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## 5 IDF soldiers killed, 14 injured by roadside bombs in northern Gaza

*IDF probe finds three explosives detonated in succession while soldiers were on foot in Beit Hanoun; four of five slain troops served in ultra-Orthodox Netzah Yehuda Battalion*

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

Today, 9:53 am



*Soldiers killed in northern Gaza's Beit Hanoun on July 7, 2025: (L-R) Staff Sgt. Meir Shimon Amar, Sgt. Moshe Nissim Frech, Staff Sgt. Noam Aharon Musgadian, Sgt. First Class (res.) Benyamin Asulin, Staff Sgt. Moshe Shmuel Noll. (Courtesy)*

**Five Israeli soldiers were killed and 14 were wounded by roadside bombs in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip on Monday night, the military announced on Tuesday morning.**

The **slain soldiers were named** as:

- Staff Sgt. Meir Shimon Amar, 20, from Jerusalem
- Sgt. Moshe Nissim Frech, 20, from Jerusalem.
- Staff Sgt. Noam Aharon Musgadian, 20, from Jerusalem.
- Staff Sgt. Moshe Shmuel Noll, 21, from Beit Shemesh.
- Sgt. First Class (res.) Benyamin Asulin, 28, from Haifa.

**Amar, Frech, Musgadian, and Noll served in the Kfir Brigade's Netzah Yehuda Battalion. Asulin served in the Gaza Division's Northern Brigade. Among the 14 wounded, two of the troops were listed in serious condition.**

**According to an IDF probe, the infantry soldiers were hit by three bombs** remotely detonated one after another by Hamas operatives on the side of a road during ground operations in Beit Hanoun. The soldiers were operating on foot and were not inside a vehicle.

The investigation found that most of the troops were hurt by the first and second bombs, which were detonated within a few moments of each other. The first bomb hit several soldiers, and the troops that rushed to help them were hit by the second bomb.

As the third bomb was detonated, a cell of Hamas operatives opened fire with light arms on the Israeli troops. The military believes the bombs were planted by the Hamas cell during the preceding 24 hours.



*IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir speaks to troops of the Kfir Brigade's Netzah Yehuda Battalion in the Gaza Strip, March 6, 2025. (Israel Defense Forces)*

The military said the area where the attack took place was also targeted from the air ahead of the troops' operations.

Following the attack, the IDF dispatched Israeli Air Force drones, helicopters and fighter jets to the area to prevent any potential attempts by Hamas to abduct the soldiers. Within an hour and a half, the incident was considered over, the military said.

The Netzah Yehuda soldiers were operating under the Gaza Division's Northern Brigade as part of a fresh offensive with the 646th Reserve Paratroopers Brigade in Beit Hanoun, which began on Saturday, aimed at clearing the area of terror operatives who remain holed up there.

The IDF has operated in Beit Hanoun — located on the northern edge of Gaza, just across from the border city of Sderot — numerous times since the start of the war, capturing the town but withdrawing each time after several weeks.

Israeli officials have said the latest offensive in Gaza would see the IDF hold onto the territory. Currently, the military is in control of some 70% of the Strip's territory, according to the army.

Netzah Yehuda is made up mostly of ultra-Orthodox soldiers and was set up in 1999 to accommodate the religious lifestyle of Haredim and other national-religious recruits in the army.



*IDF soldiers from the Kfir Brigade operate in the Gaza Strip, in images released on June 2, 2025. (Israel Defense Forces)*

Reacting to the deadly incident while on his visit to Washington, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "On this difficult morning, the entire people of Israel bow their heads and mourn the deaths of our heroic fighters, who sacrificed their lives in the campaign to defeat Hamas and free all of our hostages. We embrace the families who lost their loved ones, and pray for the full recovery of those wounded in the incident."

The majority of soldiers killed during fighting in Gaza in recent months were hit by explosive devices, many of which were planted in buildings or on the side of roads. Seven combat engineering soldiers were killed in Khan Younis on June 24, when a Hamas operative threw an explosive device into their armored personnel carrier.

Israel's toll in the ground offensive against Hamas in Gaza and in military operations along the border with the Strip stands at 449.

The war in Gaza was sparked by the October 7, 2023, Hamas assault on southern Israel, in which some 1,200 people were killed and 251 were taken hostage.



*Smoke billows near makeshift shelters for displaced Palestinians during Israeli bombing in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip on June 11, 2025. (Photo by AFP)*



Terror groups in the Gaza Strip are still holding 50 hostages, including 49 of the 251 abducted by Hamas-led terrorists on October 7, 2023. They include the bodies of at least 28 confirmed dead by the IDF. Twenty are believed to be alive and there are grave concerns for the well-being of two others, Israeli officials have said. Hamas is also holding the body of an IDF soldier killed in Gaza in 2014.

The Hamas-run Gaza health ministry says more than 57,000 people in the Strip have been killed or are presumed dead in the fighting so far, though the toll cannot be verified and does not differentiate between civilians and fighters. Israel says it has killed some 20,000 combatants in battle as of January and another 1,600 terrorists inside Israel during the October 7 onslaught. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/5-idf-soldiers-killed-14-injured-by-roadside-bomb-in-northern-gaza/>

## Israeli military official reveals Iran missiles hit some IDF sites last month

*Official tells Reuters that ‘very few’ locations were hit and that they remained functional; attacks were in addition to 36 Iranian missile impacts in populated areas*

By [Reuters](#) and [Tel Staff](#) Today, 7:56 pm



*An Arrow anti-missile system fires an interceptor missile during Israel's 12-day conflict with Iran, in an image cleared for publication on July 1, 2025. (Defense Ministry)*

**An Israeli military official revealed on Tuesday that Iranian airstrikes last month hit some Israeli military sites, the first apparent public acknowledgment that** such locations had been struck.

The **official, speaking to Reuters on condition of anonymity in accordance with military briefing rules, said that “very few” sites had been hit and that they remained**

**functional.**

The **official declined to provide further details, including identifying which military locations were affected or how severe the damage was to military infrastructure.**

The **official’s remarks come after The Telegraph reported on Saturday that five IDF bases were struck with a total of six Iranian ballistic missiles during the war. That report was based on radar data obtained from Oregon State University, which tracks bomb damage in war zones via satellites.**

**Israel’s military censor generally bars the publication of the exact locations of missile impacts,** particularly those which hit sensitive sites, over fears doing so will aid Israel’s enemies in refining their targeting.

Iran **fired more than 500 ballistic missiles and around 1,100 drones at Israel during the war,** in response to Israel’s sweeping assault on Iran’s top military leaders, nuclear scientists, uranium enrichment sites and its ballistic missile program. Israel said the attack was necessary to prevent the Islamic Republic from realizing its avowed plan to destroy the Jewish state.



*A man rides a horse next to the remains of an Iranian missile that fell at an outpost near the Israeli settlement of Tekoa in the West Bank, on June 29, 2025. (Menahem Kahana / AFP)*

**In all, aside from the missiles that hit military bases, there were 36 Iranian missile impacts and one drone strike in populated areas in Israel. Those attacks killed 28 people and wounded more than 3,000,** according to health officials and hospitals, causing damage to 2,305 homes in 240 buildings, along

with two universities and a hospital, and leaving more than 13,000 Israelis displaced.

