

One killed from direct rocket hit in Kibbutz HaGoshrim

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By [Yael Halfon](#) JULY 30, 2024 15:19 Updated: JULY 30, 2024 17:05



The scene of the direct rocket hit in northern Israel. July 30, 2024. (photo credit: Via Maariv)

An individual about 30 years old was killed from rocket shrapnel in northern Israel on Tuesday following a rocket attack in the area, Israel's emergency medical service Magen David Adom (MDA) said.

MDA added that the person had initially been severely wounded and was given medical treatment by MDA paramedics. However, resuscitation efforts failed, and the paramedics pronounced him dead.

MDA paramedic Yuval Levy and EMTs Noam Wolf and Nadav recounted what they saw upon arrival at the scene.

"Immediately following the red alerts, we received a report of a casualty and headed to the scene. This was a difficult scene; we arrived on the scene and found a 30-year-old male with shrapnel wounds to his upper body. He was unconscious, and we immediately began medical treatment and resuscitation, following which we had to pronounce him dead."



The interception of rockets in northern Israel. July 30, 2024. (credit: via walla!)

United Hatzalah EMT Reshef Nuriel recounted his efforts at the scene.

"I performed CPR together with an intensive care ambulance team on a man about 30 years old who, according to bystanders, was hit by rocket shrapnel," Nuriel said. "Unfortunately, after prolonged resuscitation efforts, he was pronounced dead."

Earlier on Tuesday, Israeli media reported that the direct hit had occurred in Kibbutz HaGoshrim.

Some 10 projectiles cross into Israeli territory

At around 14:53 p.m., multiple rocket sirens

sounded in northern Israel.

[The IDF](#) later said that some 10 projectiles had crossed into Israel from Lebanon, of which most had been intercepted.

IDF artillery forces fired at the source from which the launches had been detected, the military added.

The military also noted that earlier on Tuesday, Israel Air Force jets had struck Hezbollah terror infrastructure in the Jibchit area of southern Lebanon.

At around 15:51 p.m., several drone intrusion alerts sounded in the area of the Galilee Panhandle.

Israeli media later reported that following the fall of projectiles in northern Israel, several fires had erupted in the area. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-812529>

Civilian killed by Hezbollah rocket as Israeli reprisal to Majdal Shams attack looms

Missile strikes kibbutz in Upper Galilee; airlines continue to suspend flights to Beirut amid fears of escalation; IDF strikes 7 Hezbollah sites in 7 areas in Lebanon overnight

By [Emanuel Fabian](#),



Nir Popko, 28, was killed in a Hezbollah rocket strike in Kibbutz Goshrim on July 30, 2024. (X; Used in accordance with Clause 27a of the Copyright Law)

raeli man was killed in a Hezbollah rocket strike on a kibbutz in northern Israel on Tuesday afternoon, as tensions escalate between Israel and the Iran-backed Lebanese terror group after its deadly rocket attack on the Golan Heights over the weekend.

Medics declared the death of an Israeli civilian in his 30s who was fatally wounded after a rocket hit Kibbutz HaGoshrim in the Upper Galilee.

He was later named as Nir Popko, 28, from Kibbutz

HaGoshrim.

Popko was working outdoors on the kibbutz when the rocket struck 30 meters from where he had been standing, the Kan public broadcaster reported.

The IDF said that 10 rockets were fired from Lebanon in the attack, and most were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it had launched dozens of rockets at a nearby military base

The military said it was shelling the launch site with artillery, while earlier, fighter jets struck a Hezbollah site in southern Lebanon's Jibchit. **More-**<https://www.timesofisrael.com/civilian-killed-by-hezbollah-rocket-as-israeli-reprisal-to-majdal-shams-attack-looms/>

US racing to keep Israel from hitting Beirut, key sites in response to Hezbollah strike

Lebanon's deputy parliament speaker says if Israel avoids major sites it could avert all-out war, as country braces for reprisal for deadly rocket attack that killed 12 children

By [Reuters](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 8:59 am



Smoke billows from a site targeted by the Israeli military in the southern Lebanese border village of Kafr Kila on July 29, 2024. (Rabih DAHER / AFP)

The United States is leading a diplomatic dash to deter Israel from striking Lebanon's capital Beirut or major civil infrastructure in response to a deadly rocket attack on the Golan Heights, five people with knowledge of the drive said. [It is way past time for the USA to keep its nose out of Israel's business. The USA caused a great deal of this by their faulty

"diplomatic" processes and their support of Iran and other terrorists over the past years. " Isaiah 59:15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him[a] that there was no justice. " Allowing evil to persist is as bad as the evil doer. The US is destroying itself with their actions. – rdb]

Washington is racing to avert a full-blown war between Israel and the Iranian-backed Lebanese terror group Hezbollah after the attack on the Golan Heights killed 12 kids and youths playing at a soccer field over the weekend, according to the five people, who include Lebanese and Iranian officials and Middle Eastern and European diplomats. **[Why didn't the US take care of the evil Iranian leadership long ago? Rdb]**

Israel and the US have blamed Hezbollah for the rocket strike, though the group, which admitted launching missiles at the area where the attack occurred, has denied responsibility.

The focus of the high-speed diplomacy has been to constrain Israel's response by urging it against targeting densely populated Beirut, the southern suburbs of the capital that form Hezbollah's heartland, or key infrastructure like airports and bridges, said the sources who requested anonymity to discuss confidential details that haven't been previously reported.

Lebanon's deputy parliament speaker Elias Bou Saab, who said he had been in contact with US mediator Amos Hochstein since Saturday's Golan attack, told Reuters Israel could avert the threat of major escalation by sparing the capital and its environs.

"If they avoid civilians and they avoid Beirut and its suburbs, then their attack could be well calculated," he said.



People at the scene of the deadly missile attack at a soccer field in the Druze town of Majdal Shams, in the Golan Heights, July 29, 2024. (Michael Giladi/Flash90)

Israeli officials have said that their country wants to hurt Hezbollah but not drag the region into all-out war. The two Middle Eastern and European diplomats said Israel hadn't made any commitment to avoiding strikes on Beirut, its suburbs, or civil infrastructure.

The US State Department said it wouldn't comment on the specifics of diplomatic conversations, though it was seeking a "durable solution" to end all cross-border fire. "Our support for Israel's

security is ironclad and unwavering against all Iran-backed threats, including Hezbollah," a spokesperson told Reuters.

White House spokesperson John Kirby told reporters that Israel had every right to respond to the Golan strike, but that nobody wanted a broader war. "As for conversations over the weekend, you bet we've had them and we had them at multiple levels," he added. "But I'm not going to detail the guts of those conversations."



(Top row, L-R) Ameer Rabeea Abu Saleh, 16, Iseel Nasha'at Ayoub, 12, Hazem Akram Abu Saleh, 15, Milad Muadad Alsha'ar, 10 (Middle row, L-R) Alma Ayman Fakher Eldin, 11, Naji Taher Alhalabi, 11, Johnny Wadea Ibrahim, 13, Yazan Nayeif Abu Saleh, 12 (Bottom row, L-R) Fajer Laith Abu Saleh, 16, Vinees Adham Alsafadi, 11, Nathem Fakher Saeb, 16, and Gevara Ebraheem, 11, who were killed in a Hezbollah rocket attack on Majdal Shams on July 27, 2024.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office didn't respond to a request for comment, while Hezbollah declined to comment.

