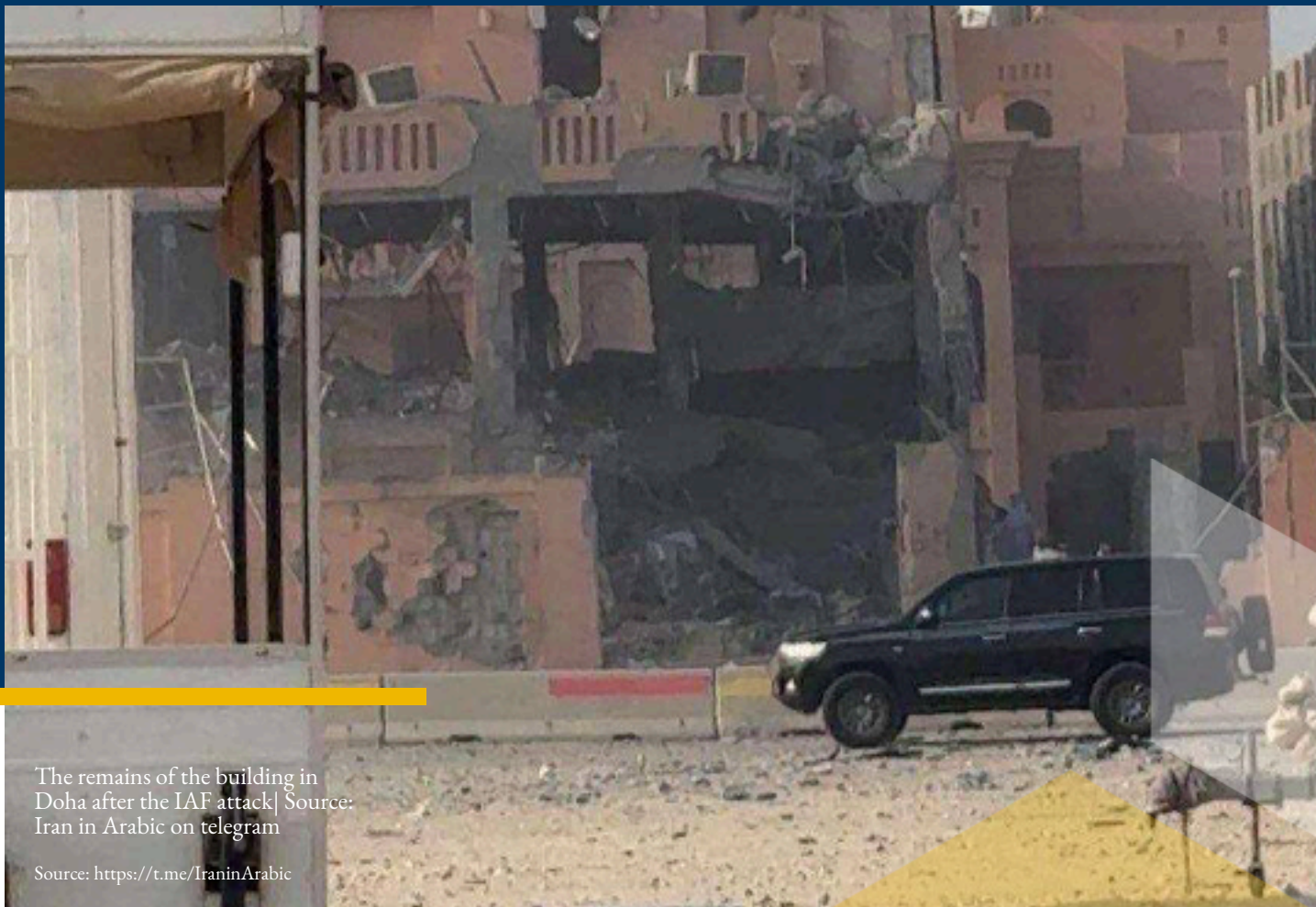


ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

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The remains of the building in
Doha after the IAF attack | Source:
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ACCOUNT OF THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR AND HOSTILITIES BY THE IRANIAN AXIS

