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*Hamas rebuilds under pause rules and Hezbollah tests the edges;
Washington draws commas, Jerusalem writes the verbs.*

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THE BOTTOM LINE Israel is turning pressure into momentum—locking in diplomatic cover in Europe, exporting deterrence to Asia, and turning global unease into a migration magnet. The mix of hard tech, soft power, and tax reform converts isolation into leverage: allies hold the line, partners buy the hardware, and Jews come home. The inflection point to watch: whether the tax door is matched with fast-track licensing, housing supply, and placement pipelines so arrivals land running. Do that, and Jerusalem strengthens its fiscal base while backstopping mobilization fatigue. Pair it with deeper India–Greece–Singapore security threads, and Israel extends its operational depth well beyond the Mediterranean.

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THE fronts are steady only on the map. In Gaza, the IDF keeps turning over rocks and finding both tunnels and launcher grids east of the Yellow Line. The debate over “safe passage” for trapped gunmen hits a wall. Up north, precision hits near Tyre landed as Washington quietly asks Israel to slow any larger move. At home, the Sinai fence just went “red” for drones and smugglers, and the system is arming the law to match the threat. Abroad, a UN Gaza blueprint and a fresh information war—Tehran now planning Hebrew broadcasts—signal the next battles will be fought in mandates and media, not just streets.

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Here's the day, clean and fast:

Flash Brief

- **Shejaiya:** IDF exposes launcher compound and munitions; Jabaliya tunnel hub dismantled during Yellow Line ops. *See The War Today.*
- **Rafah:** Israel rejects safe exit for ~200 tunnel operatives. *See The War Today.*
- **South Lebanon:** IAF strikes Tyre-area rebuild site and a Radwan courier vehicle; Hezbollah vows “responses.” *See Developments to Watch.*
- **Washington:** U.S. asks Israel to delay any expanded northern push as LAF aid threats loom. *See Developments to Watch.*
- **Sinai border:** Defense minister designates closed military zone, upgrades drone smuggling to terror offense, tightens ROE. *See Inside Israel.*
- **New UN track:** Elected UNSC states meet Arab capitals on U.S. draft for Gaza force; Blair floated to chair. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Tehran:** Iran orders a Hebrew-language state TV channel to target Israeli audiences amid broader influence ops. *See Israel and the World.*

WE’VE entered a managed-enforcement phase. The army is methodically working its way through the to do list—kills on the northern road net, interdictions in Gaza’s gray belt, and now a legal/operational lock on the Egyptian frontier. The politics of the day-after move in parallel: a UN format that lives or dies on its enforcement verbs, and an Iranian broadcast gambit that tells you where they think the center of gravity sits—the Israeli mind, not just the Israeli map.

The War Today

Hamas’s Network Exposed as Israel Rejects Safe Passage

The IDF released a cache of declassified intelligence tying Hamas to Iran, UN-RWA, and Al Jazeera, revealing a structure of collaboration that turned UN institutions, humanitarian aid, and the media into instruments of terror. Documents show UNRWA staff doubling as Hamas operatives—teachers, doctors, and counselors drawing dual salaries from the UN and the Qassam Brigades—while UNRWA schools served as weapons depots and meeting points. Other papers link dozens of Al Jazeera journalists to Hamas and Islamic Jihad training programs, with instructions from Hamas on how to censor coverage and glorify “resistance.” Captured memos confirm Iranian funding, coordination with Hezbollah and Syria, and Yahya Sinwar’s direct hand in the October 7 massacre, scripting both its violence and propaganda. Photos from Gaza tunnels show fighters eating stolen humanitarian aid amid stockpiled fruit, meat, and rockets—proof that “humanitarian relief” still feeds the war.