The five people with knowledge of the diplomatic push over the past two days have either been involved in the

conversations or briefed on them. They said the efforts aimed to achieve a calibrated approach similar to that which constrained Israel in April as it mulled a response to a massive barrage of some 300 ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and drones fired by Iran.

An Iranian official said the United States had also conveyed messages to Tehran at least three times since Saturday's attack on the Golan Heights, "warning that escalating the situation would be detrimental to all parties."

Hezbollah is the most powerful of Iran's "Axis of Resistance" network of regional proxy groups and is allied with the Palestinian terror group Hamas.

Since October 8, Hezbollah-led forces have attacked Israeli communities and military posts along the border on a near-daily basis, with the group saying it is doing so to support Gaza amid the war there.



File: Lebanese people look to the site of the destroyed headquarters of Hezbollah at the southern suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon, Aug. 14, 2006. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

As of Saturday, the skirmishes have resulted in 24 civilian deaths on the Israeli side, as well as the deaths of 18 IDF soldiers and reservists. There have also been several attacks from Syria, without any injuries.

Hezbollah has named 383 members who have been killed by Israel during the ongoing skirmishes, mostly in Lebanon but some also in Syria. In Lebanon, another 68 operatives from other terror groups, a Lebanese soldier, and dozens of

civilians have been killed.

During a 2006 war, the last time Israel and Hezbollah fought a major conflict, Israeli forces bombed Beirut's southern suburbs, known as Dahieh, hitting Hezbollah-affiliated buildings as well as residential towers. Beirut airport was bombed and put out of action, and across Lebanon bridges, roads, gas stations and other infrastructure were destroyed.

In the past, Israeli officials have warned that a military offensive against Hezbollah would leave Lebanon in tatters.

A French diplomat told Reuters that since the Golan attack, **Paris had also been involved in passing messages between Israel and Hezbollah to de-escalate the situation.**

France has historic ties with Lebanon, which was under French mandate from 1920 until it gained independence in 1943. Paris has maintained close ties since then and has about 20,000 citizens in the country, many dual nationals.

The French Foreign Ministry didn't respond to Reuters requests for comment.

The **Israeli Homefront Command, a military unit responsible for protecting civilians, has not changed any of its instructions to citizens so far**, an indication that the military is not expecting imminent danger from Hezbollah or any other group.

On **Sunday, Netanyahu's high-level security cabinet authorized** the premier and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant to "decide on the manner and timing of the response" against Hezbollah.

This **decision, coupled with the abstention of Netanyahu's far-right coalition partners — Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir — suggested that Israel has opted for a response short of the all-out war** that some politicians have advocated for.

Following the Golan attack, Smotrich had issued a strong statement demanding robust action. He posted on X: "For the death of children, [Hezbollah leader Hassan] Nasrallah should pay with his head. All of Lebanon should pay." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-racing-to-keep-israel-from-hitting-beirut-key-sites-in-response-to-hezbollah-strike/>

In response to Golan massacre, Israel attacks senior Hezbollah officer Fuad Shukr in Beirut
IDF says it carried out strike on Hezbollah official responsible for the massacre of 12 children in the rocket strike on Majdal Shams; His fate is unclear, but two deaths were reported in the attack. Gallant after the attack: "Hezbollah crossed the red line"

[Lior Ben Ari](#), Reuters|12:03

A loud blast was heard and a plume of smoke could be seen rising late on Tuesday above the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital Beirut, a stronghold of the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah.

The IDF said that it carried out a targeted strike in Beirut on the commander responsible for the murder of 12 children in the Druze village of Majdal Shams and the killing of numerous additional Israeli civilians, who has been named as senior Hezbollah commander Hajj Mohsin, also known as

Fuad Shukr. It is not known whether Mohsin was killed in the attack, which took place in the vicinity of Hezbollah's Shura Council. But sources told the Al-Hadath news channel that two people were killed in the attack. No further response is expected by Israel.



Beirut bombed in Israeli attack on Hezbollah's Dahieh quarter



(Photo: AP Photo/Hussein Malla)



Damage from attack



The IDF also said that there are no changes in the Home Front Command defensive guidelines for civilians.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant commented on the attack, saying: "Hezbollah crossed the red line."

According to the Al Jadeed media outlet Israeli fighter jets attacked the Dahieh quarter of the city, a Hezbollah stronghold. Ambulances were seen making their way to the scene of the attack. According to "media close to Hezbollah," a commander in the organization was eliminated.

The city has been on edge for days ahead of an anticipated Israeli attack in retaliation for the deadly strike that murdered 12 children in Majdal Shams, a Druze village on the Golan Heights

It is the most significant assassination in the war in the north, and it is the equivalent of killing the head of the military wing of Hamas, Muhammad Deif in Gaza, and he is, in fact, the closest person to Nasrallah. Shukr is the second most important person in Hezbollah, and is also the commander of all the strategic formations of Hezbollah. It is not clear how the terror group will react to the strike.

During the cabinet meeting on Monday to approve the operation, government ministers were not informed about the target, and they were not told details of the target immediately before the operation was carried out for fear of leaks.



Explosion seen throughout Beirut

Israel and the United States have blamed Hezbollah for the attack on Majdal Shams. Hezbollah has denied responsibility.

Earlier on Tuesday, a civilian was killed by a direct hit from a rocket in Kibbutz Goshrim in the Upper Galilee, three days after the massacre.

Fuad Shukr was Nasrallah's military adviser

In 2017, the United States offered a reward of \$5 million for the capture of Fuad Shukr, the target of the attack in Beirut. An investigation published that year shed light on the activities of the man who worked for the terrorist organization for more than 30 years.



Fuad Shukr

Shukr's entry onto the U.S. State Department's wanted list was made because he was considered a senior adviser to the organization's secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah, on military matters. Shukr served as the organization's first-in-command in southern Lebanon and at the same time as a member of the senior military body, the Jihad Council.

He was born in Baalbek in Lebanon, and is known as "Hajj Mohsin." The Americans claim that he played a central role in attacking the U.S. Marines in Beirut in 1983, in which 241 American soldiers were murdered.

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After complex rescue ops in Gaza, IDF assess some hostages may never be found

As time goes on, likelihood of obtaining intelligence on hostages increases, but their chances of survival wanes; 98th Division wraps up Khan Younis raid

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 5:31 pm

Recent complex military operations in the Gaza Strip to recover the bodies of slain hostages have brought the Israel Defense Forces to the understanding that there is a possibility that some of those abducted by Hamas terrorists on October 7 may never be found, The Times of Israel learned on Tuesday.

The grim assessment comes as 111 of the 251 hostages seized by Hamas on October 7 remain in Gaza, now for nearly 300 days, including the bodies of 39 confirmed dead by the IDF. Hamas is also

holding two Israeli civilians who entered the Strip in 2014 and 2015, as well as the bodies of two IDF soldiers who were killed in 2014.



Protesters call for the release of hostages held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip since October 7, outside the IDF's Kirya base in Tel Aviv, July 28, 2024. (Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90)

Last week, during a raid in southern Gaza's Khan Younis, the IDF's 98th Division along with the Shin Bet recovered the bodies of five hostages who were killed and then kidnapped during the onslaught nearly ten months ago.

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi said following the operation that though "we were near these bodies before, we didn't know how to reach out [and recover them]. Now that we knew how to reach

out, we did so. We brought five [slain hostages], which otherwise, it's not certain we would have ever found them."

The bodies had been buried inside a tunnel some 20 meters belowground in Khan Younis.

