

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon reported that Israeli tank fire landed just five meters from their patrol, forcing them to take cover. UNIFIL condemned the incident as a serious violation of international resolutions and contacted Israeli authorities to halt fire near its personnel. Separately, Lebanese President Joseph Aoun instructed the Foreign Ministry to file an urgent UN Security Council complaint against Israel over a concrete wall extending beyond the Blue Line. The barrier, he said, violates Lebanese sovereignty and UN Resolution 1701, blocking residents from 4,000 square meters of land.

Do not feel ashamed if the amount of charity is small because to refuse the needy is an act of greater shame.

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# Israeli Raids Strike Southern Syria as HTS, Kurds Clash Amid Chaos

DAMASCUS — Israeli forces carried out multiple incursions into southwestern Syria on Sunday, highlighting the Arab country's ongoing insecurity amid domestic unrest under Abu Muhammad al-Jolani's Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) regime.

Five Israeli military vehicles reportedly entered the town of Saida al-Golan in the Quneitra countryside before withdrawing, according to the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA).

Israeli forces also raided the outskirts of Ma'riya village in Daraa province, with locals reporting destruction of farmland, forested areas, arrests, and new military checkpoints.

Since December 2024, Israel has conducted over 1,000 airstrikes and more than 400 cross-border raids into southern Syria. Following the fall of President Bashar al-Assad later that year, Israel expanded its occupation of the Golan Heights, including the demilitarized buffer zone, in violation of the 1974 Disengagement Agreement.



Israeli tanks leave the area after they caused damage to civilian areas in four towns of Quneitra province in the Golan Heights.

Analysts say HTS' inaction and its normalization overtures have emboldened Tel Aviv to escalate its operations.

Meanwhile, fighting continues in northeastern Syria, where Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) repelled an attack by HTS-affiliated factions near Ghanem al-Ali village in Raqqa province.

The SDF reported three fight-

ers were injured while confirming casualties among the attackers. The Kurdish forces accused HTS of using suicide drones and heavy weapons indiscriminately, placing civilians at risk.

"This reckless behavior confirms these parties' insistence on dragging the region toward tension and undermining stability," the SDF said.

HTS, led by Jolani, a former commander linked to Al-Qaeda and Daesh, has long been accused of sectarian violence targeting Alawites, Shia Muslims, Druze, and other minorities.

This has made negotiations with Kurdish forces difficult, despite ongoing talks aimed at integrating SDF-controlled areas and institutions into Syria's federal structures.

Discussions stalled over disagreements regarding decentralization and the SDF's role in HTS-controlled areas, though they have since resumed, with HTS warning that negotiations "will not be rushed," according to Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani.

Observers say Syria remains in a state of chronic insecurity, caught between repeated Israeli aggression and HTS' oppressive rule.

Locals report widespread fear as military operations, cross-border attacks, and internal sectarian violence continue to destabilize the country, leaving civilians vulnerable and peace prospects uncertain.

## Hezbollah MP: Israeli Plot Against Lebanon Mirrors Syria Scenario

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- A senior Lebanese lawmaker says his country does not need a new agreement given the fragile ceasefire that Israel repeatedly violates, warning that the occupying entity is devising a plot against Lebanon similar to the conspiracy imposed on neighboring Syria.

"Some in Lebanon insist on disarmament of Hezbollah and assert that the enemy will no longer have an excuse against Lebanon in case the resistance movement lays down arms," Hussein Hajj Hassan, a member of Loyalty to the Resistance Bloc – the political wing of Hezbollah in the Lebanese parliament – said on Saturday evening.

"They believe the sole reason behind Israel's aggression against Lebanon lies in Hezbollah's weapons," he said, adding that the plot

the Tel Aviv regime is drawing up for Lebanon is akin to the conspiracy imposed on Syria.

"It involves creation of a buffer zone, continuation and expansion of the Zionist occupation, and destruction of the elements of power, not only the Hezbollah resistance movement, but also the government."

Hajj Hassan noted that the talk of a new agreement with Israel is meaningless whilst the regime does not stand committed to the ceasefire deal concluded in November last year.

