

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) – Extremist Israeli minister Itamar Ben Gvir has called on the Zionist regime to “dismantle” the Palestinian Authority. The far-right politician said in a post on X: “I will appeal to the Prime Minister with a request to bring immediate operative measures to the next cabinet meeting to dismantle the Palestinian Authority. This must be the response to the terrorist Abu Mazen’s fantasies of a ‘Palestinian state’ – crushing the terror authority he heads.”

Defend your faith (in Allah) with the help of charity. Protect your wealth with the aid of Zakat. Let the prayers guard you from calamities and disasters.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Over 100,000 in Tel Aviv Protest Gaza Occupation Plan

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Thousands of protesters took to the streets of Tel Aviv on Saturday night to oppose Benjamin Netanyahu’s plan to escalate the war on Gaza.

A day earlier, the Israeli prime minister’s office said the security cabinet had decided to seize Gaza City, expanding the invasion of the devastated Palestinian territory despite widespread public opposition and warnings from the military the move could endanger the captives.

Late Saturday’s demonstration in Tel Aviv attracted more than 100,000 protesters, according to organizers. Attendees demanded an immediate end to the military campaign and for the release of hostages.

Public opinion polls show an overwhelming majority of Jewish settlers favor an immediate end to the war to secure the release of the remaining 50 captives held in Gaza. Israeli officials believe about 20 captives are still alive.

The Israeli regime has faced sharp criticism, including from some of its closest European allies, over the announcement that the military would expand the war.



Settlers rally on a street in Tel Aviv to protest a planned expansion of the Gaza invasion.

The full cabinet was expected to give its approval as soon as Sunday.

Most of the captives who have been freed emerged as a result of diplomatic negotiations. Talks toward a ceasefire that could have seen more captives released collapsed in July because of Israeli breaches.

“They (the regime) are fanatic,” said Rami Dar, 69-year-old retiree, who travelled from a nearby suburb outside Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv has seen frequent rallies urging the Zionist regime to reach a ceasefire and captives deal with Hamas.

“Frankly, I’m not an expert or anything, but I feel that after two years of fighting there has been no success,” said Yana, 45, who attended the rally with her husband and two children.

Protesters held signs directing anger at the Zionist regime or urging U.S. President Donald Trump to take action to stop prime minister

Benjamin Netanyahu from moving forward with plans to escalate the war. A small number of protesters held images of children killed by the Israeli military in Gaza.

Israel’s military has killed more than 61,000 Palestinians in the war, according to Gaza’s health ministry.

Some of the prime minister’s far-right coalition allies have been pushing for a total takeover of Gaza. The military has warned this could endanger the lives of the captives in Gaza.

Far-right minister Bezalel Smotrich, a proponent of continuing the war, issued a statement on Saturday criticizing Netanyahu and calling for the annexation of large parts of Gaza.

Netanyahu told Fox News in an interview that aired on Thursday that the military intended to take control of all Gaza.

Tal, a 55-year-old high school teacher, told Reuters at the rally in Tel Aviv that expanding the war was “terrible”. He said the war should end with the military withdrawing: “We don’t have anything to do there. It’s not ours.”

Jolani Militants Launch New Raids on Druze Areas

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Armed clashes broke out in the southern Syrian city of Sweida after tribal militias affiliated with extremist leader Abu Muhammad al-Jolani launched coordinated attacks on several Druze-held areas, according to local Syrian sources.

The violence reportedly targeted the Reema Hazem and Mazraa districts of Sweida, a majority-Druze city that has largely remained autonomous amid Syria’s wider conflict. Local defense groups composed of Druze residents responded forcefully, repelling the assault in intense exchanges of fire.

Sources on the ground said the attacking militias used artillery and mortars to shell the village of Atil, striking from both Reema Hazem and Mazraa axes. Casualty numbers remain unconfirmed, and communication with the area remains limited due to ongoing security concerns.

The renewed violence follows a series of escalating tensions in and around Sweida, which has seen sporadic unrest in recent months fueled by economic hardship, political grievances, and external meddling.

Meanwhile, in eastern Syria, re-

ports emerged of clashes between the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and fighters loyal to Jolani along the western banks of the Euphrates River in Dayr al-Zawr province. Details on the scope and outcome of those confrontations remain unclear as of this writing.

Jolani, the former Al-Qaeda affiliate and current head of the militant group Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), has increasingly sought to extend influence beyond his base in Idlib, a strategy that has brought him into conflict with other armed factions and local defense forces

across Syria.

Analysts suggest the recent attacks in Sweida may be part of a broader campaign to destabilize the south, where Druze communities have long resisted external domination, whether from the HTS regime or radical militant groups.

Observers warn that any escalation in the historically quiet province could have broader implications for Syria’s fragmented security landscape, especially as foreign-backed groups maneuver for control in the country’s periphery.

Report: Gaza Occupation to Cost Israel Up to \$49 Billion Annually

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth has issued a stark warning to the illegal entity’s political and military leaders, warning that the occupation of Gaza Strip could impose significant financial burdens on Tel Aviv, including deep cuts to education and healthcare budgets.

The newspaper reported on Sunday that Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pushing forward with plans to occupy Gaza despite warnings from the finance ministry about a looming 7% budget deficit this year and the risk of further downgrades to Israel’s credit rating. The occupation could cost Israel between 120 to 180 billion shekels annually—approximately \$32 to \$49 billion, based on an exchange rate of around 3.5 shekels per dollar.

