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My apologies for no news postings this past week. My family has been working with me on our future plans. We will try to improve this next year but things will still be abbreviated. RDB

NOW! Israel Is Ushering In The Messianic Era!!! (End Times Prophecy)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ul7zcbIqO7Y>

This is an excellent overview of The Creators demonstration of current events from a Jewish perspective. You may find information that is not tradition for you faith. rdb

Hamas reorganization underway as new leaders emerge amid Gaza power struggle

The terrorist organization will soon elect a new political bureau head, in wake of assassination of Yahya Sinwar; leading candidates are Khalil al-Hayya and Khaled Mashaal; Status of other senior figures in the movement who were close to Sinwar is stronger

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Hamas in the Gaza Strip is undergoing profound changes in its leadership structure following the killing of most of its senior figures during the war with Israel. After the killing of Yahya Sinwar in 2024, the terrorist organization is preparing to elect a new head of its political bureau, with Khalil al-Hayya and Khaled Mashaal emerging as the leading candidates. Beyond the title itself, whoever wins will effectively assume Hamas' leadership, a development that could significantly affect regional power dynamics and Gaza's fate after the war.

According to a report in the Saudi newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, the period ahead of the vote has seen a clear strengthening of the camp aligned with Sinwar, a shift that has sparked internal tensions and anger among senior figures inside and outside Gaza. At the center of these developments is Ali al-Aamoudi, who was released in the 2011 Gilad Shalit prisoner exchange.



Khaled Mashaal and Khalil al-Hayya. Who will be the next leader of the terrorist organization? (Photo: Jihad Alshrafi/AP, Osama Faisal, AP, Khalil Hamra/AP)

Al-Aamoudi is a member of Hamas' political bureau and previously headed its media apparatus. Sources within Hamas say he has effectively taken over management of the political bureau's work in Gaza, after he and several figures close to Sinwar were tasked with stabilizing the Strip's leadership, most of which is operating out of Khan Younis.

Alongside al-Aamoudi, the sources also point to Tawfiq Abu Naim, a senior figure in Hamas' internal security services in Gaza and one of Sinwar's closest associates in recent years. Abu Naim is considered a key figure in maintaining organizational and security order in the Strip and is part of the group of senior officials given a mandate to operate during the interim period created after the previous leadership was killed.

The report also mentions Salah Abu Sharah, another Sinwar confidant, who is part of the small circle currently leading political and organizational affairs in Gaza. According to the sources, the three – al-Aamoudi, Abu Naim and Abu Sharah – form a central axis shaping the new leadership in the Strip.

According to the report, no formal internal elections were held for Hamas' political bureau in Gaza, and the process was carried out through appointments and understandings rather than established organizational procedures. Hamas figures outside Gaza described this as a "circumvention of the internal constitution" and

demanding that permanent appointments be postponed until the election of the organization's new chairman in the coming days.



Yaha Sinwar (Photo: Adel Hana/ AP)

As part of the process, al-Aamoudi and his associates have begun removing regional heads and local administrators, mainly those who were wounded or absent during the war, and appointing replacements. These moves have fueled growing anger among senior members of the political bureau outside Gaza, who warned of a deepening internal rift.

Hamas in its most difficult period since its founding

By contrast, a different picture is emerging within Hamas' military wing. According to Asharq Al-Awsat, Izz al-Din al-Haddad, the new chief of staff of Hamas' military wing, is working to systematically stabilize the organization's ranks. He is holding frequent meetings and appointing commanders to replace those who were killed. Al-Haddad is also reportedly working to mediate between different political echelons and prevent further deterioration.

During the war, [most of Hamas' brigade commanders were killed](#) in northern Gaza, central Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah. The exception was Gaza City Brigade, which al-Haddad himself once commanded, and whose leadership was later assumed by Muhannad Rajab.

Alongside its organizational crisis, Hamas is also facing severe financial difficulties following damage to its funding sources. Still, the movement continues to pay salaries and grants, albeit in varying amounts and at irregular intervals.

Analysts assess that Hamas is in the most difficult period since its establishment in 1987. "This is a combination of military attrition, a leadership vacuum and strategic confusion," analyst Mustafa Ibrahim told Asharq Al-Awsat. He said the movement is facing a fundamental question: whether it is working to preserve its rule in Gaza, merely ensure organizational survival, or manage a prolonged crisis with no clear horizon.

Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir conducted a tour of the southern Gaza Strip [Go to website for video rdb](#)
(Photo: IDF Spokespersons Unit)

Meanwhile, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir toured southern Gaza Wednesday. Zamir spoke with troops on the ground and expressed his appreciation for their offensive actions against Hamas. He stressed the need for high alertness, continued engagement and the thwarting of any threat to protect Israel's citizens.

"In 2025, the IDF achieved unprecedented accomplishments, foremost among them a severe blow to Hamas, the destruction of all its frontline units, the removal of the threat as we experienced on October 7, and the return of all living hostages to their homes," Zamir said. "We are acting to bring back the last killed hostage, Sgt. Maj. Ran Gvili, of blessed memory, for burial in Israel, thereby closing the chapter of the hostages' return from Gaza."

Zamir added: "2026 will be a decisive year in shaping Israel's security reality. Our determination to disarm Hamas is absolute. We will not allow the Hamas terrorist organization to rebuild its capabilities and threaten us. We are positioned on the 'yellow line,' controlling the dominant terrain in the Gaza Strip – this is a new security border. In recent months we have begun deepening our work on a multi-year plan and rewriting the IDF's strategy. We will not return to the period before October 7." <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/s1qfngqvwe#autoplay>

'Hezbollah must be disarmed': Trump tells Netanyahu he'll back an attack on Hezbollah - exclusive



Trump and Netanyahu aligned on Hezbollah during their meeting, with the US president signaling support for Israeli action and stressing the need for full disarmament.