According to the military, the bodies were hidden behind a wall in the tunnel, and without exact information on the location — provided by a detained terrorist — it was unlikely they would have been found.



IDF troops are seen at the entrance to a tunnel in southern Gaza's Khan Younis where the bodies of five Israeli hostages were held, July 24, 2024 (Israel Defense Forces)

Another such discovery occurred in April with the recovery of the body of hostage Elad Katzir, who had been abducted alive and later murdered by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group in Gaza. His body was buried in the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza, at a site used by terror operatives.

The military obtained visual intelligence on the site where Katzir was held and sent forces there to search for the body, which was located and brought back

to Israel for burial.

Katzir's captors, according to IDF assessments, had all been killed by the military and it was unlikely that anyone else knew where he was being held.

Still, the IDF assesses that as time goes on, the likelihood of it obtaining intelligence on the hostages increases — but the chances of the hostages remaining alive decreases.

The IDF said it has a vast amount of intelligence — obtained during the ground operation in Gaza — that it is deciphering, which may bring leads on the hostages.

Tunnels are key to dismantling Hamas

The IDF believes that eliminating Hamas's tunnel network will enable a decisive victory over the terror group, but this can only be achieved by ground forces.



The terror group has a vast underground network, which before the ground offensive in Gaza theoretically enabled Hamas operatives to move from the north of the Strip to its south nearly exclusively via the tunnels.

Destroying the tunnels has given the IDF "freedom of action" in Gaza, military officials said.

98th Division commander, Brig. Gen. Dan Goldfus, is seen in a tunnel in northern Gaza's Jabaliya where the bodies of seven Israeli hostages were recovered, in a handout photo published May 31, 2024. (Israel Defense Forces)

In Khan Younis, where some 70 kilometers worth of tunnels were demolished, the 98th Division operated for 128 days earlier this year.

In contrast, during an operation to recover the bodies of five hostages last week, the division was able to reach the tunnel where the remains were hidden by Hamas and recover them within 24 hours, and later wrap up the entire raid within eight days, withdrawing from Khan Younis on Tuesday.

In another recent raid carried out by the 98th Division, in Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood, troops demolished eight major tunnels in less than two weeks, before withdrawing. An earlier offensive in Shejaiya lasted several months and saw much heavier IDF losses.

The recent fast and effective raids, military officials said, would not have been possible without the previous lengthy operations there, during which it took out most of Hamas's major tunnel networks, impeding attempts by the terror group to regroup and defend against future IDF actions.

According to the IDF, Hamas has used the tunnels for residing, surviving, and moving about in Gaza — including to launch attacks on troops.

There have been very few gunfights between IDF troops and Hamas gunmen inside the tunnels. Instead, Israeli troops use various methods to surprise the terror operatives and kill them from a distance, or the operatives end up fleeing through the underground network.

On Tuesday, the IDF released a video showing a gunman being killed by an explosive device that troops managed to push into a tunnel.

The IDF prefers to reach tunnels with ground forces to investigate and later destroy them, as airstrikes have in some cases proven ineffective in demolishing underground passages fully. Earlier in the war, the IDF was not entering the tunnels at all, but only demolishing them once it was confirmed no hostages were held there.

The IDF also said it has improved in locating Hamas's tunnels, but is unlikely to find every last one. According to the military, it has managed to find new tunnels by interrogating captured terror operatives, as well as searching areas from which rockets were launched or where gunmen attacked troops.

On Tuesday, the IDF withdrew the 98th Division from southern Gaza's Khan Younis after an eight-day raid there.

Amid the operation, the IDF said that troops with the division killed over 150 terror operatives, demolished tunnels and other sites used by Hamas, and recovered the bodies of the five hostages.



IDF troops of the 98th Division are seen operating in Gaza Strip, in a handout photo published July 30, 2024. (Israel Defense Forces)

The Hamas-run health ministry said on Tuesday that some 39,400 people had been killed since the start of Israel's offensive in Gaza, and another 90,996 had been injured. Of that number, it said, 37 had been killed in the past 24 hours.

Hamas does not differentiate between civilians and combatants, and Israel says it has killed some 15,000 combatants in battle and some 1,000 terrorists inside Israel during the October 7 attack.

The war erupted on October 7 when Hamas led a devastating cross-border attack on southern Israel that killed 1,200 people. The estimated 3,000 terrorists who burst through the boundary also abducted 251 people who were taken as hostages to Gaza.

Israel responded with a military offensive to destroy Hamas, topple its Gaza regime, and free the hostages. Israel's toll in the ground offensive against Hamas in Gaza and in military operations along the border stands at 331. The toll includes a police officer killed in a hostage rescue mission and a Defense Ministry civilian contractor. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-complex-rescue-ops-in-gaza-idf-assess-some-hostages-may-never-be-found/>

'Brink of the abyss': Coalition turns on itself following mob attacks on IDF bases

PM compares rampages to anti-government protests; MKs urge leaders 'to stop tearing us apart from the inside' after far-right politicians join mob break-ins at Sde Teiman, Beit Lid

By [Sam Sokol](#) Today, 6:22 pm Updated at 6:38 pm



Israeli soldiers and police clash with right wing protesters, after they broke into the Beit Lid army base on July 29, 2024 in Kfar Yona. (Oren Ziv / AFP)

Members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition turned on each other during a cabinet meeting Tuesday, hurling insults and recriminations over the previous day's break-ins at two IDF bases by far-right activists and MKs outraged over the arrest of soldiers suspected of severely abusing a Palestinian detainee.

According to leaks to Hebrew media, Netanyahu warned ministers that "we do not break into bases" while

also railing against "selective enforcement" and comparing the break-ins to [highway blockages](#) by anti-government protesters.

In response, Social Equality Minister May Golan (Likud) declared that the protesters "came to support the soldiers because the people can't accept that heroic fighters who have been risking their lives for nine months are being arrested," national broadcaster Kan reported. This prompted Interior Minister Moshe Arbel (Shas) to condemn Netanyahu's comparison and insist that the far-right demonstrators cannot be allowed to "endanger the IDF like that."

The soldiers were arrested by masked military policemen during a raid on the Sde Teiman detention center in southern Israel. After the arrests, a mob of far-right activists and lawmakers broke into the base and demonstrated, and later stormed the Beit Lid base where the suspects were being held.

Among the lawmakers who participated in the protests were Heritage Minister Amichay Eliyahu and MKs Yitzhak Kroizer and Limor Son Har-Melech from the Otzma Yehudit party, Religious Zionism MK Zvi Sukkot, and MKs Nissim Vaturi and Tally Gotliv of Netanyahu's ruling Likud party.

Diaspora Affairs Minister Amichai Chikli also weighed in at the cabinet meeting, insisting there was no comparison between anti-government demonstrators and those who broke into the bases, drawing Golan's ire and allegations of demagoguery. Hitting back, Chikli asked if Golan was representing the far-right Otzma Yehudit party rather than Likud.

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Chikli then condemned Ben Gvir, saying that "there are those who support the mob and there are those who do not."

"Those who understand the army know that this is prohibited, unlike [people like] Ben Gvir who did not serve in the army who say it is fine," he charged.



File: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu leads a cabinet meeting (Maayan Toaf / GPO)

Ben Gvir was not accepted for compulsory service in the IDF because of his far-right activism, and has previously been convicted for incitement to violence and supporting a domestic Jewish terror group.

As members of his party took part in Monday's demonstrations, Ben Gvir released a video appeal to IDF Military Advocate General Maj. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi "to take her hands off" the soldiers.

