

IDF: 2 Palestinian gunmen open fire at West Bank checkpoint, are shot dead by troops *Soldiers had been ready in ambush near Salem Crossing after recent repeated attacks in area; one the gunmen's magazines had sticker with Palestinian Islamic Jihad logo*

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 1:01 pm



Right: Weapons the military says were seized from two Palestinian gunmen who opened fire at a West Bank checkpoint, April 27, 2024; Left: IDF troops operate in the West Bank, in a handout image published April 26, 2024. (Israel Defense Forces)

Two Palestinian gunmen who opened fire at a checkpoint in the northern West Bank in the pre-dawn hours of Saturday were shot dead by troops, the military said.

The incident took place at the Salem checkpoint and army base, close to the Arab Israeli town of the same name, and some 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from the West Bank city of Jenin.

Troops of the **Border Defense Corps' 636th Combat Intelligence Collection Unit** had been ready in an ambush following several recent similar attacks at the same location, when the gunman arrived by vehicle at the checkpoint area.

As the **gunmen began shooting at the checkpoint and adjacent base, the soldiers returned fire at the pair, killing both, the Israel Defense Forces** said.

The gunmen's assault rifles were seized. An image released by the IDF showed that one of the gun's magazines had a sticker with the logo of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group.

No troops were hurt in the incident.

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The gunmen were named by the Palestinian Authority health ministry as Mustafa Abed, 21, and Ahmed Shawahna, 20. It said two more Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire in the Jenin area, although the circumstances of their injury were not immediately clear.

The Salem Crossing has been the target of frequent shooting attacks in recent years. It is predominantly used by Arab Israelis who travel to the Palestinian city of Jenin and the surrounding area for business or leisure. It has been largely shuttered for civilian traffic in recent years.

Violence in the West Bank, already on the rise before October 7 — when thousands of Hamas-led terrorists stormed southern Israel to kill nearly 1,200 people and abduct over 250 — has escalated throughout the war sparked by the onslaught, with frequent army raids on terror groups, deadly Palestinian attacks, and rampages by Jewish settlers in Palestinian villages, at times also deadly.

Since October 7, troops have arrested some 3,850 wanted Palestinians across the West Bank, including more than 1,650 affiliated with Hamas, the IDF has said.

According to **the PA health ministry, more than 490 West Bank Palestinians have been killed in that time. The IDF says the vast majority of them were gunmen killed amid raids** or terrorists carrying out attacks. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-2-palestinian-gunmen-open-fire-at-west-bank-checkpoint-are-shot-dead-by-troops/>

Hamas publish video of hostages Omri Miran and Keith Segal

In the video, the two hostages say it was filmed two days ago. They also talk about not being able to celebrate Passover this year.

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Images released by Hamas of hostage's Keith Segal (left) and Omri Miran (right), April 27, 2024. (photo credit: HAMAS)

Hamas published on Saturday a video of the hostages Keith Segal (64) and Omri Miran (47).

The two hostages say the video was filmed two days ago. They also talk about not being able to celebrate Passover this year.

They also say that they saw the demonstrations in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and called on the demonstrators to continue the protest.

The hostages' families have not yet approved the publishing of the video or its contents.

A photo of Hersh Goldberg-Polin next to a screenshot from a video released by Hamas showing him in captivity. (credit: screenshot)



Second hostage video during Passover

The video is the second to be released during Passover. Shortly before the holiday began, a [video showing hostage Hersh Goldberg-Polin](#) was released.

In the video, Hersh discusses how he was captured and the events after his capture.

His parents both approved the video's publication. His mother, Rachel, has been a central figure in the campaign to release the hostages and was named one of Time's 100 most important people of

2023.

The Jerusalem Post will not publish these videos as they are part of Hamas's psychological warfare.

This is a developing story. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-798877>

IDF Halevi updates security cabinet ministers that hundreds of terrorists surrender

Other Israeli officials criticized Ben-Gvir for his proposal to execute those who surrendered.

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IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi in Gaza's Khan Yunis April 3, 2024 (photo credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)



During a security cabinet meeting the IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi briefed the ministers and updated that hundreds of terrorists surrendered and were arrested, Israeli media reported on Saturday.

Responding to Halevi's comment regarding the number of arrests, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir asked, "Are you saying everyone is raising their arms? What should we do with so many prisoners? It's dangerous for soldiers."

Agriculture Minister Avi Dichter replied to the National Security minister's question, saying, "I'm listening to you and not sure if you're a minister in Israel

or of another country."

The IDF Chief of Staff responded to Ben-Gvir, stating, "Dangerous for whom? Those who surrender - we don't shoot. Those who fight us, we shoot. There's no dilemma. We arrest those who raise their hands."

Operating in Gaza

On April 1, the IDF withdrew from Shifa Hospital in Gaza, following an operation in which more than 200 senior Hamas and Islamic Jihad members were arrested, a *Maariv* report noted. Furthermore,

during the operation at the hospital, IDF reconnaissance forces found combat equipment hidden in pillows and



patient beds.

IDF soldiers operate in the Gaza Strip, April 23, 2024. (credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

Among other things, dozens of mortar shells, sniper rifles, automatic rifles, handguns, explosives, ammunition, and other weaponry were discovered at the hospital.

The IDF is preparing for a planned operation in Rafah that includes a comprehensive humanitarian plan, consisting of infrastructure rehabilitation, aid delivery, deployment of field hospitals, and setting up tent cities, Israeli media reported.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-798859>

IDF strikes Khan Yunis, Rafah and Nuseirat

Palestinian media reported that there were wounded and those killed in the strikes.

