

# Jolani: HTS in Security Talks With Zionist Regime

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), an extremist group with direct affiliations to Al-Qaeda and Daesh, is reportedly engaged in negotiations with Israel to reach a security agreement that would see Israeli forces withdraw from territories occupied since the December overthrow of Bashar al-Assad.

Following HTS’s takeover of Syria on December 8, Israel swiftly moved troops into the UN-patrolled buffer zone on the Golan Heights—a volatile frontier that has separated Zionist and Syrian forces since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war armistice.

Israel has intensified its military aggression, launching hundreds of airstrikes on Syrian military infrastructure and conducting deep incursions into southern Syria, devastating vital facilities and displacing civilians.

Despite this sustained bombard-



ment and ongoing occupation, the HTS-led regime headed by former Daesh in Iraq commander Abu Muhammad al-Jolani has refrained from retaliating militarily. Instead, it appears to be seeking a form of normalization with Israel by opening negotiations aimed at formalizing a security arrangement.

According to Jolani, talks are

underway to restore Israeli forces to positions they held prior to December 8, 2024.

“Israel assumed that with the fall of the previous regime, Syria would abandon the 1974 disengagement agreement,” Jolani said in an interview with state-run Alekhbariah TV. “But from the outset, HTS has expressed its commitment to maintaining this

accord.”

The unexpected diplomatic overture follows reports last month of a secret meeting in Paris between HTS foreign minister Asaad al-Shaibani and Israeli strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer, discussing de-escalation efforts and the complex situation in the Druze-majority Sweida province, which has suffered sectarian violence.

Meanwhile, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly acknowledged ongoing talks with the HTS regime.

The HTS’s willingness to negotiate with Israel amid relentless Israeli airstrikes highlights a complex and paradoxical reality: an extremist regime with a violent takfiri past now seeks diplomatic engagement with the very entity whose military occupation continues to devastate Syrian sovereignty and infrastructure.

## Western Media Rehash Claim of U.S. Frustration With Israel

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Western media have renewed efforts to portray Washington as “frustrated” with Israel, despite continued U.S. support for the genocide in Gaza and other violent Israeli campaigns across West Asia.

From October 2023 to September 2025, at least 46 reports have been published in Western media describing former U.S. president Joe Biden and his successor, Donald Trump, as being “frustrated” with Israel’s actions.

The latest report, published by POLITICO, follows an illegal and unprecedented Israeli strike in Qatar, which targeted Hamas leaders while they were meeting to discuss a U.S. ceasefire proposal in Doha.

“The administration’s frus-

trations with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu have deepened since the Israeli strike on Tuesday,” the DC-based publication reported.

“Every time they’re making progress, it seems like he bombs someone. That’s why the president and his aides are so frustrated with Netanyahu,” a source close to the president’s national security team told the outlet.

In May, Israeli journalist and former Unit 8200 member Barak Ravid reported in Axios that Trump was “frustrated” with Israel’s war on Gaza and was “upset” by pictures of starving Palestinian children.

Other reports since then have kept alive allegations that Trump wants Israel to “wrap up” the war. Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to arm Israel

and replenish its stockpiles as it launches daily attacks in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen.

Hebrew media confirmed in June that Trump pretended to be against an attack on Iran while secretly greenlighting Israel’s campaign.

During Biden’s term, the former president was reported to have been “angry” or “frustrated” with Benjamin Netanyahu over a dozen times.

Before Israel entered south Gaza’s Rafah in May last year, Biden was said to be “issuing an ultimatum” to Netanyahu and warning him that he would not support the assault, calling Rafah a “red line.”

Despite a limited freeze on some arms shipments, which was later unfrozen, the weapons continued to flow, and the

Israeli army completely destroyed Rafah.

On 20 August, Bloomberg cited budget documents revealing that the Pentagon was seeking over \$3.5 billion to replenish weapons and defense systems used to protect Israel.

In late June, the U.S. approved a \$510 million arms deal for Israel. After the attack on Doha, Trump assured Qatar that such a thing would not happen again.