Recent reports have alleged widespread abuse of prisoners at the Sde Teiman facility, including extreme use of physical restraints, beatings, neglect of medical problems, arbitrary punishments and more.

Earlier this month, Netanyahu told the High Court that Sde Teiman should only be used for short-term detention and questioning of Palestinian security detainees caught in Gaza.

Public ministerial censure

Immigration and Absorption Minister Ofir Sofer of Religious Zionism asserted that the riots had no legitimacy and that arrests should be made.

Speaking with Army Radio, he said the scenes that played out at the bases “looked like a third-world country” and that “there are things we cannot afford to happen.”

Interior Minister Arbel sounded a similar note, releasing a public appeal to pull back from “the abyss” before it is too late.

“We will not remain silent in the face of the danger of internal breakdown at the hands of extremist elements,” Arbel wrote in a letter co-signed by MKs Eli Dallal (Likud), Hili Tropper (National Unity), Moshe Solomon (Religious Zionism), Meirav Ben-Ari (Yesh Atid), Efrat Reiten (Labor) and Oded Forer (Yisrael Beytenu).



Interior Minister Moshe Arbel attends a Knesset committee meeting, Jerusalem, April 1, 2024. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

“We will not stand by in the face of silence and certainly in the face of the [expressions] of irresponsible leaders, who are pushing us to the brink of the abyss,” they wrote, calling on “all public leaders to stop tearing us apart from the inside.”

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant was also critical of the far-right attacks on the military, [demanding](#) on Tuesday that Netanyahu launch an investigation to determine whether Ben Gvir had intervened to prevent or delay police from acting to stop the riots.

In response, Ben Gvir dismissed the allegations and called on the prime minister to probe, and then fire, Gallant over unfounded allegations that he, among other things, may have had advanced warning of Hamas’s October 7 attack and intentionally refrained from bolstering the IDF’s presence on the Gaza border.

Convening the Knesset

Opposition Leader Yair Lapid called on Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana to convene a special plenum debate during the legislative recess to discuss the attacks, stating that “we are not on the brink of an abyss, we are in the abyss.”

According to Lapid, “the participation of members of the Knesset and ministers in the invasion of violent militias into IDF bases constitutes a crossing of a red line that Israeli democracy has never known” and Monday’s events were “not another demonstration of one political camp or another” but rather “a sharp threat to Israel’s image as a Jewish and democratic state.”

Addressing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday morning, Brig. Gen. Yoram Knafo, the chief of staff at the IDF Personnel Directorate, told lawmakers that mistakes were made during the arrests at Sde Teiman and would not recur, according to committee chair Yuli Edelstein.



Far-right activists protest against the detention of nine Israeli reserve soldiers suspected of abusing a Hamas terror suspect, at the Sde Teiman military base near Beersheba, July 29, 2024. (Dudu Greenspan/Flash90)

“This morning we held an urgent discussion on the subject of the arrest of the fighters and the conduct of the Military Advocate General and the military police,” Edelstein said in a statement on the closed-door meeting.

“Unfortunately, the Military Advocate General chose or was instructed not to come to the committee. I am announcing right now that we will hold another hearing in which she will be required to appear before the committee and provide adequate

answers regarding investigative policy.”

However, “I am happy that the head of the Personnel Directorate concluded quickly that the army’s conduct on this issue was not correct and similar cases will not happen again,” he added.

Herzog weighs in

Addressing the Galilee conference in Acre on Tuesday afternoon, President Isaac Herzog denounced the mob's attack on the two army bases as "a serious, dangerous, illegal and irresponsible act."

But while he came out against the protesters he also raised questions about the manner in which the arrests of the soldiers which sparked the demonstrations were carried out.

"I believe that an immediate, in-depth, sensitive and responsible investigation is required of the manner in which the soldiers were detained for questioning yesterday," he said.

"This investigation has nothing to do with and must not have anything to do with the very necessity and authority to carefully investigate suspicions of serious acts." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/we-are-in-the-abyss-coalition-turns-on-itself-following-mob-attack-on-idf-bases/>

Shin Bet arrests employee who divulged sensitive information

Shin Bet employee and two civilians are accused of revealing classified information to several unauthorized personnel; A gag order was placed on the case and further details

[Gilad Morag, Meir Turgeman](#) | 13:00

The State Attorney's office filed an indictment on Tuesday in Lod's District Court against a Shin Bet employee and two additional civilians for "divulging confidential information." According to the indictment, "the information revealed led to a real risk to human life and the state's security."



Shin Bet

Following a joint investigation by the Shin Bet and the police, they found the accused gave unauthorized parties access to classified information to which she was exposed as part of her work, in violation of the law. The two civilians passed on some of the information to others and some classified information was widely distributed to many unauthorized parties.

The investigation revealed that "the employee or any of the others involved did not act intentionally to harm security, despite

the obvious severity of their actions."

According to the indictment, 'the information revealed led to a real risk to human life and the state's security'

A gag order was placed on the identity of the accused, and any additional details from the investigation. The source of the leak was apprehended by the Shin Bet, and was dealt with according to the organization, the police and the prosecutor's office "immediately and very seriously." The indictment was filed by the State Attorney's Cyber Department.

"The indictment was filed today. It is important to note and understand that even the prosecution does not attribute to our client an intention to harm the state's security or the security forces. We will study the evidence and respond in court," the defendant's attorneys said.

The civilians' defense stated, "At this stage, it is difficult to elaborate except that the investigation procedure was long, complex, and exhausting, and came to an end this morning. The most important thing for the public to know is that none of the involved acted intentionally to harm the State of Israel. Everything is at this stage under a complete veil of secrecy." <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/s1rwtoufr>

US will help Israel defend itself in Lebanon war, Austin says



"We remain concerned about the potential of this escalating into a full fight. And I don't believe that a fight is inevitable," US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said.

By [TOVAH LAZAROFF](#) JULY 30, 2024 19:35

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin participates in a news briefing at the Pentagon on July 25, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia. Secretary Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Charles Brown held a news briefing to answer questions from members of the press. (photo credit: Alex Wong/Getty Images)

The United States would help Israel defend itself should a full-scale war break out with Lebanon, the country's Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin told reporters in the Philippines as Lebanon braced for an IDF counterstrike.

"We remain concerned about the potential of this escalating into a full fight. And I don't believe that a fight is inevitable," Austin said.

He spoke as the almost ten months of IDF-Hezbollah cross violence threaten to escape into a third Lebanon war following a Hezbollah strike that killed an Israeli on Tuesday and 12 Druze children on Saturday.

The international community, led by the US and France has scrambled to contain the situation, as they pushed for a diplomatic resolution.

"I think that you know, we'd like to see things resolved in a diplomatic fashion," he said, ducking a question about whether Israel could manage a full-out war with Lebanon as it battled Hamas in Gaza.

"Israel will do what it needs to defend itself. And it's demonstrated that you know, time and again.

"Certainly that's not a scenario that we'd like to see occur," Austin said.

He pledged US support for Israel's self-defense but was vague as to whether Washington would once again lead a coalition of five armies to protect Israel, as it did in April when the Jewish state was under attack by Iranian drones and missiles.

'We will help to help Israel defend itself'

"If Israel is attacked.. we will help to help Israel defend itself. We've been clear about that from the very beginning, but again, we don't want to see that happen," he stated.