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SMOKE RISES following an Israeli strike in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, last week. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said there is no way to defeat Hamas without entering Rafah, the writer notes. (photo credit: Ahmed Zakot/Reuters)

The IDF carried out airstrikes in the Khan Yunis and Rafah areas early on Saturday, Walla reported.

Palestinian media reported that there were wounded and those killed in the strikes. The Air Force also struck in the area of the Nuseirat refugee camp in the center of the Gaza Strip, where Palestinian media also reported deaths.

An additional six people had also been reportedly killed in Rafah, according to Walla, citing Arab sources.



The airstrikes occurred [the same night](#) that two Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces for trying to break into the Salem checkpoint in the Jenin area.

Restarting ceasefire negotiations

These events came after an [Egyptian delegation](#) met Israeli officials on Friday, looking for a way to restart talks to end the war in Gaza and return the remaining Israeli hostages.

DISPLACED PALESTINIANS shelter at a tent camp in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, last month. (credit: IBRAHEEM ABU MUSTAFA/REUTERS)

The report said that Israel was considering a limited truce in which 33 hostages would be released.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-798846>

IDF destroys Hamas rockets launch pads that fired at soldiers in Gaza Strip

A Khan Yunis launching site was attacked where rockets were fired at the IDF throughout the war and had the potential for further rocket launches at Israeli forces.

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IDF attacks Hamas's terrorist infrastructure, April 27, 2024. (IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

Terrorists who were preparing to attack IDF forces were eliminated from the air by fighter jets, the IDF announced on Saturday.

During IDF operations, an IAF aircraft attacked a launch site on Friday, from which rockets were fired toward the city of Ashdod.

An aircraft also attacked a launching site in Khan Yunis on Saturday. From this launch site, rockets were fired at IDF throughout the war and had the potential for further rocket launches at [Israeli forces operating in the Gaza Strip](#).

Striking terror targets

“Combat team forces of the Yiftah Brigade (679) identified a group of terrorists preparing to fire at our forces from a military structure in central Gaza Strip,” a military spokesperson said.



They further reported that “IAF fighter jets attacked the building where the group was operating and eliminated the terrorists.”

IDF strikes Hezbollah targets near Ayta Ash Shab. April 24, 2024 (credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

Furthermore, the IDF reported that aircraft from the Air Force, in cooperation with the Fire Brigade of the 99th Brigade of the Southern Command, attacked a vehicle in which eight Hamas terrorists were at in the central Gaza Strip.

IAF aircraft have targeted more than 25 terror targets in the Gaza Strip, including military structures where armed terrorists operated, ammunition warehouses, and underground infrastructure.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-798857>

Hamas says it will study Israel’s latest response in truce, hostage deal negotiations

Official says terror group will submit answer after proposal has been examined; Egyptian official says mediators working on compromise to answer most of both parties’ main demands

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Khalil al-Hayya speaks during an interview with The Associated Press, in Istanbul, Turkey, April 24, 2024. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

Hamas said Saturday it was reviewing a new Israeli proposal for a truce and hostage deal, amid intensified efforts to broker an agreement.

“Today, the Hamas movement received the official Zionist occupation response to the movement’s position, which was delivered to the Egyptian and Qatari mediators on April 13,” Khalil Al-Hayya, deputy head of Hamas’s political arm in Gaza, said in a statement.

“The movement will study this proposal, and upon completion of its study, it will submit its response,” he said.

The **terror group official gave no details of Israel’s offer**, but said it was in response to a proposal from Hamas two weeks ago.

The **mediators are working on a compromise that will answer most of both parties’ main demands, which could pave the way to continued negotiations with the goal of a larger deal** to end the war, an Egyptian official said.

Israeli officials hosted a top-level Egyptian delegation for talks on Friday.

Israel reportedly warned that now is the “last chance” for a truce agreement before the launch of a long-planned IDF assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah.

There has been “noticeable progress in bringing the views of the Egyptian and Israeli delegations closer,” according to Al-Qahera News, which is linked to Egyptian state intelligence services.

A senior Israeli official told Hebrew media on Friday evening that the talks were “very good, focused, held in good spirits and progressed in all parameters.”

The official told Ynet that the Egyptians seem willing to pressure Hamas toward reaching a deal and that “in the background, there are very serious intentions from Israel to move ahead in Rafah.”

The Israeli official said Israel warned it would not agree to foot-dragging by Hamas, particularly its leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, on the hostage deal in a bid to forestall the Israel Defense Forces operation and noted that reserve forces have been called up. “This is the last chance before we go into Rafah,” the official said, according to Channel 12 news. **[Unfortunately they have allowed foot-dragging for months mostly at the insistence of “Bi-Dum” and friends. – rdb]**

It’s **a case of “either a deal in the near future, or Rafah,”** the source said. **Sinwar, the architect of the October 7 massacre, is widely believed to be hiding in the Hamas tunnel network in the Rafah area, with hostages in close proximity as human shields.**

The **official confirmed that Israel is prepared to settle for the release of fewer than the 40 living hostages as earlier proposed, but also that it will not agree to only 20 hostages being freed**, as Hamas reportedly suggested in recent indirect contacts. Rather, said the report, Israel believes that Hamas holds 33 living hostages who meet the so-called “humanitarian” designation — that is, women, children, men aged over 50 and the sick — and is insisting that they all be freed.

The **Channel 12 report said this could be a major sticking point** if the mediation efforts make headway with Hamas, but stressed that, for now, that is not the case.

There was no mention in the report of whether this would be the first phase of a wider deal for all the hostages, of the length of the proposed accompanying truce, or of Hamas’s relentless demand that Israel halt the war altogether as a condition for any further hostage releases.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly ruled out ending the war until Hamas is destroyed as a military and governing force.