He publicly denounced the attack and said it “did not serve U.S. or Israeli interests.” Despite this, Israeli officials came out afterwards and threatened to hit the Persian Gulf state again.

Hebrew reports have said that the U.S. was informed ahead of time and gave the green light for the attack.

## Report: UAE Under Qatari Pressure to Close Israeli Embassy

DUBAI (Dispatches) – The UAE is reportedly considering a request from Qatar to close its embassy in Tel Aviv in retaliation for Israel’s strike targeting Hamas leaders in Doha, Haaretz reported, citing unnamed diplomatic sources in the Persian Gulf.

An Israeli strike on Tuesday targeted senior Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya and others as they met in Doha to discuss the latest U.S. proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Hayya’s son and four other lower-ranking Hamas members were killed. However, Hayya and other senior officials survived. A Qatari security force member was also killed in Israel’s illegal attack.

Qatar is now asking its Persian Gulf neighbor, the UAE, to close its embassy in Tel Aviv and recall

Israeli ambassador Yossi Shelley. “The gloves are off,” a diplomat speaking with Haaretz said.

On Friday, the UAE summoned the Israeli deputy ambassador, David Ohad Horsandi, while condemning Israel’s “outrageous attack” and hostile statements against Qatar.

Officials in Doha also lashed out at Washington, saying Qatar may “re-evaluate” its security ties to the U.S. after the Israeli strike on its capital, according to sources cited by Axios.

“Qatar’s prime minister told the White House his country would now re-evaluate its security partnership with Washington,” the outlet reported.

Since October 7, Israel has accused Qatar of supporting “terror-

ism” for hosting Hamas.

But Qatari officials expressed anger following the Israeli strike, saying that both the U.S. and Israel had specifically asked Doha to host Hamas political leaders to allow the Washington and Tel Aviv to monitor them more easily.

“From Doha’s perspective, accusing Qatar of hosting Hamas leaders is seen as a knife in the back and could affect continued cooperation with Mossad as well as other interactions between the emirate and Israel,” Haaretz writes.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu himself pursued a policy of funding Hamas via payments to Qatar, saying that it was part of a strategy to keep Palestinians divided and prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

“Anyone who wants to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state has to support bolstering Hamas and transferring money to Hamas,” Netanyahu told a meeting of his Likud party members in March 2019.

“This is part of our strategy – to isolate the Palestinians in Gaza from the Palestinians in the West Bank,” he added.

“We have neighbors,” Netanyahu said, “who are our bitter enemies ... I send them messages all the time ... these days, right now ... I mislead them, destabilize them, mock them, and then hit them over the head.”

“It’s impossible to reach an agreement with them ... Everyone knows this, but we control the height of the flames.”

## Ireland’s Ex-PM Robinson ‘Ashamed’ of EU Response to Israel

DUBLIN (Dispatches) – Former Irish President Mary Robinson said she feels “ashamed” of the EU’s response to Israel’s war in Gaza, criticizing the bloc for failing to suspend its trade agreement with Israel despite calls to do so, Anadolu reports.

“I feel a bit ashamed as an EU citizen that the EU that speaks about human rights, that talks the talk cannot bring itself,” she told RTE’s The Late Late Show late Friday. “It is quite disturbing at this stage.”

Robinson noted that European Commission

President Ursula von der Leyen had said the deal should be suspended, but added: “We still haven’t got there.”

She accused other countries of being “complicit and not doing enough” while a “deliberate famine” is taking place in Gaza. Calling the situation “a failure of political will,” she pointed to the influence of US President Donald Trump and urged the use of “all levers” to halt the conflict.

“The real levers are to stop the armaments

completely. And, of course, the United States would be the big country that could do that. But some European countries should also stop the armaments and also the trade,” she said.

Robinson described Israel’s leadership as “an extremist government led by a bad prime minister,” saying Benjamin Netanyahu “doesn’t want to make peace.”

Reflecting on famine and humanitarian solidarity, she called for renewed global commitment to protecting the most vulnerable.

