

ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

Week #109 November 2 - November 1, 2025

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Account of the main events in the Israel-Hamas war and hostilities by the Iranian Axis



Hamas has handed over the body of fallen IDF soldier Hadar Goldin, who was killed in Operation Protective Edge (2014) and whose body has been held in Gaza for the past 4,117 days.

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ISRAEL AT WAR

WEEK 109

0 Total Israeli casualties This Week

0 Total Civilians killed this week

0 Total IDF Casualties this week

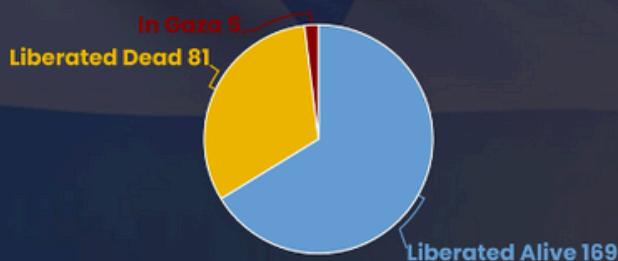
MAIN EVENTS

Hamas Conceals Identities: Hamas instructed Gazans and local media not to reveal the identities of militants killed on October 7, fearing exposure of remaining operational networks.

Claims of Disarmament: U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff stated that Hamas pledged to disarm, while Hamas publicly insists it will retain its weapons.

International Pressure on Israel: Turkey issued arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials, and a Hamas weapons cache intended for attacks on Jewish institutions was uncovered in Vienna.

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 5/255



ATTACKS ON ISRAEL & ALLIES 0/37,307



Judea & Samaria + Israel Front



0 / 117

This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilians and 0 security force fell.



11,371

Since Oct.7
Over 7,000 Palestinians Arrested



Gaza Front



0 / 1,721

This Week Since Oct.7
1 IDF soldiers fell in battle. 0 Civilians killed



24,500

Since Oct.7
Hamas terrorists killed. Over 275 Senior officials killed since Oct.7



Lebanon Front



0 / 133

This Week Since Oct.7
0 civilian and 0 IDF soldiers fell.



+3,500

Since Oct.7
Hezbollah terrorists killed, 154 Hezbollah Leadership killed.



Greater Middle East Front



0 / 36

This Week Since Oct.7
0 Civilian killed this week.



+3,696

Since Oct.7
Attacks on Israel. +884 from Yemen, 2180 from Iran, +632 from other



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- U.S. envoy Witkoff met Hamas political leader Khalil al-Hayya in Cairo. Al-Hayya allegedly committed that Hamas would hand over its heavy weapons to an international stabilization force (ISF) to be deployed in Gaza. The process would begin with two Hamas holdout units of resistance surrendering their arms in exchange for amnesty, forming a “model of disarmament” for the rest of Gaza. Militants from the Jenina neighborhood (Rafah area) are expected to surrender their arms to the mediators, receive amnesty, and be allowed to relocate to Hamas- controlled zones of Gaza. Washington was said to view the effort as a pilot program for a broader decommissioning and amnesty initiative for Hamas fighters, part of US President Donald Trump’s 20-point plan.
- The International Stabilization Force will be subordinate to the “Peace Council”, under American—not UN—oversight. It will act as an enforcement mission, not a peacekeeping one, with deployment scheduled for January 2026 and a mandate until end-2027, with mechanism to extend mandate.
- Responsibility for humanitarian aid entry into Gaza has been transferred from COGAT (Israeli Coordination Unit) to U.S. military command, marking a major shift in operational control. American officers will now supervise all aid deliveries.
- The Knesset approved a new death penalty bill for terrorists. Under the proposed law, any perpetrator who murders an Israeli citizen due to nationalist or racist motives will face capital punishment. The initiative reflects growing public and political pressure following October 7 and aims to strengthen deterrence against future attacks.

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- Drone-based smuggling from Egypt and Jordan has sharply increased. On Nov 5, in the Yoav Brigade (southern Jordan border), troops intercepted a drone carrying 10 pistols and magazines. Later, on Nov 7, Paran Brigade troops intercepted two additional drones on the Egyptian border—one carrying three M-16 rifles, another containing 48 pistols and 51 magazines. Following these incidents, Defense Minister Katz ordered eased engagement rules and declared the border area a closed military zone, reflecting growing concern over weapons and narcotics smuggling.
- Egypt's intelligence minister, visiting Beirut, proposed a Hezbollah withdrawal south of the Litani River and cessation of attacks in return for restraint by Israel. However, he observed Israel's resolve to expand operations against the Iranian-led axis (Hezbollah, Houthis, Iraqi militias). Gulf States reportedly offered Lebanon \$16 billion in reconstruction aid if Shiite militias disarm.
- According to The Wall Street Journal, the Houthi army has expanded dramatically from approximately 30,000 fighters in 2015 to 350,000 in 2024. The movement is reportedly seeking full self-sufficiency in arms production, reducing reliance on Iranian supplies, and is determined to dominate all of Yemen. This signifies a shift from a proxy-based structure to a localized military-industrial force, posing increased regional challenges to Saudi and maritime security interests.
- Iran continues organizing Iraqi Shiite militias as a frontline against Israel, while Institute for the Study of War reported Iranian military visits to eight IRGC and Artesh bases since October 31 — an indicator of strategic mobilization toward a potential future confrontation.



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- **Revolution Anniversary (Nov 4):** Iran marked the anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover in Tehran, when 52 American diplomats were held hostage until January 1981. The regime commemorated the event as “Day of Struggle Against Western Imperialism”, holding nationwide rallies where U.S. and Israeli flags were burned, reaffirming the Islamic Republic’s anti-Western ideological foundation.
- **Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi** admitted that Tehran does not know how much of its 400 kg of 60% enriched uranium survived after recent attacks on its facilities. He declared that no recovery efforts will be made until a new nuclear deal is reached. Meanwhile, the head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization announced plans, in coordination with Russia, to build eight new nuclear reactors, reinforcing the Moscow–Tehran strategic energy axis.
- **Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** is expected in Washington on Nov 18, seeking a defense pact and advanced U.S. weaponry in exchange for normalization with Israel, partly to counter Qatar’s rising influence.
- **President Trump** declared that Kazakhstan will join the Abraham Accords, becoming the first new signatory in his second term, leveraging its oil exports to Israel to boost U.S. diplomatic momentum ahead of upcoming visits by Syrian President al-Sharaa and bin Salman.
- **Austrian intelligence** uncovered a Hamas weapons depot in central Vienna, containing pistols and ammunition hidden in a suitcase, allegedly intended for attacks on Jewish and Israeli institutions.