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Netanyahu to meet Trump December 29 for talks on advancing Gaza plan

Netanyahu's fifth visit since January to reportedly take place in Florida, may extend over week; US envoy Waltz discusses need for 'stability' in West Bank with Jordan's king

By Lazar Berman,

Agencies and Tol Staff Today, 7:13 pm



US President Donald Trump (left) speaks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Knesset, October 13, 2025. (Chip Somodevilla/ Pool via AP)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will meet US
President Donald Trump in the United States on December
29 to discuss plans for Gaza's future, the Prime Minister's
Office announced on Monday.

"The Prime Minister will meet with President Trump on Monday, December 29 they will discuss the future steps and phases and the international stabilization force of the ceasefire plan," government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian said in an online briefing to reporters.

The trip will mark Netanyahu's fifth since Trump took office earlier this year, and the first since the Trump administration brokered a ceasefire and hostage release that effectively ended two years of fighting in the Gaza Strip.

The Prime Minister's Office did not confirm how long Netanyahu would be in the US or where the two would meet.

According to Hebrew media reports, Netanyahu is seeking to visit the US from December 28 to January 4, a period when many public servants will be off for the holidays.

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The reports indicated that the meeting would likely take place at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in south Florida, which is also near where Netanyahu's son lives.

<u>Trump invited Netanyahu</u> for a meeting earlier this month, with most speculating that the two would discuss advancing the American leader's peace plan in Gaza, as well as security deals being discussed with Syria and Lebanon and other regional issues.



US President Donald Trump, left, meets Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the White House, July 8, 2025. (Avi Ohayon/GPO)

The two last met in Israel during a lightning visit by Trump to celebrate the ceasefire deal on October 13.

Interlocutors are now looking to move to the second phase of the administration's 20-point plan to end the war, which outlines governing arrangements for the enclave.

The plan envisions Hamas disarming, a Palestinian technocratic body managing Gaza's affairs, and a multinational force deploying there as the IDF withdraws. Israel has demanded Hamas's disarmament as a condition for moving forward with the plan.

On Sunday, Netanyahu voiced skepticism about the notion that a multinational force meant to patrol Gaza could successfully disarm Hamas, though he vowed disarmament would occur while touting Israel's strength.



Displaced Palestinians walk through a muddy pathway between tents set up amid destroyed buildings in Jabaliya, in the northern Gaza Strip, December 7, 2025. (AP Photo/Jehad Alshrafi)

Also likely on the agenda for Netanyahu's visit is the issue of the negotiations for a new security arrangement with Syria, which have almost completely stalled as Israel has reportedly changed its demands in exchange for withdrawing its troops from territories in southern Syria that it has occupied since last December.

Initially, Israel said it had seized the land due to fears the area would fall into the wrong hands, and said it would hold them until a new security deal was agreed upon, though <u>reports</u> last month suggested Jerusalem's terms

have since changed to demanding full diplomatic relations, which Damascus has said is not currently in the cards. Trump last week warned Israel against destabilizing Syria and its new leadership, days after IDF soldiers battled gunmen in the country's south, and said he is "very satisfied" with the country's performance under new leader Ahmed al-Sharaa.

Trump last month separately hosted Sharaa and later the Syrian leader's patron, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman. He promised to sell Riyadh advanced F-35 fighter jets, despite the Saudis continuing to hold off on normalizing ties with Israel. There are concerns that the sale could erode Israel's qualitative military edge in the region, which Trump is congressionally obligated to uphold.

Waltz hails reopened crossing

The announcement of the trip came as US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz visited Israel for talks related to the Gaza plan.

During a Monday meeting with Netanyahu, Waltz thanked Israel for reopening a crossing linking Jordan and the West Bank which was shut to aid earlier this year following a deadly attack by a Jordanian driving a truck carrying humanitarian assistance to Gaza.



Israeli police stand guard near the site of a shooting attack where two soldiers were killed at the Allenby Bridge Crossing between the West Bank and Jordan, Sept. 18, 2025. (AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

"Waltz welcomed Israel's cooperation on expanding border crossings, including the Allenby-King Hussein Bridge crossing, for the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration to address regional stability," read a US readout.

Waltz, who was formerly Trump's national security adviser, used the crossing Monday morning after spending Sunday in Jordan, where he discussed "the need for stability in the West

Bank" during a meeting with King Abdullah, according to an American readout.

The comment appeared to be a reference to Israeli settler violence against Palestinians, which the Trump administration has gradually and gingerly begun weighing in on after months of worsening attacks and almost complete impunity.

Waltz, whose wife is Jordanian, "thanked the king for all of Jordan's efforts to bring humanitarian relief to Palestinians," the US readout on Sunday's meeting said. https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-to-meet-trump-december-29-for-talks-on-advancing-gaza-plan/

Eyeing phase two in Gaza, PM airs skepticism on whether international force can disarm Hamas



Netanyahu says he'll give multinational force a chance, and in the end, disarmament 'will be done'; also claims Israel is 'stronger than ever' By Lazar Berman and Tol Staff Today, 5:55 am

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses a gathering of Israeli ambassadors in Jerusalem on December 7, 2025. (Screen capture/GPO)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu voiced skepticism about the notion that a multinational force meant to patrol Gaza could successfully disarm Hamas, though he vowed disarmament would occur while touting Israel's strength.

<u>said earlier in the day</u> that the first phase of the ceasefire in the Strip was close to finished. The second phase, as laid out in a <u>20-point plan for Gaza</u> presented by US President Donald Trump, outlines governing arrangements for the enclave.

The plan envisions Hamas disarming, a Palestinian technocratic body managing Gaza's affairs, and a multinational force deploying there as the IDF withdraws. Israel has demanded Hamas's disarmament as a condition for moving forward with the plan.

In his remarks to the ambassadors, Netanyahu suggested that the multinational force, called the International Stabilization Force, might not be able to force the terror group to lay down its weapons.

"In the second phase, we are moving to disarmament and demilitarization," he said, adding that he had said "Go ahead" when presented with the idea of the multinational force.

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"We know that there are certain missions that this force could do," he continued. "There are certain things they can't do, maybe the main task they can't do, but we will see."

But he vowed that Hamas would be disarmed, repeating a phrase he has used multiple times when discussing disarmament.

"We can do it the easy way, or the hard way," he said. "But in the end it will be done."