US President Donald Trump points his finger towards Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as they shake hands during a press conference after meeting at Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, US, December 29, 2025. (photo credit: REUTERS/JONATHAN ERNST)

Lebanon and Hezbollah were only briefly discussed at the meeting on Monday between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

and US President Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago, but it appears that Israeli and American positions on this issue are identical.

During their meeting, Trump gave Netanyahu approval to take action against Hezbollah and reiterated his position that “Hezbollah must be completely disarmed.”

“If the Lebanese army doesn’t succeed in disarming them, and Israel believes an action is the necessary thing to do [then the US backs Israel],” said Trump, according to a source familiar with the details who spoke to *The Jerusalem Post*.

Ahead of the meeting with the prime minister, Trump made it clear that “[Hezbollah](#) has been behaving badly,” adding that “the Lebanese government is at a little bit of a disadvantage with Hezbollah.”

This public ambiguity appears to have unsettled Hezbollah.

“It is difficult to predict the implications of the meeting between Netanyahu and Trump for Lebanon, but it can be assumed that changes and new developments are expected at the beginning of next year,” wrote Hezbollah’s newspaper *Al-Akhbar*.



An article in *Al-Joumhouria* stated that “it appears Trump has given Netanyahu a green light to act.”

A man gestures the victory sign as he holds a Hezbollah flag, in Tyre, Lebanon, November 28, 2024 (credit: REUTERS/AZIZ TAHER)

Lebanon, Israel, and the United States in security talks

In recent weeks, several meetings have been held by the oversight committee for the ceasefire agreement, which includes senior representatives from Israel, [Lebanon](#), the United States, the United Nations, and France.

Over the past month, civilian representatives from both sides have joined the meetings for the first time. On the Lebanese side, former ambassador to the US Simon Karam joined, while on the Israeli side, the deputy head of the National Security Council, Dr. Yossi Draznin, participated.

The talks are progressing not only on the military front – monitoring the ceasefire – but also in attempts to advance economic projects between the two countries. This is a move strongly encouraged by the US president’s envoy for Lebanon, Morgan Ortagus, along with other senior American officials.

“The meeting was a continuation of the security dialogue aimed at ensuring the disarmament of Hezbollah by the Lebanese Armed Forces. The participants discussed ways to advance economic initiatives to demonstrate the shared interest in removing the Hezbollah threat and to ensure sustainable security for residents on both sides of the border,” the Prime Minister’s Office stated.

Another meeting between the parties is expected next week, focusing on the ceasefire and those economic projects. <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-881942>

Secret IDF Unit 504 interrogated 3,100 terrorists, IDF attacked 20,900 targets in 2025
The IDF additionally announced that it launched 20,900 attacks on targets across all fronts and killed around 2,100 Hamas terrorists this past year in newly unveiled 2025 military statistics.



By[YONAH JEREMY BOB](#)**DECEMBER 31, 2025 06:02**

IDF officers planning an operation in Kafr Aqab, December 2025.(photo credit: VIA WALLA)

The military’s intelligence Unit 504 (“the IDF’s Mossad”), responsible for covert and clandestine operations, interrogated 3,100 terrorists over the course of 2025, the IDF revealed on Wednesday.

Of the terrorists, 1,600 were [interrogated in Israeli detention centers](#), and another 1,500 were interrogated in real-time in the field shortly after being captured.

In the field, interrogations are extremely difficult and complex as the interrogators are often not operating in a safe space, and the detainees are frequently physically or emotionally destabilized by a recent physical battle.

However, such field interrogations can be invaluable in leading to intelligence that can help thwart additional terror attacks in real-time and enable the capture of top terrorist commanders before they have time to

change their hideouts, as well as the seizure of dangerous weapons before they can be transferred. During the Israel-Hamas War, it led to the [locations of hostages](#), both living and deceased, before they could be moved.

Interrogations in detention centers can also lead to critical intelligence gains, though usually as part of longer-term projects and strategic goals.



The IDF 13th Golani Battalion together with the 7th Armored Brigade seen withdrawing their positions in Gaza, back into Israel October 10, 2025. (credit: Oren Cohen/Flash90)

Broader IDF statistics

Regarding wider issues, the IDF disclosed that the **total number of attacks it undertook on all fronts during the year was 20,900.**

Of those, 19,530 targets were in Gaza, with the remainder in Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Yemen, and the West Bank.

In **Gaza, the IDF killed four brigade-level commanders out of a total of five – among them, replacements for brigade commanders killed by the IDF in 2023-2024 – 14 battalion-level commanders, and 53 company-level commanders.**

In fact, the only surviving Hamas brigade commander from the pre-Israel-Hamas War era is its current leader, Az al-din al-Hadad, the former Gaza City brigade commander.

The IDF refused requests to provide an updated total number of [Hamas members killed](#) in 2025. However, in August, it was reported that the number was around 2,100, and, given that there were few battles from then until the war ended in October, that number likely has only risen by a few hundred, at most.

In Lebanon in 2025, the IDF killed around 380 Hezbollah terrorists while attacking around 950 targets overall.

The IDF also said that Hezbollah violated the 2024 ceasefire 1,920 times, though it was unclear how many of these violations were blatant moves in southern Lebanon or more subtle moves north of the Litani River.

Next, the IDF said that it had killed 230 terrorists in the West Bank.

Moreover, it said it had arrested 7,400 Palestinians, though only 1,190 were said to be linked to Hamas – raising some questions about how seriously dangerous some of the detainees were.

There are other terror groups besides Hamas, but at the start of the war, close to 40-60% of those arrested were linked to Hamas.

The IDF did not report on how many of the arrestees were subsequently handed back to Hamas during the hostage exchanges, in which Israel released thousands of Palestinian security prisoners, nor on how many of those arrested would be held for lengthy periods.