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OVERVIEW

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- ◆ **Secretary of State Marco Rubio** visited Israel where he will focus on **hostage release opportunities, destroying Hamas** (“necessary for peace”), and ensuring a **humanitarian aid mechanism** that **bypasses Hamas**.
- ◆ After the **Ramot Junction** shooting (**6 killed, 20 wounded: 7 serious, 2 moderate, 11 light**), the two attackers were killed by a **Hashmonaim Brigade sergeant** and an **armed Haredi civilian**.
- ◆ An **Arab-Israeli (25)** from **Shuafat** working at a **Kibbutz Tzova hotel** stabbed **two Jewish-Israelis**.
- ◆ In **Damascus**, **CENTCOM Commander Bradley Cooper** and **Special Envoy Tom Barak** met **President Ahmed al- Sharaa**.
- ◆ **COGAT** is expanding **Crossing 147 (Kissufim)** to **triple daily trucks** from **~50 to ~150**, enabling north-to-south **movement** and supporting planned “**humanitarian cities**.”
- ◆ The **Israeli Air Force** launched **Operation “Ringing Bells”**: **10 jets, 2,350 km round-trip** (longest of the war), **30 munitions** on **15 targets** including **Houthi propaganda HQ, oil facilities, training camps**, and reportedly **homes of senior Houthis**.



HOSTAGE DEAL



GAZA

- ◆ Donald Trump announced a proposed **hostage deal** to end the war: **all 48 hostages released on day one**; Israel to free **thousands of security prisoners who were arrested by Israeli security or police, and in many cases convicted of nationalist crimes, including hundreds with “blood on their hands.”** Trump would **lead end-of-war negotiations**, during the **ceasefire**.
- ◆ Hamas agreed in principle if the deal yields **full IDF withdrawal, a technocratic government including Hamas, and a reconstruction plan that Hamas approves**. Israel reiterated its demand for **Hamas’s surrender** and the US administration has expressed support for a governance structure that excludes Hamas. The current objective of “**Gideon’s Chariots II**” is framed as increasing **pressure on Hamas to force the deal**.
- ◆ Qatar’s PM is pressuring Hamas to accept but argues **not all 48 can be delivered instantly** because some are buried under rubble and **recovery time** is needed. Hamas **refuses disarmament**, insisting on **IDF withdrawal** and reconstruction. **Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar** stated that Israel has **accepted** Trump’s proposal **provided** it meets **Security-Cabinet conditions**.



DIPLOMATIC

GAZA

- ◆ Prime Minister **Netanyahu** held a discussion on facilitating **Gazan emigration** via **maritime and land routes** starting in **October**—**destinations unspecified**, with **African states** mentioned as possible destinations.
- ◆ The **Saudi-French initiative** was approved in a non-binding UN vote (**142–10–12**), calling for **progress toward establishing a Palestinian state**.
- ◆ **Secretary of State Marco Rubio** is visiting Israel where he will focus on **hostage release opportunities**, **destroying Hamas** (“**necessary for peace**”), and ensuring a **humanitarian aid** mechanism that **bypasses Hamas**. He **criticized the Doha strike** yet **affirmed support** for Israel. Discussions reportedly will include the **possible annexation** of parts of **Judea & Samaria** and whether U.S. support would persist given potential negative **impact on the Abraham Accords**.

OPERATIONAL

- ◆ The **IAF** executed **five strike waves** against **~500 targets** across Gaza City. The last two waves concentrated on **Shati Camp** and **Al-Furkan**, hitting **sniper/observation posts**, **tunnel shafts**, **weapons depots**, and other militant infrastructure. Multi-story buildings in western Gaza City received **evacuation orders** and were struck approximately **30 minutes later**, causing buildings to collapse. Simultaneously, **several schools in Tel al-Hawa** that shelter displaced civilians were ordered to evacuate.



