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Israeli strike kills 40 in UN school in Gaza (Updated: headcount now 43, UN condemnation)

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Israeli strike kills 40 in UN school in Gaza

Posted: 06 January 2009 2325 hrs

JERUSALEM: An Israeli strike on Tuesday killed at least 40 people who had taken refuge inside a UN school in the Gaza Strip, the third such attack in a day, medics said.

The strike hit near a school run by the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, in the northern town of Jabaliya, they said.

People inside the building had taken refuge from the raging conflict in the territory, witnesses and medics said. The toll quickly rose as rescuers struggled through the rubble.

Earlier in the day, two people were killed when an artillery shell slammed into a school in the southern town of Khan Yunis and three people were killed in an air strike on a school in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City, medics said. - AFP/de

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At least 30 people were killed and 55 injured when Israeli artillery shells landed outside a United Nations-run school in Gaza, UN officials have said.

A number of children were among those who died when the al-Fakhura school in the Jabaliya refugee camp was hit, doctors at nearby hospitals said.

Israel said its soldiers had come under fire from militants inside the school.

Earlier, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) warned of a "full-blown humanitarian crisis" in Gaza.

Speaking on the 11th day of the Israeli assault, a senior ICRC official, Pierre Kraehenbuhl, said life in Gaza had become intolerable.

Palestinian medical sources say up to 600 people have been killed since the attacks began, and Mr Kraehenbuhl said much more needed to be done to protect civilians.

Some 70 Palestinians and five Israeli soldiers were killed on Tuesday.

One soldier was killed in an exchange of fire with militants in Gaza City, while four others were killed by shellfire from their own tanks earlier in the day, Israeli military officials said.

Israel says its offensive is stopping militants firing rockets, but at least five hit southern Israel on Tuesday, with one reaching the town of Gedera, about 40km (25 miles) from Gaza, and injuring a baby.

Three Israeli civilians and one soldier have been killed by rocket fire from the Gaza Strip since the offensive began 10 days ago.

'Mortar fire'

The UN aid agency in Gaza, Unrwa, said three artillery shells had landed close to the al-Fakhura school on Tuesday afternoon, spraying shrapnel on people both inside and outside the building.

About 350 people had sought refuge at the school in effort to escape the fighting between Israeli soldiers and militants on the outskirts of the refugee camp, to the east of Gaza City.

Television footage showed bodies scattered on the ground amid pools of blood.

Palestinian doctors at nearby hospitals had earlier said that at least 40 people had been killed. The Kamal Adwan hospital in Beit Lahiya said 30 people had died there. A further 10 people died at the al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City, doctors said.

The UN officials said they regularly provided the Israeli military with exact co-ordinates of their facilities, and that the school was in a built-up area.

An Israeli military spokesman said that, according to initial checks, its soldiers had come under mortar fire from militants inside the school.

"In response, the forces fired a number of mortar rounds into the area," he told the Reuters news agency.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said militants regularly hid among civilians inside such facilities or used them to launch attacks.

"According to our values and the instructions that we have in the army, the targets are Hamas targets. We try to avoid any kind of civilian casualties," she told reporters.

This was the second Israeli strike on a UN-run school in a day. Earlier, at least three Palestinians were killed when a school was hit in the Shati camp, UN officials said.

After the first attack, the director of operations for Unrwa, John Ging, said the conditions in Gaza were "horrific".

"Nowhere is safe for civilians here in Gaza at the moment. They are fleeing their homes and they are right to do it when you look at the casualty numbers."

"It's very, very dangerous, and even the 14,000 who have sought refuge in our schools and shelters, they are not safe either."

Mr Ging said international leaders had a responsibility to act to protect civilians.

"You cannot conduct huge military operations in such densely-populated places without killing hundreds and injuring thousands of civilians," he added.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces have pushed further south on the Gaza Strip and clashed with militants near Gaza City.

Skirmishes were also reported on the edges of the Deir al-Balah and Bureij refugee camps in central Gaza, and witnesses said Israeli tanks and infantry were advancing on Khan Younis.

Information about what is happening inside Gaza is limited as Israel has barred foreign reporters from entering.

'Time against us'

Diplomatic efforts to try to end the violence are gathering pace.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he had asked his Syrian counterpart, Bashar Assad, to help convince Hamas to co-operate with efforts to end the Israeli offensive. Syria is regarded as a main backer of Hamas.

The loss of civilian life in Gaza and Israel is a source of deep concern for me

US President-elect Barack Obama

When later asked about the deaths at UN school in Gaza, Mr Sarkozy said: "It reinforces my determination for all this to stop as quickly as possible. Time is

working against us. We must find a solution."

US State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the US would like to see "an immediate ceasefire" in Gaza.

"An immediate ceasefire that is durable, sustainable and not time-limited," he told reporters in Washington, according to the Reuters news agency. "We want, obviously, to be constructive," he added.

US President-elect Barack Obama meanwhile broke his silence about the conflict, telling reporters that "the loss of civilian life in Gaza and Israel is a source of deep concern for me".

Mr Sarkozy wants Syria to persuade Hamas to co-operate with peace efforts

However, he also reiterated that he would adhere to his principle that only President George W Bush would speak for US foreign policy at this time.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is to hold talks in New York with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who is going to the UN with several Arab foreign ministers to lobby for a ceasefire.

The BBC's Laura Trevelyan in New York says the contours of an agreement are taking shape - international monitors along the Egypt-Gaza border to stop Hamas smuggling weapons and firing rockets at Israel, and the creation of a humanitarian corridor in southern Gaza to ensure that aid goes to the Palestinians.

