

Israel's war against Hamas, which is being fought on multiple fronts, is in its 75th day and focus continues to remain on the plight of the Israeli hostages and ongoing effort to secure their release.

- The IDF says it has hit over [22,000 targets](#) in Gaza. It estimates that over [7,000 terrorists](#) have been killed, including over 70 [top Hamas commanders](#), and that it [arrested](#) another 500 terrorists.
- Most recently, Israel has succeeded in [breaking operational abilities](#) of Hamas's northern Gaza City brigade.
- The IDF [reported](#) that over 1,500 tunnel shafts and passageways have been discovered since the beginning of the war with the majority of them identified within civilian sites or UN facilities.
- While over 100 hostages have been released, Israel continues to work for the freedom of the remaining 115 still being held captive in Gaza. Hamas and Islamic Jihad have [released video clips](#) in recent days of captives, including some of the oldest men still being held under their control, as part of their ongoing psychological terror efforts against Israeli society.
- Israel continues to increase efforts focused on providing humanitarian aid to the Gazan civilian population including daily [humanitarian pauses](#) where civilians are provided with several hours to restock on food and water.
- Earlier this week, media reports focused on an Israeli offer for another weeklong extended humanitarian pause which would secure the release of 40 additional hostages. Today, it was announced that Hamas has [rejected](#) this offer. Yet some local activists continue to call for a ceasefire, knowing fully well that Hamas will not cease firing.
- [Focus also continues to be paid](#) to ongoing tensions in the Red Sea where Iranian-backed militias have been attacking commercial vessels representing a global threat to commerce. In response, the US [announced](#) a multi-national force that will be put in place to combat the threat.
- The Leiber Institute of West Point published a [review](#) of Israel's commitment to protecting civilians and providing humanitarian aid, arguing its actions are wholly legitimate given the nature of combat and the obstacles that Hamas puts forth specifically to endanger civilians. The authors wrote:

"The international community must avoid imposing impossible burdens on a State actor [Israel] who is fighting an irregular force which flagrantly violates international law by kidnapping hostages, deliberately targeting civilians, and by forcing its own civilians to act as human shields. While Israel is committed to adhering to the laws of war, it must not be asked to supply enemy combatants with the sustenance required for them to continue their fight."