- ◆ About **280,000 Gaza City residents** moved south; it is believed that fewer **than 700,000** remain in the city. The IDF Spokesperson (Arabic) issued **immediate evacuation** calls; **Unit 504** sent **recorded robocalls** and distributed leaflets directing civilians to **Al-Rashid Road**, including a **dedicated phone number** to report **Hamas roadblocks** or operatives obstructing movement. Leaflets also fell over **Shati**, where local reports speak of **three strikes** on schools used as shelters that the IDF had intelligence indicating that it was also used as a hub for Hamas.
- ◆ **Task Group 401** located and destroyed an **IED site**, a **weapons cache**, and **two underground routes** (each **hundreds of meters** long) on Gaza City's outskirts—all **neutralized**. **Division 36** concluded months of operations in **Khan Younis** and rotated for refit ahead of the Gaza City assault. During its campaign, the division **eliminated hundreds of militants**, **destroyed hundreds of militant structures**, **expanded the “Magen Oz” axis**, and—together with **Yahalom**—demolished **dozens of kilometers** of tunnels.
- ◆ A militant cell **emerged from an undiscovered tunnel**, approached a tank near a fortified position, opened **small-arms fire**, and **threw an explosive into the tank**, **killing four** soldiers from the 401st Brigade's **“Habok'im” Battalion**.
- ◆ **Az al-Din al-Haddad**—described here as Gaza Brigade Commander who became **Hamas's overall commander in May** after **Mohammad Sinwar** was killed—appointed **Mohannad Rajib** as brigade commander to **unify above- and below-ground cells** for a fight expected to last **weeks or months**. Al-Haddad is likely **relocating to central Gaza**.



HUMANITARIAN



GAZA

- ◆ COGAT is expanding Crossing 147 (Kissufim) to triple daily trucks from ~50 to ~150, enabling north-to-south movement and supporting planned “humanitarian cities.”
- ◆ Water & basic services - By political directive, COGAT laid two additional water pipes to southern Gaza (coming online shortly), targeting ~28,000 m³/day. Preparations continue to establish humanitarian cities between the “Morag” and “Magen Oz” corridors, where it is envisioned to encourage the population to relocate to safer areas.



- ◆ In an **unprecedented** move, the **IDF and Shin Bet** struck at Hamas terrorists residing in **Doha, Qatar** using **15 fighter jets** that fired **10 relatively small munitions** targeting a **building in north Doha** (sensitive area with embassies). The **building was not fully destroyed**. At least **five Hamas members** were killed (including **Khalil al-Hayya's son**) along with a **Qatari security officer**. The **Mossad** reportedly **opposed** the strike amid **Qatar-mediated** hostage talks.
- ◆ Conflicting claims followed about **who was notified** when (Israel, the Trump Administration, Qatar). **Qatar vowed legal action**; **Trump criticized** the strike and assured the Emir it won't be repeated. A **funeral for six** was held in Qatar, attended by **Hamas leaders**; **al-Hayya** did **not** appear, and **Hamas said he was unharmed**. As a result of the strike, **Canada's FM** said **relations with Israel may be reassessed**. The **Qatari PM** met **Trump, VP Vance, and Secretary of State Rubio**—who expressed **support for Qatar** and **criticized** the strike—discussing a **new defense agreement** and pushing a **Gaza ceasefire**. **Arab foreign ministers** planned to convene **Sunday** in **Doha**, ahead of an **emergency summit Monday** of **Arab and Islamic leaders**.
- ◆ Marking **9/11**, **Netanyahu** argued that just as the world **praised U.S. pursuits** of the **Taliban and al-Qaeda**, it should **praise Israel's pursuit of Hamas in Doha**; he demanded **Qatar** extradite **Hamas leaders**, declaring: "**Expel them or bring them to justice; if not, we will.**" Israel signals that **Hamas has no sanctuary anywhere** under **IAF dominance**, a stance that **breaks diplomatic convention** and reportedly **worries** even **Egypt and Turkey**.
- ◆ **Asharq Al-Awsat** reports that **Hamas leaders are weighing whether to remain in Qatar or relocate** to states they perceive as **safer**. The takeaway taking hold inside Hamas is that **targeted killings may follow them anywhere**, regardless of host country—shaping both their security posture and their willingness to continue open political activity abroad.



- ◆ **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman condemned the “Israeli occupation” in the context of Israel’s strike in Doha, casting the attack as a violation that warrants Arab and international pushback.**
- ◆ **Iran’s Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Abd al-Rahim Mousavi, declared that Iran “will stand with Qatar” in the face of threats, accusing Israel and the United States of stoking tensions. The message is twofold: political solidarity with Doha and deterrent signaling toward further extraterritorial Israeli actions.**



Qatar held funerals for the six Hamas officials and Qatari security official killed in the Israeli airstrike on Doha which included the emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.]