"The ceasefire agreement has been brokered by the United States and France, carries UN guarantees, and stipulates the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory, cessation of aggression, release of

Lebanese prisoners, and reconstruction of the country. The need for a new deal is pointless, especially as the previous agreement has not been implemented at all by Zionist occupiers," the Lebanese legislator said.

"Is there a resistance group and weapons in Syria? So why does the Zionist regime keep invading the country, occupying more land there, and affirming that it will not pull out?" Hajj Hassan questioned.

The Lebanese lawmaker highlighted that Syria's ruling Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) regime is allied to Washington, yet the Zionist regime is pressing ahead with its acts of aggression and occupation of Syrian territories.

"The more concessions you grant the Zionist enemy, the weaker you become. Hezbollah and national

unity are the only guarantors of deterrence and defense," he emphasized.

Israel and Hezbollah reached a ceasefire agreement that took effect on November 27, 2024. Under the deal, Tel Aviv was required to withdraw fully from the Lebanese territory—but has kept forces stationed at five sites, in clear violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and the terms of last November's agreement.

Since the implementation of the ceasefire, Israel has violated the agreement multiple times through repeated assaults on the Lebanese territory.

Lebanese authorities have warned that the Israeli regime's violations of the ceasefire threaten national stability.

## Report: Trump Weighs Skipping Hamas Disarmament Phase of Gaza Plan

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The U.S. is looking to "forgo" the stage of the Gaza ceasefire initiative, which involves deploying an international security force to the strip to disarm Hamas and other Palestinian resistance factions, Israeli media reported over the weekend.

The October ceasefire agreement remains in its first stage as talks continue to stall over the issue of Hamas's disarmament and post-war administration of Gaza.

This potential change in U.S. direction is causing ongoing negotiations to "deadlock," an Israeli security source told Hebrew news outlet Channel 13.

The source said Washington is struggling to get commitments from countries to directly participate in disarming the factions.

As a result, it has started to look for "interim solutions, which are currently unacceptable to Israel."

"This interim solution is the worst there is," the source added, referring to the plan to forgo disarmament.

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"Hamas has been strengthening in recent weeks since the end of the war. There can be no rehabilitation before demilitarization. It is contrary to Trump's plan. Gaza must be demilitarized," the Israeli source went on to say.

Channel 13 noted that there has been a collapse in ceasefire talks over Washington's inability to form the international force – referred to in Donald Trump's plan as the International Stabilization Force (ISF).

The U.S. recently submitted a draft for the establishment of the force, and is seeking UN backing to implement the plan along with the rest of Trump's 20-point ceasefire initiative.

The draft includes a broad mandate for Washington to govern Gaza for at least two years. It also mentions that the ISF will be established in coordination with the Gaza 'Board of Peace,' which Trump will head.

Russia has proposed its own draft, which entirely

removes the 'Board of Peace' clause and calls on the UN to identify "options" for the ISF.

The U.S. draft is expected to be put to a vote at the UN on Monday. On Friday, the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, the UAE, Indonesia, Pakistan, Jordan, and Turkey issued a joint statement backing the United State draft. That day, Indonesia said it had readied 20,000 troops for the plan.

However, multiple reports in western and Hebrew media over the past several days have revealed an Arab unwillingness to directly force Hamas's disarmament through a confrontation.

"Most countries that have expressed interest in participating in the ISF have said they would not be willing to enforce the disarmament ... and would only act as a peacekeeping force," Times of Israel wrote.

Israel's Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reported on Saturday that Tel Aviv is expecting the resolution to pass, and is preparing for the entry of thousands of foreign soldiers into Gaza.

## Ansarullah Vows to Respond in Kind to Security Council Sanctions on Yemen

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- A senior member of the political bureau of the Ansarullah resistance movement has condemned the UN Security Council's decision to renew its sanctions against Yemen for another year.

Muhammed al-Farah, in a post published on the social media platform X on Saturday, stated that Sana'a will respond in kind to any party that harms Yemen's national interests or seeks to undermine its sovereignty.

The senior Ansarullah official highlighted that Yemenis will not hesitate to protect their rights and defend their religion and dignity by all legitimate means.