Notably, the IDF said that it had confiscated NIS 16,480,000 from Palestinian terrorists in the West Bank.

IDF anti-Houthi operations

Summing up attacks against the Houthis of Yemen, the IDF said it had undertaken 20 aerial operations in 2025, striking 230 targets, although many of these targets were repeat strikes on the same location after Houthi efforts to repair targets that had been previously struck.

Ninety-one IDF soldiers were killed in 2025, and 821 were seriously wounded – a high number in an average year, but a significant drop from 2023-2024.

Moderately wounded IDF soldiers evacuated by land vehicles numbered 3,050; another 300 wounded were evacuated by helicopter.

The IDF Home Front Command supplied 1,500 new mini-safe-houses and renovated or improved around 200 larger bomb shelters.

The navy undertook 50 attacks, over a total of 130,000 hours spent at sea.

In 2025, 306,830 reservists served in the IDF. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox>

'Disconnected from reality': IDF officers criticize Eyal Zamir in closed Ground Forces forum

Senior IDF officers accused Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir of being detached from field realities and harming reservist motivation. By [AMIR BOHBOT](#) DECEMBER 31, 2025 20:18 Updated: DECEMBER 31, 2025 22:18



IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Eyal Zamir addresses an IDF Ground Forces forum, December 31, 2025. (photo credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

Senior and staff-level active duty and reserve officers from the IDF's Ground Forces criticized Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Eyal Zamir during a Wednesday forum.

The criticisms included a series of statements and decisions that they said were disconnected from the reality on the ground, harmed reservists' motivation, and were interpreted as crossing a political line.

The forum, convened by Ground Forces chief Maj.-Gen. Nadav Lotan, was attended by officers ranked lieutenant-colonel and above, with Zamir in attendance.

The main topics discussed at the forum were lessons the military learned from the [October 7 massacre](#) probes, findings from combat operations during the [Israel-Hamas War](#), training and instruction of personnel, underground warfare, and operational safety.

During his remarks, Zamir reiterated points he had made in previous statements, saying that the military had completed its October 7 probes and drawn lessons from them.



IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Eyal Zamir addresses an IDF Ground Forces forum, December 31, 2025. (credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

Zamir then delivered another message to the political echelon, saying, "Everyone needs to investigate themselves." Officers present perceived this as particularly political.

Additional criticism was directed at Zamir's discussion of multi-year and other future plans for the military, while officers in the field are struggling with personal military equipment shortfalls and with the scope and quality of weapons systems, the officers added.

Reserve officers also criticized remarks by the head of combat fitness. According to him, the discussion of fitness tests ignores the central problems they address, foremost among them deep burnout and the increasing difficulty of recruiting reservists for various activities after hundreds of days of service.

During the discussion, a reservist battalion commander stood up to clarify that the General Staff's decision to end the previous service methods undermines fighter motivation. Until now, combat reservists have operated under a one-week-in-service, one-week-leave schedule.

The new method, introduced by Personnel Directorate chief Maj.-Gen. Dado Bar Kalifa, instructs reservists to be called up for a 10-day service cycle followed by four days of leave. This harms recruitment prospects, the officer alleged. **More-** <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-881940>

New Gaza neighborhoods, stabilization force planned under US-led CMCC - exclusive

A US-led coordination center is working with Israel and international partners on Gaza rebuilding plans, including new housing in Rafah and preparations for a stabilization force. By [YONAH JEREMY BOB](#) DECEMBER 31, 2025 19:32 Updated: DECEMBER 31, 2025 22:50



Destroyed buildings in the northern Gaza Strip, as seen from the Israeli side of the border, on January 4, 2025. (photo credit: ERIK MARMOR/FLASH90)

The Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC), led by the US, with significant Israeli and global participation, is deep into planning: the building of new neighborhoods on the Israeli-controlled side of Rafah in Gaza as well as the deployment of an International Stabilization Force (ISF), The Jerusalem Post has learned.



According to defense sources, in a best-case scenario, temporary residential aspects of such neighborhoods, funded by the UAE, could be up and running within six months from when a green light is given.

All this is happening just as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump said at a summit on Monday that they were committed to moving Gaza toward Phase II of the October 2025 ceasefire, which includes rebuilding portions of the Strip.

Currently, the CMCC is working on overdrive to coordinate the IDF's clearing of [tunnels](#) from specific areas in Rafah so that they will be ready for new building developments, even if

other portions of the city and Gaza may take many more years to clear.

The strategy is to focus on the areas where the remaining Hamas tunnels can be cleared the fastest, the *IDF told the Post*.

Gaza City, November 25, 2025. (credit: TPS-IL)

Gazans will be able to choose a life under Israeli-controlled areas, without Hamas.

In addition, defense sources note that the strategy of placing some Gazans in temporary residential units – that are still superior to tents – is intended to start building communities while more permanent residential units are constructed in those same areas.

The IDF said that the CMCC is coordinating with the [Shin Bet](#) (Israel Security Agency) and other security agencies to set up a process for vetting Gazans who wish to move from the Hamas-controlled areas into the new Israeli-controlled neighborhoods.

No one associated with Hamas will be allowed to move in.

Of course, everything may take longer than six months, given that, for one, builder developers may uncover more tunnels once they start the process of surveying the land and building, stated IDF sources.

While the IDF split its attention between maintaining security aboveground and eliminating tunnels, the military stated that some developers may place an even greater focus on belowground issues as part of their building process.

Moreover, how long the building process takes beyond six months will also depend on whether a structure is built using lightweight or more stable construction materials.

Similarly, the CMCC is also preparing for the ISF, which the Trump administration has said it would announce details about in the coming days or weeks.

According to the IDF, the CMCC's main role regarding the ISF will be to plan how the agency can best crossover between Israel and other territories like Gaza.