The question now is whether Hamas will accept such a deal and if a call for a ceasefire will be heeded by Israel, our correspondent says.

Hamas has said that Israeli attacks on Gaza must stop and the crossings into the territory, which Israel controls, must be fully opened, before it agrees to a ceasefire.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Tuesday that the military campaign in Gaza would continue until Israel had completely wiped out Hamas's ability to fire rockets into Israel.

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Massacre: 42 killed by Israeli shelling at UN school in Jabaliya Refugee Camp

Updated 18:07

Gaza - Ma'an - Israeli forces killed at least 42 Palestinians at a UN school that was sheltering displaced people in Jabaliya Refugee Camp in the northern Gaza Strip late on Tuesday afternoon, medical officials confirmed to Ma'an.

According to initial reports, the school was destroyed, collapsing on top of Palestinians who took shelter inside from the intense bombardment by Israeli air and ground forces.

According to another report, broadcast by Al-Jazeera television, Israeli tank shells hit the front gate of the school. UNRWA Spokesperson Christopher Gunness confirmed that at least one shell landed near the school.

Children are also said to be among the dead. Hundreds of people were reported to be in the area of the school at the time of the shelling.

Ma'an's reporter said that dozens more, all civilians, were injured in the attack on the Al-Fakhoura School. The death toll is expected to rise as a number of the wounded are said to be in critical condition. Ambulances were initially unable reach the school.

The school is operated by UNRWA, the UN's agency for Palestinian refugees. UNRWA has been using its schools to house some of the 15,000 Gazans who have

fled their homes due to Israel's ground invasion of the Gaza Strip, which began on Saturday.

UNRWA says it handed over the GPS coordinates of all UN installations throughout the Gaza Strip to the Israeli military. The school was clearly marked as a UN facility.

Earlier on Tuesday, the United Nations confirmed that three refugees had been killed at 11:30 on Monday night when Israeli forces fired directly on a UNRWA school in Gaza City. Another UNRWA school also came under fire in the city of Rafah.

"There's nowhere safe in Gaza. Everyone here is terrorized and traumatized," said John Ging, the top UN official in Gaza. He also said that people in Gaza are "entitled" to action by the international community to stop the Israeli invasion.

"I am appealing to political leaders here and in the region and the world to get their act together and stop this," he said, speaking at Gaza's largest hospital. "They are responsible for these deaths."

Tuesday's attack has drawn comparisons to the 1996 Israeli shelling of a UN compound in Qana, southern Lebanon, in which 106 civilians were killed.

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UN chief calls Israeli school raids unacceptable

Wed, 07 Jan 2009 02:29:43 GMT

Israel's military strikes on a school in Jabaliya killed 43 civilians.

The UN secretary general has said he is "deeply dismayed" by the Israeli attacks on three UN-run schools in the Gaza Strip that killed dozens of civilians.

Ban Ki-moon made the remarks in reponse to Israel's military strikes on a school in Jabaliya in northern Gaza on Tuesday that killed 43 civilians and wounded 100 more.

Ban said the act is "totally unacceptable."

Gaza medics say 660 Palestinians, including 215 children and 98 women, have been killed in the Israeli onslaught on the Gaza Strip that began on December 27.

"These attacks by military forces which endanger UN facilities acting as places of refuge are totally unacceptable and must not be repeated," Ban said in a statement.

He went on to say that the Israeli government was warned that its operations were endangering UN compounds.

"I am deeply dismayed that despite these repeated efforts, today's tragedies have ensued."

"I call once again for an immediate ceasefire," he added.

He also spoke of his imminent trip to the region, noting, "I intend to travel next week to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, and to regional capitals," in order to discuss the future realities of the Middle East.

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Satan of Buckingham Palace guilty
by paul pawlowski on 06.01.2009 [16:44]

Satan of Buckingham Palace hired Satan Jew financier to finance Adolf Hitler Drang nach Osten BARBAROSSA
HM Government give Palestine to Jews for services rendered

Since that Act of Buckingham Palace Satan was illegal
therefore planting Jew squatters in Palestine was illegal
therefore evict Jew squat Palestine
relocate the Jews in Jewish Oblast set aside for the Jewish people by lenin stalin

Relocate Satan Jew out of Palestine now — or JudaeoFascist Satan Jew keep on killing OUR babies so that Jew babies may live and turn Apollo heaven into Jew Satan Hell on Earth

The Zios want to establish...

by Invictus on 06.01.2009 [17:20]

that UN premises don't provide sanctuary. Remember Qana.

the mighty Israeli military killed dozens of civilians at a UN-run school

by Lambros on 06.01.2009 [19:26]

Israel might say 'sorry', adding that war is a terrible thing and that this whole tragedy is Hamas' fault and that they are hiding under women's dresses and of course that Israel is the one seeking peace. Well Shalom My Arse, Israel is perpetuating war, hatred, mistrust and pain.

Israel controls the lives of 3-4 million Palestinians, steals land to build illegal settlements with the accompanying illegal infrastructure (roads etc), controls water supply, controls electricity supply, controls gas supply, controls the borders, controls the sea, controls the air. Israel chooses who to kill, Israel chooses when to destroy which city, how to destroy it and for how long to attack.

How many more crimes

by phil_s66 on 06.01.2009 [19:30]

until finally enough is enough and the world takes Israel down? probably will never happen, these f/king murderers will carry on getting the green light to do what it wants.

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by diamond on 06.01.2009 [19:47]

Do the same to them, there are plenty of israeli children in India & E Europe as well as Russia. Wipe them out.