"The Security Council continues to exercise the worst form of double standards. It has turned a blind eye to the genocidal crimes in Gaza over the past two years, supported the Zionist enemy until its thirst for blood was quenched, and is now covering up the siege and aggression against Yemen without a moral or legal stance," he said.

Farah went on to say that the UN body "continues to apply double standards at a time when Gaza has been ravaged due to crippling siege and bombardment with U.S.-made and Western-built munitions. The Yemeni people have been besieged for the past 10 years."

He argued that the Security Council has become an instrument to advance Western interests, in which human rights are defined in accordance with Western desires, and international interests are trampled to serve Washington's interests alone.

Farah continued that some international organizations in Yemen have

become espionage tools for the Israeli enemy, under the cover of humanitarian work. "This exposes the extent of Zionists' exploitation of UN institutions."

The Ansarullah official lauded abstentions by Russia and China to renew Yemen sanctions, describing the position of Moscow and Beijing as an embodiment of human and moral awakening, and an awareness of the danger of U.S. policies that use sanctions to subjugate nations.

"What the United State and its Western partners are doing nowadays, in terms of open support for the Israeli enemy with weapons and money and whitewashing crimes politically, reveals that the anti-Yemen sanctions are meant to serve the Zionist entity's goals, and to punish Yemeni people for their steadfastness, independence of decision-making, and their solidarity with Gaza," Farah said.

The UN Security Council resolution, which garnered 13 votes in favor and two abstentions by Russia and China on Friday, allows targeted financial and travel sanctions against designated Yemeni individuals until November 14, 2026.

Yemen has been beset by violence and chaos since 2014. The crisis escalated a year later when a Saudi-led military coalition launched a devastating air campaign aimed at pushing the Ansarullah movement from power.

The ongoing conflict in Yemen has reportedly resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands, with the United Nations warning that 14 million people face the threat of starvation.

## Netanyahu Renews Opposition to Palestinian State Amid Vague U.S. Pledge

TELAVIV (Dispatches) -- The Zionist regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday Israel remained opposed to a Palestinian state after protests by far-right coalition allies over a U.S.-backed statement indicating support for a pathway to Palestinian independence.

Netanyahu spoke two days after Israel's key ally the United States and many Muslim-majority nations allied with the U.S. endorsed a draft UN resolution backing President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan, saying the process offered a route to Palestinian statehood.

The 15-member UN Security Council began negotiations on Nov. 7 on the draft, which would mandate Trump's proposal for a "Board of Peace" transitional administration in Gaza to address issues including post-war reconstruction and economic recovery.

Trump's 20-point plan includes a clause saying that if there were reforms within the Palestinian Authority, "the conditions may finally be in place for a credible pathway to Palestinian self-determination and statehood, which we recognize as the aspiration of the Palestinian people".

That point infuriated Israeli far-right leaders who had opposed the Trump-brokered October ceasefire in Gaza, testing Netanyahu's awkward governing coalition of conservatives and Jewish extremists.

Netanyahu said in a statement on Sunday: "Our opposition to

a Palestinian state in any territory has not changed. Gaza will be demilitarized and Hamas will be disarmed, the easy way or the hard way. I do not need affirmations, tweets or lectures from anyone."

A far-right walkout could bring down Netanyahu's right-wing cabinet well before the next election, which must be held by October 2026.

Israeli war minister Israel Katz and foreign minister Gideon Saar also issued statements on X against a Palestinian state on Sunday, without mentioning Netanyahu.

Ahead of his White House visit, Netanyahu said he would respond to a number of major Western nations including France that formally recognized a Palestinian state in September, angering regime, but has not followed up with any diplomatic actions.

Extremist finance minister Bezalel Smotrich had on Saturday accused Netanyahu of failing to live up to his promise and called on him to formulate a response immediately: "Two months have passed in which you have chosen silence and political disgrace."

He urged Netanyahu to "make clear to the entire world (that) a Palestinian state will never arise on the lands of our homeland."

Two years of intense Israeli brutally bombardment and genocidal ground offensives in the Gaza Strip killed more than 69,000 people, according to local health authorities.