Economic analyst Gad Liver told Yedioth Ahronoth that financing the Gaza occupation plan would require significant reductions in spending on social welfare, education, and healthcare, alongside the imposition of new taxes,

which would exacerbate the budget deficit.

The report highlighted that Israel may enter the next fiscal year without an approved budget, forcing it to operate in stages, which could seriously impact the economy.

According to sources within Israel’s finance ministry, the cost of deploying 250,000 reservists and ammunition usage is estimated at roughly 350 million shekels per day, amounting to 10-11 billion shekels monthly and totaling 30-50 billion shekels by the end of 2025.

These expenses are in addition to the 10-15 billion shekels monthly projected for Gaza’s administration if occupied, and billions more for refugee housing and humanitarian aid such as food, water, medicine, and electricity for Gaza’s population.

Yedioth Ahronoth noted that both finance ministry officials and the Bank of Israel expect the budget deficit to reach at least 7% this year, with a risk of further credit rating downgrades by international agencies.

The newspaper warned that Jewish settlers should prepare for austerity measures including new taxes, the extension of suspended tax cuts, and severe budget reductions in education, health, social welfare, and infrastructure.

In a security cabinet meeting last Thursday, all senior Israeli security chiefs either opposed or expressed caution over Netanyahu’s Gaza occupation plan. The heads of Mossad and the Shin Bet security agency voiced their opposition.

Channel 12 Israeli TV reported that Tzachi Hanegbi, head of Israel’s security council, rejected Netanyahu’s proposal, aligning with the army chief who warned that controlling Gaza City would endanger hostages’ lives.

Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir strongly opposed the plan during the cabinet meeting, warning that occupation and clearance operations could last one to two years, cause a humanitarian disaster due to destruction of civilian infrastructure, and jeopardize Israeli captives held in Gaza.

‘Hezbollah at Peak Readiness Against U.S., Israeli Plan’

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Prominent Arab analyst Abd al-Bari Atwan has asserted that Hezbollah in Lebanon has firmly stabilized its position and stands at the peak of military and psychological readiness to confront what he calls the American-Israeli enemy and their collaborators.

In an article published Sunday by Rai al-Youm, Atwan addressed recent political developments in Lebanon, highlighting the resilience of the Lebanese resistance movement.

He underscored remarks by Hezbollah parliamentary bloc leader Muhammad Raad, who declared that disarming Hezbollah would be tantamount to succumbing to Israeli and American diktats, constituting both national suicide and betrayal of Lebanon’s sovereignty.

Atwan criticized Lebanese President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam for their hasty acceptance of the American “Tom Barrack” initiative, accusing them of complicity in a conspiracy aimed at disarming Hezbollah—an act he warned would ignite Lebanon into renewed civil conflict.

He further noted that previous U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein’s efforts to impose ceasefires and engineer covert operations failed to weaken Hezbollah. Atwan expressed confidence that Hochstein’s successor, Barrack, would likewise fail in attempts to dismantle the resistance or coerce Lebanon into normalization with Israel.

According to Atwan, the true threat to Lebanon’s stability does not come from Hezbollah supporters demonstrating

in Beirut’s southern suburbs but from those endangering the country by fostering civil strife.

He warned that disarming Hezbollah would erode Lebanon’s Arab-Islamic identity, echoing the fate of Iraq and Libya where similar efforts under the guise of democracy and human rights led to state collapse.

Atwan praised Hezbollah’s political and military leadership for their vigilance and refusal to fall into Israeli traps disguised as American policy. He asserted that Lebanon’s resistance has achieved a state of preparedness, ready to face its adversaries decisively.

The analyst also emphasized the shifting dynamics compared to Lebanon’s first civil war, noting that current conflicts focus on Hezbollah’s weapons—the backbone of the national resistance and dignity.

He predicted that any attempt by American and Israeli forces in Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah would fail and inflict heavy consequences on Washington and Tel Aviv.

Highlighting the solidarity within the Lebanese army’s majority, Atwan expressed confidence that the military will side with Hezbollah, rejecting conspirators aiming to undermine Lebanon’s security.

Atwan reminded readers of the defeats suffered by the U.S. and Israel in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Lebanon, Gaza, and most recently in the recent 12-day war on Iran, asserting that Hezbollah’s precise missile strikes on Tel Aviv and key Israeli military installations signal the enduring strength of the resistance.

Zionist Minister Vows to Bring Down Netanyahu

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israel’s extremist finance minister Bezalel Smotrich has threatened to bring down prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s cabinet and push for new elections amid growing tensions over the handling of the war in Gaza, according to Israel’s Kan public broadcaster.

During a security cabinet meeting focused on future military operations, Smotrich expressed frustration with the current regime’s strategy. “From my perspective, we can stop everything,” he said, signaling his readiness to dissolve the coalition if necessary.

The governing coalition now holds a slim majority of just 60 seats in the 120-member Knesset, following the recent departure of the United Torah Judaism party

and far-right legislator Avi Maoz. New elections can only be triggered if the Knesset votes to dissolve the cabinet.

In a rare and sharp public statement released Saturday night, Smotrich declared he had lost faith that the prime minister is able and wants to lead the military to a decisive victory. He urged Netanyahu to reconvene the cabinet and commit to ending all pauses and partial agreements in the war.

Smotrich called for a decisive campaign, including the annexation of large parts of Gaza and the facilitation of voluntary emigration, meaning forced expulsions.

He condemned ongoing military actions that risk Israeli soldiers’ lives and incur heavy political and international costs.