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz (L) and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hold a press conference in Jerusalem, December 7, 2025. (AP Photo/Ariel Schalit, Pool)

Disarmament has proven to be one of the toughest issues in the negotiations over the second phase of the Gaza plan. Hamas has previously vowed not to lay down its weapons, though on Sunday one of its senior officials said the terror group was ready to discuss "freezing or storing" its weapons for a period of years as part of a process aimed toward establishing a Palestinian state.

But the official, Bassem Naim, said the multinational force could not be the one tasked with disarming Hamas.

"We are welcoming a UN force to be near the

borders, supervising the ceasefire agreement, reporting about violations, preventing any kind of escalations," he told the Associated Press. "But we don't accept that these forces have any kind of mandates authorizing them to do or to be implemented inside the Palestinian territories."

At a press conference earlier on Sunday with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Netanyahu said that the first phase of the ceasefire in Gaza is "almost" complete. The ceasefire stipulated that Hamas release all hostages, living and deceased. The remains of one slain hostage, Ran Gvili, are still held in Gaza, and Netanyahu has vowed to see his body returned to Israel.

Netanyahu said he would discuss phase two of the plan with Trump during his White House visit later this month.



US President Donald Trump speaks during the Kennedy Center Honors dinner ahead of a day before the gala, at the State Department in Washington, DC, December 6, 2025. (Brendan SMIALOWSKI / AFP)

Trump has pushed for a normalization deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia, and in his speech to the diplomats, Netanyahu dismissed media reports that certain peace deals cannot happen without Israel doing things first – a likely reference to the Saudi demand that Israel commit to an eventual Palestinian state.

"The opportunities are there because of the tectonic changes we made in the balance of power in the Middle East," he said.

"We no longer have a policy of containment," he added. "We identify a threat, and we act."

He also referenced his philosophy of "peace through strength," and claimed Israel was unprecedentedly strong. That strength is a key factor in other countries' decisions to make peace with Israel, he argued.

"With the strong, pacts are made. With the strong, peace is made," he said.

"Israel is stronger than ever," Netanyahu continued. "It is a superpower – certainly regional. In several fields, it is a world power."

He claimed that Israel has become stronger militarily and economically since the October 7, 2023, Hamas-



led attack, and that "as a result, we have increased our diplomatic strength." *IDF reserve soldiers take part in a surprise military drill in northern Israel along the border with Lebanon and Syria, November 24, 2025. (Michael Giladi/Flash90)*

Netanyahu also related that Trump admired the Israeli public as well as its military.

"He was also amazed by the decisions we made" during the war, the premier said to the ambassadors.

"All of these things made it clear to him that there is a very strong country here," he continued, "and a very strong army," which brings Israel's allies closer to it. "Israel revealed that it's not only a strong country, but an *unusually* strong country," he said.

He added that Israel is embarking on an independent military build-up through its defense industries, but stressed that he was not proposing an "autarkic economy."

In September, Netanyahu sparked a firestorm by <u>saying</u> that Israel could become a "super-Sparta" that "will increasingly need to adapt to an economy with autarkic characteristics." He later <u>walked the comments back</u>, saying they referred to defense production.

Israel is "flooded" with requests from foreign countries for its weapons, he told the diplomats. https://www.timesofisrael.com/eyeing-phase-two-in-gaza-pm-airs-skepticism-on-whether-international-force-can-disarm-hamas/

Police raid UNRWA offices in East Jerusalem, raise Israeli flag over compound Authorities say they seized assets over debts related to unpaid municipal taxes, but UNRWA says it's exempt from local levies under a UN convention ratified by Israel

By Charlie Summers, AFP and Tol Staff Today, 5:44 pm



Israeli police and officials hang an Israeli flag on the UNRWA compound in East Jerusalem, December 8, 2025. (AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

Police raided the offices of UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees and their descendants, in East Jerusalem Monday morning, according to the organization's chief, amid an ongoing Israeli crackdown on the organization's activities.

Officers pulled down the UN flag atop the compound and replaced it with an Israeli flag, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said,

accusing Israel of "blatant disregard" for its obligation as a UN member state to respect the inviolability of UN premises.

With trucks and forklifts, the authorities took "furniture, IT equipment and other property," Lazzarini said.

The raid took place after the Knesset passed a pair of laws in late October 2024 banning UNRWA from operating within Israeli territory. Despite the ban, UNRWA operations, including schools, healthcare and other social services, are still hobbling along in East Jerusalem.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres strongly condemned the raid.

"This compound remains United Nations premises and is inviolable and immune from any other form of interference," Guterres said in a statement. "I urge Israel to immediately take all necessary steps to restore, preserve and uphold the inviolability of UNRWA premises and to refrain from taking any further action with regard to UNRWA premises."

Israeli police told AFP in a statement that the seizures were "carried out by the Jerusalem municipality as part of a debt-collection procedure."

"Police are present to secure the municipality's activity," the statement said.



Police raid an UNRWA facility in East Jerusalem, December 8, 2025 (Chaim Goldberg/FLASH90)

Jerusalem police spokesman Dean Elsdunne told AFP that the debt collection was related to a municipal occupancy tax known as arnona.

The Jerusalem municipality said tax collectors had entered the UNRWA compound over unpaid property taxes of NIS 11 million (\$3.4 million) after multiple warnings were issued and all necessary procedures were followed.

"This is a substantial debt that required collection after repeated requests, warnings and numerous

opportunities given to settle it, which were not answered," it told Reuters.

UNRWA spokesperson Jonathan Fowler said the East Jerusalem compound remained UN premises despite the Israeli ban on its operations and that the agency had no debts to the municipality.

Roland Friedrich, UNRWA director for the West Bank and East Jerusalem, said the agency was exempt from being assessed levies.

"There is no debt because the United Nations — and UNRWA is part of the United Nations and is a UN agency — is not required to pay any kind of taxes of that kind under international law and under the law that Israel itself has adopted," he said.

Under the <u>1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the UN</u>, later ratified by Israel, the UN and its assets must not be taxed by host countries.



Israeli right-wing activists deface a sign in front of the shuttered gate of UNRWA's West Bank Field Office in Jerusalem on January 30, 2025 (JOHN WESSELS / AFP)

The UN had contacted Israeli authorities several times to remind them of their obligations under the UN convention, Fowler said.

The Prime Minister's Office and Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the raid.

"Whatever action taken domestically, the compound retains its status as a UN premises, immune from any form of interference," said Lazzarini, who has been declared persona non grata by Israel.

