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# [Hezbollah takes responsibility for attacks on Israeli military posts along Lebanon border | Fox News](#)

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Israel Defense Forces says a drone is striking back at Hezbollah 'terrorist targets' in Lebanon

The [militant group Hezbollah](#) took responsibility Friday for targeting [Israeli military](#) posts with small-arms fire along the country's border with Lebanon, and the Israelis responded with artillery strikes.

The Israel Defense Forces said in a tweet that one of its drones is "currently striking terrorist targets belonging to Hezbollah in Lebanon."

The back and forth comes as Hezbollah Deputy Chief Naim Kassem said at a rally near Beirut Friday that the group is ready to jump into the [Israel-Hamas conflict](#).

"The behind-the-scenes calls with us by great powers, Arab countries, envoys of the United Nations, directly and indirectly telling us not to interfere will have no effect," he said, according to Reuters. "Hezbollah knows its duties perfectly well. We are prepared and ready, fully ready.

"The question being asked, which everyone is waiting for, is what Hezbollah will do and what will its contribution be?" Kassem reportedly added. "We will contribute to the confrontation within our plan. ... When the time comes for any action, we will carry it out."

More than 1,300 Israelis were killed and thousands more wounded when Hamas launched a surprise terror attack on the Jewish state Saturday. As many as 150 people are believed to have been taken captive by terrorists and [held in Gaza](#), according to Israeli authorities.

## [ISRAELI FORCES ENTERED GAZA FOR LOCALIZED RAIDS, IDF TELLS FOX NEWS](#)

Israel has called up some 360,000 military reservists to respond to the [Hamas-led terror campaign](#). Those forces have gathered on Israel's border with Gaza ahead of a possible full-scale invasion to reclaim the hostages and eliminate Hamas terrorists.

Israel has warned the 1.1 million people living in the north of Gaza to evacuate the area within 24 hours as a "humanitarian step in order to minimize civilian casualties" ahead of the military's response to Hamas' terrorist attacks.

The IDF also told Fox News [its infantry forces](#) and tanks entered the Gaza Strip Friday to conduct localized raids.

# [Saudi Arabia reportedly suspends peace talks with Israel - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #saudia arabia, #iran

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Saudi Arabia's de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, also spoke with Iran's president this week, signaling a retreat from the Biden administration's efforts to isolate Iran.

[Saudi Arabia](#) is reportedly pausing normalization talks with Israel and the United States, a major diplomatic blow in the wake of Hamas' invasion of Israel on Saturday.

Bloomberg and Reuters on Friday quoted unnamed sources as saying that the Saudis were not ending the talks, but instead were freezing them until the violence abated. Israel has declared war in the wake of Hamas' invasion, which killed and wounded thousands of civilians, and is widely expected to begin a ground invasion of Gaza soon.

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Hamas invaded Israel from the Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing at least 1,300 people, many of them civilians, wounding thousands and abducting more than a hundred. Israel's war has the stated ambition of "ending Hamas."

Hezbollah, the militant group based in Lebanon that is a proxy for Iran, praised Hamas' attack and said it should be seen as a message to Arab countries about the dangers of sidestepping the Palestinian cause while establishing ties with Israel. Four countries in the region have established relations with Israel in the last three years.

## **A letdown for the US**

[The Biden administration](#) was deeply invested in the Saudi Arabia-Israel talks, seeing an agreement between the countries as a breakthrough for Israel's regional acceptance, a blow to Iran's regional ambitions and a diplomatic coup heading into a presidential election year. Part of the proposal was a US-Saudi defense pact, something the Saudis have longed for for years.

Bin Salman's lengthy chat with Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi was aimed at showing that "the kingdom is exerting maximum effort to engage with all international and regional parties to halt the ongoing escalation," Reuters quoted a Saudi statement as saying. Taking the call from Raisi signals Saudi recognition of a legitimate Iranian stake in the Israel-Hamas war, which Israel vehemently rejects.

John Kirby, the National Security Council spokesman, would not confirm the talks' suspension in a phone call he had with members of the press, but he said the United States could do little to move peace forward without the committed involvement of the parties.

“We have every intention of staying at the task of trying to pursue an Israel that is more integrated into the region, a more cooperative region, and we still believe in the promise of normalization between Israel and Saudi Arabia, and we have no intention of not continuing to pursue that,” Kirby said.