The upsurge in northern violence comes as the US is hoping to finalize a hostage deal to secure the release of 115 hostages in Gaza. Qatar and Egypt have been the main mediators for the deal, which would involve a lull to the war that could lead to a permanent ceasefire. It is believed that when the guns go silent in Gaza, Hezbollah will halt its attack on northern Israel.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke with his Egyptian counterpart Badr Abdelatty about the deal.

Blinken "emphasized the importance of a ceasefire agreement to furthering broader regional stability, including by unlocking the possibility of a diplomatic solution to the conflict across the Blue Line" on Israel's northern border with Lebanon. <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-812574>

Plan for Israel 2050: Country to be divided into 28 small regions

The core of the plan is a shift to regional-functional planning, focusing on individuals, their needs, and daily lives.

By OFER PETERSBURG JULY 30, 2024 17:43



Israel's population on Israel's 76th Independence Day 2024. (photo credit: CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS)

The Planning Administration has released Israel's first-ever strategic plan.

This plan, set to transform the country in the coming years, addresses key issues in Israel including population growth preparation, strengthening the periphery, promoting quality urbanism, preserving open spaces, dealing with climate change, leveraging space-altering technologies, and preparing for emergency events. The plan offers a variety of planning tools, policies, and follow-up measures to achieve the defined goals.

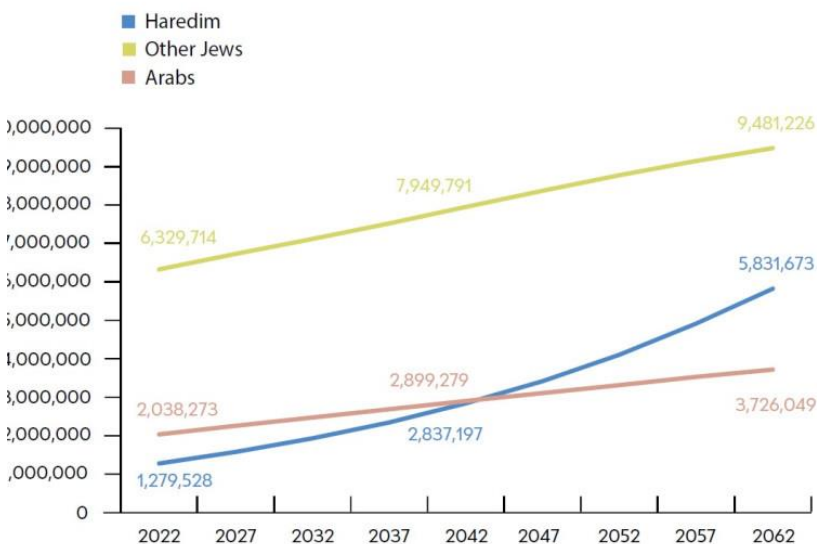
Rafi Elimelech, Director General of the Planning Administration, explained the essence of the plan, "The new plan aligns with the emerging trend of making things more accessible and nearby: from the café below the house to the workplace. Therefore, we have outlined new spaces that include all the services

a citizen needs: education, health, leisure, and recreation, relying on an advanced transportation system.

"As **part of this, the plan revolutionizes infrastructure by optimally planning its distribution. Another focus is the distribution of employment areas, moving away from the practice that led to irrelevant employment zones.** Additionally, the plan **preserves the ways of life in the village and the city;** the village provides open spaces while services are provided in the city. I thank Interior Minister Moshe Arbel for understanding the importance of advancing this plan and giving it strong support."

The plan, **advanced by the Strategic Planning Division and the Spatial Planning Division in the Planning Administration, led by Shahar Soler and Dr. Roni Bar, is based on research conducted over the past two years.** This research examined movements and interactions between different regions in the country, some of which had no existing connection. Based on the conclusions and the process, the plan outlines new functional areas that will provide residents with all the services they need.

The plan's **formation involved public participation** and consultation with a wide range of partners and experts. Each chapter was developed with the help of field experts. After defining the topics, extensive public engagement was conducted via a digital platform to understand various patterns and the most important issues for residents.



Population forecasts, by population group, 2022-2061 (absolute number)
(credit: ISRAEL DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE)

Key topics addressed in the plan

Revolutionary Planning Concept:
The core of the plan is a shift to **regional-functional planning, focusing on individuals, their needs, and daily lives. To address current and future challenges and improve residents' quality of life while reducing disparities, the planning paradigm in this field needs updating.** Regional planning, as presented in the plan, is not another bureaucratic layer but an opportunity to **create genuine synergy between**

neighboring local authorities, leverage each area's relative advantages, and promote productive cooperation. Such planning will lead to significant results, including improved quality of life for residents through infrastructure development and enhanced access to services, employment, and quality public spaces. Additionally, it aims to reduce disparities between the center and the periphery by strengthening the local economy, promoting new growth centers, and increasing opportunities nationwide.

Strengthening the North and South: The plan emphasizes strengthening the North and South, proposing regional planning as a tool to bolster these areas. A regional plan allows for increased **cooperation in the space while reducing barriers** resulting from competition between neighboring local authorities, pooling resources, leveraging size advantages, and improving the ability to implement government decisions. According to the new concept, planning will transform the north and south into attractive areas with a living environment no less than that of the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area. For example, promoting regional infrastructure instead of individual infrastructure for each settlement, advancing joint employment complexes, education, etc. Currently, each authority tries to draw the budget to itself but there is not enough for everyone, and things do not materialize, such as employment areas. Identifying shared opportunities and challenges can enable targeted investments that will improve demand and the likelihood that things will materialize and not "remain on paper."

Urbanism: Another pillar of the plan is increasing urbanism in cities. Urbanism is a strategic issue significant for Israel's continued development, creating resilience, innovation, and economic opportunities, addressing population growth, and enhancing the attractiveness of urban environments. Additional benefits include increased accessibility to opportunities, creating local identity and a sense of belonging, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving public health. Good urbanism is also essential for strengthening the north and south, as revitalizing and building urban centers is crucial to encouraging residential demand outside the center. For example, planning neighborhoods with few private cars and adapted to

cope with climate change, a mix of apartments including small ones, increasing urban renewal in total housing construction, affordable housing, and integrating rental housing in new plans.

Addressing Climate Change: Climate change has extensive impacts on people, essential infrastructure, and terrestrial and marine ecosystems. Like the rest of the world, Israel experiences climate changes, some extreme due to its geographic location. This change will occur throughout the region, including neighboring countries, potentially having planning and geopolitical significance. Properly addressing the phenomenon involves prevention and risk reduction. For example, preventing development too close to the sea or in flood plains, promoting new neighborhoods adapted to heat, and more.

Space-Altering Technologies: In the coming decades, new technological developments will change living spaces globally and in Israel. Technologies evolve faster than the planning system's pace of change, requiring the system to adapt and incorporate flexibility to allow innovative and beneficial technologies to develop while minimizing negative impacts. As part of this preparation, improving the transportation of deliveries and light cargo, streamlining and reducing supply chain costs, even in areas with dispersed land use, will enhance businesses' economic efficiency and improve the ability to deliver shipments to customers from metropolitan distribution centers to peripheral areas, all while reducing traffic. Additionally, [AI systems](#) can be crucial in planning, better mapping shortages in specific areas like kindergartens and schools.