In addition, the coordination center is figuring out how to best transfer materials through Israel to Gaza, which the IDF will need for its stabilization mission. Despite all of the extensive media debates about the makeup of the ISF, there has been zero real progress so far in getting it off the ground, the *Post* has learned.

The IDF is also deeply involved in discussions with the CMCC regarding what the ISF's mission parameters and rules of engagement will be once it arrives in Gaza.

The exact nature of those rules is classified, but Israel is pushing for them to be as aggressive as possible and to have real concrete goals for disarming Hamas so that the ISF is not a "UNIFIL 2."

Israeli political and defense officials have criticized UNIFIL for years for being passive with Hezbollah and even getting in the way of the IDF carrying out disarmament enforcement actions.

According to the IDF, Turkey, Qatar, and the Palestinian Authority are all banned from visiting or having direct contact with the CMCC.

Despite those rules, Trump on Monday continued to pressure Netanyahu to accept Turkish soldiers as part of the future ISF in Gaza.

Further, Trump officials are pressuring the prime minister to permit PA officials, or those unofficially connected to the PA, to handle aspects of opening the Rafah Border Crossing with Egypt.

To date, the CMCC has not been involved in either of these negotiations, which have occurred at the diplomatic level or at higher military levels.

An interesting aspect of the coordinating center is its role in policing which dual-use materials can be

allowed into Gaza. Initially, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories provides the CMCC with an expert opinion about what humanitarian aid is needed.

Then COGAT and the political echelon give the Israeli segment of the CMCC a position to take on the issue in negotiations with the US and other global members of the agency.

This includes declaring which materials – though usable for humanitarian or building purposes – should be disqualified because of their potential use for weapons or other war objectives by Hamas.

Further, sometimes the Shin Bet will take an even stricter position on specific dual-use items and disqualify an item that the political echelon had not objected to per se. In such cases, the CMCC defers to the Shin Bet as the top counter-terror expert.

In that sense, although the CMCC is led by the US, Israel has veto power over certain issues. The makeup of the three floors in the building itself helps summarize how the coordination center works.

The first floor is only for Israeli officials, including certain classified actions.

On the third floor, the US has a similar status limited to its activities.

It is the second floor where Israelis, Americans, and officials from around 28 different militaries, from France to Italy to England to Cyprus, as well as many NGOs, meet, coordinate, and negotiate issues.

This is the floor where global media was recently allowed to visit and where it took photos of a synthetic grass area, a large monitor on one of the walls, and an array of cubicles for officials working on a diverse number of issues.

The CMCC's efforts have helped increase the number of aid trucks into Gaza from 200-300 per day in the late months of the war to 600-700 since it kicked off operations in October post-war. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-881939>

WATCH: Katz urges invasion of West Bank refugee camps as Trump calls for restraint *Katz said expanded IDF control of West Bank camps reduced terror, despite US calls to curb military activity.* **By YONAH JEREMY BOB** DECEMBER 31, 2025 18:15 Updated: DECEMBER 31, 2025 19:23



(From L-R) IDF Central Command chief Maj.-Gen. Avi Bluth, Defense Minister Israel Katz, and IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Tamir Yadai at a meeting discussing West Bank counterterror, December 31, 2025. (photo credit: SHLOMI AMSALEM/DEFENSE MINISTRY)

Defense Minister Israel Katz on Wednesday told top IDF commanders that they should produce a plan for invading more Palestinian West Bank refugee camps.

Defense Minister Israel Katz discusses West Bank counterterror strategy with senior IDF commanders, December 31, 2025. (credit: NETA DABACH/DEFENSE MINISTRY)

This comes after US President Donald Trump on Monday [warned Israel to reverse its trajectory](#) to be more supportive of the Palestinian Authority and less aggressive in the area.

[Katz](#) contended that the IDF's taking control of portions of refugee camps in Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nur al-Shams since around January 2025 has helped reduce the broader terror and violence from West Bank Palestinians by 80%.

Such statistical comparisons are always difficult because while Palestinian [West Bank terror](#) is down in many respects in 2025 as compared to 2023-2024, it is still far higher than it was for many years prior to 2022.

However, the defense minister's point was that having IDF soldiers stationed semi-permanently in

Palestinian areas where terror had festered the most has taken away the ability of terrorists from those areas to plan any larger or centralized violence.

Defense Minister Israel Katz with IDF soldiers in the West Bank; illustrative. (credit: SCREENSHOT/X/ISRAEL KATZ)



As IDF sources recently said, having soldiers project Israeli power and security in areas where the military and the PA were once afraid to enter has both physically prevented terrorists from gathering in those areas and allowed IDF forces to more quickly stamp out even smaller terror movements nearby as they start to play out.

Trump pushes for Israel to reduce military activity in West Bank

Yet, Trump is pushing for Israel to undertake fewer military actions in the West Bank, to boost the PA's strength and deployments, to freeze settlement expansion, and to more aggressively crack down on violent Jewish extremist actions against Palestinians.

In addition to his call for placing more soldiers permanently in other Palestinian areas, Katz said the IDF must generally remain proactive in the West Bank in order to prevent any potential future attempted invasion of the settlements by Palestinians similar to Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel.

There has been heavy criticism of the IDF for relying too much on the fence with Gaza and passive patrols of the border for its defense strategy; Katz was therefore suggesting that the IDF continue to confront Palestinian terrorists on their turf before they can get near Israeli civilian areas. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-881930>

'Outrageous and illegal' : UNRWA slams Israel for cutting off its water, comms and electric in Gaza

Israel enacted a law disconnecting UNRWA facilities from utilities and services, while the UN agency warned the move violates international obligations. By [MATHILDA HELLER](#) DECEMBER 31, 2025 20:06 Updated: DECEMBER 31, 2025 21:08



A Palestinian man waits outside of the UNRWA headquarters building in Gaza City on April 6, 2013. (photo credit: Wissam Nassar/Flash90.)

