

Israel in Gaza (1)

June			
20 th -24 th	<p>Air strike on Gaza car kills 3 children</p> <p>Air strike misses militants, kills 2 in home</p> <p>Al Aqsa militant killed in Nablus raid</p> <p>Israeli raid captures 2 militants in Rafah</p>	<p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>Sunday: In a dawn raid on a southern Gaza Israeli military post 2 IDF soldiers are killed and one is abducted. Three groups claim responsibility for the attack: PRC (Palestine Resistance Committee), Hamas' Al Qassam Brigades, & Islamic Army. 3 militants were killed in the attack. The army named the missing soldier as 19-year old Corporal Gilad Shalit.</p>	
25 th am	<p>5:15am: Hamas militants attack Gaza military post, 2 IDF killed, 1 taken</p> <p>6am:3 groups claim credit for raid/abduction</p>		
pm	<p>7pm:PM Olmert delays response for soldier release</p> <p>9pm: Abbas asks for Israeli to be released</p>		
26 th am	<p>Israel masses troops on Gaza border</p>		
pm	<p>West Bank settler kidnapped</p> <p>4pm:Militants make demands on Israel</p> <p>7pm:Olmert rejects prisoner exchange</p> <p>Rockets from Gaza injure 4 in S.Israel</p>		
27 th am	<p>On Monday a settler is reported missing, and West Bank militants claim that they hold him. On Wednesday they threaten to kill him. Israeli forces build up over a 2-day period, as they hope that pressure from Abbas and from Egypt might result in the release of Shalit. Forces enter Gaza in the south, setting up forward bases near the airport outside Rafah, during the early morning hours of Wednesday.</p>		<p>11am:Egypt increases border police force</p> <p>Israel threatens to assassinate exiled Hamas leaders</p> <p>Israeli tanks mass on Gaza border</p> <p>5pm:Gaza City explosion kills Hamas militant</p> <p>9pm:Missile hits bridge in central Gaza</p> <p>11pm:Missiles hit Gaza power plant, cutting power in S. Pal. security forces pull out of airport, after Israeli warning</p>
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28 th am	<p>Prior to the movement of troops, the main electricity power plant for the south was put out of action with an air strike. An immediate consequence is the spoiling of food stored in refrigerators across Gaza, as well as the inability to pump or purify water. the estimate is that the power plant – built by Enron, began operation in 2002, and currently insured by a US government agency – will be out of operation about 6 months. As many as 20 locations were targeted Friday, June 30th.</p>		<p>1am:Israeli tanks, troops enter Gaza near Rafah</p> <p>2am:PRC threaten to kill West Bank settler</p> <p>Israeli warplanes fly over Assad's palace in Latakia, Syria</p> <p>Warplanes set up sonic booms over Gaza</p>
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29 th am			<p>1pm:Warplanes attack Hamas training base</p> <p>2pm:Home explosion kills 2 in S Gaza</p> <p>White House:"Israel has right to defend itself"</p> <p>9pm:IDF Artillery shelling increases in N Gaza</p>
pm		<p>1am:Arrests of Hamas ministers & officials begin, 64 by 2pm</p> <p>1am:Gaza Islamic University bombed</p> <p>3am:Israeli troops enter Northern Gaza</p> <p>3am:PRC claims to have killed settler, body found later</p>	