The compound has been empty of UNRWA staff since January, when the law banning its operations took effect.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency provides education, health care and aid to millions of descendants of Palestinian refugees in Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Israel has long sought to shutter UNRWA, saying it perpetuates the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by continuing to confer refugee status on descendants of Arabs who left their homes in what is now Israel during the War of Independence from 1947 to 1949.

It ramped up its campaign against the agency after evidence showed that employees of the agency had participated in the October 7, 2023, attack by Hamas, and had incited against it.



Israel has also alleged that more than 10 percent of UNRWA's staff in Gaza have ties to terrorist factions, and that educational facilities under the organization's auspices consistently incite hatred of Israel and glorify terror.

Palestinians walk next to the closed humanitarian aid distribution center of UNRWA, the UN agency helping Palestinian refugees in Jabaliya, Gaza Strip on April 29, 2025. (Jehad Alshrafi/AP)

In February 2024, the IDF revealed the existence of a subterranean Hamas data center directly beneath UNRWA's Gaza Strip headquarters. The IDF has also repeatedly targeted Hamas command centers and gunmen hiding out in UNRWA schools.

A number of freed hostages have also testified after returning to Israel that they were held in captivity in UNRWA schools and facilities.

However, some have noted the key role the agency fills in providing relief to Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, keeping them from deeper poverty that could fuel violence and terrorism, saying no other body or group is equipped to handle that responsibility. https://www.timesofisrael.com/police-raid-unrwa-offices-in-east-jerusalem-raise-israeli-flag-over-compound/ The UN should have been abolished years ago they are an incompetent groups of socialist oriented fools who are blatantly anti-Semitic and have done essentially nothing of value for years. rdb

Israel, Qatar meet as US looks to mend relations, move to phase 2 in Gaza – report Mossad chief, senior Qatari official said to attend sitdown hosted in New York by Witkoff, as part of new trilateral mechanism aimed at fixing ties broken by botched Doha strike

By Tol Staff 7 December 2025, 11:56 pm



Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani shakes hands with White House Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, as they speak with President Donald Trump before a state dinner at Lusail Palace in Doha, Qatar, May 14, 2025. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Israeli and Qatari officials met in New York on Sunday, according to a report, in the first of a series of trilateral meetings set up by US envoy Steve Witkoff, who is looking to mend ties that were frayed by Israel's botched September strike on Hamas offices in Qatar.

According to Axios, which cited two unnamed sources, the meeting

was hosted by Witkoff and was attended by Mossad chief David Barnea and a senior Qatari official.

It was the highest-level meeting between the countries since the strike.

Qatar and Israel do not have diplomatic relations, though Doha has played a key role in mediating with Hamas and has a close relationship with the US, especially under President Donald Trump.

According to the sources cited in the report, Witkoff set up a mechanism to "enhance coordination, improve communication, resolve mutual grievances, and strengthen collective efforts to prevent threats." **More-**https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-gatar-meet-as-us-looks-to-mend-relations-move-to-phase-2-in-gaza-

report/ Qatar should have no involvement at all in the Gaza conflict because they have been harboring terrorists for years and supporting terrorists and still do. Trump is an absolute fool for continuing to engage Qatar in anything and it demonstrates his inability to have any understanding of the Islamic mindset. rdb

US said to complain of Israeli surveillance at Gaza coordination hub; IDF: 'Absurd' claim

Guardian report says US base chief summoned counterpart to demand end to practice of recording meetings at Kiryat Gat command center; Israel denies talks are classified

By <u>Nava Freiberg</u> and <u>Tol Staff</u> Today, 4:30 pm



Officers and civilians from the US, Israel and around 20 other countries work at the Civil-Military Coordination Center in Kiryat Gat, Israel, November 19, 2025 (Lazar Berman/The Times of Israel)

US forces stationed at the Kiryat Gat facility where the ceasefire in Gaza is being monitored have reportedly accused their Israeli counterparts of conducting widespread surveillance of those working there.

The Israel Defense Forces called the claim, which appeared in the Guardian on Monday, "absurd."

The report, citing unnamed sources familiar with the matter, alleged that Israeli forces have

made a habit of recording meetings inside the Civil-Military Coordination Center, both openly and covertly, drawing ire from the US and other allied countries that have a presence at the southern Israel base.

According to the sources, the Israeli intelligence gathering at the CMCC, which hosts representatives from dozens of countries and organizations, led the US commander of the base, Lt. Gen. Patrick Frank, to summon his Israeli counterpart for a meeting, in which he informed him that "recording has to stop here." Considering what Trump and his cronies have been doing over the past year Israel would be a fool not to snoop on them. Just to remind them Israel is their country and they have been dumped on and bullied for years. First the Brits then the UN and now the Trump group. Trump wants the Peace Prize and doesn't care who he destroys trying to get it. Hell will freeze over before he gets it. Perhaps they should move their group to Gaza city in the midst of Hamas and see how that works for them rdb

The practice has reportedly led some of Israel's allies to instruct their forces at the compound to avoid revealing sensitive information, for fear that it could be "collected and exploited," the report added.

The IDF declined to comment to The Guardian on Frank's alleged demand and noted that conversations within the CMCC are not classified.

"The IDF documents and summarizes meetings in which it is present through protocols, as any professional organization of this nature does in a transparent and agreed-upon manner," the Israeli military told the newspaper in a statement.

"The claim that the IDF is gathering intelligence on its partners in meetings in which the IDF is an active participant is absurd," the statement added.

The US military declined to comment to The Guardian on the allegations.



Israeli and US Army soldiers discuss civil-military operations inside the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) on October 28, 2025. (US Army)

The CMCC, established under US leadership, is designed to coordinate humanitarian, logistical, and security assistance into Gaza while helping oversee the postwar stabilization phase. It is located inside a logistics company building in an industrial zone in Kiryat Gat, some 20 kilometers (13 miles) from Gaza.

The CMCC uses the first three floors of the building. The second floor is where the various countries come together in a cavernous space with massive screens and whiteboards, while the first floor is reserved for Israel and the third for the US.

Along with Israel and the US, countries that have sent troops to the compound include Jordan, the UK, Germany, Denmark, Canada, Australia, France, Spain, and the United Arab Emirates.

Last month, an Israeli official told The Times of Israel that Jerusalem was playing a secondary role at the CMCC, and that the US had become the prime decision-maker, including on issues pertaining to the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, where Israel has accused Hamas of looting aid convoys and placed restrictions on the shipments.