The official also said Israel was willing to make further major concessions such as allowing the return of residents to northern Gaza, and possibly to do so without the preferred checks to prevent Hamas members from returning with them. Israel also indicated a willingness to withdraw forces from a key corridor bisecting Gaza in two, Channel 12 said.



People check the damage in a house destroyed by an overnight Israeli strike in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on April 27, 2024. (AFP)

Channel 12 quoted unnamed defense sources as saying that while Netanyahu should be pushing for a deal as hard as he can, the premier fears opposition on the far-right flank of his coalition, notably from Ministers Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir.

Furthermore, the report said, one reason for the still-delayed ground offensive in Rafah is concern that it will deepen international delegitimization of Israel.

The outlet also said that the defense sources regard tackling Hamas’s four battalions inside Rafah as less critical than securing the Gaza-Egypt border at Rafah to prevent Hamas smuggling in arms and weapons materials.

Israel and Egypt, the report said, are coordinating on a sensor system along the so-called Philadelphi border corridor between Gaza and Egypt.

As the war drags on and casualties mount, there has been growing international pressure for Hamas and Israel to reach an agreement, with the United States pushing for a hostage-truce deal leading to a permanent ceasefire.

However, talks have been stalled for months, as both sides accuse each other of sabotaging potential deals.

It is believed that 129 hostages abducted by Hamas on October 7 remain in Gaza — not all of them alive.

Hamas has also been holding the bodies of fallen IDF soldiers Oron Shaul and Hadar Goldin since 2014, as well as two Israeli civilians, Avera Mengistu and Hisham al-Sayed, who are both thought to be alive after entering the Strip of their own accord in 2014 and 2015 respectively. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-says-it-will-study-israels-latest-response-in-truce-hostage-deal-negotiations/>

IDF official on Hezbollah: 'way out is to escalate', report

Military source tells Wall Street Journal a confrontation against the Iran-backed terror group may be the only way to bring back calm to the northern border



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A senior IDF official said Saturday that it's impossible to avoid significant and widespread conformation with Hezbollah in Lebanon, after nearly seven months of warfare that included exchanges of fire and clashes between the sides.



IDF soldiers in northern Israel (Photo: IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

The senior official told the Wall Street Journal on condition of anonymity, "There is a way out and it's to escalate. Israel cannot stop right now. It's dangerous for the whole region."

While these statements come from Jerusalem, threats are being sent to senior Israeli officials by the terrorist organization. Hezbollah's Deputy Director-General Naim Qasem addressed Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, saying, "He should know that he won't bring northern Israelis to their

homes through war. The war will only push their return further back, and they may not return at all."

He added that the ongoing Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon, which come in retaliation to missiles fired from the country into northern Israel, won't make northern Israelis return either.

"Expanding these attacks will make their return more difficult. Hezbollah has decided to respond to the attacks proportionately, so any increase of attacks will be met with an expansion of Hezbollah and the resistance in Lebanon's response."

In an attempt to lower escalations on the northern border, Hezbollah-affiliated Lebanese news outlet Al Akhbar reported that U.S. President Joe Biden's envoy to the Middle East Amos Hochstein, "might visit Beirut to examine the possibility of lowering escalation on the Lebanon border."



Naim Qasem (Photo: AP /Hussein Malla)

The **report noted that Hochstein is working to remind the sides to act by "the rules of the confrontation," but the U.S. believes calm on the border won't be achieved before an agreement that includes ending the war in Gaza.**

Hezbollah has so far opposed American and French efforts to reduce the intensity of the fighting in the north. The terror group claims it, "must exert pressure on Israel" to assist the Palestinian people in the war in Gaza. French Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné is expected to visit Lebanon soon in an attempt to continue mediation efforts.

A source the Wall Street Journal reported was "familiar with Hezbollah's internal thinking," told the outlet the organization believes in the "escalation to de-escalate" strategy, which exposes the organization to risks but may ultimately lead to calm. Part of this policy, noted in the American newspaper, involves "gradually revealing" Hezbollah's hidden military capabilities.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rjyc6j5b0>

'The operation we built worked exactly as planned, I was surprised'

Col A., the Israeli Air Force officer who oversaw the unprecedented defensive operation against Iran's attack, recalls the tense night and details the preparation, coordination and fortitude on display during the assault
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On Friday, exactly two weeks ago, Colonel A., 44, - chief of the Israeli Air Force Air Defense Command - gathered his men for a departmental briefing. "We're on the eve of war with Iran and Hezbollah," he told them. "Tomorrow, if Iran's attack plan succeeds, the prime minister will decide how to respond. If we manage to stop this plan, we will likely prevent war. War will be the price of failure if we fail in our defense tomorrow. It's in our hands."



Col. A. (Photo: IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

His eyes are red. Very red. He's had almost no sleep in the past three weeks. Since receiving military intelligence that, Iran is planning a response against Israel following the death of its senior officers in a Damascus strike, he has entered "combat mode." "I haven't seen my kids in two weeks," he says. "I've been here since the moment the notice came in."

And he has a good reason for that. Col. A. is essentially the man responsible for [defending the State of Israel's skies](#), from a small drone to a ballistic surface-to-surface missile capable of carrying about 400 kg of explosives.

After the unprecedented success in thwarting the Iranian attack, Col. A. reveals the preparations made for the complex defense operation, explaining what worried him most, how they operated so many forces simultaneously from the Air Force control room, and admits: "I was also surprised that the operation we built worked exactly as planned. In the last briefing, I told all the partners that it's just like a combat flight. Before every such flight, there's a briefing, but many times there are changes in the operation, and the pilot needs to adapt and respond to the situation accordingly. Not this time. Everything was exactly like in the drills and simulations."