Iranian authorities have said that [approximately 1,000 people were killed](#) in the Israeli attacks, which also targeted sites in Tehran, the country's densely populated capital.

Both military commanders and civilians were killed in Iran. In Israel, 27 of the 28 people killed were civilians, and one was an off-duty soldier at home with his family.

Israel and Iran agreed to a US-backed ceasefire on June 24, after the US bombed several Iranian nuclear facilities.

At a White House dinner with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, US President Donald Trump and his Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff [said](#) the US would hold a new round of talks with Iran over a nuclear deal. He also said the US was "ready" to bomb Iran again if necessary.



*US President Donald Trump, left, meets with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, as CIA Director John Ratcliffe, from second left, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, and from second right, Netanyahu's wife Sara Netanyahu, Israel's Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, Israel's National Security Council head Tzachi Hanegbi, obstructed, and Israel's Cabinet Secretary Yossi Fuchs listen in the Blue Room of the White House, July 7, 2025, in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)*

**"They want to make peace, and I'm all for it. If that's not the case, we are ready, willing and able, but I don't think we're going to have to," Trump told reporters.**

**On Tuesday, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi indicated that Iran remains interested**

**in diplomacy but added that "we have good reason to have doubts about further dialogue."**

**In recent days, Iran received messages indicating that the United States may be ready to return to negotiations, Araghchi wrote in an opinion piece published in the Financial Times.**

A French diplomatic source said Tuesday that European powers would have to restore United Nations sanctions on Iran if there were no nuclear deal that guaranteed European security interests.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-military-official-reveals-iran-missiles-hit-some-idf-sites-last-month/>

## Netanyahu surprises Trump with Nobel nomination as both leaders talk of evacuating Gazans

**At White House dinner, two hail their joint successes; Trump says he'd strike Iran again, but doesn't think it will be necessary; PM says 'getting close' to finding countries to take in Gazans**

By [Jacob Magid](#) and [Lazar Berman](#) Today, 11:06 am

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with US President Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2025.

(Itai Bet-On/GPO) [go to site for video rdb](#)

**WASHINGTON — At a White House dinner on Monday marked by mutual praise and talk of achieving far-reaching change in the Middle East, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented Donald Trump with a letter he had sent to the Norwegian Nobel Committee nominating the US president for a Nobel Peace Prize.**

**No Oval Office event or press conference was scheduled for Netanyahu's third White House visit in six months, but journalists were invited to the White House Blue Room for the start of the dinner, attended by both the leaders' key aides, and Trump and Netanyahu wound up speaking and taking questions for about half an hour.** Only the White House press pool was invited into the room, with the Israeli traveling press kept outside. Sara Netanyahu sat at her husband's side; Melania Trump was not present.

**At the dinner, Trump and his Middle East special envoy Steve Witkoff revealed that the US would hold talks with Iran on a new nuclear deal in the next week or so, and Witkoff spoke of his hope of achieving a Gaza hostage-ceasefire deal "very quickly."**

**Netanyahu, for his part, restated his opposition to a fully sovereign Palestinian state but said Israel would make peace with those Palestinians who do not seek its destruction.**

**Both men referred to Trump's vision of relocating Gazans, with Netanyahu saying progress was**

being made for several countries to take in Gazans who wish to leave the strip.

In his **opening remarks, Trump welcomed Netanyahu warmly and said the two have “had a tremendous success together, and I think it will only go on to be even greater success in the future.”**

*A letter from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu nominating US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize (Courtesy)*

**For his part, Netanyahu praised Trump’s “pursuit of peace and security, which you are leading in many lands, but now, especially in the Middle East.”**

“Our teams together make an extraordinary combination to meet challenges and seize opportunities,” Netanyahu said, highlighting the US strikes against Iran. “But the president has already realized great opportunities.

**He forged the Abraham Accords. He’s forging peace as we speak, in one country, in one region, after the other.”**

**Netanyahu then rose to his feet and surprised Trump with the Nobel Prize nomination letter, handing it to him across the table.** “It’s well deserved, and you should get it,” Netanyahu said.

“This I didn’t know. Wow,” Trump replied, reading the text. “Coming from you in particular, this is very meaningful.”

**Trump: Iran ‘requested a meeting’**

**Two weeks after Trump ordered US planes to bomb three key Iranian nuclear facilities, the president told reporters at the dinner that he was**

**ready to strike again if necessary.**

“They **want to make peace, and I’m all for it.** If that’s not the case, we are ready, willing and able, but I don’t think we’re going to have to,” said Trump.



July 1, 2025  
ה'תשפ"ה, חמ"ה

Esteemed Members of the Nobel Committee,

I wish to submit the nomination of the Honorable Donald J. Trump, 45th and 47th President of the United States of America, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

President Trump has demonstrated steadfast and exceptional dedication to promoting peace, security and stability around the world. In the Middle East, his efforts have brought about dramatic change and created new opportunities to expand the circle of peace and normalization.

Foremost among these achievements was President Trump’s pivotal role in facilitating the Abraham Accords. These groundbreaking agreements established formal diplomatic relations between Israel and several Arab nations—including the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco. These breakthroughs reshaped the Middle East and marked a historic advance toward peace, security and regional stability. President Trump’s vision and bold leadership promoted innovative diplomacy defined not by conflict and extremism but by cooperation, dialogue and shared prosperity.

Few leaders have achieved such tangible breakthroughs to peace in such a short time. In these times of great historic change, I can think of no one more deserving than President Trump of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Netanyahu

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**Witkoff said that the first round of nuclear talks between Washington and Tehran since last month's 12-day war would be held "in the next week or so."**

Trump said that Iran **"wants to talk" after they took a "big drubbing."** He acknowledged that he did not completely see a purpose for talks, given his belief that Tehran's nuclear program has been destroyed. "But [the Iranians] requested a meeting, and I'm going to go to a meeting, and if we can put something down on paper, that will be fine," Trump said.

He **reiterated his assertion that Iran's nuclear program was "obliterated."**

Trump indicated that the strike he ordered reminded him of the US dropping atomic bombs on Japan in World War II. "I don't want to say what it reminded me of, but if you go back a long time ago, it reminded people of a certain other event, and Harry Truman's picture is now in the [White House] lobby," he said, referring to the US president behind the strikes on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

**"That stopped a lot of fighting, and this stopped a lot of fighting,"** Trump said, while stressing that the US had not resorted to nuclear weapons against Iran. The US had used unprecedentedly large bombs, but "non-nuclear," he said, "and we want to keep it non-nuclear."

He **asserted that Iran was now in a different mindset, and** had gained "a lot of respect" for the US and Israel.

Netanyahu said that the "partnership between Israel and the United States — the partnership between President Trump and me — produced a historic victory" against Iran.

**"They were planning to build 20,000 of these things [ballistic missiles] and launch them on a country the size of New Jersey. No country can withstand that. So what do you do when you have two things that are going to kill you? You have to remove them with our combined effort, [and] we did,"** Netanyahu said.

"I'd like to believe that Iran would not test our fortitude, because it would be a mistake," he threatened, adding that regime change is "up to the people of Iran."