“But obviously, these are sovereign nations, they get to decide for themselves at what pace they're willing to move, under what conditions and certainly the degree to which they want to continue that effort,” he added. “If they continue the effort, if that's where they, too, want to go, they will find no better friend than the United States in pursuit of that.”

# [Israel: No Negotiations over Hostages; We Are Eliminating Hamas \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #hamas, #hostages

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The Israeli government said Saturday that it would not negotiate with the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas over the release of between 100 and 200 Israeli and international hostages, because it was destroying the organization and not trying to save it.

Tzachi Hanegbi, the head of Israel's National Security Council, said that the days of negotiating for hostages were over. While Israel was trying to rescue the hostages, it would not hostage prisoner exchanges or stop its military operation in Gaza.

The Times of Israel [reported](#):

*National Security Council head Tzachi Hanegbi said on Saturday that there are no active negotiation efforts underway by Israel to repatriate the Israelis and some other foreign nationals kidnapped by Hamas last Saturday, saying "there is no way right now to have a negotiation" with the terror organization.*

*"Israel will not hold negotiations with an enemy that we have vowed to wipe from the face of the earth," he said, briefing reporters at the Israel Defense Force's Tel Aviv headquarters.*

...

*There are thought to be 150-200 hostages being held by Gaza terror groups.*

Hanegbi's remarks angered the families of Israeli hostages, who are already staging protests to demand that the government do everything possible, including negotiating, to secure the release of their loved ones.

However, the fact that the leader of the attack on Israel, Ali Qadi, whom Israeli forces [killed](#) on Saturday, was released in a prisoner exchange in 2011 is a reminder of the risk.

# [Iran ordered Hezbollah to carry out attacks on Israel's North - IDF - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #iran, #hezbollah

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The IDF spokesperson said that Hezbollah carried out shooting attacks on northern Israel with Iranian backing in order to distract the IDF from the southern front.

Iran ordered Hezbollah to [escalate against Israel](#) on Sunday, IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Daniel Hagari said in his Monday morning press conference.

"If Hezbollah fails to understand us, the response will be deadly," said Hagari repeating the sentence for emphasis.

There has been an ongoing debate about whether Iran was involved more generally, with general training, funding and logistics support, or with specific direction and responsibility for Hamas' invasion of the South on October 7, but Hagari was unambiguous about his accusation on Monday.

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Sirens were heard in western Galilee on Sunday afternoon close to the Lebanon border in the towns of Nahariya, Rosh Hanikra, Hanita, Gesher HaZiv, Betzet, and Shlomi.

Hamas in Lebanon took responsibility for the rocket fire.

A spokesperson for the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya announced they received eight people who had been wounded by the rocket fire.

Two were taken to the trauma center, they are in serious but stable condition, both suffering from shrapnel wounds to their limbs, with one more suffering similar injuries but being in moderate condition.

The remaining five wounded people are in light condition and were undergoing tests in the emergency room mainly for smoke inhalation and head injuries at press time.

The IDF responded by attacking military infrastructure in southern Lebanon with helicopters.

Besides Hamas in Lebanon, there were also reports of Hezbollah firing systematically to destroy IDF border surveillance equipment to blind its early warning invasion capabilities, much as Hamas made sure to eliminate many IDF border surveillance capabilities on October 7 as it was [invading Israel's Gaza corridor](#). The IDF returned fire, but Hezbollah has been claiming publicly that it is hitting Israel harder than the hits it is receiving in return.

Further, Hezbollah took responsibility for the firing of anti-tank missiles at IDF outposts near the Lebanon border, killing one man and wounding four others.

As a result, the IDF announced on Sunday the creation of a four-kilometer "security zone" on the border to prevent any non-residents from entering the area.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant warned Hezbollah to start lowering the temperature and that Israel's patience with its ongoing keeping the northern border tense could run out, but that Israel also did not want to get into a war in the North.

A Hezbollah spokesperson said: "There are incidents on the border, this does not mean that Hezbollah has decided to fully enter the war."

United Nations peacekeeping force UNIFIL said on Sunday its headquarters in south Lebanon had been hit by a rocket.

"Our headquarters in Naqoura was hit by a rocket and we are working to verify from where. Our peacekeepers were not in shelters at the time. Fortunately, no one was hurt," UNIFIL said in a statement.

There have been repeated periodic incidents where Hezbollah or its supporters have attacked UNIFIL personnel with the peacekeeping group nearly always turning the other cheek and trying to downplay incidents.