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Columbia University caves in to students supporting terrorism

Opinion: Columbia University President Minouche Shafik constantly surrenders to the pro-Palestinian mob instead of considering the tens of thousands of students who paid a heavy price to attend the once prestigious university

Columbia University is being ruled by a student mob. In the days since Wednesday, April 16, when Columbia President Minouche Shafik testified in a congressional hearing on antisemitism, pro-Palestinian activists unlawfully erected a Gaza Solidarity



Encampment on the school's main lawn, and self-proclaimed advocates of terrorism—students and non-affiliates—have infiltrated the campus and have thoroughly established themselves as its ruling force through intimidation and violence.

The Gaza Solidarity Encampment on Columbia campus (Photo: Stephanie Keith / Getty Images)

identified with a terrorist organization and another proclaimed "We are all Hamas". In the center of campus, chants in Arabic called to "strike Tel Aviv". Doves of students, including non-Jews, have fled the campus since Thursday, expressing discomfort and fear for their own personal safety.

For seven days, Jewish students have endured endless antisemitic chants, personalized threats of murder with "more October 7s", and assaults. One pro-Palestinian protester proudly

After 96 hours of radio silence during this devolving chaos, failing to remove imminent and present dangers from campus, President Shafik broke her silence at 1 a.m. on April 22 with a panicked email announcing that all classes on Monday would be moved to Zoom, to the glee of encamped protesters.

Columbia prefers to disrupt the expensive education of tens of thousands of students in their last week of classes over clearing the illegal and violent local occupation of a few hundred.



Columbia University President hearing in Congress (Photo: Youtube screenshot)

The primary action plan presented in the president's email is "continuing discussions with the student protesters. I know that there is much debate about whether or not we should use the police on campus, and I am happy to engage in those discussions...We should be able to [resolve] this ourselves."

President Shafik cannot do this herself. Her actions loudly say, in contradiction to her congressional testimony, that antisemitism is not only tolerated but welcome at Columbia.



The Gaza Solidarity Encampment is unfazed by ultimatums (Photo: REUTERS/Caitlin Ochs)

Twenty-four hours after this announcement President Shafik sent another nightly announcement at 9 p.m., giving protesters a midnight ultimatum to dismantle their camp. Minutes after preparing for arrests, Students for Justice in Palestine organizers (a banned student group highly active in the campus crisis) told WKCR that their deadline was extended, and at 4 a.m. on April 24 another update was sent by the Office of the President presenting four points of the negotiated agreement and another 48-hour

deadline.

Columbia claims student protesters "have committed to removing a significant number of tents" and have "prohibited discriminatory or harassing language". However, the protesters have not announced any such agreement from their end.



Students chanting 'Intifada' are not peace activists (Photo: Reuters)

Just a few hours later, I walked past their ever-growing tent city to hear chants of "There is only one solution, Intifada revolution". One protest leader, the star of a video in which pro-Palestinians push Jews out of their camp, has also called for the mass murder of Zionists. While Shafik's talks have made the campers' rhetoric sanitized—their sentiment is not.

Israelis and Gazan's lives actually depend on the outcome of hostage negotiations between Israel and Hamas. They have no choice. Meanwhile, President Shafik is choosing to be played by a small group of

detached-from-reality twenty-year-olds who "have their demands" and are supported by Hamas. It is embarrassing, and a dangerous precedent for the future. Are violent, consistently lying rule-breakers going to dictate terms for every Columbia response?



Khymani James, the leader of the Columbia University protests (Photo: X (Twitter))

Such rabid hate and incitements to terrorism are a threat to every American and believer in the free and democratic world. Not every pro-Palestine demonstrator is antisemitic or dangerous. But the movement has shown its true face, devolving into open support of foreign and domestic terror.

No protest on campuses today is about Gazan solidarity. Free speech will never again exist if a crowd of rowdy, disruptive, misguided protestors who hide behind masks is allowed to continue to assert its dominance over this university. Decisive action must be taken. We cannot let terror win.

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'Let my people go!': NYU students tell 'Moses' they don't support Hamas releasing the hostages

Calling the segment "Let My People Go: The Game Show," Zach Sage Fox bestowed plagues on each NYU student protester who said they did not support the release of Israeli hostages.

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A demonstrator holds a sign across from the Columbia University campus with a student protest encampment in support of Palestinians, during the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in New York City, U.S., April 25, 2024. (photo credit: Mike Segar/Reuters)

Zach Sage Fox, a comedian and social media influencer, confronted pro-Palestinian protesters at New York University while dressed as Moses from the biblical story of Exodus.

In the story of Exodus, Moses repeatedly goes to Pharaoh and requests that his people be released from slavery in Egypt. Every time Pharaoh refused to release the ancient Hebrews, Egypt was met with a plague with Pharaoh finally agreeing to release the slaves after all the

firstborn babies died.

In the video, posted on Tuesday, Fox questioned protesters "Do you think Hamas should release the hostages?" As each protester gave different versions affirming their joint belief that

Hamas should not release the 133 hostages that remain in captivity, including a number of women and children, Fox gifted them one of the ten plagues from the story of Exodus.

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[A post shared by Zach Sage Fox \(@zach.sage\)](#)

Plaguing NYU students

Calling the segment the “Let My People Go: The Game Show,” Fox asked the first “contestant” the question above and received the response “I think the Zionist entity...” However, the woman was quickly cut off by Fox who told her that that was the incorrect answer, and handed her fake frogs.