Open Spaces: Due to population growth and climate change, the importance of open spaces is becoming more pronounced. Proper planning of these spaces, improving responses to various needs, and preserving ecological corridors will achieve social, planning, and environmental benefits while addressing the needs of the population and ecological systems in the era of climate change. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-812353>

US announces supply of F-16 missiles to Ukraine – WSJ

Washington will reportedly provide Kiev with modern munitions for the fighter jets

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File photo: US Air Force personnel arms an F-16 fighter, March 2011, Bagram, Afghanistan © Staff Sgt. Sheila deVera/US Department of Defense

The US-made fighter jets that are expected in Ukraine soon will be equipped with modern American missiles, the Wall Street Journal has reported, citing high-ranking officials.

Kiev has clamored for the delivery of the F-16s for months, as its air force has run out of legacy planes, despite replenishments from NATO countries such as Poland and

Slovakia. One major unresolved question was what to arm the American planes with, as their missile mounts were incompatible with Soviet-era designs.

According to the Journal, Washington will provide Kiev with HARM, AMRAAM and Sidewinder missiles, along with guidance kits. All of these are currently in service with the US military.

"We are confident that we will be able to supply all of those [weapons], at least the critical volumes that they need," the unnamed senior official told the Journal on Tuesday.

The AGM-88E HARM is an air-to-ground missile which homes in on electronic transmissions, and is commonly used to strike enemy radar installations. The standoff version of the missile has a listed range of up to 148 km. It was unclear whether the US would provide Ukraine with specialized HTS pods designed for the F-16s to improve HARM targeting.

The latest version of the AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) has a range of up to 180 km. The radar-guided missile is intended for engagements beyond visual range.

The AIM-9 Sidewinder is a shorter-range air-to-air missile, designed for dogfights at up to 35 kilometers.

Another piece of ordnance mentioned by the Journal was the GBU-39B Small Diameter Bomb.

Ukraine has received these munitions before, making special pylons to adapt them for use by MiG-29 fighters.

Denmark and the Netherlands are reportedly preparing to deliver the first F-16s in the coming weeks. Belgium and Norway have pledged more by the end of the year. Only a handful of Ukrainian pilots have

reportedly been trained on the jets and fewer than 50 planes are expected to arrive this year.

Vladimir Zelensky has lamented that Kiev would need at least 128 to make a difference in the sky, as the Russian Air Force vastly outnumbered his own. Norwegian officials have told the Journal that the planes won't be "a silver bullet" but having long-range weapons could help Ukraine keep Russian planes at a distance.

Moscow has said that F-16 deliveries will not change the outcome of the conflict and only move NATO towards becoming an overt participant in what has so far been a proxy war against Russia.

A private Russian company has even offered a bounty of 15 million rubles (\$170,000) for the destruction of the first US-made aircraft in the conflict. Similar prizes have been paid out for successful kills of US-made Abrams tanks. <https://www.rt.com/news/601848-us-missiles-ukraine-f16/>

EU member warns West not to 'burn bridges' with Russia

"Ghosting" doesn't work in international relations, Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg has said

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Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Schallenberg. © Thierry Monasse/Getty Images

Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg has warned against "ghosting" Russia when it comes to peace efforts to resolve the Ukraine conflict, insisting that all channels of communication should be used.

The diplomat's comments come after condemnation from EU officials over Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's visit to Russia earlier this month as part of his Ukraine

"peace mission."

"One cannot burn all bridges... Ghosting doesn't work in foreign policy. I'm a realist and I have to deal with the world as it is, and Russia is part of it," Schallenberg told Austrian broadcaster ORF on Sunday.

Last month, Switzerland hosted a 'Peace in Ukraine' summit to which Russia was not invited.

The event focused on Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky's 'peace plan' to end the conflict, which calls on Russia to withdraw from all territories that Kiev claims as its own. The plan has been dismissed by Moscow as being detached from reality.

Schallenberg added that there are "channels of communication" with Russia and insisted that they must be used.

Austria is an EU member but is not part of NATO. Like Hungary, Vienna announced last year that it would not send weapons to Ukraine, countering the trend among the EU. Schallenberg last week also ruled out sending Austrian military instructors to Ukraine.

In March, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer spoke against the idea of using the profits from Russian assets frozen in the EU to provide weapons for Kiev.

In his interview on Sunday, Schallenberg also claimed Russia was not showing willingness to engage in "serious dialogue," which he said makes it important to involve countries such as India, Brazil, and China in talks, "because they may have more influence on Moscow than others."

During his controversial peace mission, Orban also visited China, which has long insisted on a diplomatic resolution to the Ukraine conflict. Beijing did not send a delegation to the conference in Switzerland in June, despite being invited.

Russia has repeatedly stated that it is open to dialogue on Ukraine. It has pointed out, however, that any talk of negotiations is pointless unless Zelensky rescinds a law banning Kiev from negotiating with the current leadership in Moscow. <https://www.rt.com/news/601844-austria-west-burn-bridges-russia/>

Fire damages Jewish Day School in Toronto day after arson attack on Jewish school bus
School bus attack latest in series of antisemitic attacks in Canada; no evidence school fire motivated by hate

[Itamar Eichner](#) | 13:39

A fire was reported Tuesday at the Leo Baeck Jewish Day School in Toronto; windows of the school also were smashed and heavy damage was caused to the front entrance to the school.

The incident at the Baeck school comes a day after a bus used by a school for the Bobov Hassidic sect in Toronto was destroyed in an arson attack. Fire crews arrived Monday at the scene of the burning school bus and extinguished the flames, but the bus was completely destroyed and a truck parked next to it was damaged. No injuries were reported and the authorities have not yet determined who started the fire, but the alleged arson appears to be part of the continued harassment of Jews in Canada, including firebombing and graffiti attacks on Jewish businesses.



Firefighters on the scene at the Leo Baeck Jewish Day School in Toronto (Photo: Rebel News)



Burned out school bus used by a school for the Bobov Hassidic sect in Toronto (Photo: Rebel News)

Toronto police told the CBC that it is investigating the fire in the school but that there is currently "no evidence" the fire was motivated by hate.

"The fire originated in an exterior storage shed, which was being used by an under-housed (homeless) individual for shelter," Stephanie Sayer, spokesperson for Toronto police, said, according to the CBC.

The arson attack on the school bus is the latest in a series of antisemitic attacks that have included shooting at buildings of Canadian Jewish communities since October 7. Earlier this month, a synagogue and yeshiva in Toronto were vandalized, with police calling the attacks "hate-driven."



Fire damage, window smashed at Leo Baeck Jewish Day School in Toronto (Photo: Rebel News)

Last May, unknown persons shot from a vehicle at the Beit Chaya Mushka school in Toronto on a Saturday morning when no students were present.

Earlier this year, a kosher deli in Toronto was vandalized with the words "Free Palestine" painted on it.

Earlier this month, shots were fired into at least two Jewish schools in Montreal. A suspect was caught in these incidents. The Jewish community in Canada has expressed outrage at the Trudeau government, saying that it downplays the seriousness of such incidents and enables hate

crimes against Jews. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/b1qzu98ya>

WATCH: 'Stop interrupting me': Ted Cruz unloads on acting Secret Service director for 'refusing to answer' questions

'I have a simple question: yes or no. Did the same person deny the Trump request that also denied the RFK request?'

By [Jason Cohen](#), [Daily Caller News Foundation](#) July 30, 2024



Republican Texas Sen. Ted Cruz rebuked acting Secret Service Director Ronald Rowe Jr. on Tuesday for not answering his questions.

Rowe testified during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump after U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle recently resigned her role following her own evasive testimony before Congress. Cruz accused the

acting director of not directly answering questions about decision-making in the agency and the number of agents Trump has compared to President Joe Biden.