U.N. offiUN official says Gaza school was clearly marked

by Zoraida on 06.01.2009 [20:21]

U.N. official says Gaza school was clearly marked
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Claudia Parsons Print Story

A U.N. official in Gaza said a school where dozens of Palestinians were killed by tank shells on Tuesday was clearly marked with a U.N. flag and its location had been reported to Israeli authorities. Skip related content

John Ging, director of operations in Gaza for UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, said the death toll in the Israeli artillery strike near the school in Jabalya refugee camp was 30 dead with another 55 people injured.

Medical officials on the spot have said more than 40 people were killed.

Ging told reporters at U.N. headquarters by videolink from Gaza that three artillery shells landed at the perimeter of the school where 350 people were taking shelter.

He said UNRWA regularly provided the Israeli army with exact geographical coordinates of its facilities and the school was in a built-up area. "Of course it was entirely inevitable if artillery shells landed in that area there would be a high number of casualties," he said.

Casualty numbers were still being assessed but the latest figures were 30 dead and 55

injured, including at least five critically, Ging said.

The Israeli military said it is looking into the incident at al-Fakhora school in Jabalya on the fourth day of a ground assault launched after a week of air strikes failed to end Hamas rocket salvos against Israeli towns.

Asked whether Hamas militants were in the area of the Jabalya school at the time of the strike, Ging said it was the scene of clashes "so there's an intense military and militant activity in that area."

He said U.N. staff vetted Palestinians seeking shelter at their facilities to make sure militants were not taking advantage of them. "So far we've not had violations by militants of our facilities," he said.

Ging also said three Palestinians were killed in a separate Israeli air strike near another U.N. school in an area where there was no fighting at the time.

On Tuesday morning a building next to a U.N. health centre was hit by Israeli fire and 10 people were injured, including seven staff and three patients at the health centre, he said.

Another shell landed near a third U.N. school on Tuesday but it was empty, Ging said.

He called for an independent investigation of the strikes near U.N. facilities.

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baby killers

by dit on 06.01.2009 [20:27]

women killers, children killers, unarmed men killers, civilian killers, cowards, only fight against weak unarmed starved embargoed besieged civilians. Just as you see in Gaza, now the proof is again OUT IN THE OPEN. What are you Egyptians doing about it??? What are you West bank Palestinians doing about it? When are you Hizbollah going to do something about it? When is Syria going to do something about it? Where are the emn/women of conscience????

massacre eh

by pilot-x on 06.01.2009 [20:37]

FUCK YOU ISREEL
all bets are off
you die now

west is more than complicit

by anti_war on 06.01.2009 [22:00]

usa army engineers corp in egypt to build some kind of underground wall to prevent the tunnels,israel requested this and it looks like egypt ok'd it.they are on the ground now ,i think they want to make sure when they close the borders again ,the rate of suffering alieviated by the smuggling is non existent.what kind of wall? who knows?
even the worlds most secure vaults can be penetrated ,only thing is you need more time ?so is it pointless and just a way to tie usa army into the war for pr reasons

Tunnels – Hamas' secret weapon Tuesday, 6 January 2009

by anti_war on 06.01.2009 [22:07]

In the past the Israelis have considered a number of options to deal with the tunnels, including digging a moat flooded with seawater, deterring smugglers with the risk of drowning. The plan was dropped, however, after it became apparent it could contaminate Gaza's crumbling underground aquifer. The Israelis have also asked the US to provide its Army Corps of Engineers to build an underground wall on the Egyptian side of the Philadelphi Corridor. The Americans are said to have agreed in principle although it is unclear whether the Egyptians had also given the green light.

Jerusalem's demand that there should be stringent checks carried out by an international force to monitor any ceasefire shows the Israeli anxiety about the underground routes being reopened. For the moment, the Israelis are trying to destroy the network with pulverising bunker-busting bombs acquired from the US. Nicholas Pelham, an analyst with the International Crisis Group, said closing the tunnels permanently would be a major and lengthy undertaking. "Without occupying a fairly broad stretch of territory, it is hard to see how you can maintain the closure of the tunnels long-term," he said.

@anti_war

by Gallagher13 on 06.01.2009 [22:52]

Why wouldn't the "devil" want to contaminate the water supply with seawater? If they're that Evil they wouldn't care, right?

Maybe they aren't as Evil as you idiots say?

Nah, one of you fools will state this is a ploy.

Comic relief...

by pilot-x on 06.01.2009 [22:56]

Report: Hamas stealing aid supplies to sell to residents
Ynetnews, Israel - 2 hours ago

A government or a gang? As the Israeli operation in Gaza wears on it appears Hamas has relinquished any visage of a socio-political party, abandoning its ...

An extreme weather event

by pilot-x on 06.01.2009 [23:04]

would sure come in handy right about now.

Turn the jew shithole into a swamp bogging down tanks and rendering runways and aircraft useless and toppling the jewlin walls.

Something big gotta happen and soon.

operation "Shlach Lachmecha" salt water poison wake up or grow up

by anti_war on 06.01.2009 [23:33]

Maybe they aren't as Evil as you idiots say?or maybe they are more evil than we both give them credit for

prefered poison is animal carcass's and faeces

and some typhoid

Settlers suspected of well attack

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Amira Hess, an Israeli journalist wrote: " Since the June War of 1967, Israel has total control over Palestinian water resources. Israeli governments have prohibited the digging of wells and restricted irrigation to its pre-1967 levels, thus, keeping Palestinian crops dependent on rainwater. The fact is we can not accuse the settlers, for all Israeli governments from that of Levi Ashqol in 1967 to that of Yitzhaq Rabin in 1992, have adopted policies of devastation designed to dry-up Palestinian cities and villages".5

Since the occupation of the Palestinian territories by Israel the military authorities did not grant a permit to a single village to dig any wells. Between 1967 and 1983 only seven wells were allowed and those were for domestic consumption". Additionally, Israeli authorities prohibit restoration of old wells. Owners of wells that existed prior to June 1967 were forced to place meters to determine exact amounts of water drawn from their wells.

