

ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

Week #113 November 30 - December 6, 2025

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



Photo Cover: Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir congratulating Major General Goffman for his appointment as Director of the Mossad.

Source: IDF Spokesperson

PM Netanyahu appointed his military secretary, Maj. Gen. Roman Gofman, as the next Mossad director. Gofman is known for his hawkish, initiative-driven doctrine. His term will start in June 2026, after David Barnea completes his five-year term. In a notable 2018 address, he warned of a troubling pattern of IDF generals avoiding employment of ground forces.

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Total Israeli casualties This Week

0

Total Civilians killed this week

0

Total IDF Casualties this week

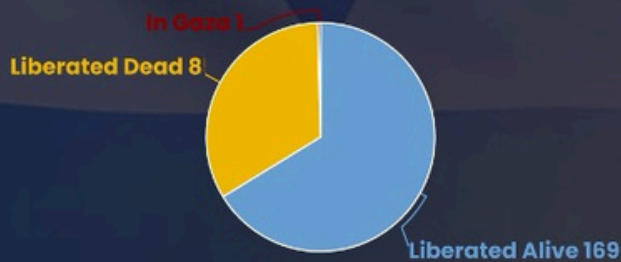
MAIN EVENTS

Hamas and the PA discuss governance despite friction. Judea and Samaria violence escalates with attacks on soldiers, fueling pro-Hamas incitement and praise for terrorists.

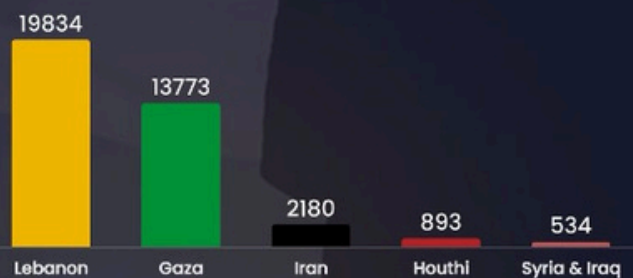
Iran condemns the US and strengthens Saudi ties. Iraq reversed designating Hezbollah and Houthis as terrorists, underscoring deep coordination within the pro-Iranian axis.

Hezbollah rejects surrender while claiming diplomatic intent. Internationally, NYC enforced anti-BDS measures, whereas Guinness World Records reportedly cut ties with Israel over Gaza

HOSTAGES IN GAZA 1255



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
Palestinian Terror Attacks 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
Hizbollah 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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- Axios reported that President Trump plans to announce progress toward Phase B of the Gaza framework by Dec 25. This phase will unveil the structure of the new technocratic Gazan government within the Green Zone, including the creation of a “Peace Council” involving 10 Western and Arab states, with Tony Blair among its senior members. Trump is also expected to reveal the composition of the International Stabilization Force (ISF), scheduled to deploy in January 2026.
- With the most recent addition of Bahrain, the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) now hosts delegations from 24 countries (excluding the U.S. and Israel). Turkey and Qatar remain outside the coordination forum. Due to the U.S. refusal to mandate Hamas’ disarmament and the lack of willingness by any foreign military to execute such a mission, the IDF is evaluating two options:
 - a renewed ground maneuver to capture the remainder of Gaza, or
 - consolidating a Yellow-Line defense while launching cross-line operations with the support of local militias until Hamas is fully neutralized.
- Senior Hamas official Husam Badran publicly emphasized that there is “no rupture” between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority (PA). He stated that Hamas held a detailed meeting in Cairo with Hussein al-Sheikh and Majed Faraj, two of the PA’s most powerful figures, and discussed the strategic challenges facing the Palestinian people. Badran framed the conversation as one containing partial agreement, arguing that the core dilemma is not political differences but establishing mechanisms for managing Gaza’s challenges, coping with the “occupation,” and developing a unified Palestinian position. He added that Hamas maintains daily contact with other Palestinian factions, claiming that a broad consensus exists regarding monitoring mechanisms and how Palestinians should coordinate political and security strategies.

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- Yasser Abu Shabab, the leader of the anti-Hamas militias in eastern Rafah was killed in Eastern Rafah. The attack was a result of intra-clan fighting, not Hamas activity. Members of the Abu-Snimeh clan, who fall under Abu Shabab's territorial influence, resisted his attempts to conscript them into his militia. This sparked a violent confrontation in which five clan members were killed, and another was executed. Abu Shabab and his deputy, Ghassan al-Dahini, were both wounded. Abu Shabab was evacuated to an Israeli hospital, where he later died of his wounds. Al-Dahini—lightly injured—was seen the same night in eastern Rafah delivering a direct threat to Hamas, signaling that the militia leadership would continue operating.
- Within the Yellow Zone, which hosts five main militias, Abu Shabab's group had been the most powerful. With his death, leadership shifts to Ghassan al-Dahini, a Fatah-affiliated figure with ties to Palestinian Authority security organs. Al-Dahini has played a central operational role: leading building and tunnel scanning missions before IDF entry, conducting raids on Hamas areas, and spearheading a three-week campaign to clear eastern Rafah of Hamas fighters.
- Hamas continued with its psychological games, as it handed over partial human remains, which were found not to belong to Israeli hostages. Searches by Hamas and PIJ resumed in Beit Lahia after Israel confirmed the identities of the remains did not belong to either of the two remaining hostages. Later, Hamas delivered the body of Sudthisak Rinthalak a citizen of Thailand. Only one fallen hostage remains in Gaza: Staff Sergeant Ran Gvili.
- The new Hasmonaean Brigade, established 14 months ago, graduated its first cohort of 70 Haredi NCOs, part of a plan to expand the brigade into a dedicated Haredi combat force.

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- The Israeli cabinet approved the 2026 budget despite divisions on defense spending rifts. The total budget will be the largest in Israel's history totalling NIS 662 billion.
- The Iraqi government published an official decree labeling both the Houthis and Hezbollah as terrorist organizations, ordering immediate freezing of their assets inside Iraq. However, within hours, Iraq reversed the decision. The state news agency announced that the list would be amended and that only ISIS and al-Qaeda would remain designated. Hezbollah and the Houthis were removed from the list and permitted to operate freely. This rapid reversal strongly suggests intense pressure from pro-Iranian political factions inside Iraq. What initially appeared to be a capitulation to U.S. pressure quickly collapsed under the weight of domestic political realities and Tehran's influence.
- The Institute for the Study of War reports that Iran is trying to reorganize what remains of its Axis of Resistance, particularly the Houthis in Yemen and Shia militias in Iraq, in anticipation of a potential new confrontation with Israel. The goal is to prevent Hezbollah from being forced to surrender its weapons.
- Guinness World Records announced that it has suspended cooperation with Israel and will no longer register Israeli individuals or organizations. Their statement claimed the decision was made "due to the ongoing genocide in Gaza."
- Israel handed over its Arrow 3 long-range missile defense system to the German Air Force, completing a 4-billion-euro (\$4.6 billion) sale, the largest defense export deal in Israel's history.