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Hamis rejects new cease-fire proposals, but US is not giving up and is pressuring Israel

September 5, 2024 ynetnews.com reported: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to insist on the Philadelphia corridor and Hamas rejects an official announcement of ‘new proposals,’ but the Americans are not giving up, and are expected to present a mediation proposal, the second in less than a month. In Washington, they are considering submitting the proposal this weekend, on Friday or Saturday, but they are no longer defining it as a ‘final proposal, ‘with the understanding that the difficulties are not likely to be resolved soon.

Meanwhile, Hamas in a statement issued overnight between Wednesday and Thursday rejected any new cease-fire proposals, and claimed that Netanyahu’s insistence on staying on the Philadelphia Corridor was intended to thwart a deal. ‘Pressure must be put on Netanyahu and his government and they must be bound to what was agreed upon,’ Hamas said in a statement, ‘We warn against falling into Netanyahu’s trap and tricks, as he uses negotiations to prolong the aggression against our people.’

The U.S. administration has not yet decided whether President Joe Biden will present the proposal alone, or whether it will be presented jointly by the United States and the mediators Qatar and Egypt. Either way, there is a great deal of pessimism among those involved in the negotiations...”

The understanding is that there will be no deal as long as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insists on remaining in the Philadelphia Corridor, and in the U.S., they are considering increasing the pressure on Netanyahu to be more flexible under the new proposal, and to demand a dramatic decrease in the number of forces in Philadelphia...”

German army activates air-defence system, citing Russia threat

September 5, 2024 spacewar.com reported: “Germany’s military put a first Iris-T air-defence system into service on its own soil Wednesday having delivered several of them to war-torn Ukraine to intercept Russian rockets, drones and missiles. Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the surface-to-air system was part of a build-up of German and European defences launched after Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the Ukraine invasion in 2022.

‘Russia has been massively rearming for many years, especially in the field of rockets and cruise missiles,’ Scholz said at the inauguration ceremony at a base in Todendorf near the northern city of Hamburg.

Putin had broken disarmament treaties and ‘deployed missiles as far as Kaliningrad’, a Russian exclave located some 530 kilometres (330 miles) from Berlin, he added.

‘It would be negligent not to respond to this appropriately,’ the chancellor said. ‘A failure to act would put peace at risk. I will not allow that.’

Scholz, who was joined by Defence Minister Boris Pistorius, said the system was part of the European Sky Shield Initiative, which also includes long-range defences against ballistic missiles.

The German military has ordered six of the Iris-T SLM systems at a total cost of 950 million euros (\$1 billion) from manufacturer Diehl Defence, to be delivered by May 2027...”

Jet Blue Airways changes Israel’s borders and name to ‘Palestinian Territories’

September 4, 2024 jpost.com reported: “American airline JetBlue Airways has updated their in-flight map to show the words ‘Palestinian Territory’ in significantly larger text than the word ‘Israel,’ to the point where it is overlaid on the entire state of Israel, N12 reported Tuesday evening.



Iris-T Air-Defence System

Hodaya Knafo, an Israeli woman studying in the United States, told N12 that she was on a domestic flight from Miami to San Diego when she tried to show another passenger where Israel was located on her seat's personal screen. 'The label was prominently displayed in a way that didn't seem innocent,' she said, and additionally, the borders were incorrect.'

According to the map, Israel's northern border does not include the Golan Heights...Along with the removal of the Golan Heights, 'They don't show a division of the West Bank, so it doesn't seem like that's what they meant by the 'Palestinian Territory' label.' Knafo continued..."

Britain suspends some arms exports with Israel

September 4, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "Britain on Monday announced it was suspending the export of some military equipment to Israel as London increases its public criticism of an ally and its methods of war that have killed tens of thousands of Palestinians.

Israel has been fighting Hamas in the Palestinian enclave of Gaza since the Iran proxy militia launched a brutal and deadly attack on the Middle Eastern country Oct. 7 that killed 1,200 Israelis and saw another 251 kidnapped.

But Israel's methods of war have attracted increasing criticism, including from allies, such as the United States, as the death toll has continuously climbed and humanitarian aid has constantly fallen short of what is required. Much of Gaza has also been razed.

Britain on Monday announced it was suspending, with immediate effect, some 30 of roughly 350 licenses for the export of military goods to Israel following an assessment the government of Prime Minister Keir Starmer showed that there is 'clear risk' that Israel could use them in violation of international law..."

Hezbollah launches largest rocket attack on Israel's North since last month

September 4, 2024 jpost.com reported: "Hezbollah on Wednesday launched its largest attack on the North since August 25, launching around 65 rockets according to the IDF and with 48 rocket sirens going off shortly after noon.

It took around 90 minutes for the IDF to clarify the number of rockets fired, but it was already clear that compared to the average of less than 20 rocket sirens per day over the last week, the Lebanese terror group had re-upped its threat level against Israel. There have also been direct hits in Kiryat Shmona, hits in other places, and fires caused by hits in fields..."

Autopsy finds 6 hostages were shot multiple times at close range in last 48-72 hours

September 2, 2024 timesofisrael reported: "The six dead hostages recovered from the Gaza Strip over the weekend were killed 48 to 72 hours before their autopsy, meaning between Thursday and Friday morning, the Health Ministry said Sunday.

The ministry added that an examination carried out by Abu Kabir Forensic Institute found that all six hostages were shot multiple times from close range, indicating they were executed. The IDF had said that Hamas terrorists murdered the hostages relatively shortly before troops located their bodies on Saturday afternoon in a tunnel in Rafah..."

'Return to martyrdom': Hamas official instructs Palestinian terrorists to return to suicide bombing

August 30, 2024 jpost.com reported: "Hamas official Khaled Mashaal called on Wednesday for suicide bombing in Israel and the West Bank while delivering a speech at a conference in Turkey, according to *CNN Arabic*. The same Hamas official called for the whole Arab world to join Hamas in attacking Israel only days after October 7.



Hamas Official Khaled Marshall

'Resistance operations in the West Bank are escalating despite the harsh conditions,' Mashaal told the conference. 'We want to return to martyrdom operations..."