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'Stop Interrupting Me': Ted Cruz Unloads On Acting Secret Service Director For 'Refusing To Answer' His Questions pic.twitter.com/vUAsncyAZh

— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) July 30, 2024

"I believe that the Secret Service leadership made a political decision to deny these requests. And I think the Biden administration has been suffused with partisan politics," Cruz said. "Did the same person who denied the request for additional security to President Trump also repeatedly deny the requests for security to Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose father was murdered by an assassin and whose uncle was murdered by an assassin? Did the same person make that decision?"

"Senator, what I will tell you is that Secret Service agents are not political," Rowe responded.

Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. did not receive Secret Service protection from Biden until after the Trump assassination attempt, despite requesting it beforehand.

Cruz asserted the leadership Biden appointed is "political."

"I have a simple question: yes or no. Did the same person deny the Trump request that also denied the RFK request? That's a yes or no question," he said.

"Senator, that is not a yes or no question. One, there's a process for a candidate nominee to receive protection," Rowe responded. "That is a bicameral, bipartisan process."

Cruz told Rowe his use of the word "bicameral" is inaccurate because he's not in Congress as the two talked over each other.

Secret Service whistleblowers said there were limited resources to protect [Trump](#) due to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit in Washington, D.C, and [First Lady](#) Jill Biden's campaign rally in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Daily Caller [reported](#).

"What was the relative size of the Trump detail compared to the detail that is assigned to the President and the First Lady?" Cruz asked later in the hearing.

"Senator, the former president travels with a full shift, just like the president," he said.

Cruz asked him to clarify if it was "the exact same size."

"On the day of, in Butler, the agents surrounding him, it is the same number of agents surrounding the president today," Rowe said.

Cruz interrupted to clarify his use of the word "president," asking again if "it is [his] testimony that in Butler, Pennsylvania, Donald Trump had the same number of agents protecting him that Joe Biden has at a [comparable] event." Rowe insisted he was "trying to answer."

"You are not answering it. Is it the same number of agents or not?" Cruz asked, later asking "how many more agents" Biden has than Trump.

"Sir, you are refusing to answer straight," Cruz said. "Sir, stop interrupting me. Stop interrupting me. You are refusing to answer clear and direct questions. I am asking the relative difference in the number of agents between those assigned to Donald Trump and those assigned to Joe Biden. I'm not asking why you assign more to Joe Biden."

Rowe told Cruz he will provide him with the number so he can view it with his "own eyes."

<https://www.wnd.com/2024/07/watch-stop-interrupting-me-ted-cruz-unloads-on-acting-secret-service-director-for-refusing-to-answer-questions/>

'Fire somebody!' WATCH Josh Hawley get into shouting match with Secret Service acting director over assassination attempt

Ronald Rowe says he will 'not rush to judgment and put people unfairly persecuted'



U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo.

Republican Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley engaged in a shouting match with Acting Secret Service Director Ronald Rowe Jr. on Tuesday over the agency's handling of the assassination attempt against Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Rowe testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday about the handling of the assassination attempt during a July 13 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Hawley pressed Rowe on the lack of firings that occurred over the failures to surveil the rooftop where the would-be assassin, Thomas Matthew Crooks, opened fire.

"You're asking me, senator, to completely make a rush to judgment about somebody failing. I acknowledge, this was a failure—" Rowe said during the questioning.

"Is it not prima facie that somebody has failed? The former president was shot!" Hawley interjected.

Rowe said he has "lost sleep" over the handling of the assassination attempt since the incident occurred, and assured Hawley that he would hold people accountable "with integrity" and not "rush to judgement."

"Then fire somebody to hold them accountable!" Hawley shouted.

"And I will do so with integrity and not rush to judgment and put people unfairly persecuted," Rowe said.

The senator then confronted Rowe on reports that the Secret Service denied the Trump campaign's request for additional security, which Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Alejandro Mayorkas said on July 15 was "unequivocally false." Rowe also denied the reports said he had no involvement in that type of decision making.

Whistleblowers reportedly told Hawley that Secret Service agents were assigned to be present on the roof where Crooks fired eight bullets into the crowd, but did not do so because of the hot temperature. Rowe said the agents "posted up inside" and assured that state and local counter snipers were present on roofs during political events.

"Again senator, we are looking at this, and they should've been on that roof and the fact that they were in the building is something I'm still trying to understand," Rowe said.

"I just want to express my frustration, director, that seventeen days or whatever it's been that whistleblowers are telling us more than you are and you don't know, you haven't ascertained if there was supposed to be law enforcement on the roof. That seems like a pretty basic fact. I'm also told that law enforcement suppliers offered the Secret Service drones, and you declined them," Hawley said.

A whistleblower reportedly told Hawley's office that local enforcement offered drone technology to the Secret Service the night before the rally that allegedly had the capability to both monitor and "neutralize" potential threats, according to a July 25 letter sent by Hawley to the DHS. Rowe confirmed the agency was offered to fly a drone over the stadium and said they "probably" should have accepted the offer.

Hawley immediately pushed back against Rowe after he said he has been "transparent and forthcoming" regarding the information he obtained about the shooting.

"Your agency has not been transparent and forthcoming," Hawley interrupted. "So please, let's not go there."

"I have been forthcoming, sir," Rowe pushed back, leading Hawley to point out he has not fired any of his personnel.

Members of the Secret Service and the FBI told lawmakers on July 17 that officials noticed Crooks approximately 50 minutes before Trump took the stage during the rally. The Secret Service reportedly witnessed Crooks on the roof about 20 minutes before he fired shots into the crowd.

Republican Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley obtained text messages on Monday suggesting that law enforcement flagged Crooks to their colleagues as a suspicious presence nearly 90 minutes before the shooting, [according](#) to the New York Times. Officers spotted Crooks as he was using a rangefinder, but did not approach him.

Crooks' attack [injured](#) Trump in the upper portion of his right ear and [killed](#) former fire chief Corey

Comperatore as he shielded his two daughters from the bullets. The shooting injured two other rally goers.
<https://www.wnd.com/2024/07/fire-somebody-watch-josh-hawley-get-into-shouting-match-with-secret-service-acting-director-over-assassination-attempt/>

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Kamala's Anti-Israel Advisers Helped Bring On Oct 7



Daniel Greenfield

"The idea that terrorists attack because they hate freedom, however, is misguided," Philip Gordon wrote in 'Winning the Right War'. "Even most of the Muslims who support terrorism and trust Osama bin Laden favor elected government" and "personal liberty."



Gordon, Obama's future Middle East coordinator, explained in his book that Muslim terrorists weren't "born evil" or "hate our freedoms", but rather they feel "shame" over the state of "a once great Islamic civilization" surpassed by other cultures including "the local upstart, Israel."

America was "creating conditions" that "generate" Islamic terrorism by detaining Al Qaeda terrorists, failing to punish American soldiers and "justifying any Israeli military action". Gordon urged the White House to assure Iran that we have "no intention of using military force against Iran or fomenting internal dissent" because "Iran's concerns about such issues are legitimate"

Published in 2007 by an imprint of the New York Times, Gordon's book was a blueprint of the policies that the Obama administration would adopt, including blaming America and Israel, appeasing Iran and Islamists, and making Muslims feel better about themselves. These are the building blocks of the policies that led us to Oct 7 and an Iranian war across the region.

Today, Gordon is Kamala's National Security Advisor, and possible future Secretary of State.

Gordon's hostility toward Israel and sympathy for Islamic terrorists is a longstanding matter.