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-The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported that settler attacks on Palestinians soared by 52 percent during the ceasefire, reporting that over 265 cases were opened in the past few months against settlers for attacking or harassing Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Some of the attacks by settlers included poisoning Palestinian water wells, the systematic killing of Palestinian livestock, and the destruction of Palestinian crops.

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The Zionists injected typhoid in the aqueduct at some intermediate point which passes through Zionist settlements. (see map)

The story can now be told, thanks to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) files which have now become available, 50 years after the event. A series of reports, under the reference G59/1/GC, G3/82, sent by ICRC delegate de Meuron from 6 May to about 19 May 1948 describe the conditions of the city population, struck by a sudden typhoid epidemic, and the efforts to combat it.

This episode, which started with poisoning Acre water supply and ended with the collapse of

the city, the depopulation of its inhabitants, and its occupation by the Jews, whetted their appetite to try this crime again.

GAZA POISONING: Two weeks later, after their "success" in Acre, the Zionists struck again. This time in Gaza, where hundreds of thousands of refugees had gathered after their villages in southern Palestine were occupied. The end however was different.

The following cable was sent from the commander of the Egyptian Forces in Palestine to General Headquarters in Cairo:

"15.20 hrs, 24 May 1948 Our Intelligence forces captured two Jews, David Horeen and David Mizrahi, loitering around army positions. They were interrogated and confessed they had been sent by Officer Moshe to poison the army and the peoples' water supply. They carried with them water bottles divided in the middle. The top part has potable water and the bottom part has a liquid contaminated with typhoid and dysentery, equipped with a rear opening from which the liquid can be released. They confessed they were members of a 20-strong team sent from Rehovot for the same purpose. Both have written their confession in Hebrew and signed it. We have taken the necessary medical precautions."

In Ben Gurion's War Diary, the following entry is found on 27 May 1948:

"Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin picked up a cable from Gaza saying they captured Jews carrying malaria germs and gave instructions not to drink water". This is typical of Ben Gurion's oblique writing of history. He was fully aware of the weight of history when such crimes are discovered. Nuremberg trials were held only three years before.

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@gallagher13

by anti_war on 06.01.2009 [23:34]

when you know the difference between your ass and elbow ,get back to me

do you still stand by your words?

by anti_war on 06.01.2009 [23:39]

many more recent attack on the water have been proved and documented

VENEZUELA KICKED ISRAEL AMBASSADOR ASS OUT PLUS ALL DIPLOMATS

by CANUKISTAN_VIEW on 07.01.2009 [00:33]

VIVA CHAVEZ! VIVA VENEUELA!

ISRAEL MUST BE DECLARED A TERRORIST STATE!

THEIR ARMY DOES NOT FOLLOW GENEVA CONVENTIONS

THEIR POLITICIANS ARE VICIOUS THUGS

TIME TO WIPE OUT THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT OUT OF ALL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ENGLAND STINKY QUEEN MUST OPEN HER MOUTH AND SAYS SOMETHING

CANADA IS NOW UNDER A FASCIST GOVERNMENT - HARPER CLOSED THE LEGISLATURE FOR TWO MONTHS - SO RIGHT NOW CANADA IS UNDER DICTATORIAL REGIME WITHOUT A FUNCTIONING PARLIAMENT!

USA ECONOMY KEEP FALLING - THE THREE BIG CARMAKERS LOST BETWEEN 30% AND 50% MEANING CONSUMERS AIN'T NO MONEY AND ARE NOT WILLING TO SPEND

2009 WILL BE A VERY BAD YEAR FOR THE IMPERIAL WEST!

IF THE ROAD WERE TO BE ROSY AHEAD ISRAHELL WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO THIS PROVOCATION!

THE WESTERN EMPIRES AND THEIR BANKERS ARE ON FIRE!

THIRD WORLD MUST INSIST ON GETTING ALL PAYMENTS ON SPECIES I.E. SILVER - GOLD - COPPER - OIL - GRAINS - MACHINERY - EQUIPMENTS -

2009 SHOULD BE THE YEAR THAT NO THRID WORL COUNTRY ACCEPT PAPER USELESS MONEY FROM THE WEST!

Cheers brave Palestinian people.

Notice the difference between

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:27]

reports coming from the Western media presstitutes versus those from more reliable sources.

The BBC says the Israeli bombs landed "OUTSIDE" or "CLOSE TO" the UN school.

It is crap. All of it is crap.

How many?

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:32]

How many Israelis have been killed by Hamas rockets in the last eight or so years?

15? 20?

How many Palestinians have ben killed by Israelis during that same time period?

4,000? 5,000?

The relatively few deaths reported by Israel betrays the argument that Hamas represents some kind of grave existential and physical threat to Israel's existence, doesn't it?

Sderot

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:37]

Sderot has no business being where it is. It is built on the lands of a The Palestinian village called Najd, was ethnically cleansed by Jewish terrorists in May 1948 before Israel was declared a state and before any Arab armies entered Palestine. The 600+ villagers, were forced to flee for their lives. Britain was on watch as the mandated government, while this and many other atrocities were committed by terrorists.

This is modern day "Sderot", home of the Obama Declaration.

Israeli military

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:47]

1-Bombings in Jabalia Refugee Camps, 5 killed and several wounded. Many houses were damaged in the camp while hundreds of people leave their houses into some schools and safer places.