While Israel publicized that evidence, the battle over Gaza's next phase intensified. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Prime Minister Netanyahu ruled out any "safe passage" for the two hundred Hamas operatives trapped in Rafah tunnels, even as Washington pressed to include them in the ceasefire pageant. Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir demanded the return of Lt. Hadar Goldin's remains as a precondition for any deal, an idea briefly floated then dropped amid political backlash. Ambassador Danny Danon warned the UN that the proposed International Stabilization Force must be a disarmament mission, not another "Blue Helmet" show like UNIFIL. On the ground, the IDF continues to eliminate infiltrators along the Yellow Line while uncovering tunnel systems in Jabaliya and Shejaiya. Yet officers admit Hamas is already regrouping as the U.S.-brokered ceasefire constrains Israel to reactive strikes. Brig. Gen. (Res.) Amir Avivi, echoing internal assessments, predicts Israel will soon have to "finish the job" as Hamas rearms under the cover of diplomacy. Meanwhile, former hostage testimony of sexual torture in captivity has reignited public fury and shattered any lingering illusions of coexistence with Hamas's ideology.

ASSESSMENT

The documents strip away the last veneer of "civil governance" in Gaza—UN agencies, foreign media, and humanitarian pipelines were parts of Hamas's war machine. Israel's refusal to trade terrorists for bodies marks a pivot back to hard deterrence after years of moral blackmail. Danon's conditions for the ISF, Smotrich's defiance of U.S. pressure, and the army's steady interdictions all point to the same conclusion: Jerusalem will not outsource its security again. Hamas's tunnels, Tehran's cash, and Qatar's cameras form one ecosystem; dismantling it requires both exposure and force. The ceasefire is now a holding pattern before the inevitable resumption of combat.

Media Sources: [Jerusalem Post](#) [Jerusalem Post](#) [Jerusalem Post](#) [Ynet](#) [Ynet](#) [Ynet](#) [Ynet](#) [Israel National News](#)

Border Clampdown, Precision Kills, and Proxy Brutality Laid Bare

Defense Minister Israel Katz declared the strip along the Egypt border a closed military zone and ordered rules-of-engagement tightened to stop drone-enabled weapons smuggling, green-lighting a special unit and labeling the trade a terror threat; hours later, Gideonim-33 commandos pulled a wanted gunman out of Ramallah's crowded wholesale market after he resisted arrest. Northward, an IDF drone hit a Radwan Force operative, Hussein Jaber Dib, near Burj Rahal—one of ~20 Hezbollah men eliminated this past month for violating the ceasefire "understandings." In the same news cycle, freed Israeli academic Elizabeth Tsurkov detailed torture and sexual assault by Kataib Hezbollah during her two-and-a-half-year captivity, underscoring the methods of Iran and its proxies (not just Hamas)—and the U.S. role in prying her out alive.

ASSESSMENT

Israel is shifting from reactive interdiction to a standing enforcement posture: a militarized buffer and ROE changes on the Egyptian frontier, daylight grabs in Ramallah's heart, and quiet aerial decapitations in southern Lebanon. The closed-zone order aims to shut a cheap, scalable pipeline—small drones—that can quickly rearm cells from Sinai; expect faster shoot-downs, broader surveillance authorities, and legal cover to treat “smugglers” as terrorists, not couriers. The Radwan strike keeps pressure where it matters—logistics and operators—while avoiding showy targets that invite escalation. Tsurkov's account strips any veneer from Tehran's network and strengthens the case for harsher measures against its cutouts, even as Washington's role in her release reminds Jerusalem that U.S. leverage can both constrain tempo and deliver wins.

Media Sources: [Times of Israel](#) [Times of Israel](#) [Israel National News](#) [Ynet](#) [Ynet](#)

Inside Israel

The Sde Teiman Affair Becomes a Full Institutional Reckoning

Israel's most explosive legal scandal in recent memory widened this week as the Force 100/Sde Teiman leak case moved from military probe to national reckoning. Former IDF Military Advocate General Maj. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi remains in detention after admitting she approved the leak of footage showing alleged prisoner abuse, which triggered global outrage and a wave of antisemitic propaganda labeling the base a “concentration camp.” Police say she staged her own disappearance to destroy evidence and that her former chief prosecutor, Col. Matan Solomesh, was in the room when she green-lit the leak and did nothing to stop it. A parliamentary hearing revealed that Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara had been sitting with Tomer-Yerushalmi when she handed the case to her—effectively assigning the main suspect to investigate herself. Coalition lawmakers accuse the AG of a cover-up; she denies involvement. Justice Minister Yariv Levin responded by appointing retired judge Asher Kula—an independent conservative jurist with a record of rebuking prosecutorial misconduct—to head a new inquiry, sidelining the attorney general. Data presented to the Knesset showed the fallout's reach: the term “Sde Teiman concentration camp” appeared nearly 370,000 times online, with 130 million views, driving a global spike in antisemitic content.