A US official speaking to The Guardian on the condition of anonymity disputed that Washington had the final say on aid deliveries to Gaza and characterized the efforts in that area as "hand in glove," with Israel as the hand and the CMCC acting as "the glove over that hand."



Unnamed diplomats told The Guardian that the talks at the CMCC have led Israel to ease restrictions on several items that had been considered to have "dual use" applications that Israel believes could be repurposed by Hamas, and had been banned from entering Gaza until now.

Last month, CMCC officers said that an average of 800 trucks of humanitarian aid have entered the Gaza Strip each day since the ceasefire took effect.

US Army Col. Anthony Marante meets with US soldiers and a member of the German Armed Forces regarding humanitarian aid delivery and distribution on November 12, 2025, at the Civil-Military Coordination Center in Israel. (Spc. Aiden Griffitts/US Army)

Since its inauguration in October, the CMCC's precise structure, command hierarchy, and legal status have remained undefined, even as the first phase of US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan for the Gaza Strip draws to a close.

The second phase, as laid out in Trump's plan, outlines governing arrangements for the enclave and is expected to begin soon, though Israel is still awaiting the return of the final deceased hostage, Master Sgt. Ran Gvili, which is to be completed under the first phase.

The next step of the plan envisions Hamas disarming and Israel withdrawing as a multinational force deploys across the Strip at the same time as a Palestinian technocratic body begins managing Gaza's day-to-day affairs. https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-said-wary-of-israeli-surveillance-at-gaza-coordination-hub-idf-calls-claim-absurd/

Italy considering joining Gaza's ISF, positioning it to be first European country to do so

In recent days, talks have been taking place -mainly at the Civil-Military Coordination Center- to define the mandate and authorities of the force, including rules of engagement.

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Italian army soldiers stand in formation during the visit of NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte to the multinational battle group at the Novo Selo training ground, Bulgaria, December 19, 2024.(photo credit: REUTERS/SPASIYANA SERGIEVA)

Italy is debating sending troops to the International Stabilization Force (ISF) expected to be deployed in Gaza during the second phase of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire, sources told The Jerusalem Post.

This makes Italy the first European country to seriously consider contributing troops to the ISF.

In recent days, talks have been taking place -mainly at the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC)- to define the mandate and authorities of the force, including the chain of command and rules of engagement. Only after these are finalized will it become clear which countries will send troops.

According to several sources, the current assessment is that the peacekeeping force's mandate will ultimately state that it will not engage in direct <u>disarmament operations against Hamas</u>.

Instead, it will function more as a "peace force" that may destroy terrorist infrastructure but will not directly confront the organization.



US, Israeli, and international experts work in groups at the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) in Kiryat Gat, which opened in mid-October to oversee and support early implementation of President Donald Trump's 20-point plan for stabilizing and rehabilitating Gaza. (credit: CHEN SCHIMMEL)

US President Donald Trump wants the force and its participating countries to be announced by Christmas, or at the latest by the beginning of next year, according to a source familiar with the details.

Tony Blair will not be part of Board of Peace

Meanwhile, it appears that former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair will not be part of the Board of Peace (BOP). President Trump is expected to announce the council's members in the coming

days, who will include heads of state, according to two sources who spoke with The Post.

According to a *Financial Times* report, the reason for Blair's exclusion is opposition from Arab and Muslim countries, who view him as responsible for the 2003 Iraq War.

In addition, it is unclear whether Blair will lead the body known as the "Management," which will operate under the BOP but above the technocratic government expected to administer Gaza, a body Trump wants announced by the end of the year. According to the Financial Times, a possible candidate to head this body is Nikolay Mladenov, the former UN envoy to the Middle East. https://www.jpost.com/international/article-879661

Arab Israeli teen, Palestinian killed by IDF, which says they were stoning motorists

Ramle resident Moamen Abu Riyash said to have been living with relatives in Qalqilya in recent months; second suspect, Baraa Bilal Issa Qablan, dies of wounds in Israeli custody

By Emanuel Fabian,

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An Israeli soldier mans a watchtower near the entrance to the Palestinian town of Azzun in the West Bank, on January 2, 2024. (Jaafar Ashtiyeh/AFP)

An Arab Israeli teenager from the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Ramle was shot and killed by Israel Defense Forces soldiers in the West Bank on Sunday, after allegedly throwing stones at motorists along the highway.

A second Palestinian suspect was critically injured and later died of his wounds in Israeli custody.

Soldiers of the Paratroopers Brigade's 890th Battalion were on patrol near the Palestinian town of Azzun, east of Qalqilya, on Sunday evening, when the IDF

said they identified three suspects hurling stones at the highway.

The soldiers opened fire, killing one suspect and wounding a second. The third suspect was detained and taken for questioning, the IDF said.

The PA's official WAFA news agency reported that the three suspects had themselves been traveling in a car along the Nablus-Qalqilya road at the time.

The Arab Israeli teenager, identified as 19-year-old Moamen Abu Riyash, is originally from Ramle, in central Israel, but had been living in Qalqilya with his family in recent months, according to the Ynet news outlet.

His relatives denied on Monday that Abu Riyash had been involved in throwing stones, and demanded a transparent investigation into the circumstances of his death.

"He wasn't throwing stones and wasn't participating in it. Other people were throwing stones and then the shooting started, and the bullets hit him," they told Ynet. "We demand a commission of inquiry that will reveal the truth."

The Palestinian Authority Health Ministry announced on Monday that the second suspect, Baraa Bilal Issa Qablan, 21, had died in Israeli custody after sustaining serious gunshot wounds.

The Palestinian Red Crescent charged that its ambulances were initially blocked by the IDF from reaching the scene, delaying medics from treating Oablan's wounds.

Both his body and Abu Riyash's body remained in Israel's possession on Monday.

In a separate incident on Sunday night, the IDF said a Palestinian suspect tried to ram soldiers with a vehicle in the West Bank town of Burqin.

The military said that the soldiers, who were carrying out a raid in the town, fired at the vehicle, which then fled the scene.

It said security forces were "working to locate the terrorist."

The incidents came a day after an <u>attempted ramming</u> near a checkpoint in the West Bank city of Hebron. The would-be attacker was shot and killed by soldiers of the Paratroopers Brigade, along with an uninvolved Palestinian civilian.

Violence in the West Bank has surged since Hamas's attack on Israel in October 2023. According to the Palestinian Authority, over 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers since then. The IDF has said that most of those killed were gunmen, rioters clashing with troops or terrorists carrying out attacks.