2-Israeli F16s bombarded two adjacent houses for Al Shorafa family in Toffah area. The houses were hit without previous notification. Many people killed and several wounded.

3-A massare against house of Al Daya family southern east of Gaza City. The father was killed, the mother, his son Fayez, his daughter in law Rawans, infant 6-month-baby Muhammad, 5-year-old Sharf Al Din, Ala' aged 8 years, Rania aged 12 and Doha 3 years. Other 5 people were killed in the same house while many still under the rubbles of the 4-floor-house.

4- Marzouq Family hit in Al Toffah area. Many wounded and no news if there are victims or not!

5-Israeli drone killed 3 young refugees seeking shelter in one of the schools in Al Shati' Refugee Camp. They were hit by a rocket while they were drinking water inside the school.

6-Medical sources: 13 palestinian women and children arrived to Al Shifa' hospital due to Israeli shelling in Al Toffah quarter.

7-Gaza Local Radios: Thousands of Palestinians shelter to UNRWA schools mid of Gaza as Israeli army threatened of a genocide against them. Some of those at schools are wounded and unable to reach hospitals.

8-F16s rebombarded Al Saraya security compound last night. The location is turned to rubble.

9-Bombings target Al Baurej central market. Many wounded and 2 are killed.

10-Bombings targeted Abu Ghanima family in Al Zaytoun area. The house includes around 12 people. Some injured, some killed and some others under the rubble.

11-A horrendous massacare: 45 civilians! Killed due to heavy Israeli bombings targeting them at Al Fakhora school in Jabalia town. The families and victims took to this school as

shelter from Israeli strikes. Around 100 wounded and many in critical condition now!

12-A house for shamalkh family bombed to rubble due bombings targeting a mosque in the area. Two palestinains killed, 10 wounded and 5 in critical conditions.

13-A house destroyed due to air raid in Khan Yonis town of Abasan.

14-Bombings in Al Shati' camp claimed the life of one civilian and many more wounded in the area.

15-Israeli rockets hit Qlaibo area north of Gaza.

16-A house for Isi family hit in Al Toffah area.

17-A house hit near Mus'ab Bin omair Mosque and many more houses burnt due to the shelling north of Gaza.

18- One Palestinian killed and 6 wounded in the Israeli air raids in Absan town in Khan Yonis.

19-Al Samouni Family: around 20 members of our family killed and another 25 under the rubble of the house.

20-Power Transistors destroyed in the northern area.

21-Artillary shell kills a child, Merwan Ubaid, in Abasan town east of Kgan yonis.

22-Around 25 houses damaged due to artillery shells in Rafah City.

23-A house for Al alool family destroyed at Bait Lahia twon.

24-Five wounded in a rocket hit Khoza'a family.

25-Heavy bombings in the agricultural and farms in the northern areas.

26-A woman from Ghomaida family killed and her husband wounded in the northern areas of Gaza.

27-Mass bombings in Al shijaya area and many wounded and arrived at Al Shifa' hospital.

28-Rockets targeted a house in Al Sheikh Ridwan and 5 wounded, one in critical condition.

29-Psychiatrists: thousands of children are being traumatized due to the ongoing bombings.

30-Palestinian militants fire 30 rockets into the Israeli settlements.

31-Rockets hit the main Market of Gaza with heavy F116s rockets.

scales

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:49]

Approximately 10,000 rockets have been fired from Gaza into Israel over eight years, killing 20 people. More than 800 Gazans were killed by Israel last year alone, and more than a thousand Palestinian children have been killed since 2000.

PIC

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:54]

The ongoing Israeli occupation holocaust in the Gaza Strip has so far claimed the lives of 660 Palestinians, including 215 children and 89 women in addition to 2950 wounded.

The Israeli occupation bombardment of Palestinian homes and three UNRWA schools have risen to more than 135 Palestinians killed and 400 wounded.

Israeli occupation forces committed new massacres today when they targeted schools provided by UNRWA to house civilians who fled the Israeli bombardment in eastern Jablaya.

The bombing of the Fakhoura school in east Jabalya resulted in the killing of 45 Palestinians and wounding more than 50, 5 others were killed earlier in the bombing of two other UNRWA schools.

Adnan Abu Hasna, UNRWA spokesman in Gaza, said in a press statement that that the Israeli side was informed of the location of those schools and that they were opened for refugees in addition to the fact that UNRWA flags fly over those schools.

Medical sources also confirmed the recovery of 12 bodies of the Daya family from under the rubble of their house in the Zaitoun neighbourhood of Gaza City, which was bombed Tuesday

morning by the IOF.

Eyewitnesses said that some corpses are still under the rubble of the four-story building, and that some of the corpses recovered were badly mutilated.

The eyewitnesses added that 7 of the corpses recovered were those of children under 12 years of age and three women.

Medical sources also said that 23 more corpses of people who died in Monday night's bombing in various areas of Gaza city.

Polly Basak of PNN

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [01:57]

Medical services are facing severe difficulties in evacuating the injured throughout Gaza. Paramedics and health workers are being attacked by Israeli tank fire and missiles, say human rights groups working in the area.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health has reported that the targeting of medical personnel is on the rise, while the Red Crescent Society is asking that the Fourth Geneva Convention be invoked.

According to the head of the Palestinian emergency health services in Gaza, Dr. Mu'awiya Hasaneen, and the Ministry of Health spokesperson, Hammam Nasman, access to the rising number of wounded and dead is being impeded by the ongoing Israeli gunfire.

Many of the hospitals in Gaza have reported their ambulances being under fire.

The Physicians for Human Rights-Israel organisation has reported several Israeli military assaults on medical personnel in the Gaza Strip during the last few days. As a result families are forced to take severely injured victims to hospitals in private cars or on foot.