ASSESSMENT

This is no longer just a leak case. Inside the legal corps, commanders stand accused of treachery; inside the Knesset, the government and AG accuse each other of sabotage; online, the world's worst haters have weaponized Israel's self-inflicted wound. Levin's choice of Kula signals a bid to restore trust through a figure neither captured by the old guard nor beholden to the coalition. Israel's enemies could not have scripted it better: an army that polices the world's terrorists now fighting its own prosecutors for control of the truth. The repair must be public, fast, and final—charges where warranted, exonerations where earned—before the moral fog spreads from Sde Teiman to the rest of the State.

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Draft Deal, Media Shake-Up, and Coalition Leverage

Jerusalem is moving a package that trades softer Haredi enlistment targets for coalition stability, sweetens the pot for reservists, and rewrites media rules at the same time. The prime minister is pushing a conscription bill that sets a 50% Haredi enlistment target within five years while easing both exemptions and penalties. Shas and Degel HaTorah have signaled support, making passage likely, even as the Israeli public seethes and one faction of UTJ balks at even that compromise.

In parallel, Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich threatened to withhold coalition votes until his reservist tax-credit bill clears its final readings—a bill that would give badly needed benefits to those who carry the load for those who don't or can't serve. An opposition proposal to strip voting rights from non-serving citizens was crushed 69–27—a line Israel is not crossing. The broadcast bill that cleared its first reading would scrap the rule requiring news divisions to operate as independent companies, letting channel owners control their own newsrooms. It also replaces licensing with a simple registration system under a new regulator—formally separate from the minister, but in practice vulnerable to political and commercial pressure.

ASSESSMENT

The coalition is stitching together a survival bargain: a watered-down draft law to keep Haredi partners on board and the Court at bay, tax relief to mollify exhausted reservists, and a media overhaul. While that might buy time, it doesn't buy enough—the IDF needs bodies now, not targets five years out. If passage yields more paper compliance than boots, public patience—already thin after two years of grinding war—will snap, and the “shared burden” will become the election's moral referendum. On the media front, replacing structural independence with a regulator and market churn risks weaker investigations and more owner-driven news—power trading a free press for a noisy one. Expect larger, angrier rallies when the first Haredi deferral letters arrive under the “new” regime and when the first fines hit broadcasters under the “new” rules.

Media Sources: Times of Israel Times of Israel Jerusalem Post Israel National News Jewish Chronicle

Israel and the World

Information War Tightens in the West; Diaspora Pressure Mounts

Across the Anglosphere the ground has shifted: a BBC Arabic whistleblower dossier details systemic minimization of Israeli suffering and routine platforming of open Jew-haters; a Toronto campus event with IDF veterans was stormed and a speaker wounded; and Maryland's student government is set to vote on banning IDF voices from campus even as BDS resolutions stack up. In the UK, experts warn of government “fear and paralysis” in tackling Islamist antisemitism, while a separate report shows pregnant Jewish women

hiring Jewish doulas to feel safe in NHS wards. Politics is a mixed bag: anti-Israel candidates can win—New York just did—but parallel results in Minneapolis and Seattle show limits to the far-left formula. It's all one ecosystem of media malpractice, campus intimidation, street violence, and electoral experimentation—all narrowing Jewish freedom in public life.

Why It Matters: Israel cannot treat this as “diaspora noise.” Information decomposition abroad constrains Jerusalem’s freedom of maneuver and shapes sanction, aid, and policing debates tomorrow. Coordinated pressure campaigns are ongoing in social feeds and institutions—newsrooms, councils, student governments, and police commissions. Action items for Israel and allies: build a standing evidence docket on broadcast bias (in English and Arabic) and force regulator reviews; expand police-to-police ties to help cities protect Jewish events before the melee, not after; fund rapid-response legal teams for campus and municipal fights; and keep quantifying attacks and arrests so prosecutors have a clean runway. The secondary angle: electoral results suggest a ceiling—the mob can bully, but it cannot yet govern everywhere. That’s room to work, if used.