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where right-wing parties have gained ground by stirring fear and hatred toward refugees and minorities.

While Robinson claimed the march was about “free speech,” his rhetoric and the crowd’s chants reveal a far more sinister agenda—one that aims to undermine democratic norms, silence dissent, and legitimize hatred. The fact that over 1,000 police officers were deployed to keep opposing groups apart shows the level of tension and volatility this movement fuels.

Counterprotesters, gathered under the banner of “March Against Fascism,” called out the rise of fascist tendencies with signs declaring “refugees welcome” and “smash the far right.” Their presence underscores the fierce resistance from anti-fascist and civil rights activists determined to challenge the normalization of hate and extremism.

This march comes amid a growing crisis over migrants crossing the English Channel in overcrowded boats—an issue politicians have weaponized to stir division rather than address humanitarian needs. The brutal scapegoating of asylum seekers, especially following the arrest of an Ethiopian man convicted of assault, has ignited waves of anti-migrant protests across the UK this summer, some turning violent.

What we are witnessing is not merely a protest about immigration but a disturbing embrace of fascist ideology taking root in mainstream discourse. The flag-waving nationalism, the demonization of minorities, the calls for exclusion and “sending them home”—all these elements are hallmarks of a broader fascist wave sweeping Europe, threatening to unravel democratic institutions and fuel racial and ethnic violence.

Robinson’s role as founder of the English Defense League and his continued influence within far-right circles underscore how deeply embedded these extremist ideologies have become. His call for supporters to avoid violence and masks was tactical, designed to make the movement appear more palatable and legitimate—but the toxic, hateful core remains.

Britain’s descent into this dark political territory is part of a larger European crisis, where economic instability, social anxieties, and fractured political landscapes have opened the door for far-right movements to push their agenda.

From Hungary’s Viktor Orbán to Italy’s Matteo Salvini, from France’s Marine Le Pen to Germany’s AfD, Europe is witnessing a worrying revival of authoritarian nationalism and xenophobia.

Saturday’s events in London were more than just a clash of opposing demonstrations—they were a stark reminder that fascism, once thought defeated, is reemerging in the heart of Europe.

Unless there is a concerted effort to challenge these forces—through education, political engagement, and a recommitment to democratic values—the UK and Europe risk sliding further into division, hate, and authoritarian rule.

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Europe, which has been a vital source of scientific funding. Hundreds of Israeli academics themselves have begun to speak out. In a powerful open letter in May, the Black Flag Action Group — a collective of Israeli scholars — condemned their own institutions for silence and complicity. “This is a horrifying litany of war crimes and crimes against humanity,” they wrote. “We cannot claim that we did not know.”

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or proposed to strengthen economic ties, including “enhancing tourism cooperation through mutual visa exemptions, establishing direct flights, holding new sessions of the joint economic commission, expanding trade exchanges across various sectors, and cooperation in technology.”

He said Iran is ready “to cooperate with Tunisia by leveraging its experiences, technical knowledge and indigenous technologies.”

Araghchi also underscored the importance of cultural and artistic interactions, especially in cinema, music, handicraft exhibitions, and sports, as key to deepening mutual understanding and people-to-people ties, noting shared religious and cultural bonds as a strong foundation.

Highlighting successful Iranian cultural presence in Tunisia, he mentioned the popularity of the Iranian TV series “Prophet Joseph” and the film “King Solomon” at Tunisian festivals, reflecting a “notable cultural appreciation” in Tunisia of Iranian artistic capacities.

Araghchi also praised the boost in tourism following reciprocal visa exemption agreements, calling it “an exceptional opportunity to strengthen the brotherly bonds between the two peoples.”

He concluded his note by recalling the famous verses of Tunisian poet Abu al-Qasim al-Shabi:

“If the people one day truly desire life,  
then fate must respond;  
the night must inevitably clear away,  
and the chains must inevitably be broken.”

Finally, he extended warm congratulations to the Tunisian national football team on their qualification for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and wished both Tunisia and Iran success in the upcoming global tournament.