People take part in a demonstration in support of Israel outside the Columbia University campus as student protest encampment in support of Palestinians continues, during the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in New York City, U.S., April 26, 2024. (credit: Mike Segar/Reuters)

The second and third contestants answered “F*** that dude” and “I’m pro-Palestine.” The pair were met with hail from Fox.

Following this, a woman dressed in a rainbow shirt said that she refused to answer the question. In turn, she was gifted a bottle containing red liquid which Fox referred to as “Water into blood.”

Another contestant said, “I don’t know about that” and an additional one reaffirmed “No, no.”

The final contestants responded to Fox with a question of their own: “Why do you think they took hostages?” To which Fox responded that he thought Hamas took hostages because “They’re a terrorist group that wants to kill Jews, because that’s what they say in their charter.”

Responding to Fox, the contestant countered “But do you think maybe the only thing they have been shown is hostility and violence?”

Fox then questioned how it could be the only thing Hamas were shown if Israel left Gaza in 2005, to which the contestant reluctantly acknowledged they’re “not up to date with that history.”

“Moral of the story? Jews have been persecuted for 3000 years,” Fox concludes the segment. “We always survive and usually make a holiday out of it. Lets let our people go, back to Israel.”

The video ends with photos of the remaining hostages being held by Hamas. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-798867>

The problem is epidemic. Liberal college/university administrators have allowed communist/socialist trained faculty to dominate at their institutions and literally run them. Supposedly a student goes to a “place of higher learning” to “LEARN” which implies that the faculty should be in charge of teaching a standardized accepted curriculum not inculcate with their own opinions. Students aren’t to be in charge of the management of academic affairs because they know nothing about them. The so called “leadership’ of which there is little in these cesspools should have approval of what the faculty should teach and the behavior of any student. This is occurring at almost every major institution. Freedom of expression and speech ends when it impinges on the rights of others. – rdb]

Much of Ukraine aid stolen – French party leader

Western assistance to Kiev prolongs the conflict with Russia and enriches corrupt officials, Florian Philippot has said

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FILE PHOTO: French nationalist party 'Les Patriotes' (The Patriots) leader Florian Philippot. © Sameer AL-DOUMY / AFP

A large part of Western aid to Kiev is being embezzled by Ukrainian officials, despite President Vladimir Zelensky’s assurances that it is being used in the fight against Russia, a top French politician has said.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Friday, Florian Philippot, leader of the Patriots (Les Patriotes) party and a long-time vocal critic of Western assistance to Ukraine, alleged that Zelensky was lying when he claimed that all US aid to his country “goes to the battlefield.”

“In reality a large part is diverted and goes into corruption!” Philippot wrote. He noted Kiev’s admission last month that it had not received €16 billion (\$17.1 billion) in aid collected by Poland and the European Commission. Ukrainian Prime Minister Denis Shmigel claimed he had “no idea” what happened to the funds.

Philippot also pointed to a recent corruption scandal involving Ukrainian Agriculture Minister Nikolay Solsky, who is accused of illegally appropriating state land worth nearly €6.9 million (\$7.4 million). “Yet another case of corruption in this country, which is one of the most corrupt on the planet!” the French politician remarked.

“Every euro sent to Ukraine prolongs the war and therefore causes unnecessary deaths, impoverishes us here, and has a strong chance of enriching the corrupt!” he added, calling for the conflict to be resolved as soon as possible.

Ukraine has been plagued by widespread graft for years, and a 2015 Guardian article described it as “the most corrupt nation in Europe.” More recently, it ranked 104 out of 180 countries in Transparency International’s Corruption Perception Index.

The issue has taken center stage during the conflict with Russia, including in the Ukrainian military, which has been rocked by several graft scandals in recent months. This winter, Ukraine’s SBU, the successor to the Soviet-era KGB, announced that it had uncovered a major embezzlement scheme in which Ukrainian officials and private contractors stole around \$40 million earmarked for shell procurement.

Elsewhere, the Pentagon’s inspector general admitted that Washington had failed to properly track more than \$1 billion in weapons sent to Ukraine, although this did not stop US officials from claiming that they believed the assistance to have reached its intended destination.

Russia, meanwhile, has for months been warning about the spillover of foreign weapons sent to Ukraine, cautioning that they are ending up in the hands of organized crime outside of the country.

<https://www.rt.com/news/596679-ukraine-aid-corruption/> [How much of the money given to Ukraine was returned to major governmental players of the US for helping to push money to Ukraine??? Probably a great deal. Kickbacks are to usual for DC and the Ukraine. – rdb]

US spies believe Putin didn’t order Navalny’s death – WSJ

The Russian president isn’t likely to have mandated the killing of the imprisoned opposition figure, the sources have told the outlet

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FILE PHOTO: Opposition figure Alexey Navalny seen on a screen at a court in Moscow. © Sputnik / Anton Denisov

The CIA and other US intelligence agencies have determined that the Russian authorities weren’t involved in the death of opposition figure Alexey Navalny, the Wall Street Journal has reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Navalny, who had been serving a lengthy prison sentence stemming from his violations of the terms of a previous fraud conviction and his “extremist activities,” died at a penal colony in Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Region in northern Russia on February 16.

The Russian prison authorities insist that there was no foul play in the passing of the anti-corruption activist. They said that the 47-year-old suddenly fell ill after a walk and collapsed, and that efforts to resuscitate him were in vain. According to the Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK), which Navalny used to head, the death certificate provided to his mother stated he had died of natural causes.

However, some Western leaders and the FBK insisted that Russian authorities were behind the activist’s passing. “Make no mistake. [Russian President Vladimir] Putin is responsible for Navalny’s death,” US President Joe

Biden said at the time, without providing any proof of his claim.