30 th am	<p>Beginning early in the morning, on Thursday, Hamas cabinet members and politicians are arrested. Some of them have the residency in Jerusalem cancelled. Having earlier demanded the release of women and children in Israeli prisons, in return for 'information' on the whereabouts and condition of Gilad Shalit, on July 1st the militants specifically call for the release of 1,000 prisoners. This is shortly after Hezbollah calls for the militants not to give up their hostage for nothing in return.</p>	<p>1pm:Islamic Jihad militant targeted, escapes</p> <p>2pm:Militants blast hole in Egypt border wall</p> <p>8pm:Militant rocket damages power substation</p> <p>10pm: Hamas training camp bombed</p> <p>12am:Egypt 'Hamas willing to hand over soldier'</p> <p>12:30am:Missile destroys Gaza Interior Ministry</p> <p>6am:Islamic Jihad militant killed in air strike</p> <p>Israel increases electric supply to Gaza</p> <p>4pm:Air strike on militant car, 3 flee, 1 hurt</p> <p>2 killed attempting to fire rockets into Israel</p> <p>9pm:Air strike on militant training camp</p>	
1 st am	<p>For maps of Gaza, see e-NEWS issue 47.</p>	<p>1am: PRC demand release of 1,000 jailed</p> <p>7am: Israel rejects prisoner trade</p> <p>11am: Palestinians say soldier is alive</p>	
pm		<p>4pm: Militants clash with tanks, fire RPG</p>	
2 nd am		<p>1am: Missile hits Prime Minister's office in Gaza</p>	
pm		<p>3pm: Hamas threatens attacks in West Bank</p> <p>Stray Israeli missile hits Gaza school</p> <p>6pm: Olmert steps up Gaza campaign</p> <p>9pm: 3 attackers shot by IDF near airport</p> <p>11pm: Gaza city targets hit by air strikes</p>	
3 rd am		<p>5am: IDF begins operations in north Gaza</p> <p>6am: Militants set Tues 3am deadline for trade</p> <p>11am: Gunman killed in northern Gaza</p>	
pm		<p>11pm: Strike kills 1 laying explosives in N.</p> <p>12am: Gaza city university hit by missile</p> <p>3am: Militant deadline for prisoner release</p>	

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The news from Israel and the occupied territories has been dominated by the abduction of an Israeli soldier on June 25th. The Israeli reaction and various incidents are summarized here. Local times (summer time, GMT + 2, EST +7) are given where known.

1 st am	7		
pm	4 Militants clash with tanks, fire RPG		
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pm	11 Strike kills 1 laying explosives in N.		
4 th am	3 Militant deadline for prisoner release 10 Militants pull out of Egypt mediation		
pm	1 PM Haniyah urges militants not to harm soldier 6 Gaza rocket hits Ashkelon 11 Rafah - empty H amas base hit by missiles		
5 th am	12 Missile hits Interior ministry building 11 Militants clash with troops in N Gaza		
pm	6 Israeli tanks move in Nisanit (old settlement) 8 2 nd rocket hit Ashkelon, 1 injured Militants ask for prisoner release timetable 10 H amas leader attacked with grenade in Gaza City 11 Missile & air strikes in N kill militant, policeman		
6 th am	1 Israeli army takes control of N Gaza border area H amas militant killed in strike 9 Militant positions raided in Beit Lahiya, 1 killed 11 Militants fire rockets at troops from Khan Younis		
pm	12 Strike on Khan Younis militants kills 2 civilians 2 Israeli soldier killed by 'friendly fire' 3 Fighting in Beit Yahya Air strike injures 10, 2 children Tank shell kills 2 militants in Beit Lahiya Air raid kills 6 civilians in Beit Lahiya 9 Air strike kills 3 in Beit Lahiya	Deaths (Total) 20(31)	
7 th am	3 Air strikes kill 2 militants nr Beit Lahiya 5 Air strikes kill 3 in north		
pm	10 2 militants killed in north	7 (38)	
8 th am	3 Troops clash with militants nr Karni crossing 3 militants killed in clash nr Gaza City 9 Israeli troops pull out of N. Gaza Beit Hanoun bridge d amaged by shells (built by EU funds)		
pm	7 Air strike on house kills 3, inc 6-yr-old	7 (45)	
9 th am			