**Netanyahu said the US and Israeli strikes against Iran had "changed the face of the Middle East" and created an opportunity to expand the Abraham Accords,** a set of normalization agreements between Israel and its Arab and Muslim neighbors.



*US President Donald Trump, left, meets with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Blue Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2025. (Photo by ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS / AFP)*

**'Finally,' hope for a Gaza peace deal**

**Witkoff met with Netanyahu earlier on Monday and is slated to fly to Qatar this week to participate in indirect talks between Israel and Hamas.**

**Invited by Trump to provide an update on the ongoing ceasefire-hostage talks, Witkoff said, "We have an opportunity to finally get a peace deal — Mr. Prime Minister, as we discussed — and I'm hopeful for it**

**very quickly."**

**Trump had told reporters on Sunday that there was a "good chance" a deal could be reached "during the week."**



*Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (C) and Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer (R) speak with US envoy to the Mideast Steve Witkoff (L), during the premier's visit to Washington, DC on July 8, 2025. (Avi Ohayon/GPO)*

Proximity talks between Israel and Hamas have been ongoing in Doha since Sunday.

**Trump was asked whether a security incident that took place several hours earlier in northern Gaza — in which five Israeli soldiers were killed and 14 were injured by a roadside bomb — would impact the ceasefire talks.** "I don't think so," Trump

responded, saying that “they want to meet; they want to have that ceasefire.”

Asked what was holding up a ceasefire, Trump apparently misunderstood or misheard the question and answered regarding Iran, including its missile attack on the US military base in Qatar. **Neither he nor Netanyahu mentioned the hostages.**

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said earlier on Monday that Trump’s “utmost priority” was to end the war in Gaza and return all of the remaining hostages, adding that an “agreeable and appropriate” proposal is on the table after Israel backed it, and urging Hamas to do the same.

Hamas said over the weekend that it responded positively to the offer while submitting three reservations that Netanyahu subsequently asserted were unacceptable.

### Trump’s ‘brilliant’ Gaza vision

Referring to Trump’s plan to relocate Gazans, unveiled when Netanyahu visited the White House in February, the prime minister said that Israel and the US were “getting close to finding several countries” to take in Palestinians who would like to leave the war-torn Gaza Strip.



*Demonstrators protest against the Israeli government and for the release of Israelis held hostage in the Gaza Strip outside the Kirya military base in Tel Aviv, July 5, 2025. (Miriam Alster/Flash90)*

“I think President Trump had a brilliant vision. It’s called free choice. If people want to stay, they can stay, but if they want to leave, they should be able to leave,” Netanyahu said. Gaza “shouldn’t be a prison. It should be an open place.”

The Israeli government has seized on Trump’s Gaza takeover plan, framing it as an opportunity to “encourage the voluntary

migration” of Palestinians from the Strip.

“We’re working with the United States very closely [to] find countries that will... give the Palestinians a better future,” Netanyahu said.

Chiming in, Trump said he has had “great cooperation” from “surrounding countries” on the matter. “Something good will happen,” he added.

While some neighboring countries have taken in Palestinians for medical treatment, none have publicly agreed to cooperate with the Trump initiative, not wanting to interfere in what is seen as a land conflict between Israel and the Palestinians — particularly as some of Netanyahu’s coalition partners have been pushing the construction of settlements in Gaza areas cleared of Palestinians.

Israel is sure Trump is serious about encouraging Gazans to emigrate voluntarily, a senior Israeli official said after the dinner. “After tonight, I am [convinced],” said the official. “The plan is alive. What is needed is operational coordination, not only the aims, but how we achieve it. And that is what we discussed. The desire is there,” the official said.



During the dinner, Netanyahu rejected the idea of a full Palestinian state, something he has done repeatedly in the past. “I think Palestinians should have all the powers to govern themselves, but none of the powers to threaten us,” he said.

*Palestinians carry bags containing food and humanitarian aid packages delivered by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, June 9, 2025. (AP Photo/Abdel Kareem Hana)*

“That means that certain powers, like overall security, will always remain in our hands,” he continued. “No one in Israel will agree to anything else, because we don’t commit suicide,”



Netanyahu asserted.

“We want life. We cherish life for ourselves, for our neighbors, and I think we can work out a peace between us and the entire Middle East with President Trump’s leadership,” he continued. “By working together, I think we can establish a very, very broad peace that will include all our neighbors.”

He claimed that some people said the Palestinians had a state before the onslaught of October 7, 2023 — “a Hamas state in Gaza. Look what they did with it. They didn’t build it up. They built down into bunkers, into terror tunnels, after which they massacred our people.” He said that “another” Palestinian state would similarly serve as a “platform to destroy Israel.”

He added: **“We’ll work out a peace with our Palestinian neighbors — those who don’t want to destroy us. And we’ll work out a peace in which our security, the sovereign power of security, always remains in our hands.”**

“Now people will say, ‘It’s not a complete state, it’s not a state’... We don’t care,” he said. “We vowed ‘Never again.’ Never again is now. It’s not going to happen again.”

#### **A channel to Syria**

**Also, at the dinner, US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee praised Trump for having reached out to Syria’s interim president, Ahmed al-Sharaa, at a meeting in Riyadh in May. Trump realized that the new Syria “needed a partner” and might pick the wrong one, Huckabee said, indicating that Syria could be a key component in a new set of regional alliances.**

Trump is **dangling the possibility of an agreement between Israel and Syria as a carrot in exchange for Israel agreeing to end the war in Gaza**, the Israel Hayom daily reported earlier on Monday, citing “sources close to the White House.”

The report claimed Trump sent an envoy to Damascus on Monday to nail down a Syria-Israel agreement with the US as guarantor.



*A handout picture provided by the Saudi Royal Palace shows US President Donald Trump (R) shaking hands with Syria’s interim president Ahmed al-Sharaa (L) in Riyadh on May 14, 2025. (Bandar AL-JALOUH / Saudi Royal Palace / AFP)*

**The White House meeting between Netanyahu and Trump came hours after the US announced that it was revoking its “foreign terrorist organization” designation of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the group led by al-Sharaa and formerly linked to Al-Qaeda that took control of Syria in December 2024.**

**Asked whether he was comfortable with the quick warming of US ties with al-Sharaa’s**

**government, given Israel’s more cautious public approach, Netanyahu said the weakening of Iran and its proxies in the region presents new opportunities “for stability, for security, and eventually for peace.” [This is the most questionable action by Trump. He has no real reason to believe anything from al-Sharaa and his group. Attacks on Druze and others are still occurring and the Taqiyah idea in Islam still exists. – rdb]**

**He hailed Trump for opening “up a channel” with the new government in Damascus.** He declined to reveal whether Israel is engaged in direct talks with Syria, though National Security Advisor Tzachi Hanegbi told Israel Hayom last month that “There is direct daily dialogue at all levels between Israel and the regime in Syria” and that the two sides are discussing the possibility of a peace deal.

**While Israel initially viewed al-Sharaa with suspicion, it later expressed interest in striking normalization agreements with Syria and neighboring Lebanon.** It has insisted that the strategic Golan Heights — which Israel captured from Syria in 1967 and later annexed — would remain part of Israel under any peace accord.