UNIFIL has been deterred from conflict with Hezbollah since the early years of its mandate after the 2006 Second Lebanon War when the terror group was extremely aggressive against UNIFIL if and when it tried to disarm any Hezbollah forces.

Hagari also said that "the US's stance is with actions, which are being understood in all of the Middle East," in a clear reference to Hezbollah and Iran.

Despite Hagari's statement about the US discouraging others in the Middle East, Hezbollah's provocations on the northern border have continued almost daily since the early days of the war.

Still, Hezbollah has not yet jumped into the war in a larger scale way.



# [Chaos erupts as pro-Palestinian protesters take to the Capitol, at least three arrested \(nypost.com\)](#)

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Oct 18, 2023

Hundreds of [Pro-Palestinian protesters](#) converged on the US Capitol complex Wednesday, demanding a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

Capitol Police, which tightened security in advance of the protests said an unspecified amount of demonstrators were arrested, [including at least three](#) on charges of assaulting a police officer.

Emotions were tense as the largely progressive crowd felt betrayed by President Biden and other leading Democrats for backing Israel's bid to eliminate the terrorist threat in the Gaza Strip.

"I think the White House and everyone thinks we're just gonna sit back and let this just continue to happen. No!" Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) declared to a sea of activists outside the Cannon House Office Building.

A swarm of protesters also made their way to a sit-in protest at the building's rotunda, where politicians and reporters often film their TV stand-ups and interviews.

The massive demonstration was promoted by Jewish Voice for Peace, a progressive Jewish pro-Palestinian group.

*Hundreds of primarily Jewish protesters are currently in the Capitol's Cannon building staging a sit-in protest, calling on Biden and Congress to push for a ceasefire in Gaza.*

*They're slowly being arrested. [pic.twitter.com/mGLELwRj6p](https://pic.twitter.com/mGLELwRj6p)*

*— Jack Jenkins (@jackmjenkins) [October 18, 2023](#)*

Members of the group donned black shirts emblazoned with the words "Jews say ceasefire now" and chanted in the rotunda while waving signs with similar pleas to end the war.

"The root of violence is oppression, and we're here to say not in our names," the organization posted to social media.

"We have the power to stop the ongoing atrocities against Palestinians. We refuse to stand by as the Israeli government commits genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. #ceasefirenow," [Jewish Voice for Peace said](#).

The group vowed, “We won’t leave until Congress calls for a ceasefire in Gaza.”

Another self-described “movement of American Jews” called IfNotNow participated in the Wednesday demonstration as well.

Tlaib, the first Palestinian American elected to Congress, also appeared to dubiously impart blame on Israel for a hospital bombing in Israel.

“We need to watch people [who] think it’s okay to bomb a hospital where children [were],” she told demonstrators before bursting out in tears.

Both US and Israeli officials have since [cited intelligence claiming](#) that the blast outside the Al-Ahli al-Arabi Hospital in Gaza City came from members of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a lesser-known terrorist group in the region than Hamas.

Despite the impassioned showing at the Capitol, the progressive activists appeared to get a frosty reception from Congress, even among Democrats.

“Many have asked me ‘who is Jewish Voice for Peace?’ Their website says they are ‘proud to be a part of the global, Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement,’ which, by its founder’s admission & tenets, seeks to end Israel as a Jewish & democratic state,” Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) posted on X.

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Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) likened the gathering to the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol riot.

“There’s an insurrection happening now on Capitol Hill,” Greene posted on X alongside a video of her grimly peering out a Capitol Office complex balcony at the protesters.

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— Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene

(@RepMTG) [October 18, 2023](#)

*Rep Brandon Williams standing above the anti-Israel protest, standing silently with an Israeli flag above the demonstration in the Cannon House Office Building* [pic.twitter.com/BjZqODmWHs](https://pic.twitter.com/BjZqODmWHs)

— Chad Pergram (@ChadPergram) [October 18, 2023](#)

“Got my sign ready. Is the rally in Rayburn or Cannon,” Rep. Mike Collins (R-Ga.) posted on X, showing a sign that said “Keep bombing Hamas.”

Rep. Brandon Williams (R-NY) paraded an Israeli flag at a balcony above hundreds of demonstrators who protested in the Cannon Building rotunda.

Capitol Police carefully monitored the activists as they chanted and clapped in hopes of enticing Congress to call for a ceasefire.

Security measures taken in advance of the planned demonstration included fencing around the Capitol Building, an increase in police presence, and guidance from the House and Senate sergeants-at-arms for lawmakers to stay indoors and use tunnels to traverse the complex.