During the same period, 63 civilians and Israeli security personnel have been killed in terror attacks in Israel and the West Bank. Another eight members of the security forces were killed in clashes during raids in Palestinian cities in the West Bank.

Attacks by settler extremists have also risen sharply. The IDF has recorded more than 752 incidents of settler violence in the West Bank since the start of the year, surpassing the 675 incidents recorded in 2024. https://www.timesofisrael.com/arab-israeli-teen-killed-by-idf-soldiers-for-throwing-stones-at-west-bank-motorists/

Over half of soldiers treated in rehab centers have mental health issues, stats show

Defense Ministry says 22,000 wounded soldiers treated since Oct. 7, 2023, some 58% of whom are contending with PTSD or other mental health disorders

By Emanuel Fabian

Today, 10:30 am

The Defense Ministry's Rehabilitation Department said Monday it has treated some 22,000 wounded soldiers since October 7, 2023, more than half of whom are suffering from mental health conditions.

According to the ministry, some 58 percent of those treated by the rehab centers since the start of the war are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions.

Among the 22,000 soldiers, around 63% are reservists.

The ministry said the rehab department is caring for a total of 82,400 wounded veterans, 9% of whom are women, including those injured in previous wars.

Some 48% of all wounded veterans were injured during their mandatory military service, 26% during reserve duty, 13% during career service, and 9% are police personnel, the rehab department said.

The department said **there are a total of 873 wheelchair-bound veterans, including 132 wounded on and since October 7; 612 are classified as having over 100% disability**—the most severe level of injury—including 64 from the current war; **115 are suffering blindness**, including five from the current war; and there are 1,061 amputees, 88 of whom were injured in the past two years of war.



Ahead of IDF and Hostilities Wounded Appreciation Week, Yinon Cohen, a coach and Golan Wheelchair basketball team player who lost his legs in an RPG attack with assistance from two other wounded players, demonstrate wheelchair basketball to children in Had Ness, in the Golan Heights, December 5, 2025. (Michael Giladi/Flash90)

The ministry forecast that by the end of 2026, the centers will receive another 10,000 wounded veterans, most of whom will be suffering from PTSD or other mental health conditions.

The rehab department's budget stands at NIS 8.3 billion (\$2.57 billion), of which NIS 4.1 billion (\$1.27 billion) is dedicated to treating those with mental health

conditions, the ministry said.

Modiin is the city with the highest number of wounded veterans relative to its population, followed by Herzliya and Ramat Gan.

The oldest among the IDF wounded veterans fought in the pre-state Haganah and is 98 years old, the department noted. IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir meets with troops wounded in Syria, at Sheba Hospital in central Israel, November 28, 2025. (Israel Defense Forces)

Monday's figures represented an increase of some 2,000 soldiers treated by the centers since a previous update in September.

At the time, the ministry noted a series of challenges going forward, including a shortage of staff, with just one rehab worker per 750 patients, as well as a need to simplify bureaucracy.



Earlier that month, the finance and defense ministries had announced the formation of a new committee to arrive at recommendations for expanding care to wounded veterans.

Defense Minister Israel Katz visits troops wounded in the Gaza Strip, at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, December 4, 2025. (Elad Malka/Defense Ministry)

Since the outbreak of the war on October 7, 2023, 922 soldiers, officers, and reservists — including several dozen local security officers – have been killed across its various arenas.

Some 331 of them were killed on the border with the Gaza Strip during Hamas's initial terror onslaught, and 471 during a ground offensive in the Hamas-run territory and amid operations on the border.

The Israel Police has listed 58 officers who were killed confronting the terrorists on the Gaza border, two officers killed during operationgtw s in the Strip, seven officers killed in terror attacks in Israel and the West Bank, and three other officers killed during clashes with terror operatives in West Bank raids.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/over-half-of-soldiers-treated-in-rehab-centers-have-mental-health-issues-stats-show/

Storm Byron set to unleash torrential rain across Israel: 'Tel Aviv won't be fully protected'

Total rainfall is expected to reach about 200 millimeters, with dozens of millimeters — potentially up to 100 — falling within a few hours

Ilana Curiel|14:22

Heavy rain from the approaching storm system known as "Byron" began falling Monday evening, with forecasters warning that the most severe conditions will hit Israel late Wednesday and Thursday morning. Total rainfall is expected to reach about 200 millimeters, with dozens of millimeters — potentially up to 100 — falling within a few hours.

Arik Leibovitz, director of the Yarkon Drainage and Rivers Authority, told ynet that no city can withstand 100 millimeters of rain in 24 hours. "If this happens in Tel Aviv, it will be a catastrophic event," he said. "We cannot fully protect the city. It is a dense urban area with national infrastructure."

Heavy rainfall in Tel Aviv

Rain was already reported in Tel Aviv on Monday night. Recent storms have brought flooding from Eilat to the Ayalon basin, raising concerns as the stronger system approaches. More-

https://www.ynetnews.com/environment/article/r1ezgnnfwg#autoplay

2,100-year-old mystery unearthed with dismantled Hasmonean-era wall in Jerusalem

A fortification in the heart of the capital was likely built shortly after the Hanukkah story took place. Now experts are asking why it was systematically taken apart, and by whom

By Rossella Tercatin

Today, 3:14 pm

Archaeologists uncover a section of the Jerusalem wall built in Hasmonean times (2nd century BCE) in the complex of the Tower of David Jerusalem Museum in the Old City, in a discovery announced on December 8, 2025. (Emil Aladjem/Israel Antiquities Authority; Gabriel Volcovich/Tower of David) Go to website for video rdb

New research sheds light on the millennia-old mystery of why Jerusalemites from 2,100 years ago carefully dismantled a large fortification wall — more massive than the current walls of the Old City — and buried the spot under a kingly palace.

An impressive section of Jerusalem's fortification wall from the second century BCE has been uncovered on the grounds of the Tower of David complex in the Old City, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) and the Tower of David Jerusalem Museum announced on Monday. The remains, over 40 meters (about 130 feet) long and about five meters (16 feet) wide, were found in the area known as the Kishle complex, which during the British Mandate was used as a prison, including for members of the Jewish underground.

Around 134 BCE, three decades after the Hanukkah story and establishment of the Hasmonean dynasty, Jerusalem was attacked again by another Greek king named Antiochus, who bore the same name as the Hanukkah villain. According to the first-century CE Roman-Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, to save Jerusalem, the Hasmonean leader John Hyrcanus I agreed to destroy the city's fortifications and pay Antiochus VII Sidetes 3,000 talents of gold that he withdrew from King David's sepulchre.

