

ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

Week #112 November 23 - November 29, 2025

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



Photo Cover: Hezbollah issued an official statement confirming the assassination of its Chief of Staff, Ali Tabatabai.

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On 23 November, the IDF carried out a precision strike in Beirut's Dahiyeh district based on real-time intelligence received merely, one hour earlier. The target was Ali Tabatabai, the Chief of Staff of Hezbollah—the third Hezbollah CoS killed in the war. This strike was the deadliest in Lebanon since October 2024, when Safi al-Din was eliminated, and the first strike in Beirut in five months.

ISRAEL AT WAR

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0 Total Israeli casualties This Week

0 Total Civilians killed this week

0 Total IDF Casualties this week

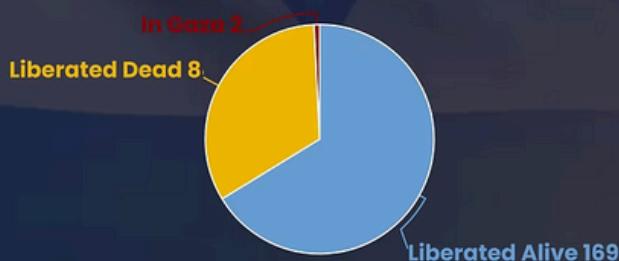
MAIN EVENTS

Hamas and PA Diplomacy: Hamas attended a Pakistan conference, promoting the "Al-Aqsa Flood" narrative, while the PA discussed the "day after" in Gaza with UK and US envoys.

IDF launched "Five Stones" on November 26 in northern Judea & Samaria to dismantle terror infrastructure in key villages, eliminating militants and seizing weapons

Six IDF soldiers were injured during an arrest raid in Syria's Beit Jann. Israel defended the raid as counter-terrorism; Syria condemned it as a war crime.

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 2 / 255



ATTACKS ON ISRAEL & ALLIES 0 / 37,307



Judea & Samaria + Israel Front



0 / 118

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 soldier 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
Hizbollah terrorists killed, 154 Hizbollah 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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- The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) announced on Monday, November 24, that it has completed and terminated its operations in the Gaza Strip after five months of activity. Over the course of its mission, the organization distributed more than 187 million meals to Gazans, making it one of the most substantial external food providers during the wartime period.
- A summit in Cairo brought together the three mediators—the Egyptian Intelligence Minister, the Turkish Intelligence Minister, and Qatar's Prime Minister—to discuss the transition into Phase B of the Trump plan.
- Turkey continues to insist on deploying its own military force into Gaza and is training 2,000 soldiers for that purpose, hoping Trump will pressure Israel due to other states' refusal to contribute troops to the International Stabilization Force (ISF).
- The ISF is slated to begin deployment in January, but no country has agreed to actually fight Hamas or to protect the Yellow Line from Hamas fire, a role that seems destined to continue to be the domain of the IDF. The Yellow Line—what the Americans call the Green Zone—is intended to become a replicable model across Gaza, effectively dividing the territory into controlled security sectors.
- While the IDF clears terror infrastructure in what the Americans term the Green Zone, in the region outside of Israel's control, 'the Red Zone' Hamas is rapidly rebuilding its military and governance systems—appointing municipal officials, restoring civilian infrastructure, deploying police units, setting up checkpoints, and collecting taxes.

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- Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad announced they located the body of Israeli hostage, Dror Or, in the Nuseirat area. The number of remaining hostages in Gaza has dropped to two, one of whom is a Thai foreign worker. Search teams from Hamas and the Red Cross have begun operating in Zaytoun, even as Hamas continues to hold the other two hostages and refuses to commit to disarmament.
- The Abu-Shabab militia published a video showing a Hamas militant who surrendered to them before being transferred to the IDF. He stated on camera that he belonged to Hamas's East Rafah Battalion, claiming they went into the tunnels to attack the militia. This militia, is slated to become part of the ISF coalition and is being positioned as a future inheritor of governance in parts of Gaza.
- Prime Minister Netanyahu approved the reopening of the Allenby Crossing to allow freight movement from Jordan to the Palestinian Authority after two months of closure following the terror attack that killed two IDF soldiers.
- After a year-and-a-half-long manhunt, Yamam and Shin Bet forces killed the terrorist who carried out the June 2024 vehicular attack at the entrance to Nablus, in which two soldiers were killed. With this, Israeli forces have eliminated or arrested every terrorist responsible for attacks resulting in Israeli casualties
- Egypt's Foreign Minister submitted Israel's demands to Lebanon: direct negotiations between Jerusalem and Beirut, full disarmament south of the Litani, and the beginning of disarmament north of the Litani. This reflects a new diplomacy-security track aligned with the post-Tabatabai strategic moment.

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- At the Knesset Foreign Affairs & Defense Committee, Defense Minister Katz revealed Israel is engaged in security discussions with Syria to establish a protective arrangement for the Druze population.
- Alawite protests erupted against the al-Sharaa regime, including distribution of flyers calling on Israel to protect Alawites, inspired by its successful protection of Druze. This reflects a growing sectarian coalition looking to Israel as a counterweight to both Iran and Turkey.
- The Paratroopers Reserve Brigade “Spearhead” carried out a raid in Beit Jinn, a Sunni village of 2,800 people surrounded by Druze communities. The target was two wanted operatives responsible for rocket fire and IED attacks on Israel, linked to Jamaat Islamiyya—a Sunni organization tied to both Hamas and operating jointly with Hezbollah in Lebanon. As the force was exiting, it fell into a well-planned ambush. Their Hummer was disabled, triggering intense combat. Israel deployed helicopters, UAVs, and later fighter jets, striking buildings to enable the extraction of the Israeli forces. At least 14 Syrians were killed, dozens wounded, and others were buried under rubble. The Hummer was abandoned, and the team extracted by helicopter; later, an airstrike destroyed the vehicle to prevent its capture. Russia’s Foreign Ministry issued a sharp condemnation demanding an international response. Six IDF soldiers were wounded, three seriously—marking the toughest engagement in Syria since December 2024 and the start of Operation Bashan Arrow.
- President Trump announced the start of a process to outlaw the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States, accusing it of promoting terrorism in the U.S., the Middle East, and worldwide.

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- Senior Iranian officials, including Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, IRGC spokesperson Ali Mohammad Naeini, and Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Qalibaf, have launched a coordinated campaign portraying Iran as the victor in the 12-day June war. Their speeches present the war as a strategic turning point marking the collapse of Israel's deterrence image and the "failure" of the IDF's war objectives. Iranian leaders now publicly claim that during the "12-Day War," "the Iranian nation defeated both America and the Zionists without a doubt... They came, they attacked, and they returned empty-handed. This is the true meaning of their defeat."
- Military Police attempted to detain a deserter near the Ramat Gan–Bnei Brak border. A crowd of dozens of ultra-orthodox extremists surrounded the force, requiring police intervention. The IDF issued a statement condemning attacks on the soldiers.
- The newly revised IDF Conscription Bill grants the ultra-orthodox community a sweeping period of relief, reversing nearly all punitive measures from the past year. All economic and institutional sanctions placed on Haredi educational and communal institutions will be immediately nullified, restoring full funding and benefits across the sector. Short-term enlistment requirements would be set at minimal levels, and there will not be any evaluation of compliance with enlistment targets until mid-2027. This effectively provides the ultra-orthodox community with a two-year window of exemption from pressure, reflecting the government's political need to stabilize the coalition while facing internal rebellion and external diplomatic scrutiny.