Media Sources: [Jewish Chronicle](#) [Jewish News](#) [Jewish Insider](#) [Jewish Insider](#) [Jerusalem Post](#) [Jerusalem Post](#)

Europe Calms, Asia Buys, Israel Opens the Door Wider

Prague’s foreign minister admitted, despite the rhetoric, EU sanctions on Israel aren’t coming, and multiple member states will block them while recognizing Israel’s Gaza obligations have been met. In Asia, Singapore is upgrading its drone fleet with new Israeli long-range reconnaissance systems capable of multi-day surveillance and maritime patrol—proof that Israel’s defense tech remains the gold standard for intelligence and border control. At home, Jerusalem rolled out a hard invite to Western talent and worried Jews alike: a 0% income-tax rate for new immigrants and returning residents in 2026 (phasing up over four years), stacked atop the 10-year foreign-income exemption. The move pairs external resilience (alliances and exports) with internal replenishment (human capital), signaling that Israel plans to grow, not curl up, under fire.

ASSESSMENT

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Media Sources: [Times of Israel](#) [Times of Israel](#) [Globes](#)

Briefly Noted

Frontline & Security

- *Ynet*: A civilian translation test inadvertently exposed a “Top Secret” IDF operations document after simple redactions were removed, prompting an inquiry into how highly classified material entered a vendor’s screening process at all.
- *Israel National News*: The Israeli and Hellenic air forces ran long-range aerial refueling drills over Greece, sharpening the IAF’s reach and the two countries’ growing defense alignment.
- *Israel National News*: A driver on France’s Île d’Oléron rammed pedestrians and cyclists, injured ten, and shouted “Allahu Akbar” before arrest; gas canisters were reportedly found in the car, and a terror probe is underway.
- *Times of Israel*: Denmark arrested an Afghan suspect accused of sourcing weapons for an Iran-linked plan to attack Jewish targets in Berlin; Germany is seeking extradition as it rolls up Islamist networks.

Diplomacy & Geopolitics

- *Algemeiner*: Beijing and Doha pledged to deepen coordination across energy, AI, and the digital economy as Qatar seeks a post-war Gaza role and China pushes influence against the West’s footprint.
- *Jewish Chronicle*: UN envoy Francesca Albanese amplified a false claim that Israel plans to execute “Palestinian hostages” and children, drawing charges of blood libel; the Knesset bill in question targets convicted terrorists in lethal attacks, not detainees.
- *Israel National News*: Iran approved a state Hebrew-language TV channel under IRIB to “counter Zionist propaganda,” expanding Tehran’s information warfare at Hebrew speakers in Israel and abroad.

Domestic & Law

- *Jerusalem Post*: Prosecutors pressed Prime Minister Netanyahu on his claim he self-funded luxury cigars in Case 1000, challenging his lack of documentation as cross-examination edges toward the Bezeq-Walla case.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Police widened a two-year anti-corruption probe with new detentions in the Histadrut/Hapoel sports arm, days after union chief Arnon Bar-David’s arrest was extended eight days.
- *Jerusalem Post*: A 16-year-old was stabbed at an Ashdod high school and hospitalized in moderate condition; police arrested a suspect and opened an investigation.

Culture, Religion & Society

- *Times of Israel*: The ADL unveiled a public “Mamdani Monitor” to track NYC’s incoming administration on antisemitism, policing of Jewish sites and BDS exposure, and warned City Hall not to sever NYPD–Israel counterterrorism ties.

