

Today's news: the IDF continues to focus around the area of Shifa hospital, which is a headquarters for Hamas activity and has served as a cover to hide hostages. Increasing evidence has exposed how the hospital has served as a base for Hamas terror activities.

- Israeli forces continue to advance in the northern Gaza strip with troops discovering dozens of tunnel access points as well as identifying and neutralizing rocket launch sites and weapons and ammunitions depots.
- After finding weapons and other ammunition in Shifa hospital, the IDF released video footage revealing what it calls a significant 164-foot-long tunnel, 32 feet underneath the hospital, fortified with an explosion-proof door with a firing hole to block Israeli troops from entering the underground complex.
- Meanwhile, a number of medical professionals who worked at Shifa hospital provided testimony of non-medical activity in the hospital. A British doctor told France 24 about the warnings he received during his stint at the hospital in 2021. As far back as 2007, a Palestinian doctor at Shifa hospital was quoted in a medical journal as saying, "The medical staff are suffering from fear and terror, particularly of the Hamas fighters, who are in every corner of the hospital." In 2014 the Washington Post reported that the hospital has become, "A de facto headquarters for Hamas leaders, who can be seen in the hallways and offices."
- The IDF released footage from hospital cameras on October 7th showing two Thai and Nepalese hostages being brought into the hospital by Hamas terrorists armed with weapons, after the men were abducted earlier that morning. The terrorists are seen entering the hospital in a captured IDF military jeep.
- The IDF has also found bodies of Israeli hostages near the hospital complex, and revealed pathology evidence that 19-year-old Noa Marciano was killed at the hospital.
- Working with UN teams, the IDF helped evacuate premature babies in incubators to Egypt for continued medical treatment. The Israeli military has provided humanitarian aid to the hospital and will assist in evacuating patients. Some patients who cannot be transferred are remaining in the hospital with medical staff.

Yesterday was World Children's Day. We remember the 40 babies and children that are being held hostage by Hamas terrorists.

There are reports that some 50 Israeli hostages may soon be returned in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and a multi-day humanitarian pause. We pray for their immediate return. Israel will continue its operation in Gaza until all hostages are returned and Hamas is destroyed.