Source: Quds news network on telegram,
<https://t.me/QudsN>





- ◆ Since the year began, ~550 shooting and ~450 IED attacks were foiled throughout Judea and Samaria.
- ◆ After the Ramot Junction shooting (6 killed, 20 wounded: 7 serious, 2 moderate, 11 light), the two attackers were killed by a Hashmonaim Brigade sergeant and an armed Haredi civilian.
- ◆ Binyamin Brigade launched “Magen Yerushalayim” targeting cells in Ramallah-area villages tied to the attack: ~700 sites were searched, 20 suspects were arrested, 38 weapons were seized (including Airsoft pistols) plus military gear and ISIS flags. Illegal structures in the two villages of the terrorists were demolished and their homes were sealed. The Chief of Staff ordered a full closure of the area; measures include clearing vegetation and potentially uprooting olive groves near roads and along the seam line to remove dead ground. Defense Minister Katz imposed a closure on ~70,000 residents, applied family/village sanctions, and ordered demolition of illegal buildings.
- ◆ Menashe (Jenin) and Yehuda (Hebron) Brigades launched parallel ops: 21 arrests, weapons and tens of thousands of shekels in terror funds seized.
- ◆ On Fri, Sep 12, an Arab-Israeli (25) from Shuafat working at a Kibbutz Tzova hotel stabbed two Jewish-Israelis. An off-duty police officer subdued him without firing.
- ◆ The Hebron mayor (arrested previously for supporting terror) was moved to four months of administrative detention.
- ◆ An IDF “Panther” vehicle struck an IED near Tulkarm, lightly wounding two soldiers—the first IED on that successfully targeted the IDF there since April; a curfew followed and hundreds were detained in the manhunt to disrupt the terror cell there.



- ◆ The **Lebanese Army** raided **Nabatieh** apartments belonging to the **SSNP militia**, seizing **RPGs, Kalashnikovs, hunting rifles, M-16s, grenades, and ammunition**. On **Thu, Sep 11**, the **IDF** conducted at least **four strikes** inside Lebanon, sustaining pressure on **Hezbollah** and **Beirut** to curb its arsenal.
- ◆ **Naim Qassem** vowed **no disarmament** and listed **four priorities: blocking Israeli operations, forcing IDF withdrawal from five outposts, securing prisoner releases, and leading national reconstruction**. He criticized the **Lebanese government** and the **U.S.** over **IDF non-withdrawal** after the **Nov 2024 ceasefire's 60-day mark**.
- ◆ Contrary to earlier reports that suggested that the **Lebanese Army** will initially focus on **Dahieh**, they will instead spend the next **three months south of the Litani**, erecting **river checkpoints** to block **northbound weapons smuggling** and collecting **Hezbollah arms south of the Litani** before shifting to **Beirut, the Bekaa, and elsewhere**. The **U.S. DoD** approved **military equipment transfers** to the **LAF** valued at **\$14.2B**, and a **French delegation** met senior **LAF** officers about **assistance**; France also seeks an **international reconstruction summit**.
- ◆ Israel inaugurated a northern training site, the "**Lebanon Facility**," mirroring **Shiite villages and terrain** (akin to "**Little Gaza**") to prepare for a new maneuver and **routine operations** while **holding five outposts**.
- ◆ **Fatah** security forces transferred **truckloads of weapons** from the **Ain al-Hilweh** and **al-Beddawi** Palestinian refugee camps to the **Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF)**. This **fourth-phase** handover is a **confidence-building step** toward **camp demilitarization** and bolstering **state authority**, though **enforcement and follow-through** will determine its **durability**.



The Lebanese army began receiving arms from Palestinian refugee camps: the Beddawi camp in northern Lebanon and Ain al-Hilweh camp near the southern city of Sidon | Source: palestine and lebanon news network on telegram