Israel passed new legislation to cut off electricity, water, and communications from UNRWA facilities, in a move the United Nations body has called "outrageous."

Bill 6786-2025 passed its third and final reading in the Knesset on Monday with 59 votes for and seven against. It is an amendment to three existing UNRWA-related bills, including the Law for the Cessation of UNRWA Activities in

Israel.

MK Boaz Bismuth, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, introduced the bill by referring to UNRWA as a "partner in terrorism" and a "terrorist organization." He spoke of UNRWA's participation in the [October 7 massacre](#) and added that "UNRWA has for years been posing as an aid agency when, in fact, it is an arm of Hamas – terrorists in disguise under the auspices of the United Nations."

"There is no denying the personal identity of UNRWA staff as members of a terrorist organization," Bismuth said.

Under the bill, government-backed legislation requires electricity and water companies to withhold or disconnect service from UNRWA facilities. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East is now also blocked from receiving communications, banking, or financial services. The bill also enables the Israel Land Authority to seize land in UNRWA's possession. This includes the organization's headquarters and main training center in [east Jerusalem](#).



UNRWA was quick to express its anger at the bill.

"Yesterday's vote by the Israeli parliament passing new legislation against UNRWA is outrageous," [Philippe Lazzarini](#), UNRWA's commissioner-general, said. He said that the bill was a direct affront to the mandate granted to the agency by the UN General Assembly and contrary to the findings of the International Court of Justice, which obliges Israel, as a UN member state, to fulfill its responsibilities to UNRWA and the broader UN system.

"This stands in clear violation of the State of Israel's obligations under international law [and] is part of an ongoing, systematic campaign to discredit UNRWA and thereby obstruct the core role that the agency plays in providing human-development assistance and services to Palestine refugees," he said.

Lazzarini noted that the ICJ ruled in October 2025 that Israel is obliged under international law to facilitate

UNRWA's operations, not hinder or prevent them.

The ICJ had concluded that “under international human rights law Israel is required to refrain from impeding UNRWA's operations” and “expressly rejected Israel's allegations against UNRWA concerning its alleged lack of impartiality and/or neutrality.”

Specifically, the court “dismissed Israel's arguments that security concerns arising from unsubstantiated ‘infiltration’ by Hamas justified restrictions on UNRWA's operations in the [Palestinian territories].” It found no evidence to suggest that the UNRWA lacked neutrality and no evidence that the agency breached impartiality requirements under Article 59 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

It did, however, acknowledge that the neutrality of an organization plays a role in assessing its impartiality under Article 59 and that Israel was “in principle, free to choose humanitarian organizations through which it fulfills its obligation.”

However, Anne Herzberg, legal advisor and UN representative for NGO Monitor, told The Jerusalem Post on Wednesday that “the ICJ didn't look in any real substantive way at the allegations against UNRWA. They seemed to say it was just a few bad apples, and they limited it to the Colonna Review, which was this self-serving investigation set up by the UN to discuss what was happening at UNRWA.”

Herzberg explained that the ICJ did not look at allegations made by many groups that have documented the ties between UNRWA and terrorism or its lack of neutrality.

“So the ICJ did set out this general principle about neutrality and that if a group wasn't neutral, Israel could place restrictions on it, but actually it really did not do a proper review of UNRWA, simply relying again on self-serving information provided by the UN,” Herzberg said.

Israel prohibits international NGOs that fail to register

Additionally, on Monday, Israel announced that international NGOs that did not renew their registration would no longer be allowed to operate in Gaza or the West Bank. The Foreign Ministry said that the organizations – which include Doctors Without Borders – were notified in March 2025, given nearly 10 months to comply, and granted a “good-faith extension,” allowing continued interim operations. NGOs now prohibited from operating are those that did not complete the process, and they will lose authorization on January 1, 2026.

The ministry added that registration was necessary to prevent terrorist elements and safeguard the integrity of humanitarian activity.

It also stressed that most registered NGOs were still operating in the Gaza Strip and would continue to do so. The overall scope of humanitarian aid (approximately 99%) was also not said to be affected by this measure.

The 37 unregistered organizations on the list to be banned include Action Against Hunger, Alianza por la Solidaridad, Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), the Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam Novib (Oxfam's Dutch affiliate), the Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden, Medical Aid for Palestinians UK, and Oxfam Quebec.

While many of them have, unsurprisingly, criticized the decision, Herzberg pointed out that, as they did not register in time, they should not be surprised by the measures. “Why do these groups think they don't have to follow the rules?” she asked.

Herzberg also noted that a lot of the NGOs are unwilling to deal with the terror connections within their own organizations, and Israel is taking steps to rectify this. She explained that declassified documents from inside Gaza showed cooperation between groups such as Médecins Sans Frontières and Hamas.

“They've been willing for the past 15, 20 years to cooperate with Hamas and follow Hamas's rules, but when Israel is finally setting up a system to prevent a diversion [of funds], they're unwilling to play by the rules,” she concluded. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-881941> **UNRWA should never have existed. It is a totally biased pro-terrorist group. rdb**

Israel to suspend dozens of aid NGOs from Gaza operations after orgs. fail to renew registrations

The ministry said the registration requirement is intended to prevent the involvement of terrorist elements and to protect the integrity of humanitarian activity, citing past cases.

By [FRAIDY MOSER](#) DECEMBER 31, 2025 09:30



Displaced Palestinians carry food parcels and supplies from aid trucks near the Zikim border crossing between Israel and Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, August 18, 2025. (photo credit: Khalil Kahlout/ Flash90)

International non-governmental organizations that did not renew their registration will no longer be allowed to operate in the Gaza Strip starting January 1, 2026, Israel's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

According to the ministry, organizations were notified of the registration requirement in March 2025 and were given nearly 10 months to

complete the process. A temporary extension allowed continued interim operations, but groups that did not comply were informed that their authorization would end on Thursday and that an orderly withdrawal was required by March 1, 2026.