Even before joining the Biden administration, he had co-written an article with Iran lobby figure Robert Malley, under FBI investigation for mishandling classified documents, urging Biden to reverse Trump's possible recognition of Israel territory, and to cut political and economic support for Israel to punish it for its diplomatic successes under the Trump administration.

Recently, Gordon urged Israel to stop seeking victory against Hamas and accept a hostage deal that would allow the Islamic terrorist group to hang on in Gaza and free thousands of terrorists.

In his book, Gordon had claimed that "though Hamas refuses to recognize Israel today, it is not hard to imagine an eventual change in that position". And in 2014, he had argued that a reconciliation deal between the PLO and Hamas "isn't necessarily a bad thing".

In 2016, Gordon, speaking on behalf of the Clinton campaign, appeared at a conference by National Iranian American Council (NIAC) widely regarded as the Iran Lobby, and promised that Hillary Clinton would veto new sanctions on Iran. He was described as assuring the Iran Lobby of the "potential for collaboration with Iran". The New York Times even appeared to list him as a "tour guide" on its Iran trips.

And Gordon is not the only terror booster on Kamala's team.

Ilan Goldenberg, a key member of the Kerry team who played vital roles in the Obama administration's campaigns against Israel and for Iran, serves as her Middle East adviser, and would have a more prominent role in any administration.

Goldenberg complained that the Trump administration had taken Israel's side during the Hamas border riots that served as a prep for Oct 7, objected that moving the embassy to Jerusalem had not been packaged with similar concessions to the terrorists and co-authored a paper with Hady Amr, who acts as Biden's point man to the terrorists and had threatened Israel with violence after the assassination of a Hamas leader, urging a deal with Hamas.

The paper proposed that "the United States, UNSCO, and Egypt should work quietly in concert, engaging with Israel, the PA, Hamas and a "long-term ceasefire" between Israel and Hamas, with Israel accepting that "Hamas would retain some of its military capabilities".

At one session Goldenberg urged, "you used to have 25,000, 100,000 Gazans working inside Israel.

That needs to happen again. The Israelis know who these guys are. They can start with a few thousand work permits. And there's a lot of support for that in all of the Israeli communities around Gaza."



That became policy. **Gazans flooded Israel, scouted those "Israeli communities around Gaza" and when Oct 7 began, they came back with maps** of the communities so that they knew where the security teams were, which houses had dogs and where the children could be found.

Gordon and Goldenberg, who are set to play major roles in any Kamala Harris administration, have expressed no regrets or retractions of their past policies and positions. Even as the Middle East burns due to Iranian terrorism, all they have done is double down on them.

In a co-written op-ed headlined, **"Relax, Israel – if your ally is working with your enemy, it doesn't make them friends:", Goldenberg envisioned that "In the aftermath of a successful nuclear deal, U.S. relations with Iran should shift from that of an adversary to that of a competitor."** His position on Israel was rather different with op-eds like "Why Israel's Settlement Construction Must Be Stopped" and "How Israel Brought U.N. Resolution on Itself With Irrational Settlement Push".

Under a Secretary of State Phil Gordon, the Abraham Accords and normalization with countries like Saudi Arabia, which one of his op-eds described as an "Arabian fantasy" would be swept aside in a return of Obama's non-stop pressure campaign on Israel to create a terrorist state.

"How will it have peace if it is unwilling to delineate a border, end the occupation, and allow for Palestinian sovereignty, security, and dignity?" Philip Gordon had warned at a conference in Israel right after terror rockets began to fall. "It cannot maintain military control of another people indefinitely. Doing so is not only wrong but a recipe for resentment and recurring instability."

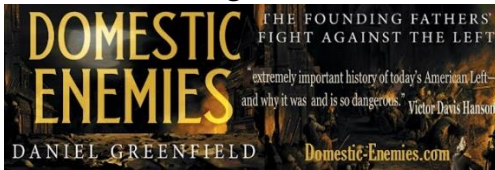
After the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teens by Hamas, Gordon equated Israel and the terrorists, claimed that both sides suffered from "racism", told "both sides to demonstrate reason and calm" and warned that "calls for retribution and revenge have no place on either side". Finally he falsely contended that "neither side" was "ready to make the difficult decisions required for an agreement".

Ilan Goldenberg had similarly argued that, "half the root causes are Israeli actions, in terms of — especially just focusing on Gaza, on the blockade. And the other half is Hamas' choice to use violence and arm itself in response."

That false paradigm has been markedly present in Kamala's attacks on Israel after Oct 7.

Kamala's relentless criticism of Israel's self-defense is a preview of things to come. Behind her escalating rhetoric are a group of anti-Israel figures from the Obama administration. Goldenberg was one of the radicals brought in the Warren campaign and then injected into the Biden administration. Philip Gordon is a longtime State Department anti-Israel figure from a faction whose fingerprints are all over the policies that empowered Iran and set the region on fire.

What would Kamala's foreign policy look like? The presence of Gordon and Goldenberg as her close advisors on the region shows that it would be the Obama administration on steroids.



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From: Lev U'Neshama - Tzfat Israel

To say No" to a mother when she requests what her children needs, is heart-wrenching for us. We want to be able to say, "Yes", so the children can have new sport shoes and/or eyeglasses.

Presently numerous requests for sport shoes and eyeglasses cannot be filled and parents

are told that they are on a waiting list.

We are in a quandary concerning the lack of funds to provide necessities and, later, school supplies, therefore I'm writing you and I'm hoping you will say, "Yes".

The local optician who participates with Lev U'Neshama gives a free eye exam using advanced optical equipment. The child selects eyeglass frames from a special section in his display. You can sponsor a child for a pair of eyeglasses for \$60.

A local shoe store owner in Tzfat gives a generous discount for the children's shoes to stretch our funds. He often gives as his gift, two pairs of socks to each of the young "customers". You can sponsor a child for a pair of sport shoes for \$40. Shoes within a price category are available for the children to make a personal selection.

For many years Lev U'Neshama has provided school supply shopping coupons to each of our Lev U'Neshama families. It is redeemed at our one-and-only office supply store in Tzfat. The family-owned store staff is delighted to participate with us every year and they offer a generous discount. Our families tend to have many children so they come as a group to do the much-anticipated school supply shopping. Often the store owner gives a pack of pencils to each family as his gift. It's a happy time for everyone. Sponsoring a family for a shopping coupon is \$60.

Our Education Fund has about ½ the amount needed for school supplies, notwithstanding what is needed for sport shoes and eyeglasses.

Schools are beginning to close for the summer and, G-d willing, the political situation will allow our children to attend school the end of August/beginning of September. We are starting now to reach out for funds so we will be in a position to send out the school supply coupons middle of August as well as get the children ready for the new school year with sport shoes and eyeglass replacement, if necessary.

I am therefore sending this letter to everyone in my email address book in the hopes of garnering funds for this project. (You might receive a duplicate letter.)

(If you are already a supporter of Lev U'Neshama, please know that we appreciate what you are already sending us.)

Donations in any amount would be gratefully accepted, by check or Zelle bank method.

Checks must be made payable to our US volunteer representative, Simcha Smolensky, (my son) and sent to:

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If you choose the Zelle payment method, US to US bank, contact me at: mortsmo@aol.com and I will provide the information for you to complete the transfer. You can go to the Zelle website or through an app on your cellphone if your bank doesn't offer the service. You may use a credit card, as well.

Your help is critically needed and the children and I am eager for your "Yes."

Shalom,

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