**On Friday, Syria said it was willing to cooperate with the United States to reimplement a 1974 disengagement agreement with Israel.**

The Assad regime was toppled after more than 13 years of civil war by a rebel offensive led by al-Sharaa.

Trump said that he decided to lift US sanctions against Syria at the request of many countries, “including Bibi.”



## No worries about a New York arrest

**Netanyahu said he still plans to travel to New York City, despite the US Democratic Party's nominee for mayor of the city Zohran Mamdani pledging to arrest the Israeli premier, given the International Criminal Court arrest warrant against him.**

Asked if he was worried about Mamdani's pledge, Netanyahu told reporters that he was "not concerned about that."

**"I'll get him out," Trump quipped, apparently referring to the possibility of a Netanyahu arrest.**

**Asked whether that meant he would be in New York next year, Netanyahu responded that he would come with Trump. Netanyahu would likely visit before next year to speak at the UN General Assembly's annual high-level meeting of world leaders, which takes place annually in September.**



*Democratic mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani speaks during the National Action Network's rally at House of Justice in Harlem, June 28, 2025, in New York. (AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura)*

The premier also noted that while Mamdani has won the Democratic primary, the general election isn't until November.

Weighing in on the matter, Trump called Mamdani a "communist" who has "said some real bad things about Jewish people" — an apparent reference to the mayoral candidate's intense criticism of Israel and refusal to condemn the phrase "globalize the intifada."

**"He's going through a little bit of a honeymoon right now, [and] he might [win], but it all comes through the White House. He needs the money through the White House... He's going to behave... He better behave, otherwise he's going to have big problems," Trump said.**

Continuing his visit, Netanyahu is scheduled to meet US Vice President J.D. Vance at 9:15 a.m. local time on Tuesday at the Blair House. He will then meet US House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson on Capitol Hill, before returning to the Blair House for more meetings.

**At 4 p.m., Netanyahu will head to the Senate for meetings with Majority Leader John Thune, Democratic Senator John Fetterman, and other senators.** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-surprises-trump-with-nobel-recommendation-as-leaders-stress-coordination/>

## Gazans reject Trump's displacement plan despite destruction: 'This is our land'

**'Our children who were martyred in the war are buried here,' one resident says, after Netanyahu and US president indicate at White House meeting that the proposal is advancing**

By [Reuters](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 9:47 pm



*Illustrative: A boy looks over a Palestinian tent city in the al-Mawasi area in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, July 6, 2025. (Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90)*

Whenever Mansour Abu Al-Khaier stares across Gaza, all the 45-year-old Palestinian man sees is death and destruction in the tiny enclave after nearly two years of war between Hamas and Israel.

**But even though Palestinian lives have been shattered during the course of Israeli airstrikes and heavy bombardment, Al-Khaier and others flatly reject US President Donald Trump's Israeli-backed plan to displace Gaza's 2.3 million population.**

**"This is our land. Who would we leave it to, where would we go?" asked Al-Khaier, a technician.**

**Trump, hosting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House on Monday, indicated progress on a highly disputed initiative to relocate Palestinians out of the coastal enclave, citing "great cooperation from... surrounding countries."**

Speaking to reporters at the start of a dinner between US and Israeli officials, Netanyahu said the United States and Israel were working with other countries that would give Palestinians a “better future,” suggesting that Gazans would be able to move to neighboring nations.

**In an exchange with Trump, Netanyahu said: “You know if people want to stay, they can stay. But if they want to leave they should be able to leave. It shouldn’t be a prison. It should be an open place and give people free choice.”**

He added: “We’re working with the United States very closely about finding countries that will seek to realize what they always say, that they wanted to give the Palestinians a better future. I think we’re getting close to finding several countries.”



*Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, speaks as US President Donald Trump looks on during a dinner in the Blue Room of the White House in Washington, July 7, 2025. (Andrew Harnik/Getty Images/AFP)*

**Asked about Netanyahu’s remarks, UN human rights spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani told a Geneva press briefing: “This raises concerns with regards to forcible transfer — the concept of voluntary transfers in the context that we are seeing in Gaza right now [is] very questionable.”**

**Five days after becoming US president in January, Trump said Jordan and Egypt should take in Palestinians from Gaza, while suggesting he was**

**open to this being a long-term plan.**

Cairo and Amman quickly rebuffed Trump’s idea to turn impoverished Gaza into the “Riviera of the Middle East,” and so did Palestinians and human rights groups who said the plan would amount to ethnic cleansing.

When asked this week about displacing Palestinians, Trump said the countries around Israel were helping out. “We’ve had great cooperation from... surrounding countries... So something good will happen,” Trump said.



*A man hoists a sign reading “No to displacement” at a demonstration against US President Donald Trump’s plan to take over Gaza, on the Egyptian side of the Strip’s Rafah Border Crossing, January 31, 2025. (Kerolos Salah / AFP)*

Saed, a 27-year-old Gaza Palestinian, woke up troubled to the news that Trump and Netanyahu were once again floating the displacement idea.

“We have the right to leave of our own free will and visit other countries, but we reject the plan of displacement as Palestinians,” he said.

A [proposal](#) seen by Reuters and bearing the name of the [controversial](#) US- and Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian

Foundation described a plan to further Trump’s “vision” for Gaza with “Humanitarian Transit Areas” inside — and possibly outside — the Strip to house the Palestinian population,

The plan, which GHF denied having promoted, outlined a framework for “replacing Hamas control over the population in Gaza.”

*Palestinians gather at an aid distribution point set up by the privately-run Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), near the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip on June 25, 2025. (Eyad BABA / AFP)*

Gaza resident Abu Samir el-Fakaawi was not having any of it.

“I will not leave Gaza. This is my country,” he said. “Our children who were martyred in the war are buried here. Our families. Our friends. Our





cousins. We are all buried here. Whether Trump or Netanyahu or anyone else likes it or not, we are staying on this land.”

The war in Gaza was sparked on October 7, 2023, when thousands of Hamas-led terrorists stormed southern Israel to kill more than 1,200 people and take 251 hostages.

According to Gaza’s Hamas-run health ministry, Israel’s retaliatory offensive has killed more than 57,000 people in the Strip. The toll, which cannot be independently verified, does not distinguish between civilians and combatants.



*Palestinians inspect the damage after an airstrike in the Bureij camp, in the central Gaza Strip, July 4, 2025. (Eyad BABA / AFP)*

Israel says it has killed some 20,000 combatants in battle as of January and another 1,600 terrorists inside Israel during the October 7 onslaught.

Some Palestinians who have faced relentless Israeli airstrikes and severe shortages of food, fuel, medicine and water are looking for a way out, according to findings by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, which is based in Ramallah and funded by Western donors.