- ◆ In Damascus, CENTCOM Commander Bradley Cooper and Special Envoy Tom Barak met President al-Sharaa alongside Syria's defense and foreign ministers to discuss bilateral cooperation and the joint fight against ISIS.
- ◆ President al-Sharaa (in Damascus) claimed that Israel lamented the fall of the prior regime, sought to turn Syria into a perpetual conflict arena, and misread the fall as a departure from the 1974 disengagement deal. He insisted that Syria remained committed from the outset. He alleged Israeli designs to partition Syria, said Israel was surprised by the regime's fall, and confirmed talks on a security agreement to return to 1974 parameters or similar, noting negotiations are ongoing and not concluded.
- ◆ Al-Sharaa argued Israel chose the "safer" option—striking civilian and military sites—and called such actions unjustified, maintaining the public case for international sympathy and legal positioning.
- ◆ Syrian security forces arrested five Hezbollah operatives, seizing 19 Grad rockets, grenades, AT missiles, ammunition caches, and Kalashnikovs; the suspects are accused of plotting against the Syrian state.
- ◆ Israeli strikes. The IAF struck an air-defense battalion in Homs and a Latakia site storing Russian air-defense systems in Syrian army custody; Damascus condemned the strikes.
- ◆ Turkish-Syrian security track. Eye of the Middle East reported Turkey is training 300 Syrian security personnel in central/eastern Turkey, with plans for 5,000 in the short term and 20,000 over time, following a security cooperation agreement (Aug 13); Turkish-made air-defense systems are reportedly being transferred to the new Syrian army.





Al-Sharaa meeting with US Central Command Commander Adm. Brad Cooper and their wives at the Presidential Palace in Damascus

Source: free Syria news network on telegram,
https://t.me/tk_wv

- ◆ **Houthi UAV alerts sounded around Ramon Airport;** with 3 UAVs shot down by the IAF and one drone striking the Ramon Airport near Eilat.
- ◆ Following the **Ramon incident** and continued launches, the IAF launched **Operation “Ringing Bells”**: 10 jets, 2,350 km round-trip (longest of the war), 30 munitions on 15 targets including **Houthi propaganda HQ**, oil facilities, training camps, and reportedly **homes of senior Houthis**.
- ◆ The **U.S. Treasury** sanctioned 32 **individuals/companies/vessels tied to oil smuggling** that **funds the Houthis**.

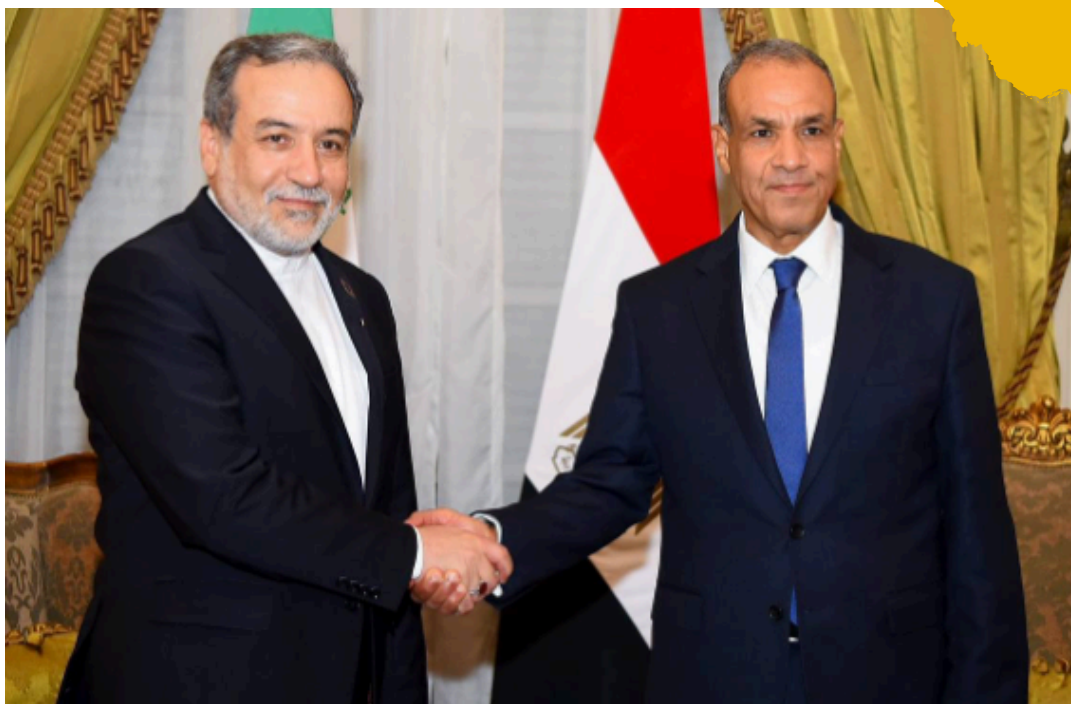
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Ramon Airport after a Houthi UAV hit.
Palestinian Telegram Chaneles celebrating
the incident

