



Report: Trump sees PM's Doha strike as attempt to derail talks

Muslim and Arab states to convene in Doha Sunday to discuss measures against Israel

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The leaders of Muslim and Arab states will convene in Doha Sunday to discuss legal and diplomatic measures in response to the Israeli air-strike in the Qatari capital last week. Participants, including the heads of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the Palestinian Authority, are expected to discuss ways to create leverage against the Trump administration to prevent similar attacks in the future and to demand the president's direct involvement in ending the war in Gaza.

This comes as Trump and his top aides are concerned Israel's strike against Hamas leaders in Qatar may have derailed cease-fire talks, Politico reported on Friday, citing two sources close to Trump.

Doha remains the principal mediator in Israel and Hamas' cease-fire and hostage deal negotiations: Israel has said the strike on Tuesday targeted Hamas officials. The officials were reportedly part of the cease-fire delegation.

"Every time they're making progress, it seems like he bombs someone," a person close to Trump's national security team told Politico. "That's why the president and his aides are so frustrated with Netanyahu." But the source said they were unaware of U.S. plans to penalize Israel.

Qatar and other Arab countries condemned the



Protesters in Tel Aviv Saturday evening calling for a deal to end the war and free the hostages.

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strike, and it is unclear whether Qatar or the U.S. received prior warning. An American defense official told Politico the Israeli warning was inadequate.

"The vague notice given was wholly insufficient [and] lacked the specifics

needed to adequately warn regional partners," they said. A phone call between Trump and Netanyahu after the strike was "heated," the person close to the national security team said.

Trump said he was unhappy with Israel's strike,

which he described as a unilateral action that did not advance U.S. or Israeli interests.

A Qatari official told Politico the talks were on hold.

"When one party chooses to bomb the mediator and one of the negotiating del-

egations, what kind of talks can be considered valid?" he said.

Official sources in Doha said the emergency gathering of Muslim and Arab states will examine ways to strengthen regional security mechanisms, expand

political and economic cooperation between countries and increase international pressure for a cease-fire. Majed Al-Ansari, an advisor to Qatar's prime minister and the spokesman for the

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Hostage relatives accuse PM of blowing up chance of deal

Bar Peleg

Family members of hostages condemned Israel's strike targeting the Hamas negotiating team in Qatar last week, accusing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of purposefully blocking an end to the war and the return of their loved ones in the Gaza Strip.

"This week, we witnessed a magnificent failure by the prime minister, when he took a gamble on the lives of the hostages, and tried to eliminate the Hamas negotiating team while they were discussing a deal to release my son," said Einav Zangauker, mother of hostage

Matan, on Saturday ahead of the weekly rally at Tel Aviv's Hostage Square.

Zangauker quoted U.S. President Donald Trump, who said that "Every time they're making progress, it seems like he [Netanyahu] bombs someone," and added, "But he didn't try to bomb the leaders of Hamas, but the families' chance to get their loved ones back."

Zangauker said if Netanyahu had listened to other security officials, "he could have avoided this failure and not blown up the deal. However, Netanyahu will blow up everything that leads to

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UN approves French-Saudi proposal for two-state solution

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The United Nations General Assembly voted on Friday to endorse the New York Declaration on the implementation of the two-state solution.

A resolution endorsing the declaration of a two-state solution for Israel and Palestinians received 142 votes in favor and 10 votes against it. Twelve countries abstained from voting.

Of the European countries, Hungary is the only one that opposed the resolution, and the Czech Republic abstained. All other European countries voted in favor.

Following the vote, French President Emmanuel Macron posted on X, "Another future is possible. Two

peoples, two States: Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security."

The Foreign Ministry wrote that it "utterly rejects the decision" in an X post by the ministry's spokesperson, who called the General Assembly "a political circus detached from reality."

"There is no reference to the simple fact that Hamas is solely responsible for the continuation of the war, through its refusal to return the hostages and disarm," the statement added, saying that the resolution "encourages Hamas to continue the war."

Hours later, the U.S. delegation to the UN released a statement reiterating its opposition to the proposal,

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Gazans leaving northern Gaza, Friday.

Mahmoud Issa/Reuters

IDF nearly doubles 'safe zones' for civilians in Gaza

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The Israel Defense Forces has almost doubled the area designated for civilians throughout the Gaza Strip, according to a statement issued Friday morning by the IDF Arabic Spokesman Avichay Adraee.

The statement said that Gaza City residents are now

permitted to stay in camps in central Gaza, south of the city, and not only in the Muwasil area further south, as previously ordered.

The Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry said Saturday that 47 people were killed and 205 wounded by IDF fire in the past 24 hours, including five killed and 26 wounded while seeking aid.