**The think tank reported in May that almost half of Gaza’s population was willing to apply to Israel to help them leave for other countries.**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/gazans-reject-trumps-displacement-plan-despite-destruction-this-is-our-land/>

## Israeli officials claim 80-90% of Gaza deal settled, but core issue of ending war unresolved

*Following Trump-Netanyahu White House dinner, officials say majority of truce terms agreed; Qatari foreign ministry says negotiations will still ‘need time’*

By [Nava Freiberg](#), [Lazar Berman](#) and [Jacob Magid](#)

Today, 3:26 pm Updated at 5:10 pm



*US President Donald Trump, left, meets with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Blue Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2025. (Photo by ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS / AFP)*

Following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s meeting Monday evening with United States President Donald Trump, senior Israeli officials said negotiations on a hostage release and ceasefire deal with Hamas have settled most issues, while touting the supreme coordination between Jerusalem and Washington on Gaza, Iran, and broader regional developments. However, the core issue of bringing the war to an end is unresolved.

**“On a hostage deal, we are coordinated... We hope it will lead to a breakthrough. Hamas’s response to the Qatari proposal was, in essence, no. But the gaps are small enough for us to enter talks with them, and we hoped the answer would be yes, and then it would take a few days. It can take more time, but we are working on it,”** Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, who took part in the White House meeting, told reporters after the dinner.

As a **third round of indirect negotiations on an agreement began in Doha on Tuesday** morning, a senior Israeli official told reporters that 80 to 90 percent of the deal with Hamas has already been settled. The final stage of talks could take more than a few days to conclude, the official said.

**A spokesman for the Qatari Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that negotiations will “need time.”**

“I don’t think that I can give any timeline at the moment, but I can say right now that we will need time for this,” Majed Al-Ansari told a Doha news conference. “What is happening right now is that both delegations are in

Doha. We are speaking with them separately on a framework for the talks. So talks have not begun, as of yet, but we are talking to both sides over that framework.”

According to a report in the Qatari newspaper Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, there has been progress made in negotiations on the clause regarding the mechanism for bringing humanitarian aid into Gaza. The report claims that Hamas is demanding that during a ceasefire aid be brought into the Strip by the United Nations, rather than the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.

#### **‘Total coordination’**

**Though Netanyahu was expected during his Washington visit to face intense pressure from Trump and his Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff to move the Gaza talks forward, Israel described complete coordination between the two sides.**



*Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (C) and Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer (R) speak with US envoy to the Mideast Steve Witkoff (L), during the premier's visit to Washington, DC on July 8, 2025. (Avi Ohayon/GPO)*

**“We have an opportunity to finally get a peace deal,” Witkoff, who is slated to fly to Qatar this week to participate in the talks, told reporters just ahead of the dinner meeting.**

After the dinner, a senior Israeli official asserted that Israel and the US enjoy “full trust and coordination...Total coordination.”

**Mediators in the negotiations for a deal have been notified that Trump expects them to secure an agreement this week, an Arab diplomat and a second individual involved in the talks told The Times of Israel on Monday night.**

**A Palestinian source close to the talks told AFP Tuesday morning that “the discussions are still focused on the mechanisms for implementation, particularly the clauses related to [IDF] withdrawal and humanitarian aid.”**

Negotiators in Doha also discussed the **parameters of Israel’s partial withdrawal** from Gaza during the proposed 60-day ceasefire. An Arab diplomat said Israeli officials had arrived with a map outlining their envisioned pullback. While Hamas initially demanded a return to Israeli troop positions from before the March 2 collapse of the previous truce, the diplomat said the group had shown some flexibility.

The **core dispute — whether the deal would constitute a temporary pause, as Israel insists, or a permanent end to the war, as Hamas demands — remained unresolved. [That means that nothing is really resolved. Rdb]**

While the **precise criteria that Israel or the US intend for a post-war Gaza remain unclear**, Israel’s endgame in the talks envisions a territory in which “there is no more Hamas,” a senior Israeli official said in Washington Tuesday morning.

**There has to be a system [in Gaza] that manages life...I’m not sure that if we’re not there for a certain stage, that we’ll be able to pass it on to someone else.**

The **goal is to see “Hamas taken apart. It has to lay down its weapons. Its people have given up. The leaders have been exiled. Another force has taken over the territory and prevents the use of weapons,”** the official said.

“There has to be a system there that manages life,” the official added, saying. “Maybe for a certain amount of time, it is us...I’m not sure that if we’re not there for a certain stage, that we’ll be able to pass it on to someone else.”

The **official also said that Israel is convinced Trump is serious about encouraging Gazans to emigrate.**

“After **tonight, I am [convinced],**” the official said, adding that **“the plan is alive, what is needed is operational coordination, not** only the aims, but how we achieve it. And that is what we discussed. The desire is there.”



## On Iran

**Jerusalem and Washington also see eye to eye on Iran**, an Israeli official said Tuesday morning, adding that the two countries saw full cooperation even prior to Israel's 12-day aerial campaign against the Islamic Republic's nuclear program and military last month, which culminated in the US joining the offensive.



*This handout picture provided by the Iranian foreign ministry shows Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi at the funeral of Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander Hossein Salami and other military commanders, who were killed in Israeli strikes, on June 28, 2025. (Iranian Foreign Ministry / AFP)*

"We had diplomatic coordination before the attack, military coordination during the attack, and now once again diplomatic coordination," the official said, speaking in English.

**"We have very significant accomplishments" in Iran, the senior official added,** "and we want to preserve them...I measure my words — there has never been such coordination."

The close ties are based on "trust that has been created gradually," the senior official continued, not only through what has been accomplished together, but also the manner in which it was accomplished.

**According to the official, Trump's April announcement alongside Netanyahu that the US would pursue direct nuclear talks with Iran did not surprise the Israelis, as "we talked to [Trump] before."**

The official added that last month, Israel "didn't ask for and didn't receive a green light from Trump to attack Iran."

"You have it wrong," the official told Israeli press.



*US President Donald Trump (right) shakes hands with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on April 7, 2025. (SAUL LOEB / AFP)*

**"There is a different relationship now," said the official, a bond that is maintained "because there is a large public in the US that [Netanyahu] can influence, because public sentiment influences leaders.** There is also a public that opposes, but there is a very strong base here, so you have strength that maybe doesn't exist in other countries."

"Obama wrote this in his book. Read what he wrote in his autobiography. 'I could do whatever I wanted, just not with Israel.' There is a reason for this," he continued. "With Trump, it works in the opposite manner: We agree on things, we don't have that problem. But you also don't need to get approval. He understands that we have existential needs."

"You have to get to know him, you have to talk to him in a small forum, to understand how unique he is, how different he is," the official added.

Before meeting with Trump, Netanyahu sat down with Witkoff and with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday. Both meetings lasted around two hours and covered "the negotiations, Gaza, and some other topics," a senior Israeli official said.

Continuing his visit, the premier was slated to meet US Vice President JD Vance Tuesday morning, before additional meetings with US House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson, Majority Leader John Thune, Democratic Senator John Fetterman, and other senators.

