed remaining tunnel segments.
- ◆ Troops located a **five-barrel rocket launcher** with five intact rockets, indicating that not all Hamas weapon stockpiles have been seized. Several additional weeks of **engineering efforts** are required to eradicate all infrastructure.
- ◆ A **three-man Hamas cell** emerged from rubble and ambushed **Golani Reconnaissance** fighters. Two terrorists were killed; a third escaped, likely back underground. Before being neutralized, one fired an **RPG**, damaging an APC and injuring **five Golani soldiers**.
- ◆ Due to Hamas' violation of the ceasefire framework, the IDF conducted several **precision UAV strikes** in the Mawasi area, killing **five militants**.



- ◆ Shin Bet and police arrested an **18-year-old Israeli-Bedouin** from southern Israel who admired **ISIS** and planned a **suicide bombing** targeting soldiers at a Beersheba bus stop.
- ◆ PM Netanyahu appointed his military secretary, **Maj. Gen. Roman Gofman**, as the next **Mossad director**. Gofman is known for his **hawkish, initiative-driven doctrine**. In a notable 2018 address, he warned of a **troubling pattern of IDF generals avoiding employment of ground forces**.
- ◆ The new **Hasmonaean Brigade**, established 14 months ago, graduated its first cohort of **70 Haredi NCOs**, part of a plan to expand the brigade into a dedicated **Haredi combat force**.
- ◆ IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir reiterated his call for an **“external” commission of inquiry into the failures of October 7th**. He said “The IDF has taken responsibility and **investigated itself**, but the incident is not [the army’s] alone, and it would not be appropriate to direct all the attention solely toward it—suggesting that the government is evading responsibility for its part. This comes after he appointed former General Roni Numa to head a panel of experts that would investigate the military’s failed handling of intelligence reports received since 2018.
- ◆ The IDF deemed a pilot program integrating female recruits into the **Combat Engineering Corps’ elite Yahalom unit** a success, perhaps opening the role for women.
- ◆ **The Israeli cabinet approved the 2026 budget** despite divisions on defense spending rifts. The total budget will be the largest in Israel’s history totalling NIS 662 billion.
- ◆ **An internal IDF survey** reveals that the IDF is facing a major crisis in keeping career servicemembers in the military as many officers are not interested in continuing with a military career.





IDF troops raiding the offices of terror front group UAWC

Source: IDF Spokesperson

- ◆ Chief of Staff, Eyal Zamir, held a situational assessment in the **Northern Samaria settlement bloc**, where many terrorists have rebuilt their terror networks. Joined by Central Command, Judea & Samaria Division, and Border Police commanders, he directed continued implementation of **Operation “Five Stones”** alongside **“Iron Wall”** in Jenin.
- ◆ 3 IDF soldiers were injured in 2 separate terrorist attacks – a car ramming and stabbing attacks.
- ◆ **Ephraim Brigade** utilized three battalions and Border Police to execute a major sweep. Hundreds of locations were searched, **firearms were seized, bomb-making suspects and arms dealers** were arrested.
- ◆ IDF troops with officers from COGAT raided the offices of The Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC). The organization which claims to be a benign agricultural organization is actually a terrorist front group affiliated with PFLP that had been used to finance terrorist activities. IDF found terror money, and incitement materials.



- ◆ **US shelved sanctions on PA leaders** after President Abbas fired the PA minister responsible for payments to security prisoners in Israel as part of the pay for slay scheme. The administration planned to designate top PA officials as **Specially Designated Global Terrorists** but the “reform” in the PA temporarily, changed the administration’s mind, even though the PA merely adopted a new payment mechanism which still pays stipends to imprisoned terrorists.



Palestinian telegram channels praising the terrorist who tried to run over IDF soldiers

Source: al-mutared on telegram, <https://t.me/westmutared>



- ◆ Netanyahu authorized the acting National Security Adviser to form a delegation for talks in **Naqoura**, where Lebanese counterparts discussed potential **economic relations with Israel**.
 - The Lebanese PM approved the talks but emphasized **no intention to normalize** relations.
 - Lebanon demands **IDF withdrawal**, cessation of Israeli attacks, and the **disarmament of Hezbollah**.
 - Hezbollah supporters protested in Beirut against direct dialogue with Israel.
- ◆ The **Pope arrived in Lebanon**, coinciding with expected visits by **Morgan Ortagus**, who is pressing for **Hezbollah disarmament** and access to **Bekaa Valley homes** collaborating with the group.
- ◆ The IDF temporarily with **held attacking Hezbollah terror infrastructure** out of respect for the Pope's visit..
- ◆ Despite diplomacy, Hezbollah continues its efforts to **rebuild its arsenal**.
 - Syrian security forces intercepted a Hezbollah smuggling attempt involving **1,250 landmines** across the border, followed the next day by the interception of **RPG-29** launchers.