"Organizations were notified in March 2025, given nearly ten months to comply, and granted a good-faith extension allowing continued interim operations," the statement said.

The ministry said the registration requirement is intended to prevent the involvement of [terrorist elements](#) and to protect the integrity of humanitarian activity, citing past cases.

Registration remains open, the ministry said, and applications may still be submitted and will continue to be reviewed. Most [registered NGOs](#) are operating in the Gaza Strip and will continue their activities.

The ministry said the measure does not affect the overall scope of humanitarian assistance, estimating that approximately 99% of aid continues to be delivered. Humanitarian assistance to Gaza, it added, is being delivered through the United Nations, donor governments, the private sector, and more than 20 approved international organizations.

Aid organizations affected

The Associated Press reported that the suspension affects some of the world's largest aid organizations, including [Doctors Without Borders](#). International groups have criticized the rules as arbitrary and said they could endanger staff, while Israel has said terrorist groups have operated under the cover of some organizations, a claim the groups deny.

COGAT, the Israeli body that oversees humanitarian aid to Gaza, said the suspended organizations contribute less than 1% of total aid entering Gaza and that assistance will continue through organizations with permits to operate.

The organizations affected, as listed by the AP, include Action Against Hunger, ActionAid, Alianza por la Solidaridad, Campaign for the Children of Palestine, CARE, DanChurchAid, the Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International: Humanity & Inclusion, Japan International Volunteer Center, Médecins du Monde France, Médecins du Monde Switzerland, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Médecins Sans Frontières France, Médecins Sans Frontières Nederland, Médicos del Mundo, Mercy Corps, MSF Spain, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam Novib, Première Urgence Internationale, Terre des hommes Lausanne, the International Rescue Committee, WeWorld-GVC, World Vision International, Relief International, Fondazione AVSI, the Movement for Peace-MPDL, the American Friends Service Committee, medico international, the Palestine Solidarity Association in Sweden, Defense for Children International, Medical Aid for Palestinians UK, Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Jerusalem, the Near East Council of Churches, Oxfam Quebec, and War Child Holland . <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-881872>

Suicide bomber kills at least one, wounds security forces in Aleppo attack

The attacker detonated himself while being searched by the patrol after arousing suspicion, a security source told state-owned Ikhbariya TV.

A suicide bomber targeted a police patrol in Aleppo, killing one person and wounding two members of the security forces, a Syrian government spokesperson said on Wednesday.

"The person who detonated an explosive belt within the patrol in Aleppo is believed to have an ideological or organizational background linked to Islamic State," Interior Ministry spokesperson Nour al-

Din al-Baba told state-owned news agency Al Ekhbariya, adding that investigations were ongoing to determine the attacker's identity.

The attacker detonated himself while being searched by the patrol after arousing suspicion, Ekhbariya TV reported, citing a security source.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

This is a developing story. <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-881952>

Over 150 young immigrants to make aliyah, join IDF, through Garin Tzabar this winter

The announcement follows about 350 arrivals in summer 2025, bringing the program's total for the year to roughly 500 and marking a record since its founding in 1991. By [YOAV ETIEL](#) DECEMBER 31, 2025 22:53 Updated: DECEMBER 31, 2025 22:54



Tzofim Garin Tzabar. (photo credit: TZOFIM GARIN TZABAR)

Over 150 young immigrants from the United States, Canada, Australia, Britain, Kenya, and other countries will arrive in Israel this winter to join the IDF, the Tzofim Garin Tzabar program announced on Sunday.

The announcement follows about 350 arrivals in summer 2025, bringing the program's total for the year to roughly 500 and marking a record since its founding in 1991.

Program leaders said the uptick comes amid the ongoing war, with hundreds of young people choosing

to leave home and language to enlist and integrate into Israeli society during a period of national security challenge. They framed the choice as reflecting a strong sense of mission and commitment to the state.

The winter cohort builds on the summer 2025 wave that brought more than 300 young immigrants from countries including the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Britain, Spain, Denmark, the Netherlands, Guatemala, South Africa, Finland, Ukraine, and Singapore. Program staff said 2025 has become a record year for Garin Tzabar, with about 500 young olim in total.

Garin Tzabar, established by the Israel Scouts in 1991, provides a comprehensive support network for lone immigrant soldiers before [aliyah](#), through enlistment, and after service. The movement says it has supported more than 7,500 lone soldiers in 34 years.



Gaza hostages, deceased IDF soldiers among alumni

According to the Israel Scouts, six lone soldiers connected to Garin Tzabar have fallen since the war began, including deceased [Gaza](#) hostage Captain Omer Neutra. Former hostage Edan Alexander is also an alumnus of the program.

Today, more than 1,200 Garin Tzabar soldiers are serving across multiple fronts, and many alumni have returned from abroad for reserve duty since [October 7](#).

"Almost two years since the war began, we are witnessing a

marked increase in the number of young people choosing to make aliyah and enlist right now," Raz Perl, chair of the Israel Scouts movement, said.

"Garin Tzabar expresses living Zionism, young people choosing Israel not only in easier moments, but in the hardest hours." <https://www.jpost.com/aliyah/article-881944>

Iranian authorities tighten crackdown on fourth day of protests as unrest continues

A video carried by state media showed a group of people trying to break open the gate of the governor's office in Faza. Demonstrators were heard chanting slogans critical of the Islamic Republic.