The ministry also re-

ported that seven people, including two children, died of hunger or malnutrition, bringing the total number of deaths from hunger and malnutrition since the start of the war to 420.

Since October 7, the IDF killed 64,803 people and wounded 164,264 across the Strip, the statement read.

The IDF said it had struck a high-rise in Gaza City

Saturday, which it said was used by Hamas. Footage indicates that the building targeted was a residential building in the Tel al-Hawa neighborhood.

On Saturday, the IDF posted a message on X addressing Gaza City residents, claiming that over 250,000 people have fled the city for their safety and directing them to the IDF's

newly-designated "humanitarian zones."

An analysis conducted by Prof. Yaakov Jerome Garb of Ben-Gurion University found that the area in which civilians are permitted to stay has increased from 43 square kilometers (16.6 square miles) to 78 square kilometers – 21 percent of the entire Gaza Strip area.

In his Friday statement,

Adraee also published a list that includes all areas in which Gaza City residents can receive shelter, "as part of the IDF's efforts to provide necessary information to Gaza residents, to ensure their protection."

The list includes the areas of Nuseirat, Bureij, Zawaida and Deir al-Balah, as well

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'Iranian intelligence' attempted to recruit, threaten Israeli actors

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Dozens of Israeli actors have fallen victim to a phishing scam in recent days, allegedly perpetrated by Iranian intelligence in an attempt to recruit assets in Israel.

The actors received an offer from a hacked casting agency email, asking them to send a filmed audition tape for a supposed new film by director Ari Fulman. Those who responded to the message and sent a filmed tape along with their

personal details received a threatening WhatsApp message on Thursday.

This message, allegedly sent by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' intelligence service, offered the actors to cooperate with Iran in exchange for a fee. "You can choose to be our colleagues, like other free Jews in Israel, or your home will be the target of our missiles," the email read.

The threatening message sent to the actors began with the sentence, "I am writing to express my sin-

cere gratitude for the excellent cooperation throughout the Ari Fulman project. It has been a true pleasure working with you."

Immediately afterward, it is made clear to the actors that their continued cooperation could lead to "potential financial incentives for high-performing partners... and the possibility of international relocation."

The message offered the actors "a safe, free and wealthy life in Iran, like

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Clash between two ministers stalls production of key defense systems

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Production of critical defense systems for Israel has been delayed for months due to a dispute between Defense Minister Israel Katz and Minister David Amsalem, both members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud.

Although the government approved the systems and allocated funding, the conflict between Katz and Amsalem, whose ministerial portfolio includes overseeing the Government Companies Authority, has blocked production by Israel Aerospace Industries.

Their power struggle has prevented the appointment of external directors to IAI, halting the signing of two key contracts with the state, including the deal for these specialized security systems.

This is not the first time Israel's procurement of advanced military technology has been delayed: a May investigation by Haaretz revealed that Netanyahu postponed groundbreaking capabilities for years, intended for potential use against Iran.



Defense Minister Israel Katz visiting IAI headquarters.

Ariel Hermoni / Defense Ministry

The ministers' dispute, ongoing since November, centers on the appointment of Gilad Erdan as IAI chairman. Erdan, Israel's ambassador to the UN until last year and a senior Likud minister before that, had his appointment approved by former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, but Katz canceled it upon entering office.

Political insiders believe Katz is blocking the appointment because Erdan is expected to challenge him in a potential Likud leadership primary, and Katz does not want to bolster Erdan's security credentials.

In response, Amsalem, who supports Erdan's appointment, has refused to appoint external directors

to IAI after two directors resigned two months ago. Without external directors, Israeli law prevents the government from signing contracts with the company.

The dispute has also stalled a future deal to produce interceptors for Israel's Arrow missile system,

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Palestinian arrested in stabbing attack at hotel near Jerusalem

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A Palestinian man stabbed two guests in a terror attack at a hotel in Kibbutz Tzuba near Jerusalem on Friday, police said. Health officials reported the incident left one man, 50, seriously wounded and another, 23, lightly wounded.

The suspect, Mohammed Shuamra, 42, is from East Jerusalem's Shoafat refugee camp and had been involved in criminal security offenses

in the past, police sources said. Four more suspects were arrested in relation to the crime, including the assailant's brother, a police statement read.

A few hours following the attack, police raided Shuamra's home. According to the police, one suspect was shot by Border Police officers while trying to flee the scene. According to Palestinian reports, several residents of the camp were wounded during the raid.

The stabbing took place

in the hotel's dining hall, and two guests managed to subdue the assailant before police arrived. Witnesses told police that the man had shouted "I want to die" before the stabbing.

Hotel manager Avi Levy says the suspect was at the hotel as a third-party contractor. "I have never seen him in my life," he said.

A police statement noted the suspect left the kitchen, stabbed two people, and was

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