The official added that if the need arises, there will be another meeting between Netanyahu and Trump. *AFP and Times of Israel staff contributed to this report.* <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-says-breakthrough-on-gaza-talks-near-after-trump-netanyahu-meeting/>

## Israeli airstrike kills senior Hamas operative in northern Lebanon | Watch

**IDF eliminates top Hamas planner Maharan Mustafa Bajur in Tripoli; attack follows string of eliminations of senior terror leaders across Lebanon, as Hezbollah reportedly braces for further escalation amid pressure to disarm**

[Lior Ben Ari](#), [Elisha Ben Kimon](#) | 12:48

## **The Israeli Air Force on Tuesday afternoon struck a senior Hamas operative in the village of al-'Iruniya in the Tripoli district of northern Lebanon.**

Lebanese media reported that a vehicle was struck, resulting in one fatality and three injuries. The target was reportedly Maharan Mustafa Bajur, described as the head of planning for Hamas' military wing in Lebanon.

*Attack on vehicle in the village of al-'Iruniya in northern Lebanon*

In September, [Hamas announced the elimination of its leader in Lebanon, Fatah Sharif Abu al-Amin](#). The strike occurred in the Al-Buss refugee camp near Tyre. Abu al-Amin had also served as head of the UNRWA teachers' union in Lebanon until he was suspended following what was described as a breach of UNRWA conduct policies. On October 7, he quickly praised the massacre carried out by Hamas. A Hamas poster later referred to him as "the martyr and the educator."

**In January, Lebanon also witnessed the elimination of Saleh al-Aroui, who was the deputy head of Hamas' political bureau. Hamas' military wing called him the "architect" of the October 7 massacre. Lebanese sources reported that the strike took place in the Dahieh district of Beirut—a Hezbollah stronghold—and was carried out using three missiles, at a**

time when Hezbollah was still at the peak of its power in Lebanon.



*Terrorists struck vehicle on fire*

**Al-Aroui was considered a key orchestrator of Hamas operations in the West Bank. He was involved in planning the October 7 massacre and played a central role in managing and funding Hamas cells in the West Bank in recent years. Additionally, he was recognized as a liaison to Iran, through which Tehran funded the terror group with around \$50 million annually.**

Meanwhile, the Saudi Al Hadath network reported on Tuesday morning that Hezbollah has "entered a high alert on all fronts" amid Israeli airstrikes and mounting pressure on the Iran-backed terrorist group to disarm.

**According to the report, "families of many Hezbollah members have arrived in Beirut from southern Lebanon. Many commanders in the organization have stopped using their phones. Hezbollah evacuated centers in several areas in anticipation of an Israeli strike."**

[U.S. envoy Tom Barrack is currently in Lebanon](#), negotiating with the Lebanese government on the gradual disarmament of the terrorist organization. Meanwhile, the IDF continues operating across the country, primarily in the south — from which Hezbollah fighters were expected to withdraw under the ceasefire agreement.



*The vehicle in which Ali Haidar was killed in Deir Kifa in southern Lebanon*

On Monday, the IDF [struck and eliminated Ali Abd al-Hassan Haidar](#), a commander in Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force, in the area of Deir Kifa in southern Lebanon.

**"Haidar advanced numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians and IDF troops, including the Conquer the Galilee plan. In recent months, the terrorist was involved in efforts to reestablish Hezbollah's terrorist**



**infrastructure sites** in southern Lebanon," the IDF said in a statement.

Approximately two hours after Haidar's killing, the IDF eliminated another Hezbollah terrorist in the Beit Lifa area in southern Lebanon, the military added.

"The IDF will continue to operate in order to eliminate every threat to the State of Israel," a statement read.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/bjzyr39rgg#autoplay>

## UN's corrupt aid 'mafia monopoly' preserves Hamas control of Gaza, GHF head tells 'Post'

As Hamas continues to terrorize innocent Gazans and aid workers alike, the UN insists on operating under broken systems that give Hamas a safety net, GHF director Johnnie Moore says.

By **AMICHAEL STEIN** JULY 8, 2025 20:00 Updated: JULY 8, 2025 20:42



Rev. Johnnie Moore visits southern Israel in January 2024. (photo credit: CHEN SCHIMMEL)

**WASHINGTON, DC-** "Feeding people is the most Christian thing you can do." That's how Johnnie Moore, the evangelical leader now overseeing the US-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, summed up his mission—one that has delivered over 1.2 million food boxes to Gazans in just five weeks, even as Hamas attacks, UN criticism, and a second regional war tried to derail it.

**In an exclusive interview with The Jerusalem Post, Moore pulled no punches, denouncing what he described as a corrupt**

**and complicit international aid system that empowered Hamas for years.**

**"I've watched a broken system that professes to help people when very often it only helps itself,"** Moore said. "Hamas controlling aid isn't the exception—it's the rule."

The foundation he leads has become a flashpoint in Gaza. It operates large-scale distribution centers **aimed at bypassing Hamas** and getting food directly to civilians—a mechanism Moore claims is already serving roughly half the population of the Gaza Strip, or between 800,000 and 1 million people.

**"The first day we opened, Gazans kept asking us: 'Is this really free?' They weren't used to that."**



**Palestinians from clans hold guns and melee weapons to secure aid trucks in Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, June 25, 2025. (credit: REUTERS/DAWOUD ABU ALKAS)**

### **A direct challenge to Hamas**

**The mission, launched quietly with American support, now finds itself at the center of international controversy.** According to Moore, Hamas is attempting to minimize the foundation's role in ongoing hostage talks in Doha—proof, he says, that the group feels threatened by the initiative.

**"It's incredibly telling that the first thing Hamas wanted to negotiate was preserving the UN's monopoly on Gaza aid,"** Moore said.

**The foundation has also faced physical threats. Moore confirmed that two American volunteers—both**

**retired veterans—were injured last week when Hamas operatives threw Iranian-made grenades at**

**one of the distribution centers.** The IDF, he noted, evacuated the wounded.

“They threw Iranian grenades at American aid workers who were just feeding Gazans. The next day, we showed up and delivered millions more meals,” Moore said.

**Moore reserved some of his sharpest words for the United Nations and its leadership.**

**“To this day, the Secretary-General hasn’t replied to my letter asking him to condemn Hamas’s murder of our 12 local Gaza aid workers,” Moore said. “And now they have the audacity to act like we are violating humanitarian law?”**



*Palestinians gather to collect aid supplies from the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, May 29, 2025. (credit: REUTERS/Hatem Khaled)*

**He accused UN agencies of maintaining a monopoly that, in practice, enabled Hamas to control nearly every food parcel that entered the Strip before the war.**

**“The UN has acted like a mafia when it comes to controlling the food in Gaza,” Moore said.**

**“They fueled a system for years that suppressed the people of Gaza. We’re disrupting that.”**

Moore added that the foundation has evidence Hamas is now targeting aid recipients—stealing food from civilians after they collect it.

**“We actually have video of Hamas terrorists intercepting aid beneficiaries and taking their food as they return home,” he said. “But the scale of diversion is a fraction of what used to happen. This isn’t theoretical. It’s real. And it’s working.”**

#### **Quiet support, growing whistleblowers**

Moore **says the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation is supported not only by the Trump administration and the State Department, but also quietly by staff within major aid organizations who are fed up with the system.**

**“We have a growing list of whistleblowers from the international aid community,” Moore said.**

**“They believe the entire sector is corrupt from the top down.”**

He recently met with EU leaders in Brussels and said the mood was mixed. “Many admitted the old system empowered Hamas—but they’re still too invested in it to change,” he said.