The extreme danger faced by those in the medical profession has been demonstrated by a number of fatal attacks in recent days. On 31 December medical crews attempting to treat a wounded victim from Jabal Kashif in northeast Gaza were hit by helicopter fire. Dr. Ihab Madhun, medic Muhammad Abu Hasireh, as well as the injured victim, were all killed.

Meanwhile, on 3 January medical crews entering a bombed house to treat wounded victims of the Dabbabish family in Sheikh Radwan were attacked by the Israeli army. Despite the crew wearing medical vests whilst entering the house it was bombed for a second time. One of the medical team was critically wounded.

A number of similar atrocities have been reported, including the bombardment of an ambulance from Al Awda Hospital in Beit Lahiya by helicopter fire on 4 January. Arfa Abd al Daim, a senior volunteer medic, was killed and two other medical personnel were critically injured in this incident.

On the same day an Israeli tank fired on an ambulance whilst attempting to evacuate a family in Tel Alhawa. As a result three health workers were killed.

In addition to the dangers to their own safety, medical personnel are having to overcome severe logistical difficulties imposed by the ongoing Israeli assault in Gaza. In some cases teams have had to wait 24 hours for coordination from Israeli military authorities. Furthermore, the widespread destruction of roads and bridges has resulted in staff not being able to reach casualties.

PHR-Israel sent two urgent requests to the Israeli Military Chief of Staff regarding protection of medical teams, internal evacuation of the wounded, and evacuation of the wounded to external medical care. The evidence so far suggests these requests will go unheeded.

B'Tselem

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:01]

In the last few hours, B'Tselem has received a report of a Palestinian extended family trapped since Saturday night in the ruins of their house, in southern Gaza City, together with some thirty bodies of family members killed in IDF shelling. Family members contacted the International Commission of the Red Cross who told them they could not send an ambulance as the army would not enable coordination of its arrival.

According to the report, 31 members of the a-Samuni family, living in the Zeitoun neighborhood in southern Gaza City, were killed in a series of incidents Saturday night (January 3), including IDF gunfire and a shell that landed on the house. Fifteen additional members of the family are still in the family's compound. Five of them are wounded and it is unclear what their condition is.

The family still had one cell phone. However, the family member in contact with B'Tselem said that the phone was taken by soldiers this afternoon, as one of the girls in the family was talking on it.

In a separate incident, thirteen members of the extended a-Daya family, also from the Zeitoun neighborhood were killed today when their building collapsed due to an aerial bombardment. Eight additional family members are still missing and there is a fear that they are buried under the ruins.

B'Tselem provided all the information it has on these incidents to the ICRC and the military.

B'Tselem demands that the military immediately enable ambulances to reach the area in order to evacuate the wounded and the dead. It must also allow the remaining members of the a-Samuni family to leave their compound.

"There is no humanitarian crisis."

Jews against Zionism

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:06]

The Zionist ideology is antithetical to the Torah. Zionism was devised to replace the Torah and its commandments with empty nationalism and power. Jews believe that the redemption of the Jews will come only through G-d, and then there will be peace for the entire world. Zionists believe only in the power of their hands: a physical, artificial redemption.

It is therefore self-understood that the State of Israel has zero connection with Jews or Judaism. We, Orthodox Jews, did not make the state. We show our disassociation from it by not participating in its elections or accepting its financial benefits. Therefore, we bear no responsibility for the state's actions.

Orthodox Jews tell the world: WE ARE NOT ZIONISTS. The Zionists are not our representatives or spokesmen. They have no right to speak in the name of Jewry. It is a terrible mistake to confuse Jews with Zionists. We wish to live in peace with all the nations. We pray for our Jewish brethren and non-Jews in the Middle East, that they should be saved from all misfortunes and danger. And most of all, we await that great day when G-d's glory will be revealed in the entire world, and there will be peace for all of humanity. Amen.

The Angry Arab addresses Abu Mazen:

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:09]

So I watched him speak at the UN: there was as much passion and emotion in his speech as when the Saudi king visited the two Palestinian patients in a hospital in Riyadh. Basically, it was an ode to Husni Mubarak, and secondly it contained the new proposal for "an international force" in Gaza. You know what that mean, don't you? Basically, a way to re-introduce the Dahglan gang members into Gaza, after their humiliating eviction (in their underwears).

Kawther Salam

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:15]

The Israeli war criminals committed horrible massacres in the Jabalia refugee camp today Tuesday January 6 2009. They bombed many houses of Palestinian civilians, and the UN schools in the Jabalia and Rafah refugee camps, Killing more than 135 civilian and wounding more than 400, more than half of the victims were children and women.

The Israeli criminal forces fired deliberately at three UNRWA schools in Gaza after the faculty administration of the UN schools informed the Israeli Authorities about the presence of hundreds of Palestinian civilians in these schools, who had fled from their homes and were using these UN schools as a shelter from Israeli strikes and the freezing winter weather. The Israeli criminals had also ordered the Palestinian civilians to leave their homes, and they were aware of where these civilian stayed when they bombed the places. It is a clear event of Genocide and ethnic cleansing according to the Palestinians testimonies.

45 civilians were murdered due to the bombings of the Al-Fakhora school in Jabalia, which happened as a direct response to the humanitarian request received from the UN school administration..

Another 100 Palestinian civilians were injured, among them dozens in critical conditions. Medical sources stated that two Israeli rockets exploded inside and outside the UN refugee school where hundreds of Palestinians had sought refuge from the Israeli attacks. The rockets murdered 45 and injured over hundred. There was no more place in the hospital refrigerators for the bodies of the dead people, who were left in the yard next to the hospital.