Now, however, the US intelligence agencies have come to the conclusion that Putin “likely didn’t order Navalny to be killed,” the WSJ said in an article on Saturday.

This **assessment is based on a range of data such as classified intelligence and the analysis of public facts, including “the timing of his death and how it overshadowed Putin’s re-election,”** the sources explained. Navalny died a month before the Russian presidential election, in which Putin won 87.28% of the ballot.

The **finding is broadly accepted by several agencies**, including the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the State Department’s intelligence unit, the article read.

The sources clarified that the assessment by the US intelligence *“doesn’t dispute Putin’s culpability for Navalny’s death, but rather finds he probably didn’t order it at that moment.”*

Kremlin Press Secretary Dmitry Peskov said that he saw the article in the Wall Street Journal, but stressed that he *“would not call it a high-quality piece that deserves any attention.”* The publication contained *“some empty reflections”* and was apparently planned as *“a Saturday reading for a global audience,”* he stressed.

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Polish foreign minister rebukes president over US nukes remark

Such delicate matters should be discussed behind closed doors, Radoslaw Sikorski says

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FILE PHOTO: Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski. © Jaap Arriens / NurPhoto via Getty Images

Poland’s foreign minister has said President Andrzej Duda had no authority to speculate about Warsaw hosting part of the US nuclear arsenal on its soil.

In an interview with Polsat News TV on Friday, Radoslaw Sikorski weighed in on Duda’s statement earlier this week, when he said placing US nukes in Poland “has been a topic of Polish-American talks for some time” and that he had “declared readiness” to host to the weapons. Under the current political setup in Poland, Duda has found himself in opposition to the government, which was formed by a parliamentary majority.

“Mr President has already been told, at the highest levels... not to talk about it, that there is no chance for it now. I don’t know why he said it,” Sikorski stated.

The **foreign minister also stressed that Duda, as head of state, is obligated to implement foreign policy in a way articulated by the Council of Ministers**, the top executive decision-making body. *“We have not given any authorization or encouragement to talk about it publicly,”* Sikorski noted.

He **went on to dismiss speculation that Poland would itself become a nuclear power** by potentially joining NATO’s nuclear sharing program. *“These are very complicated issues that we discuss at NATO nuclear planning meetings,”* he said, stressing that those conversations *“should not take place in public.”*

The **minister also noted that Russia has already responded to Duda’s comments. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that if Poland were to host US nuclear weapons, the Russian military would “take all necessary countermeasures to ensure our security.”** In similar remarks, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova warned that the *“relevant facilities”* in Poland would *“immediately be listed as legitimate targets in case of a direct military conflict with NATO.”*

The US currently has nuclear weapons stationed in five fellow NATO states: Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Türkiye. If Poland were to host US nuclear arms, it would put NATO’s nuclear arsenal at the doorstep of Russia’s westernmost exclave of Kaliningrad, and also Belarus, Moscow’s key ally.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg has signaled that the US-led military bloc has no plans to send its atomic arsenal to Poland, while French Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu has warned that the potential move

would violate key Russia-NATO arms control agreements. <https://www.rt.com/news/596670-polish-president-not-authorized-us-nukes/>

US to build new 'doomsday plane'

The command and control aircraft will allow the president to continue leading the country in case of nuclear war



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FILE PHOTO: An E-4B command and control aircraft. © AFP / Brendan Smialowski

The US will develop a new 'doomsday plane,' intended to allow the president to continue leading the country in case of a nuclear war or other major disaster that destroys command and control centers on the ground, the Air Force has announced.

A \$13-billion contract for the Survivable Airborne Operations Center (SAOC) project has been awarded to Sierra

Nevada Corp, a US Air Force spokesperson announced in a [statement](#) on Friday.

Work on the new strategic command and control military aircraft will be conducted at the company's facilities in Colorado, Nevada and Ohio, the statement read. The deadline for the project is 2036, it added.

According to the spokesman, **the SAOC will be based on a commercial derivative jet**, which would be hardened and modified to meet the standards of the Pentagon.

"The development of this critical national security weapon system ensures the department's nuclear command, control, and communications capability is operationally relevant and secure for decades to come," the statement read.

The **SAOC is intended to become a replacement for the aging E-4B Nightwatch aircraft or the National Airborne Operations Center that the US Air Force is using at the moment.**

The E-4Bs, which are based on a Boeing 747 jet, have been around since the mid-1970s. The planes are expected to be retired in the early 2030s. According to Reuters, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the aircraft as parts for them become obsolete.

The **US Air Force currently operates four 'doomsday planes,'** with at least one of them being constantly on alert. The E-4Bs carry advanced communications gear, are capable of refueling in the air, and can withstand nuclear blasts and various electromagnetic effects.

Russia also has four 'doomsday planes,' which are based on the Ilyushin Il-80 jet. The aircraft first took to the skies in 1985, but their communication equipment has been upgraded in recent years.

A source told RIA-Novosti in 2022 that the planes can now exchange data with Russian nuclear submarines.

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FDA Study: Covid Shots Caused Heart Failure Surge in Children

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Covid mRNA shots are responsible for surges in heart failure and seizures among children, a new study commissioned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has revealed.

The study was conducted as part of an FDA public health surveillance mandate and published Wednesday in the renowned peer-reviewed medical journal JAMA.

According to the study, large numbers of children have suffered serious health issues after being injected with the Covid mRNA shots.

The researchers found that heart failure, in the form of myocarditis or pericarditis, was found in vaccinated children under 5 years old.

"Statistical signals were detected for myocarditis or pericarditis after BNT162b2 vaccination in children aged 12 to 17 years and seizure after vaccination with BNT162b2 and mRNA-1273 in children aged 2 to 4 or 5 years," the study said.

Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis is inflammation of the outer lining of the

heart.

Both myocarditis and pericarditis restrict the heart's ability to pump blood around the body and can cause blood clots, strokes, cardiac arrest, and sudden death.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), both myocarditis and pericarditis are known side effects of Covid mRNA injections.

The study investigated data from Covid-injected adolescents aged 12-17 and discovered a "safety signal" after administration of the Pfizer mRNA jab.

That **"safety signal" was for myocarditis or pericarditis.**

It was the same signal that had already been [previously identified](#) in prior studies.

However, a new "safety signal" was identified in the new FDA [study](#).

The **new "safety signal" was for seizures in children.**

The **signal for seizures was found in data of Covid-vaccinated children between 2-4 years old who got the Pfizer mRNA injection (BNT162b2).**

It was also discovered among **those between 2-5 years old** who received the Moderna mRNA shot (mRNA-1273).

Heart inflammation can be fatal, according to this [study](#), this [study](#), and this [website](#).

Another study, published in March, found that kids between 2-5 who received a Covid mRNA vaccine were 2.5 times as likely to have a febrile seizure within a day of being injected than they were to have one between 8-63 days after injection.

Also, a government-funded [report](#) recently found a link between Covid mRNA injections and myocarditis.

Not surprisingly, the JAMA study downplayed the risks associated with the mRNA vaccine.

In the "Discussion" section, the study said:

"The new statistical signal for seizure observed in our study should be interpreted with caution and further investigated in a more robust epidemiologic study."

Despite the growing body of evidence regarding the risks associated with the injections, the CDC still recommends that most adults and children continue taking the shots.

This **latest study comes as Slay News reported on the explosive allegations from a medical industry whistleblower about the vaccines.**

A hospital whistleblower has come forward to warn the public that Covid mRNA shots are causing people to "die so horrifically" and "so quickly" after they received the injections.

The whistleblower, known only as "Zoe," revealed that doctors have been euthanizing patients due to the severity of the side effects from the injections.

Zoe, a hospital medical coder, said the health issues caused by the Covid shots were so "horrific" that the Covid-vaccinated patients "kind had to be put down" by doctors.

In a whistleblowing [interview](#) with the nonprofit Children's Health Defense (CHD), **Zoe revealed that hospitals and medical professionals were simply not prepared for the wave of sudden deaths, heart attacks, organ failure, and now cancers among the vaccinated population** that followed since the Covid shots were rolled out to the public in early 2021.

"I didn't know it was possible for a human to die so horrifically, so quickly, before they rolled out the mRNA injections," Zoe revealed.

"It was insane, I've never seen anything like that.

"The worst of them, they called it sepsis, but it was like instant multi-organ failure.

"Like, within hours patients would die of liver, lung, kidney... failure [all at once]..."

"Some of the records...[from the] emergency crew that found them [the injection victims], it's like their body tried to reject everything," she added.

"[In] some of these cases, their family would be there 30 minutes before, and then within an hour they're dead."

"[For] days, patients would be seizing, and no medications would stop it, and eventually **they...kinda had to be put down**," she revealed. <https://slaynews.com/news/fda-study-covid-shots-caused-heart-failure-surge-children/>

Pfizer reportedly withheld presence of cancer-linked DNA in COVID jabs from FDA, Health Canada

According to information released by the Epoch Times, Pfizer purposefully failed to advise drug regulators, including Health Canada, the U.S. FDA and the European Medicines Agency, that the cancer-linked SV40 DNA enhancer was present in their experimental COVID shot.

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[\(LifeSiteNews\)](#) — **Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer reportedly “chose not to” inform Health Canada, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other regulatory agencies that the cancer-linked Polyomavirus Simian Virus 40 (SV40) DNA sequence was in their widely distributed COVID-19 vaccine.**

According to information released April 23 by the Epoch Times, Pfizer purposefully failed to advise drug regulators, including Health Canada, the U.S. Food and Drugs Administration, and the European Medicines Agency, that SV40 was present in their experimental COVID shot.

“I understand that there have been internal discussions at CBER [Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research] regarding the presents [sic] of an SV40 enhancer/promoter sequence, noting that its presence is unrelated to the purpose of the Pfizer’s plasmid as a transcription template for their mRNA COVID-19 vaccine,” Dr. Dean Smith, a senior scientific evaluator in Health Canada’s Vaccine Quality Division, wrote in an email to a colleague at the FDA about SV40.

The August email was obtained by an access to information request by the Epoch Times.

“Pfizer has communicated to us recently, that they apparently chose not to mention this information to EMA, FDA or HC at the time of their initial or subsequent submissions,” he added.

Smith noted that Kevin McKernan, a microbiologist and former researcher and team leader for the MIT Human Genome project, and Dr. Phillip J. Buckhaults, who is a professor of cancer genomics as well as the director of the Cancer Genetics Lab at the University of South Carolina, had raised in a public manner earlier this year how SV40 was present in the jabs.

While Health Canada originally told Canadians it was unaware of the SV40 enhancer’s presence, the agency has since confirmed the presence of the monkey-linked DNA sequence known to cause cancer when it was used in old polio vaccines.

SV40 is used to enhance gene transcription when the shots are made. It has been linked to the spread of turbo cancers in those who have been exposed to the virus via contaminated injections.

According to a [2002 study](#) published in the *Lancet*, there is evidence that links the older polio vaccines, which were filed with SV40 contaminants, to certain forms of cancer.

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Polio vaccines from the late 1950s to the early 1960s were all contaminated with SV40, after it was discovered that the virus was present in the monkey kidney cells which vaccine makers used to create the shots.