Despite Hamas threats and international pressure, Moore insisted the foundation will continue operating.

**“We’re not a political organization. We’re here to feed people. And we’re here to stay,” he said.**

**“Whatever disinformation is spread, whatever politics are played, we’ll keep delivering meals. That’s the mission.”**

And in that mission, Moore said, is hope—not just for Gaza’s civilians, but for what could come next.

**“When people finally receive food without fear—when Hamas doesn’t hand it to them—they start to feel something else: freedom.”** <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-860392>

**The UN is simply a vile segment of the WEF and the one world system. It has no place in a real world governance. - rdb**

## **International Day of Peace**

### **21 September**

In a time of turbulence, tumult, and uncertainty, it is critical for everyone to take concrete action to mobilize for peace.

From peacekeepers on the front lines of conflict, to community members, to students in classrooms around the world, everyone has a role to play. We must speak up against violence, hate, discrimination, and inequality; practice respect; and embrace the diversity of our world.

There are many ways to act right now. Spark conversations about the urgent need for understanding, non-violence, and disarmament. Volunteer in your community, listen to voices different from your own, challenge discriminatory language in your workplace, report bullying both online and off-line, and take the time to verify facts before you post on social media.



You can also speak up with your choices, opting to purchase items from socially-conscious brands, or donating to organizations that promote sustainability and human rights.

The United Nations also works in each of these areas, leading global efforts to advance human rights, fight climate change, and prevent and respond to conflict.

Through its [Peacebuilding Commission](#), which is marking its twentieth anniversary in 2025, the United Nations works to address poverty, inequality, discrimination, and injustice – all potential drivers of violence. Through its 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#), the United Nations supports countries' efforts to increase prosperity, raise health and living standards, and end all forms of discrimination and injustice. [UN peacekeepers](#) work in difficult and dangerous conditions around the world, inspiring us all to take action.

And in its recently adopted [Pact for the Future](#), the United Nations promised to address emerging challenges and opportunities – such as in science, technology and innovation – and support the active engagement of future generations.

The United Nations' [ActNow Campaign](#) has helped millions of people around the globe choose issues they care about, commit to action, and track their impact. You can [download the ActNow mobile app](#) and see the difference your actions make for a more peaceful world.

All of our efforts are connected. From UN-supported health clinics to youth-led advocacy for the rights of the world's most vulnerable, and from debates in parliaments to debates in history class, we can all do our part to build a more peaceful world.

Let our actions for peace resonate louder than words.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

**1 Thessalonians 5:3**

**King James Version**

***<sup>3</sup> For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.***

## **BREAKING: U.S. Supreme Court Greenlights Trump's Federal Government Purge in 8-1 Ruling — Mass Layoffs and Overhaul Back on Track in 20 Federal Agencies**

by [Jim Hoft](#) Jul. 8, 2025 3:12 pm [266 Comments](#)

**The U.S. Supreme Court has overturned a radical Clinton-appointed judge's ruling, allowing mass layoffs and sweeping restructuring efforts across 20 federal agencies to move forward immediately.**

The 8-1 ruling — with only Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson dissenting — obliterates Clinton-appointed District Judge Susan Illston's May 22 Temporary Restraining Order, which had halted thousands of Reduction-in-Force (RIF) notices and stalled Trump's sweeping Executive Order to downsize federal agencies.

The judge's TRO comes in response to a lawsuit filed by the anti-American AFL-CIO and American Federation of Government Employees.

Back in February, Trump signed an [executive order](#) directing the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to conduct a top-to-bottom "critical transformation" of 20 executive-branch agencies.

The goal: eliminate redundant offices, shutter legacy programs, and slash payrolls at agencies long captured by entrenched left-wing unions.

Judge Illston [outrageously claimed](#) that President Trump required congressional permission to overhaul his own Executive Branch.

"It is the prerogative of presidents to pursue new policy priorities and to imprint their stamp on the federal government. But to make large-scale overhauls of federal agencies, any president must enlist the help of his co-equal branch and partner, the Congress," the judge wrote in her [order](#).

"As a group of conservative former government officials and advisors have written to the Court, 'Unchecked presidential power is not what the Framers had in mind,' the radical Clinton judge said, scolding Trump's decision to overhaul agencies in the Executive Branch.

With the Supreme Court's green light, the Trump administration is set to resume its plan to slash unnecessary programs and eliminate up to *hundreds of thousands* of taxpayer-funded federal jobs.

Targets of the layoffs include:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce

- Health and Human Services
- Department of State
- Treasury
- Veterans Affairs
- And more than a dozen additional federal bureaucracies

[Reuters](#) reported:

The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way on Tuesday for President Donald Trump's administration to resume carrying out mass job cuts and the restructuring of agencies, elements of his campaign to downsize and reshape the federal government.

The justices lifted San Francisco-based U.S. District Judge Susan Illston's May 22 order that had blocked large-scale federal layoffs called "reductions in force" affecting potentially hundreds of thousands of jobs, while litigation in the case proceeds.

[...]

The Supreme Court in recent months has sided with Trump in some major cases that were acted upon on an emergency basis since he returned to office in January.

It cleared the way for Trump's administration to resume deporting migrants to countries other than their own without offering them a chance to show the harms they could face. In two cases, it let the administration end temporary legal status previously granted on humanitarian grounds to hundreds of thousands of migrants.

It also allowed Trump to implement his ban on transgender people in the U.S. military, blocked a judge's order for the administration to rehire thousands of fired employees and twice sided with his Department of Government Efficiency.

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2025/07/supreme-court-greenlights-trumps-federal-government-purge-mass/>

## HEALTH NEWS

### Effective management of atherosclerosis progress and hyperlipidemia with nattokinase: A clinical study with 1,062 participants

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#### Abstract

Nattokinase (NK), known as a potent fibrinolytic and antithrombotic agent, has been shown to have **antiatherosclerotic and lipid-lowering effects. However, data on human clinical studies are limited.** In this clinical study involving 1,062 participants, our objective was to examine the efficacy of NK in atherosclerosis and hyperlipidemia and safety at the dose of 10,800 FU/day after 12 months of oral administration. Various factors, including lower doses that influence NK pharmacological actions, were also investigated. **We found that NK at a dose of 10,800 FU/day effectively managed the progression of atherosclerosis and hyperlipidemia with a significant improvement in the lipid profile.** A significant reduction in the thickness of the carotid artery intima-media and the size of the carotid plaque was observed. **The improvement rates ranged from 66.5 to 95.4%. NK was found to be ineffective in lowering lipids and suppressing atherosclerosis progression at a dose of 3,600 FU/day.** The lipid-lowering effect of NK was more prominent in subjects who smoked, drank alcohol, and subjects with higher BMI. Regular exercise further improved the effects of NK. Co-administration of vitamin K2 and aspirin with NK produced a synergetic effect. No noticeable adverse effects associated with the use of NK were recorded. In conclusion, our data demonstrate that atherosclerosis progression and hyperlipidemia can be effectively managed with NK at a dose of 10,800 FU/day. The lower dose of 3,600 FU per day is ineffective. The dose of 10,800 FU/day is safe and well tolerated. Some lifestyle factors and the coadministration of vitamin K2 and aspirin lead to improved outcomes in the use of NK. Our findings provide clinical evidence on the effective dose of NK in the management of cardiovascular disease and challenge the recommended dose of 2,000 FU per day.