pm	3 Air strike on car, bystander killed 9 Air strike on car wounds 5	5 (50)	
10 th am	2 Air strike on 3 rocket militants kills 1 Isl amic Jihad arms depot destroyed by air strike		
pm	12 2 militants killed by strike in Khan Younis 6 Missile kills militant in Gaza City 7 Air strike on rocket militants kills 2 children	6 (56)	
11 th am	7 Missile targets rocket launchers 10 Missile kills Al Aqsa militant in car		
pm	Beit Hanoun bridge bombed again (now unusable) Militant killed in missile attack Policeman killed near Deir al Balah 11 Israeli forces enter central Gaza strip	1 (57)	
12 th am	3 Missile targeting militant kills family of 9 9 Hezbollah seize 2 Israeli soldiers		
pm	1 Deir Balah youth killed by tank shell Policeman, militant killed in clash with IDF 4 killed in Central Gaza air strike	24(81)	
13 th am			
pm	12 Aircraft attack Palestinian foreign ministry in Gaza 1 Air strike destroys FM office in Gaza 11 Tank shell kills 1 in car Central Gaza bridge destroyed	1(82)	
14 th am	9 Army pulls out of Central Gaza After prayers, Gazans rally in support of Hezbollah		
pm	4 EU to provide additional \$50m in aid 5 Hole blasted in Egypt border, 950 enter Gaza		
15 th am	12 Economy ministry hit, burns, after air strike 9 Air strike hits Gaza house, 1 militant killed		
pm	Militant shot by IDF while throwing grenades 10 Israeli tanks enter Northern Gaza	2(84)	
16 th am	3 Militants resist incursion in north Gaza 4 3 killed in Beit Lahiya air strike		
pm	Woman killed by shell fragments in S Gaza 4 2 gunmen killed in Bait Hanoun strike (1 dies later) 11 Air strike on H amas N Gaza security post	7(91)	
17 th am	12 Foreign ministry building bombed a second time Israeli soldiers ambushed in Nablus, 1 killed		
pm		1(92)	
18 th am	11 Gaza/Egypt border opens for 11 hours		
pm	1 Explosion in Gaza City 7 Fateh official raided by gunmen, bodyguard killed		
19 th am	12 Israeli troops enter Gaza, clash with militants (10+ Palestinians killed)		
pm	6 Israeli raid into Mughazi c amp - 1 killed Houses demolished, orchards razed	10(102)	
20 th am	12 Israeli aircraft bomb tunnels in S Gaza		
pm	In total, 14 killed in Mughazi c amp raids	14(116)	
21 st am	Bomb kills militant, mother & 2 of family		
pm		3(119)	
22 nd am			
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23 rd am	12 Abbas:Israel willing to leave when rockets stop		
pm			
24 th am	5 Rocket factories bombed in Gaza strip Rockets fired into Israel, land near Ashkelon		
pm	1 Shell kills 3 in Beit Lahiya 2 Shelling in N Gaza kills 2 riding on donkey cart 4 Home of militant bombed, 7 injured	6(125)	
25 th am	8 injured in air strikes on Gaza		
pm	10 Air strike in E Gaza		
26 th am	12 Missiles fired at militants in E Gaza 1 Tanks enter N Gaza, take position near Jabalya 2 Hamas security center bombed Missile attack kills 2 militants in N Gaza City 3 5 killed as missile hits crowd in N Gaza City		
pm		24(149)	
27 th am	7 75-year-old woman killed in Gaza shelling of home 12-year-old boy killed by shot from tank		
pm	11 2 killed, 15 injured in air strike in Gaza Missiles fired into Gaza city	5(154)	
28 th am			
pm	2 Israel pulls out of Gaza (temporarily?)		
29 th am	IAF strikes weapons store in Khan Younis, S. Gaza		
pm	4 Israeli incursion in north, near Erez crossing 9 Missile hits house in Hamas compound		
30 th am	Air strikes continue in Gaza		
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31 st am			
pm	12 Shell kills man in Beit Hanoun		
1 st am	1 PNA deputy speaker released after month in prison		
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