A Palestinian family, father, mother and their five children, were killed by shells fired from Israeli Navy ships in the Al-Shati refugee camp. An elderly man and his grandson were killed in the Zeitoun neighborhood before dawn. And also another 13 civilian civilians were murdered in another massacre in the southern part of Gaza in Zeitoun neighborhood, in which they were buried under heaps of rubble of their house after the Israeli air force launched missiles on it. Parents, their children and their grandchildren all were murdered.

In another incident, 22 Palestinians from the Shamalkh and Samouni families were massacred under the rubble of their house and 35 were injured, among them 10 in critical conditions, because the Israeli forces bombed a mosque in the area were lived.

In another massacre within the Israeli ethnic cleansing of southern Gaza, all members of the Al-Daya family were murdered. The victims were the father, the mother, and their children Fayez, the daughter in law Rawan, Muhammad, aged 6 months, Sharaf Al-Din, aged of 5 years, Ala, aged 8 years, Rania, aged 12 and Doha, aged 3 years. Other 5 people are known to have been killed in the incident at same house, while many are still under the rubble of the 4-floor-house.

The Palestinian Health Ministry reported on Tuesday that 110 children, youths and women were among the Palestinians murdered today and yesterday. This figure do not include the people killed in the evening and night hours, neither those killed on Monday morning.

Chavez

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:18]

The Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Venezuela stated that on Tuesday night, 6 January 2009, the Venezuelan government expelled the Israeli ambassador in Caracas as a protest against the Israeli offensive strike in the Gaza Strip and as a solidarity with the Palestinian People.

A statement of the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs clarified that the government decided to "expel the Israeli ambassador and all the staff at the embassy, in response to the Israeli military assault on the Gaza Strip."

Venezuela has accused Israel of violating the International law and described what the Israelis are doing in the Gaza Strip as State Terrorism. The Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has condemned the Israeli campaign in Gaza and said that the continuous killing of civilians is a crime against humanity.

STATE TERRORISM

Hypothermia

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:22]

LONDON - Newborn babies in Gaza are at risk of hypothermia because of freezing temperatures and a cut in the power supply, the British aid charity Save the Children warned on Monday.

Most homes and hospitals in Gaza, where night-time temperatures drop to freezing point, are now without power and have no heating, it said, adding that people leave windows open to stop them shattering from bombardment.

"We need to deliver more food and blankets to ensure that children do not die of hunger and cold," said Jerusalem-based Save the Children spokesman Dominic Nutt, cited in a statement by the charity.

Referring to a European Union mission in the region, he added: "We want (British Prime Minister) Gordon Brown and all EU leaders to push for a ceasefire so that we have safe access to those people in need in Gaza.

"People also must be able to move freely and safely so they can provide for their families when food does become available."

Doctor Shaul Dollberg, professor of paediatrics at Tel Aviv University, was quoted by the charity as saying: "There is definitely potential for hypothermia for children in Gaza, especially for newborn babies.

"Newborns need higher temperatures to survive," he said.

Save the Children staff in Gaza have delivered food to around 6,000 of the most hungry families there, the statement added.

"Our staff took their lives in their hands to deliver food aid. Two staff have already had their houses badly damaged in the bombing. No one is safe," said Nutt.

"But we simply must do all in our power to protect children and babies from this conflict.

The warnings came as Israeli troops tightened their military grip on Gaza with new air strikes and ground battles while Europe led the diplomatic offensive to secure a ceasefire.

Basic facts for the unlearned

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:41]

h <http://www.palestineremembered.com/Acre/Palestine-Remembered/Story725.html>

So what now Zionists?

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:44]

If you pull out of Gaza, you will be accused of "cutting and running".

If you stay in Gaza, Hamas will have your blood.

So what now Zionists?

Big Zionist political mess

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [02:57]

The defense minister and the foreign minister both beginning their days trying to figure out how to thwart the success of the other. Tsk-tsk. Unproductive relationship.

Now, whenever you get trapped, you have to lay down alot of firepower, to hide the fact that your pulling out, right?

Not good. Lots of innocent people killed.

Now, do you think Hamas is running to Egypt for help? How is that Egyptian cease-fire plan gonna work out? What's happening there?

Dumb-ass, blind, myopic Zionists.

"Where there is no vision, the people will perish."

Ayman al-Zawahiri on CNN

by Richard on 07.01.2009 [03:06]

"Death to the Infidels!!" and all of that crap.

The video of al Zawahiri they are playing on CNN has "JUNE 2006" in the top right corner. It doesn't matter.

icp?

by pilot-x on 07.01.2009 [03:43]

NATO and Israel to boost anti-terror cooperation, military exercises

by: Maud Swinnen Updated: 03/Dec/2008 13:47

BRUSSELS (EJP)---NATO and Israel will boost their cooperation in security, counter-terrorism, intelligence exchanges and in joint military exercises.

The NATO Council, which groups the Foreign Ministers of the Alliance of 26 countries from North America and Europe, ratified Tuesday in Brussels the Individual Cooperation Programme (ICP) during the visit of Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni to the organisation's headquarters.

The ICP signed by NATO and Israel in October 2006 was updated to reinforce it, a NATO official said.

The commander-in-chief of the Israeli army, Lieutenant-General Gaby Ashkenazi, visited the NATO headquarters two weeks ago.

Tzipi Livni welcomed the boosting of political and security ties between her country and the alliance.

"Israel's defense capabilities are world-famous, and we see the boosting of cooperation between Israel and international security bodies as a strategic goal that adds to Israel's strength," she declared.