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A person walks past a sign at a currency exchange, as the value of the Iranian Rial drops, in Tehran, Iran, December 30, 2025. (photo credit: MAJID ASGARIPOUR/WANA (WEST ASIA NEWS AGENCY) VIA REUTERS)

Security has been increased throughout Iran as protests entered their fourth day on Wednesday, with authorities stepping up measures to contain demonstrations spreading across multiple cities.

Despite many provinces being on an official shutdown due to cold weather and energy constraints, protesters gathered in the cities of Tehran, Isfahan, Kermanshah, and

Mashhad. Security forces were seen deploying covert units near protest sites in Mashhad, while videos from within Iran showed police and security officials positioning water cannons against demonstrators in Tehran.

Protests began after the bazaaris (merchant class) closed their shops on Sunday and took to the streets to protest the country's dire financial situation. The market value of \$1 reached 1.4 million rials, when its official value is 42,000 rials.

Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref tendered his resignation on Wednesday amid the unrest, but President Masoud Pezeshkian declined to accept it, a senior adviser at the presidency confirmed, according to Iran International.

Iran's prosecutor-general also warned on Wednesday that authorities would respond firmly if economic protests were transformed into unrest or attacks on public property.

Mohammad Movahedi-Azad said the protests, driven by economic hardship, were understandable and should be dealt with through lawful means. However, he cautioned against what he described as organized attempts to hijack legitimate grievances.

He said the state would not tolerate what he called the "systematic manipulation" of protests, citing the role of coordinated media activity, misleading narratives, and the involvement of individuals who disrupt public order.

Protests regarding ongoing financial situation

Meanwhile, four students from the University of [Tehran](#) arrested on Tuesday were released late that night, the university announced on Wednesday afternoon. Mohammad-Reza Taghidokht, executive deputy of the university president's office, told the Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA) that all four detained students had been freed by authorities.

Amid the nationwide unrest, rumors also circulated that a protester had become the first fatality of the demonstrations. Reports initially claimed that 18-year-old Mehdi Samavati had been shot and killed by security officials in the southern city of Fasa. However, sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that such claims were false.

A video later emerged that reportedly showed Samavati alive. It is believed that the Iranian regime deliberately spread news of his death in an attempt to sow fear among the protesters.

The reports were also disputed by a senior judicial official in Fasa. According to [Iranian](#) media, Hamed Ostovar, head of Fasa's justice department, denied that anyone had been killed during the unrest while confirming that arrests and injuries had occurred.

"The claim is not true and is only a rumor," Ostovar said.

He did, however, acknowledge that images circulating online showed alleged damage to part of the governor's office.

"During the incident and after police entered the area, four of the attackers were arrested," he said, adding that three police officers were injured.

Residents of Fasa, which has a population of 11,000, gathered outside the governor's office and other official buildings to protest Iran's worsening financial situation, witnesses said. Some demonstrators were heard chanting slogans critical of the Islamic Republic during the gathering.

A video carried by state media showed a group of people trying to break open the gate of the building. Reuters verified the location of the footage but was not able to independently verify the timing.

The governor of Fasa told state media that "the protests were caused by inflation and economic conditions. Individuals influenced by hostile channels and media participated in them... the situation is back to normal."

Iranian authorities have responded to previous protests over issues ranging from prices, drought, women's rights and political freedoms with forceful security measures and extensive arrests.

This time the government said it would set up a "dialog mechanism" with leaders of the demonstrations, the first major protests since Israeli and U.S. strikes on Iran in June, which prompted widespread expressions of patriotic solidarity. It has not said how the mechanism would work.

On Tuesday night, Iranian Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi issued his strongest backing for the protests spreading across Iran with a message to his followers on social media:

"Your presence in the streets across Iran has kindled the flame of a national revolution," the royal wrote in a message shared on X/Twitter. "The continuation and expansion of your presence, and taking control of the streets, is today our foremost, vital priority.

"I call upon the people of Iran to join in with the nationwide strikes and protests: government employees, workers in the energy and transportation sectors, truck drivers, nurses, teachers and academics, artisans and entrepreneurs, retirees and those who have lost their savings – everyone, unite and join this national movement."

Among the chants heard in videos sent to *the Post* were: "The shah will return to the homeland, and zahhak (the despot) will be overthrown," and "This is the final battle! Pahlavi will return."

Chants against Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei have also increased in recent days.

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Genocide: Muslim Terrorists Killed 200,000 People in 11 Years

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Islamic terrorism is the outcry of the oppressed, apologists tell us. If the perpetrators only had access to more advanced weapons, they wouldn't feel the need to massacre civilians with everything from machetes to rockets. Terrorism is a local phenomenon, not a global one.

Jihadist terrorism only grabs our attention when it occurs on a large scale, like 9/11 or Oct 7, and then its allies, apologists and appeasers quickly redirect attention by indicting the response to the attacks as 'oppression', faking atrocities, complaining about 'Islamophobia' and a police state, and quibbling over legalisms until they have successfully obscured the original atrocity.

Meanwhile the smaller scale terror plots and attacks that follow are swept under the rug.

Last year however France's Fondapol think tank, a somewhat conservative group, issued a report chronicling 45 years of Islamic terrorism around the world with an estimated 249,941 victims. The killing of nearly a quarter million people is the story of an Islamic genocide.

A genocide we don't talk about because it's politically incorrect to even make mention of it.

In the two decades between 1979 and 2000, which the report defines as the first wave of Islamic terrorism, there were fewer than 7,000 deaths at the hands of Islamic Jihadists, while from 2001 through 2012, under 40,000 people were killed, and from 2013 until 2024, over 200,000 died at the hands of Islamic terrorists. The sharp escalation in violence and deadliness clearly shows that Islamic terrorism is rapidly becoming more of a global threat every decade.

Between 2013 and 2024, 200,000 people died without it ever being registered as a genocide.

And the Fondapol database is incomplete because it fails to track some Islamic terrorism, failing to classify some Islamic massacres as religiously-motivated and some terror groups as Islamic..

