

News out of Israel and Gaza: IDF special forces have carried out a precise and targeted operation against Hamas in a defined area in the Shifa hospital, which is being exploited by Hamas terrorists as a headquarters for their activities against international law.

- Shifa hospital is a key target in Israel's operations to dismantle the terrorist organization and end Hamas' oppressive rule over the Palestinians in Gaza.
- The IDF released initial footage of some of the Hamas rifles, ammunition, bullet-proof vests and booklets with instructions on how to attack Israelis that were hidden within the hospital in closets and behind MRI machines, calling the findings just the tip of the iceberg.
- The IDF also revealed that it found laptops in the hospital with photos and videos of hostages taken after they were kidnapped to Gaza.
- As troops were operating inside the hospital, the IDF also delivered medical supplies and baby equipment - including incubators - that were brought into Gaza in Israeli tanks and Armored Personnel Carriers. The IDF brought in medical teams and Arabic-speaking soldiers to ensure that the supplies reach the patients who are still being treated in the hospital.
- The Pentagon acknowledged that, "Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad uses some hospitals in the Gaza Strip, including the al-Shifa hospital, as a way to conceal and support their military operations and hold hostages."
- Earlier this week, the IDF opened a safe passage on the eastern side of the hospital to evacuate civilians. The IDF is continuing to urge residents of northern Gaza to move southward towards safety, taking advantage of what it called "a tactical pause of military operation for humanitarian purposes," also known as humanitarian pauses.
- Using hospitals as a base for terrorist operations is unfortunately not a new tactic. The Al Salem hospital in Mosul, Iraq was used by ISIS as a base for its attacks and was bombed by American troops.

For over 15 years, Hamas has used Palestinian civilians as human shields, intentionally embedding its terrorist infrastructure inside and adjacent to schools, hospitals, and residential centers. **Hamas could not care less about Palestinian lives while trying to achieve their explicit goal in murdering as many Jews as possible and wiping Israel off the face of the earth.** Israel will not let this happen.

Things you can do to support Israel and our local Jewish community:

- **Watch** the livestream of Tuesday's historic March for Israel Rally in Washington, DC, which had 290,000 attendees. This was the largest gathering of Jews in U.S. history and included many thousands of non-Jewish allies standing in solidarity with Israel.
- **Send** a digital message of love and support to our brothers and sisters in Israel.
- **Sign** our action alert strongly supporting the measure to fully fund critical security assistance for Israel in its fight to destroy Hamas.