Envoy Tom Barrack meets Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani

Source: Iraqi Prime Minister's office on telegram, <https://t.me/IraqiPmo>

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- ◆ The U.S. administration is attempting to **renew Jerusalem–Damascus negotiations**. Axios reports strong U.S. opposition to continued Israeli action under Operation “**Arrow of Bashan**”. “Axios has consistently characterizes U.S.–Israel relations as tense, however, it has often overstated routine disagreements.”
- ◆ New reports emerged of an Israeli strike in **Beit Jinn**, a hotspot for **terrorist activity and arms trafficking**. Prime Minister **Netanyahu** visited IDF soldiers wounded in Beit Jinn and reiterated Israel’s commitment to prevent terror build-up in southern **Syria**, and did not rule out the possibility of a **ground operation**.
- ◆ President al-Sharra declared that Israel **will not succeed** in demilitarizing the Syrian south—especially the **Druze-majority Sweida**.



- ◆ **Firas al-Yasser**, a senior figure in the **al-Nujaba Movement**, stated that Iraqi militias are working **jointly with Yemen's Houthis** to upgrade **weapons systems and military technologies**. The aim appears to be preparing for **future coordinated operations**, potentially linked to broader Axis of Resistance planning, should the conflicts escalate in Lebanon or Gaza.
- ◆ High-level Iraqi sources revealed details of a meeting between Iraqi Prime Minister **Mohammad Shia al-Sudani** and U.S. Special Envoy **Thomas Barrack** who urged al-Sudani to **rein in Iraq's militias**, warning that any **economic or military support** to Hezbollah would violate U.S. red lines. He conveyed a message to the **Coordination Framework** (the umbrella of pro-Iranian Shia parties) that Iraq must **prevent its militias from engaging in regional escalations**—especially with the possibility of Israeli action against Hezbollah. According to the reports, Barrack insisted that Iraq must remain **completely outside any regional escalation scenario**.
- ◆ The Iraqi government published an official decree labeling both the **Houthis** and **Hezbollah** as **terrorist organizations**, ordering **immediate freezing of their assets** inside Iraq. However, **within hours**, Iraq reversed the decision. The state news agency announced that the list would be amended and that **only ISIS and al-Qaeda** would remain designated. Hezbollah and the Houthis were removed from the list and permitted to **operate freely**. This rapid reversal strongly suggests intense pressure from **pro-Iranian political factions** inside Iraq. What initially appeared to be a capitulation to **U.S. pressure** quickly collapsed under the weight of domestic political realities and Tehran's influence.



- ◆ The Institute for the Study of War reports that Iran is trying to reorganize what remains of its **Axis of Resistance**, particularly the **Houthis** in Yemen and **Shia militias** in Iraq, in anticipation of a potential **new confrontation with Israel**. The goal is to prevent Hezbollah from being forced to surrender its weapons.
- ◆ Iran is conducting **extensive air-defense and air-force drills** along its western border, aiming to draw lessons from the failure of operation “**Rising Lion**”.
- ◆ IRGC Deputy Commander **Ali Fadavi** issued a direct warning: “**If the Americans threaten Iran’s security, we will confront them with all our strength.**”





- ◆ **Guinness World Records** announced that it has **suspended cooperation with Israel** and will no longer register Israeli individuals or organizations. Their statement claimed the decision was made “**due to the ongoing genocide in Gaza.**”
- ◆ U.S. Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** stressed that **Iran, the IRGC, and Hezbollah maintain an active presence in South America**, with **Venezuela** serving as their principal regional hub.
- ◆ Israel handed over its **Arrow 3 long-range missile defense system** to the German Air Force, completing a **4-billion-euro** (\$4.6 billion) sale, the largest defense export deal in Israel’s history.