"He broke down the fortifications that encompassed the city. And upon these conditions Antiochus broke up the siege, and departed," **Josephus writes in the 13th book of "The Antiquities** of the Jews." (8:3)

Josephus's narrative offers a possible explanation for the historical destruction of the remains of the wall revealed in the excavation, Dr. Amit Re'em, IAA excavation co-director and chief archaeologist for the Jerusalem District, told The Times of Israel.

"What we saw in the excavation, and this is really interesting, is that the wall, this massive fortification, was deliberately destroyed to the ground, to the base of the wall," Re'em said in a telephone interview. "Only the stump of the wall survived. This was no random destruction, not the aftermath of some kind of huge battle or of time passing. So the big question is who did it?"

In the 1980s, hundreds of catapult stones, arrowheads, slingstones, and lead bullets were found in an excavation in an area adjacent to the wall, which researchers interpreted as evidence of Antiochus VII's siege.

Re'em and his team offered another possible interpretation for the intentional destruction of the wall. Since the section they uncovered stood exactly where King Herod would build his palace around a century after Hyrcanus ruled over Jerusalem, it is possible he ordered the wall to be torn down.

"We know that the private royal palace of King Herod stood in the area of today's Jaffa Gate, the Tower of David, and the Armenian Quarter, as is well described in the writings of Josephus," Re'em said. More-https://www.timesofisrael.com/2100-year-old-mystery-unearthed-with-dismantled-hasmonean-era-wall-in-jerusalem/

Japan warns of three-meter high tsunami after magnitude 7.6 earthquake

The tsunami warning was issued for the prefectures of Hokkaido, Aomori, and Iwate, after the quake jolted a large part of Japan's north and east at 11:15 p.m.

A tsunami as high as three meters (10 feet) could hit Japan's northeastern coast after an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.6 occurred offshore on Monday, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said.

The tsunami warning was issued for the prefectures of Hokkaido, Aomori, and Iwate, after the quake jolted a large part of Japan's north and east at 11:15 p.m. (1415 GMT).

The epicenter of the quake was 80 km (50 miles) off the coast of Aomori prefecture, at a depth of 50 km (30 miles), the agency added. https://www.jpost.com/environment-and-climate-change/article-879642

Earthquakes strike Alaska, Greece, monitors say

A magnitude seven earthquake struck near Yakutat, Alaska, while a magnitude 4.8 earthquake struck near Greece.



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Seismic waves are seen on a screen during a demonstration of an earthquake early warning system which triggers sirens if a nationwide network of 120 seismic monitoring stations detects a strong earthquake, at the Geological Survey of Israel in Jerusalem. (photo credit: AMIR COHEN/REUTERS)

An earthquake of magnitude seven struck the region around Yakutat, Alaska, the United States Geological Survey said on Saturday.

The quake was at a depth of 10 kilometres (6.21 miles), it added.

In the meantime, an earthquake of magnitude 4.8 struck Greece, USGS said on Saturday. The quake was at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.21 miles), GFZ said.

There were no immediate reports of any damage in Greece until this moment. The quake was at a depth of 12.4 kilometers (7.71 miles) and was in Peloponnese, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) measured the quake initially at 6.36 magnitude. **More-** https://www.jpost.com/environment-and-climate-change/article-879420

Kiev to send conscripts straight to frontline units

Combat brigades will provide new recruits with basic training, a Zelensky aide has said 8 Dec, 2025 19:13



Recruitment officers check civilian's documents as they look for fighting age men in Kharkov, Ukraine © Narciso Contreras/Anadolu via Getty Images

Newly drafted Ukrainian men will soon be sent directly to frontline brigades, where they will receive their basic military training, a senior official in Vladimir Zelensky's office has announced.

The shift in mobilization procedures was outlined on Friday by Pavel Palisa, the deputy head of the presidential office responsible for overseeing conscription. Kiev's mobilization efforts have failed to replace battlefield losses, prompting attempts to streamline the process.

Palisa said the decision, adopted by a military council chaired by Zelensky, is intended to create a "just, equal and predictable" system. Under the new approach, each frontline brigade will receive a steady monthly intake of conscripts and train them according to its operational needs. He added that the number of units authorized to conduct basic training would be expanded beyond the current 37.

Moscow has repeatedly argued that dwindling manpower is the most serious problem facing Ukraine's military. President Vladimir Putin said last week that in September alone, Kiev lost around 44,700 troops and managed to replace only about two-thirds of them. Even lowering the draft age, he suggested, would not produce immediate relief as casualties and desertions continue to climb.

Some Ukrainian officials have taken aim at civilians resisting the draft. MP Roman Kostenko, who also serves in the military, said on Saturday the country needed a new social contract under which "those who don't want to fight leave the country."

Ukraine barred nearly all adult men from going abroad when the conflict escalated in late 2022 and lowered the draft age to from 27 to 25. Earlier this year, the Ukrainian government issued a decree allowing men aged 18 to 22 to cross the border. Nearly 100,000 young men have reportedly fled the country since then.

In October, Kiev's conscription authorities urged citizens to stop circulating viral videos showing draft officers forcing men into vans. The widely shared clips of aggressive "busification" tactics have intensified public frustration with the country's mobilization drive. https://www.rt.com/russia/629190-ukraine-conscripts-frontline-training/

Putin suggests new approach to boosting birth rate in Russia

Men should be encouraged to take a bigger role in family life and child-raising, the president has said 8 Dec., 2025 16:57



Russian President Vladimir Putin. © Sputnik / Kristina Kormilitsyna

Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed a new initiative to raise birth rates in Russia, calling for measures that encourage more active fatherhood in addition to existing maternity support.

Speaking on Monday at a meeting of the Council for Strategic Development and National Projects, the Russian president said the country needs a broader, more long-term

approach as the demographic situation continues to worsen.

"The family is based on mutual respect, on the participation of both parents in raising children," Putin said. "Therefore, alongside supporting motherhood, we need to think through measures to support responsible fatherhood."

The president said the idea is for men to take a more active part in everyday family care, in decisions about having children, and be more involved in their upbringing. Putin added that responsible fatherhood also entails leading a healthy lifestyle and preserving reproductive health for as long as possible.

According to Putin, the demographic agenda should focus on system-wide tasks designed to support families in a sustained way.