- *Globes*: After NYC mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani signaled a review of the Cornell Tech–Technion partnership, the Technion called the joint campus an economic engine that seeded ~130 startups—84% in New York—and vowed to keep building the city’s tech scene.
- *Jewish News (UK)*: BBC Middle East editor Raffi Berg is suing commentator Owen Jones for libel, alleging a piece accusing him of “systematic Israeli propaganda” triggered death threats and reputational harm.
- *New York Daily News*: Swastikas were spray-painted on a Brooklyn yeshiva and a Jewish cemetery hours after NYC’s election; police opened hate-crime probes.
- *JNS*: NYC Fire Commissioner Robert Tucker, who was sworn in on his bar mitzvah Bible in August, resigned the morning after Mamdani’s win.
- *Times of Israel*: Children’s media star “Ms. Rachel” wore a Gaza-themed embroidered dress at a NYC awards event, doubling down on her “Pro-Palestinian advocacy.”

Developments to Watch

Northern Front (Lebanon / Syria)

- **Tyre Build-Back Hit Again** – The IAF struck a Hezbollah “Construction Unit” site near Tyre used to manufacture parts for rebuilds, following a Burj Rahal vehicle hit on a Radwan operative; Hezbollah warns of “responses” while avoiding a war declaration. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **U.S. Signals Slow-Play** – Beirut chatter says Washington asked Jerusalem to delay expanded northern operations until month-end, even as Senate voices threaten to cut LAF support if Hezbollah rearms under its nose; friction window widens. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **Hezbollah Hardens Line** – The group told Lebanese leaders it won’t discuss disarmament “under foreign pressure” but will answer Israeli strikes case-by-case; expect tit-for-tat against soft targets and courier routes, not headline barrages.

Gaza & Southern Theater

- **Shejaiya Launch Grid Found** – IDF units east of the Yellow Line exposed a launcher compound and munitions cache in Shejaiya and dismantled a long Jabaliya tunnel hub—proof Hamas is rebuilding fire chains under the ceasefire’s umbrella.
- **Zero-Passage Doctrine Holds** – Jerusalem again rejected safe exit for ~200 Rafah tunnel men as “cornered threats,” while the ICRC prepared another body transfer tonight; any armed movement under recovery cover will snap the lane shut. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**

Regional Axis (Iran, Houthis, Militias)

- **U.S. Footprint Eyes Syria** – Plans are advancing for a limited U.S. military presence in Damascus to monitor a potential Israel–Syria security track,

tying northern de-escalation to on-ground verification. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**

- **Iran's Hebrew Broadcast Push** – Tehran ordered a state Hebrew-language TV channel under IRIB to wage narrative war directly at Israeli audiences, syncing with cyber and diplomatic agitation campaigns.

Diplomatic & Legal

- **UN Gaza Mission Taking Shape** – Elected UNSC members huddled with Egypt, Qatar, Saudi, Türkiye, and the UAE on a U.S. draft authorizing a Gaza stabilization force and a “Board of Peace,” with Tony Blair floated to chair; mandate wording will decide Israel's freedom of action. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**

Judea & Samaria

- **Daylight Grabs Continue** – Special units pulled a wanted gunman in Ramallah's wholesale market and neutralized an IED-thrower near Jenin; expect more mid-market arrests to preempt holiday-season shootings.

Home Front & Politics

- **Sinai Border Goes ‘Red’** – The defense minister designated the Israel–Egypt frontier a closed military zone, upgraded drone smuggling to a terror offense, and green-lit rapid ROE—pairing tech development with shoot-down authority to kill the pipeline. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**

Deterrence is won by habit. Expect more daylight grabs in Ramallah markets, more courier vehicles quietly smoking on South Lebanon roads, and fewer open lanes under ICRC cover the moment an armed man appears. If Washington's “not now” holds through the month, northern strikes will stay surgical and low-signature while the IDF keeps collapsing rebuild nodes. On Gaza, the next breach—an armed incursion across the Yellow Line or a staged “recovery” with guns in tow—will trigger a tighter cordon, not another speech. The ceasefire is a pause between enforcement beats; Israel is watching the metronome.

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P.S. Later today we're dropping the *Dossier — Axis in the Shadows: Israel's New Strategic Cage* — a straight-through map of how Iran–Russia–China turned sanctions into scaffolding and narrowed Israel's freedom of action one “comma” at a time. If today's Flash Brief is the metronome, this is the score: routes, payment rails, proxies, and where to pry the gears. Read it, share it, and keep it handy for the next time someone says “just de-escalate.”

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