The Religion of Peace, a site tracking Islamic terrorism, found that there [were nearly 10,000](#) Islamic terrorist killings in 2024 alone. This year looks to be even worse with a reported [12,850 killings](#) as of the end of October and [over 2,400 killings](#) in just the month of October alone.

Compare the silence about the over 22,000 victims of Islamic genocide in the last two years with the hysterical lies about a 'genocide' in Gaza even as Israel was not only not killing Arab Muslim civilian settlers in the area, but insisted on keeping alive thousands of murderous terrorists in its prisons for whom Hamas wanted to trade its Israeli Jewish and other non-Muslim hostages.

Earlier this year, *Front Page Magazine* [reported on the genocide of Christians](#) in Nigeria and called on President Trump to take action. Charlie Kirk [tweeted out our article](#) with the message,

“Did you know 125,000 Christians have been murdered and 19,000 churches destroyed by Muslims in Nigeria in the last 15 years? Weird how that never gets any attention. Wonder why.”

President Trump has since issued a direct warning to the Nigerian regime to end the killing. This comes after both the Biden and Obama administrations had enabled and covered up the killings. After Trump’s announcement, the mainstream media rushed to deny the documented fact that there was a genocide in Nigeria, just as it had spread the lie of a genocide in Gaza.

Others blamed the problem on ISIS, but the massacres of Christians in Nigeria predate the rise of the Islamic State, and ISIS could never have killed over 100,000 Christians in Nigeria. The majority of the massacres were carried out not by ISIS Jihadists, but by Muslim Fulani herdsman engaged not in occasional terrorist attacks of the kind that get headlines, but a sustained genocide of Christians carried on with the complicity of Muslim officials in Nigeria.

Nigeria is located in sub-Saharan Africa which is 62% Christian and only 33% Muslim, yet it’s the location of the single deadliest wave of Islamic terrorism ahead of the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. If Islamic terrorism were indeed an internal phenomenon, as apologists claim, then the densest Muslim areas should have the highest rate of Islamic violence.

Islamic terrorism is not an internal phenomenon, but an external one, it’s how Islam expands and why its borders are always red, whether in Africa, Asia or, as it moves into the West, in Europe and America, and the violence is greatest where Islam seeks to suppress non-Muslims.

Between 2010 and 2020, the Muslim settler population in sub-Saharan Africa grew 33.8% while the Christian population increased by 31.2%. The percentage difference seems minor, but had the Christian population increased at the same rate as the Muslim population, it would have grown to 711,347,700 instead of to 697,420,000 as it actually did. The difference partly reflects slightly higher Muslim birth rates, but it also partly reflects the Islamic genocide of Christians.

The phenomenon is not limited to Africa. The Muslim ethnic cleansing of non-Muslims is an ongoing project in India’s Kashmir region, in Israel’s endless Islamic terrorism problem, and in the grooming gangs and terror attacks taking place in the United Kingdom. These are not disparate problems, but members of a common ideology executing the same genocidal imperative laid down in the supremacist texts that command the killing of non-Muslim ‘infidels’.

The scale of the Islamic genocide of non-Muslims in the ancient world surpassed anything in its scale and cruelty that existed in modern times. In India alone, the Muslim conquerors killed tens of millions of Hindus and other indigenous peoples. The Christian, Hindu and Buddhist populations of the occupied lands that comprise a detached Muslim colonial empire stretching from North Africa to Afghanistan were for the most part ethnically cleansed and enslaved.

The reunification of that empire into a ‘caliphate’ is the mission of not only ISIS and Al Qaeda, but all Muslim terrorists, and their state sponsors like Erdogan’s Turkey and the Gulf states.

The decline and fall of many of the rotten Islamic colonial empires, from the Ottomans to the monstrous Mughals, in the 19th century, who found themselves unable to compete with the Western European nations that Islam had tried to overrun at its prime, liberated the surviving Christians, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists from their imperial rule, allowing some to rebuild nation-states like India and Israel, even as Islamists carved out counter-states like Pakistan and the so-called ‘Palestinian’ terror state that had no legitimate history and which existed for no other purpose than to spread Islamic supremacist terror and reclaim their lost colonies.

European empires initially gloried in the fall of the Islamic empires only to then feel guilty over their decline. The influence of Marxism muddled history badly and led to ‘decolonization’ narratives in which the Islamic conquerors and oppressors were transformed into the victims of colonialism because they had to endure a generation or two of British or French rule.

Decolonization commenced and then Islamic genocides soon resumed all over again. The West, fearful of Communism, greedy for oil or corrupted by Marxist rhetoric, not only turned a blind eye to the worst of it, but began to blame the indigenous Hindu, Buddhist or Jewish communities for resisting Islamic colonization, accusing them of oppressing a Muslim ‘minority’.

That was the policy that the Obama administration followed in Nigeria. As the State Department insisted that Christians were oppressing Muslims because they had a limited majority, Muslims were carrying on a

genocide of Nigerian Christians that has since surpassed 125,000 victims.

Even now the media is filled with voices claiming that Muslims are the real victims in Nigeria.

That is how Muslims were able to kill over 200,000 people in 11 years with hardly a whisper of outrage from the UN, the EU and the rest of the 'international community'. And unless we call it what it is, genocide, and name the perpetrator, Islam, the genocide will only grow worse.

Meanwhile the international community will insist that the genocides are really 'decolonization'.

The vast majority of the Islamic killings have taken place in the last decade. From the mass deaths in Nigeria to Oct 7, Islamic genocide is intensifying worldwide. What began with the deaths of hundreds and then thousands is turning into the deaths of hundreds of thousands.

And then millions will die.

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STEP BY STEP

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.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat's population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say "no" to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U'Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U'Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

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Your support will be appreciated.

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