**Keywords:** nattokinase, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidaemia, anti-atherogenic drug, lipid lowering effect, retrospective study, lipid lowering agent, Nattokinase (NK) **MORE**

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Op ed

## It's Not About Biden. It's About the Left.



Daniel Greenfield



2024 might as well have been 2004 or 1984. In the two-decade cycle, Democrats wake up shocked to discover that their policies of treason, taxation and social collapse are unpopular and retreat to summits at expensive hotels with consultants to discover what went wrong.

The party's public discourse blames everything on Biden. And Biden, whose picture will be featured in next year's political encyclopedia under "Senile Old Coot", is an easy target. But it's not as if Biden was at the top of his game in 2020 or 2016 when Obama discouraged him from running in favor of the much more popular and crowd-pleasing charms of Hillary Clinton.

Biden isn't the reason the Democrats lost. He's the fall guy for it. Swapping in Kamala didn't save the Democrats. And after the election, the party remains historically unpopular. Most of the country votes for candidates based on core issues, usually economic, not how well they speak.

Running two presidential candidates in one election, neither of whom you would trust to watch your dog overnight, let alone run your country, didn't help, but the Democrats lost on policies. Most Americans did not believe that the economy would get any better under Democrats and they blamed them for high crime, mass migration and crazy social policies like transgenderism.

And the Dems know it. That's why internally they've come up with three answers that they deliver at retreats for party operatives, prospective 2028 candidates and major donors.

The consultants urge adopting whatever policies are popular regardless of ideology. The activists urge doubling down on the crazy. Political gurus find the craziest thing this election cycle and urge the Democrats to make a show of backing away from that one thing.

But what no one in the party wants to discuss is where the "crazy stuff" came from at all.

Democrat insiders blame some of the crazier stuff, police defunding, drag queen story hour and marching with Hamas, on the vague and poorly defined "interest groups". Why these "interest groups" have become so influential, they can't explain because they can't talk about the Left.

It's easier to blame a few "interest groups" than to talk about the larger ideological war. A few interest groups couldn't compel half the country to adopt the belief that women didn't exist.

After the BLM riots, there was a limited reckoning among Democrats, not about the destruction and violence (which can never be discussed or acknowledged among the faithful), but about the impact of adopting the unpopular 'Defund the Police' program which they now mostly deny ever existed. Similarly there is now a very limited reckoning about the most unpopular element of transgenderism, men competing against women, with a few aspiring candidates like California's Newsom and Arizona's Gallego coming out against it in principle, but not in practical policy.

After 2024, a cottage industry of Democrat consultants telling politicians how not to talk about transgenderism boomed. Most tell candidates to describe it as a divisive non-issue, to ("as a father") hypothetically disavow boys playing against girls and then focus on "potholes not potties".) Whether these cynical performances work, it's still a matter of putting lipstick on a pig, a donkey or a 300 lb man who wants to be called 'Suzy'. Much as with BLM, the Democrats aren't reckoning with what happened, but with how unpopular some of their policies are.

The intellectual underpinnings of the movements responsible remain unaddressed. Internally, consultants blame "interest groups" as if that could explain the sheer havoc and insanity that their party adopted, championed and is now running away from without actually talking about it.

When Democrats talk about “interest groups”, what they really mean is that the big money, from Soros to the Ford Foundation to numerous other billionaires not even on the radar, has financed large networks of organizations that push ideological and policy trends like BLM and Trans. They can’t actually mention the donor level because that’s where their own money comes from.

But blaming the donors would also fall far short of a meaningful critique of the party’s problem.

Major donors and foundations are not just financing interest groups or trends, but a larger ideological program. BLM and transgenderism are part of intellectual frameworks that conservatives and some liberals will name and shame, like ‘critical race theory’, but that Democrats refuse to analyze in terms of their impact on what their party has become.

The frameworks are those of the Left by whatever name it’s going by this week.

Past Democrats were willing to disavow and criticize the Left. Today’s Dems deny it even exists. Much as they deny that socialism is far more popular with their base than anything else. After being pulled so far leftward that their presidential nominee had to defend taxpayer-funded sex changes for illegal alien criminals, all they can do is blame a few “interest groups”.

What do the Democrats actually believe? Nothing. They have no defense against being pulled leftward because their entire belief system consists of fossilized cliches from the 60s about the virtues of civil rights, immigration and unions. (These also form the core of their voting blocs.)

Biden was the perfect candidate for a party that hasn’t updated anything in 60 years.

If the Democrats were to take a hard look at the Left, they would also have to decide what they believe. Instead, they employ consultants who tell them to either minimize the craziness of their policies without addressing the craziness of the underlying ideology or to adopt whatever good government policies the public likes at any given moment (DOGE reforms, cut spending) from Republicans and then work out afterward how they’ll reorient themselves ‘Bill Clinton’ style.

Ever since the Clintons, Democrats adopted the motto that beliefs and policies don’t matter, values do. When trying to reconcile extremist views, they keep talking about how those values are theirs because they are rooted in progress, love and equality even if in practice they involve burning down neighborhoods and denying that women exist. Obama beat the ‘values’ language to death and the Hillary and Biden campaign proved how little reach it has with American voters.

Values are very nice, but not when they lead to cities being overrun by illegal aliens and girls having to shower with ‘Suzy’ who can bench press the entire team with one of his hands.

A real party reckoning wouldn’t involve teasing out the various details about Biden’s infirmity, a reality that only CNN anchors and Democrat politicians could pretend to be ignorant of, and deal with the much larger issue of what they believe and what they don’t believe. The party is historically unpopular with leftists, who believe it’s not radical enough, and with everyone else, who believe it’s too radical, and the Dems have no answer except a deeper level of denial.

Democrats had to push the denial button pretty hard to pretend that Biden was at the top of his game when he couldn’t walk a straight line or finish a coherent sentence in less than 10 minutes, but they’re in even deeper denial when they pretend that their unpopularity is just a minor messaging problem and that they haven’t adopted objectively insane positions.

The Left took over the Democrats because it’s a core of fanatics that excels at taking over institutions, but those institutions have to be vacuously lacking in identity and awareness. It’s a whole lot easier to brainwash people who don’t believe in anything than those who do.

The Democrats fell into leftist radicalism because they stopped believing in anything. The old moderates died or, like Joe Biden, became living fossils who went along with whatever their younger aides told them. The party became as much of a puppet as Biden was in his last years.

And that’s the real reason why the image of an out-of-touch confused old man in the White House is so painful for Dems. It wasn’t just Biden that was a senile puppet, it’s his whole party.

What happens when you’re part of a party of puppets? You don’t ask questions.

You don’t notice when your president is out of his mind because you already learned not to notice when your party is out of its mind. What you do is chant “Black Lives Matter” and “No Human Being is Illegal” and “Men are Women” along with other simple-minded slogans so that you don’t think. And then you see that everything is in ruins and wonder what happened.

<https://www.danielgreenfield.org/2025/06/its-not-about-biden-its-about-left.html>