The authors of the 2002 study claim that the SV40-contaminated polio vaccine may have caused up to half of the 55,000 cases of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma diagnosed each year.

SV40, according to the late vaccine developer Dr. Maurice Hilleman, was put in the polio vaccine and then put into [wide circulation](#) by Big Pharma company Merck inadvertently.

Unfortunately, this is not the first evidence that Pfizer hid the presence of SV40 from drug regulators.

According to Dr. Janci Lindsay, who works as the director of toxicology and molecular biology for Toxicology Support Services, Pfizer did not disclose the presence of SV40 “promoters” to both Health Canada and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as well as the European Medicines Agency.

She said, as reported in *The Epoch Times*, that the drug company “hid them.”

“So it’s not just the fact that they’re there, it’s the fact that they were purposefully hidden from the regulators,” she noted.

The news of Pfizer’s purposeful withholding of information comes as adverse effects from the first round of COVID shots have resulted in a growing number of Canadians who have filed for financial compensation over alleged injuries from the jabs, via Canada’s Vaccine Injury Program (VISP).

Thus far, some VISP has already [paid](#) over \$6 million to those injured by COVID injections, with some 2,000

claims remaining to be settled.

Additionally, a [recent study](#) done by researchers with Canada-based [Correlation Research in the Public Interest](#) showed that 17 countries have found a “definite causal link” between peaks in all-cause mortality and the fast rollouts of the COVID shots as well as boosters.

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Iran's Nightmares

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Details of the recent limited Israeli retaliatory strike against Iranian anti-aircraft missile batteries at Isfahan are still sketchy. Nonetheless, we can draw some conclusions.

Israel's small volley of missiles hit their intended targets, to the point of zeroing in on the very launchers designed to stop such incoming ordnance.

The target was near the Natanz enrichment facility. That proximity was by design. Israel showed Iran it could take out the very anti-missile battery designed to thwart an attack on its nearby nuclear facility.

The larger message sent to the world was that Israel could send a retaliatory barrage at Iranian nuclear sites with reasonable assurances that the incoming attacks could not be stopped. By comparison, Iran's earlier attack on Israel was much greater and more indiscriminate. It was also a huge flop, with an estimated 99 percent of the more than 320 drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles failing to hit their planned targets.

Moreover, it was reported that more than 50% of Iran's roughly 115-120 ballistic missiles failed at launch or malfunctioned in flight.

Collate these facts, and it presents a disturbing corrective to Iran's non-stop boasts of soon possessing a nuclear arsenal that will obliterate the Jewish state.

Consider further the following nightmarish scenarios: Were Iranian nuclear-tipped missiles ever launched at Israel, they could pass over, in addition to Syria and Iraq, either Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza, or all four. In the cases of Jordan and Saudi Arabia, such trajectories would constitute an act of war, especially considering that some of Iran's recent aerial barrages were intercepted and destroyed over Arab territory well before they reached Israel.

Iran's strike prompted Arab nations, the U.S., the U.K., and France to work in concert to destroy almost all of Iran's drones. For Iran, that is a premonition of the sort of sophisticated aerial opposition it might face if it ever decided to stage a nuclear version.

Even if half of Iran's ballistic missiles did launch successfully, only a handful apparently neared their intended targets -- in sharp contrast to Israel's successful attack on Iranian missile batteries. Is it thus conceivable that any Iranian-nuclear-tipped missile launched toward Israel might pose as great a threat to Iran itself or its neighbors as to Israel?

And even if such missiles made it into the air and even if they successfully traversed Arab airspace, there is still an overwhelming chance they would be neutralized before detonating above Israel.

Any such launch would warrant an immediate Israeli response. And the incoming bombs and missiles would likely have a 100% certainty of evading Iran's countermeasures and hitting their targets.

Now that the soil of both Iran and Israel is no longer sacred and immune from attack, the mystique of the Iranian nuclear threat has dissipated.

It should be harder for the theocracy to shake down Western governments for hostage bribes, sanctions relief, and Iran-deal giveaways on the implied threat of Iran successfully nuking the Jewish state.

The new reality is that Iran has goaded an Israel that has numerous nuclear weapons and dozens of nuclear-tipped missiles in hardened silos and on submarines. Tehran has zero ability to stop any of these missiles or sophisticated fifth-generation Israeli aircraft armed with nuclear bombs and missiles.

Iran must now fear that if it launched two or three nuclear missiles, there would be overwhelming odds that they would either fail at launch, go awry in the air, implode inside Iran, be taken down over Arab territory by Israel's allies, or be knocked down by the tripartite Israel anti-missile defense system.

Add it all up, and the Iranian attack on Israel seems a historic blunder. It showed the world the impotence of an Iranian aerial assault at the very time it threatens to go nuclear. It revealed that an incompetent Iran may be as much a threat to itself as to its enemies. It opened up a new chapter in which its own soil, thanks to its attack on Israel, is no longer off limits to any Western power.

Its failure to stop a much smaller Israel response, coupled with the overwhelming success of Israel and its allies in stopping a much larger Iranian attack, reminds the Iranian autocracy that its shrill rhetoric is designed to mask its impotence and to hide its own vulnerabilities from its enemies.

And the long-suffering Iranian people?

The truth will come out that its own theocracy hit the Israeli homeland with negligible results and earned a successful, though merely demonstrative, Israeli response in return.

So Iranians will learn their homeland is now vulnerable and, for the future, no longer off limits.

And they will conclude that Israel has more effective allies than Iran and that their own ballistic missiles may be more suicidal than homicidal.

As a result, they may conclude that the real enemies of the Iranian nation are not the Jewish people of Israel after all, but their own unhinged Islamist theocrats.

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