"All of the free nations of the world who understand the nature of the terrorist threat recognize the need to form a united front against it."

The agreement to reinforce the cooperation "signifies genuine recognition of Israel's special contribution to the international fight against extremism."

The Israeli Foreign Minister met at NATO with counterparts from NATO and Arab nations in the framework of the organisation's Mediaterranean Dialogue.

This body was launched in 1994 and includes today seven states: Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia and Algeria.

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Did not Mauritania just recall or pull out someone?

The figure they are giving is 660 deaths

by pilot-x on 07.01.2009 [04:13]

I'm calling it 666
The mark of the BEAST
Fuck you Israel
You have crossed the line into Barbarism.
Ooops gotta go
I'm going hunting.
For juice.

As you say, Richard, both ways they lose...

by stopwar on 07.01.2009 [04:55]

and as with the USUK's invasion of Iraq... there's no exit strategy.

As with Iraq, as they realise that, there will be even more killing "to save face" with the hardliners. If there is any justice in this world, both US (with Blair) and Israel should be tried at the Hague.

Does anyone remember how the Clinton presidency ended in early 2001?

by stopwar on 07.01.2009 [05:10]

it was all about a getting peace deal for Israel-Palestine, before Bush-Cheney took the reigns. That that time, the leaders were Barak and Arafat.

What a contrast to the current scenario...

When

by Syriano on 07.01.2009 [05:17]

When will this ever stop?

When will somebody end Israels aggressions and massacres? Can you believe the World is just watching yet again as Israel massacres civilians.

And the dumb majority of Israelis support this holocaust. When will this end? Who in this world will stand up and stop Israel? Will it ever end?

Hey guys , thinking caps please

by Sandy on 07.01.2009 [06:36]

Does anyone know what the "BIG EVENT" on the "10th" is? This was refered to by the head of the Italian Jewish mafya there when they wer criticised for sending medical supplies to Palestinians("dont worry Israel will decide what they get") ?

It may not be by the western calendar either.

Anyideas? Not the Pres crowinging. 1500 of our supporters....?wait and see.....

anyideas?

A Hamas rocket hit a school in Israel. If the

by qvh on 07.01.2009 [08:42]

children had been in the classroom, some of them would have been hurt, maybe even killed. Where is the outrage there?

Do Hamas care whether Israeli children are hurt or killed by their rockets?

Looks like IsraHell is proving that it is still as weak as it were in 2006

by Syrian on 07.01.2009 [09:03]

First of all, fuck you qvh you troll. They aimed at this school on purpose.

Secondly, news from the ground is coming out that Hamas fighters are actually beating down the IsraHellis and they had to pull out from several of their expansions. Videos are coming out of bobby traps going off killing many IsraHelli Offense Forces (IOF) and sniper videos with definitely confirmed kills. That's probably why there's talk of a ceasefire in their media.

We'll see how it plays out, I have to be honest I'm surprised at this development. With the palestinians sick and starving, I thought that no army in the world would not be able to defeat them. It seems that you can't break the human spirit that easily.

and the message is

by Spies_and_Traitors_will_be_Shot on 07.01.2009 [09:44]

no where to run, no where to hide.

"Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said militants regularly hid among civilians inside such facilities or used them to launch attacks."

THE GAWL OF THIS MAN IS UNBELIVABLE

qvh

by Spies_and_Traitors_will_be_Shot on 07.01.2009 [09:45]

Israeli's pression weaponry deams that this school was bombed on purpose, not at random.

So does the comments of one Tzipi Livini.

Hamas

by qvh on 07.01.2009 [10:05]

chose to fire their rockets from the school, on purpose. The Israelis were justified in striking the school, a known rocket-firing staging area.

As I said, the Palestinians fire their rockets at areas populated by citizens. Their aim is to kill as many Israeli civilians as possible. Why should the Israelis care about whether they hit Palestinian civilians?

Double standards.

typical zionists

by Syrian on 07.01.2009 [10:29]

They ignore the truthful statements their opponents made and repeat the lie enough times until it can be believable. You have to give them credit, they make up their lies at amazingly fast speeds. Unfortunately for them, its failed from the start because no one listens to their shit anymore.

The army of zionist pussies

by Blitzkrieg- on 07.01.2009 [10:57]

As things stand now, this war is a failure for the army of zionist pussies. If in 6 days Israel defeated several Arab armies and conquered vast amounts of territory during 1967, what does it have to say of their abilities if they can't conquer a small territory with a lightly armed resistance group?

But even better, if this war drags on for a couple more weeks, Israel will likely re-think this campaign, INSHALLAH.

And that will be the end of the zionist entity, maybe not in a literal sense, but it will be the defining event to once and for all erode their aura of invincibility, which was already heavily

damaged thanks to Hizballah's resistance. And this is what scares me, because I don't think Israel will allow that to happen easily, so the pussies might be willing to sacrifice more than the sacrifices they made during South Lebanon's invasion.

In any case, they are still an army of failures, and I hope I live to see their demise (and I have a gut feeling I will in my lifetime).

The Hamas use

by qvh on 07.01.2009 [11:41]

their own children as human shields for their violent activities I guess we can't expect them to care about what happens to other people's children.

butch women

by anti_war on 07.01.2009 [12:44]

"Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said militants regularly hid among civilians inside such facilities or used them to launch attacks."

THE GAWL OF THIS MAN IS UNBELIVABLE

priceless , i got to admit she does look masculine

qvh you cunt, so that means that when Hamas

by Deathtodubya on 07.01.2009 [13:30]

gets lucky with a rocket and actually hits something and some civilian is killed, well Hamas can say that the Israhellis are using civilians as shields too, right?

You sick pile of excrement.

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