Russian officials have long warned of a looming demographic crisis in the country. The Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) reported only 1.222 million births in 2024, the lowest annual total since 1999, marking a decline of one third compared with 2014. This reflects a worldwide trend in both developed and developing

countries towards sub-replacement fertility rates.

To reverse the trend, the government has introduced a range of support measures, including lump-sum payments for childbirth, expanded maternity benefits, and ongoing financial assistance for families. The Soviet-era "Mother Heroine" award offering cash rewards to women who have more than ten children has also been revived.

Officials have proposed other policies as well, such as discouraging the promotion of "child-free" lifestyles and offering extra tax breaks for larger families.

Putin has repeatedly stressed the importance of improving economic and social conditions in order to promote larger families and make parenthood a widely supported choice. In June, he endorsed the creation of a national family support service. Last year, he established a presidential council focused on family and demographic policy. https://www.rt.com/russia/629185-russia-birth-rate-boost/

OUTRAGE: Court allows squatter to remain in woman's home as homeowner faces financial ruin while system protects the trespasser

By Jim Hoft, The Gateway Pundit December 8, 2025



Shadija Romero, the Airbnb guest turned squatter who refuses to leave a D.C. homeowner's property, gives her side of the story while the homeowner faces financial ruin.

In yet another stunning example of the nation's upside-down justice system, a DC court is allowing a squatter to remain inside a woman's home for nearly a year after overstaying an Airbnb reservation, despite having no lease, no tenancy agreement, and no legal right to occupy the property.

The case has left homeowner Rochanne Douglas trapped in a nightmare that has cost her tens of thousands of dollars and pushed her to the brink, while alleged squatter Shadija Romero continues living inside Douglas's property with total impunity.

Romero originally booked Douglas's short-term rental for 32 days, ending on March 29. But after remaining in the home for more than 30 days, just long enough to exploit DC's tenant-friendly laws, she suddenly declared herself a "resident" and refused to leave, <u>7News</u> reported.

"I never gave her any tenancy," said Douglas. "I never gave her a lease."

From there, the situation spiraled. Douglas:

- Served a 30-day notice to vacate
- Called the police repeatedly
- Sought court intervention
- Even offered Romero \$2,500 just to acknowledge she wasn't a tenant and get out

Romero signed the agreement, but when her eviction date came on November 15, she refused to leave the property and claimed the arrangement "no longer works for me."

To make matters worse, when Douglas attempted to enforce her rights, DC Metropolitan Police told her they could do nothing, despite Douglas being legally barred from entering her own home.

Neighbors later reported that Romero and her companions packed their bags, loaded the car, and left the property. Police cleared the home and informed Douglas she could secure it.

Douglas immediately:

- Disabled the locks
- Boarded up the home
- Cut electricity due to safety concerns

But shortly after, neighbors saw Romero breaking back in.

Shockingly, police allowed Romero to hire a locksmith and re-enter the home, without presenting a lease, documentation, or court order.

"This is taking me somewhere where I'm not trying to be," Douglas told 7News. "I'm trying to stay on the right. But for somebody to just take and take and do and do. Everybody has a breaking point."

While Romero blocks the homeowner from her own house, refuses to leave, and allegedly tampers with utilities and cameras, her social media shows her traveling, vacationing, and promoting

her nonprofit, all while Douglas shoulders thousands in bills for a home she cannot access, according to 7News.

During an emergency hearing, even more shocking claims surfaced:

- Romero allegedly tried to push Douglas off a ladder while she was posting a sign
- Romero switched utilities into her daughter's name
- Romero tampered with security cameras
- Romero attempted to have Douglas labeled a hostile witness
- Romero claimed Douglas threatened her in front of police

A judge ordered Douglas to restore electricity to the home, while Romero continues occupying it unlawfully.

A ruling on housing arrangements is expected next week. WATCH:

BREAKING: Court in Washington DC is currently ALLOWING a squatter to occupy a woman's property for MONTHS after squatter overstayed an Airbnb rental. Shadija Romero, the alleged squatter, also reportedly tried to push the homeowner off a ladder, tampered with cameras, and took... pic.twitter.com/deisMw8Kgr

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) <u>December 5, 2025</u>

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https://www.wnd.com/2025/12/outrage-court-allows-squatter-remain-womans-home-as/

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A Somali Rape Crisis in Minnesota

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Sexual assaults are up 5% in Minnesota. Statistics from the Hennepin County prosecutor's office, which includes Minneapolis and its Somali population, shows that the number of sexual assault cases is up 62% from 2018. Cedar-Riverside, the neighborhood commonly known as 'Little Mogadishu' for its Somali population, has some of the worst crime rates in Minneapolis.

To what extent does the state's Somali settler population contribute to its sexual assault crisis? While there are no firm numbers, I tracked some of the offenders with the most common Muslim name Mohamed (after the prophet of Islam, whom the Koran described as a serial sex offender, assaulting captured women and in the process legalizing the sexual assault of non-Muslim women under Sharia Islamic law) and what I found was not only a pattern of offenses, but of complicity by local authorities who have allowed Somali Muslim sex predators to reoffend.

Take the recent case of Abdimahat Bille Mohamed, a Somali Muslim, who was arrested after he allegedly kidnapped a woman he met on social media, took her phone, told her she wasn't leaving, allegedly held her captive for almost a week and sexually assaulted her.



Mohamed had already been arrested in 2024 for allegedly offering a ride to a woman and her sister through social media, taking them to his apartment and threatening to kill both the woman and her sister unless she had sex with him. When the sister called 911, the Somali Muslim furiously fought the police and hospital staff trying to take his DNA sample, "spitting at them repeatedly and with such aggression that hospital staff couldn't complete the test despite Mohamed being restrained" and also managed to assault a police officer.

The DNA test ended up linking Mohamed to the previous sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl whom he had also met on social media and had offered a ride to only to have two other men hold a gun to her head and rape her.

Four months before his latest sexual assault case, the Somali Muslim was sentenced for the wo sexual assaults with no prison time.

Sexual assault cases involving Somali Muslim repeat offenders named Mohamed who are allowed to walk free are becoming all too common in Minnesota.



Asad Abu Mohamed, who had been described as having "a substantial likelihood" to cause harm, was let off for previous indecent exposure cases due to "mental deficiency". Mohamed, who was already on probation, then waited, crouching in the handicapped stall in the

ladies' room at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College until a 19-year-old woman sat down to use the bathroom, then the Somali Muslim crawled under the stall, put his hand over her mouth and threatened to kill her. When people ran to her aid, they saw Mohamed choking the woman, and the Somali Muslim fought off police, threatening a female officer, "I'll rape you too."