Source: Quds news network on telegram,
<https://t.me/QudsN>



Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty
meeting with his Iranian counterpart
Abbas Araghchi in Cairo

Source: Iran in Arabic on telegram,
<https://t.me/IraninArabic>



IRAN

- ◆ Iran and the IAEA signed an **Egypt-mediated cooperation accord** granting **facility access**; **within one month**, Iran will submit a **comprehensive nuclear report** and pledged **greater transparency** and **limits on enrichment capabilities**. FM **Araghchi** said Iran is open to **U.S. talks**, warning **sanctions enforcement** could **undermine** them. The analysis here holds that **June strikes** caused **greater-than-expected damage** to Iran's **nuclear facilities**, leaving **Tehran weakened** and **dragged back** to negotiations with **few leverage cards** to play.
- ◆ Reporting indicates the accord **won't halt** the **E3** from triggering their **'snap-back mechanism'** because it lacks **full transparency**, a **disarmament timetable**, and **complete inspector access**. Activation is **planned for Sep 27**.
- ◆ A spokesperson for Iran's parliament **National Security & Foreign Policy Committee** announced **committee approval** of a **plan to enhance the security forces' defensive capabilities**, indicating continued **institutional investment** in internal and external deterrence.
- ◆ FM **Abbas Araghchi** arrived in **Cairo** for meetings with FM **Abd al-Ati** and **President al-Sisi** on **bilateral ties** and **regional developments**. The move—**coordinated with the U.S. and the European "E-3" (UK, Germany, France)**—helps **Egypt** assert itself as a **regional mediator**, while **Iran** seeks **better bargaining positions** and **time**, and looks to **exploit any regional frictions** (e.g., **Israel–Egypt tensions**) to **expand influence**.



- ◆ Araghchi stated **snapback** would harm Iran “to a degree,” **though less than “exaggerated”** claims, and warned that if snapback is triggered, **Iran’s response will be unequivocal**—a **coercive signal** aimed at shaping European and U.S. calculations.
- ◆ Araghchi emphasized that “**Hezbollah is an integral part of Lebanon’s political structure,**” affirming **Iran’s support** while denying **interference**. He told Lebanese counterparts that **Israel prefers its neighbors weak and divided**, urging **heightened vigilance**—a narrative designed to **legitimize Hezbollah’s role** and **counter Israeli pressure**.



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi,
United Nations nuclear watchdog chief
Rafael Grossi and Egyptian Foreign
Minister Badr Abdelatty signing new
agreement.

Source: Iran in Arabic on telegram,
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- ◆ The **Scottish parliament** became the **first in the world to declare support for the BDS movement**—a symbolic escalation with potential **procurement and reputational** ripple effects.
- ◆ **Canadian FM Anita Anand** said **Canada is re-examining relations with Israel** in light of the **Doha strike**, signaling possible **policy recalibration** within a key G7 state.
- ◆ **PM Pedro Sánchez** argued Spain lacks **nuclear weapons, carriers, or oil reserves**, meaning it **cannot alone stop Israel's offensive**, yet “**some causes are worth fighting for**” even without assured victory. **PM Netanyahu** replied that invoking **nuclear weapons** in this context amounts to “**a genocidal threat against Israel.**” The exchange underscores sharp **rhetorical escalation** feeding into EU debates.|

The **Dutch FM** announced a **ban on imports of goods produced in Judea and Samaria settlements.**

- ◆ The **Netherlands** announced that it will **join Slovenia, Iceland, Spain, and Ireland in boycotting Eurovision next year if Israel participates**—extending **political censure** into cultural arenas.

Chancellor Friedrich Merz's coalition partners reportedly **oppose EU Commission leadership's suggested measures against Israel, lowering the odds of German support** for such steps and revealing **coalition constraints.**

CENTCOM Commander Gen. Brad Cooper visited Egypt, met **President al-Sisi** and the **Defense Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Abdel Majeed Saqr**, and observed “**Bright Star 25**”—a **40-nation exercise** billed as **one of the world's most complex multinational drills**—reinforcing **U.S.–Egypt security ties** amid regional turbulence.



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