Mohamed was sentenced to less than 3 years in **prison**. Earlier this year, authorities <u>warned the public</u> that the 6'1 210 pound Somali sex predator is being released despite a "history of engaging in sexual conduct against unknown adult females" and having "entered into women's

public restrooms

in order to access and attempt to subdue victims."

Local residents noted a pattern of Somali sex predators with surprisingly lenient sentences.

Mohamed Bakari Shei raped two little girls, a 4year-old and a 9-year-old, on Mother's Day, was offered a plea deal with no prison time, a dismissal of two of the three charges, no criminal record and no requirement to register as a sex offender.

"There is no moving on or getting over it, I've tried," one of the Somali Muslim rapist's victims cried in court.

"Some day you will have to answer for this egregious act against a child," a family member vowed.

In the next life perhaps, not in Minnesota, where Somali Muslims have been allowed to defraud the state for over \$1 billion and to assault women and girls, and walk away with no consequences. The only reason that Mohamed was finally sentenced to at least 116 days in prison for 'good behavior' was the intervention of the judge who chose to sideline the plea deal.

The revolving door system for Somali Muslim sex predators helps drive rising sex offenses.











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The Minnesota Department of Corrections still lists Abdullahi Mohamed Jama as a wanted fugitive. Mohamad had been convicted of 'engaging in sexual conduct' with a child under 13, the charge that should have landed him in jail for a long time, instead sent him away for only 1 year out of a 3 year prison sentence. He was repeatedly sentenced for fleeing police and then for failing to register as a sex offender before the police were called after he was accused of beating and threatening to kill his ex-girlfriend.

Where is Mohamad now?

In another case, Mohamed Ali Elmi and Ismail Adam Abdo stopped a couple in a car, robbed them, then kidnapped and sexually assaulted the woman. Both Mohamed and Ismail had a string of previous cases, including a dorm robbery, and Abdo was still facing charges for a series of robberies. The two Somali Muslim men had raped her violently at gunpoint until she vomited and, in ISIS style, 'high fived' each other during the assault. But while Mohamed was arrested, Ismail was believed to have fled to 'East Africa' which is where Somalia and much of its settler population lives.

Ismail spent three years on the run before finally being brought to justice. Unlike another Somali Muslim sex predator, he didn't become notorious enough to wind up on America's Most Wanted.

That role fell to Abdihakim Mohamed Isse, a school bus driver in Hennepin County, who was accused of stopping the bus, and sexually assaulting and penetrating a developmentally disabled 13-year-old girl. It would take another 20 years until he was finally extradited.

The presence of members of a religion that teaches that sexually assaulting non-Muslim women and girls is within the rights of Muslim men represents a systemic risk in the educational system.

Another school case involved Fasel Mohamed Ali, working as a janitor in a local high school, charged with sexual misconduct for allegedly groping a school employee. A man of that same name was later stabbed to death in a park, but it's unclear if that's the same Mohamed.

Mohamed Ali Selim, a middle school principal, was arrested for trying to solicit a minor teenage girl for sex. In typical fashion, he received a plea deal with no time served.

The Somali Muslim assaults on children have been particularly brazen and grievous.



In a recent case, Qalinle Ibrahim Dirie, who was also apparently going by the name 'Mohamed Muuse', found a 12-year-old girl in Minneapolis playing in her backyard. Ibrahim asked if her mother was home, then came back, forced her into a car and sexually assaulted her. Ibrahim claimed to police that "she told me she is 19 years old."

Despite the horrifying nature of the crime by the Somali Muslim 'refugee', the Al-Ihsan Islamic Center mosque wrote a letter to the court on behalf of the "members of

the Somali community" claiming that the kidnapper and rapist of a 12-year-old girl had faced "the challenge of starting over in a new culture" and was "an active volunteer in our mosque".



The sheer brazenness of such offenses were also on display when Mohamed Hassan Ali was arrested after allegedly following an 11-year-old girl for several blocks while "grabbing and rubbing" her while she tried to get away. At the Mall of America, Amin Mohamed, a Somali ride operator, allegedly tried to molest a mother on the Big Rig ride with her child.

Somali Muslim cases also stand out for the sheer unrelenting violence of their alleged perpetrators. Liban Mohammed Dahir was accused of punching a homeless woman, telling her not to look or he would stab her, and then slamming her head and raping her. The victim suffered brain bleeds and the Somali perpetrator took two years to locate.



Yassin Mohamed Abdirahman was accused of pulling a woman to the ground and kicking her in the face. Mohamud Hillow Bulle pushed a woman into a ditch, put his hands around her neck, and assaulted her, but was only <u>caught a decade later</u> after his DNA test matched another sexual assault, and Mohamud had his DNA tested during another attempted murder case.

These are far from the Somali assaults on women and girls. Or the only ones involving men named 'Mohammed', 'Mohamd', 'Mohaud', or other variations of the Muslim sex pest prophet's name. But they are a disturbing sampling of what has been taking place in Minnesota.

After President Trump's criticism of the Somali crime wave, Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty released videos denying that there's a Somali crime problem and attacking Trump. There are no "roving Somali gangs terrorizing people," she falsely claimed.

Many blame Moriarty for the plea deals that allowed Somali sex predators to walk free. And the pro-crime DA did little to change that impression when she falsely claimed that "the old model of 'lock them up and throw away the key' is both ineffective and harmful". Refusing to lock up criminals has allowed Somali sex predators to assault more women and girls.

While the amount of local and national attention being paid to controversial Somali politicians like Rep. Ilhan Omar and State Sen. Omar Fateh, who had hijacked the mayoral endorsement, as well as to the rash of Somali crime and fraud, including over \$1 billion stolen in autism, food and homeless fraud, it may surprise some that there are less than 80,000 of them in the state.

But the Somali population has been doubling and if it's this bad with 80,000, imagine what it will be like with 160,000, 320,000 and 640,000. Imagine how many 'Mohammeds', 'Mohammeds' and 'Mahmouds' there will be and imagine how many women and girls will pay the price.

Unless we change our immigration policies. Fast.

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https://bkdvk-zgpvh.campaign-view.com/ua/viewinbrowser The people are animals not human. Simply vile critters who need to be immediately deported – EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS OF THE SAME RELIGION WHO SEEK TO DESTROY OUR COUNTEY RDB



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STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U'Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U'Neshama families.

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