Biden visited Israel earlier in the day Wednesday, affirming US support for the Jewish state and warning against becoming too consumed with rage over the deadly surprise Oct. 7 Hamas attack.

The White House is expected to ask Congress to approve a massive aid package for Ukraine, Israel, Indo-Pacific national, and border security that could reportedly cost around \$100 billion.

Nearly 5,000 people on both sides of the bloody conflict have died, including 30 Americans, according to officials.

Another 13 are unaccounted for and some are supposedly being held hostage by Hamas.

# [China and Russia criticize Israel as Xi and Putin set to meet for Belt and Road Forum | CNN](#)

#bibleprophecy, #russia, #china, #israel

Oct 17, 2023

Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin to Beijing on Tuesday for the start of a visit expected to underscore the two leaders' shared vision for a new international order no longer dominated by the United States and its democratic allies.

The meeting between the world's two most powerful autocrats comes as geopolitical fault lines harden globally – first following Russia's grinding invasion of Ukraine, launched just three weeks after the leaders' last meeting in the Chinese capital in 2022 – and now as [Israel's war against](#) Palestinian militant group Hamas threatens to spiral into a broader conflict that could shatter stability in the Middle East.

Both Beijing and Moscow have criticized Israel's actions and called for a ceasefire, in the latest showing of the two powers' efforts to step up their alternative leadership to that of the US, which affirms [Israel's on-going right to retaliate](#).

Putin's visit to Beijing comes as [US President Joe Biden](#) prepares to travel to Israel on Wednesday. Biden is expected to give a high-profile show of support for Israel as it attempts to eliminate Hamas, while the US presses for ways to ease humanitarian suffering in Gaza and warns other regional players about becoming further engaged in the conflict.

Xi and Putin are expected to discuss the situation in Gaza during a bilateral meeting Wednesday ahead of the opening ceremony for the Belt and Road Forum in Beijing – an exceptionally rare foreign trip for the [diplomatically isolated](#) leader who is treated in Beijing as a guest of honor.

Heads of state, representatives and delegations from more than 140 countries are expected to attend China's [landmark, two-day diplomatic event](#) beginning Tuesday, which marks 10 years since the start of Xi's global infrastructure funding drive, and presents the Chinese leader with an opportunity to project Beijing's growing global ambitions.

## **Push for peace?**

The timing of the Beijing hosted forum, coming as [Israel](#) signals it may launch a [ground invasion](#) of the Hamas-governed Gaza strip, presents Putin with opportunity to shift the global spotlight away from his war in Ukraine, analysts say.

Russia put forward a resolution at the UN Security Council calling for a ceasefire. The motion, which did not condemn Hamas, was supported by China but rejected by the US, United Kingdom, France and Japan on Monday. Russia's UN envoy on Friday compared the day-after-day shelling of Hamas-controlled Gaza by Israel to the brutal siege of Leningrad during World War II.

At the other end of the historical spectrum, US President Joe Biden this weekend described Hamas' attack as the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust.

China has said it will send its envoy to the Middle East to encourage talks and condemned "all acts that harm civilians," but it has not explicitly targeted that [condemnation at Hamas](#), nor named the group in its statements.

During a flurry of diplomatic calls in recent days, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Israel's actions have "gone beyond the scope of self-defense."

Both countries' statements stand in contrast to that of the US, which has made clear its staunch support for Israel – and signaled it does not feel this is the appropriate moment for a ceasefire.

The conflict will likely feature in Xi and Putin's upcoming meeting, according to the Kremlin. Russia's war in Ukraine is also likely to be discussed by the two leaders.

In that conflict, too, China has tried to position itself as a potential mediator.

But when it comes China's interest in pushing the Russian leader to end his invasion, Xi may be cautious not to take any step that could damage relations.

That's especially as he is likely watching a potential shift in global positions on the conflict, amid signs of changing attitudes at least in [some parts of Europe](#) – and an upcoming election in the United States next year could trigger a significant shift in the level of [US support](#) for Ukraine.

"So far we don't see any sign that China is keen to use its upper-hand (to put pressure on Russia)," said Li Mingjiang, an associate professor of international relations at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University.

"Chinese policymakers don't want to see even the slightest level of distrust between Beijing and Moscow."

### **A rare trip**

Putin, who has seldom left the bloc of former Soviet nations since launching his war, is shunned by the West and wanted by an international court for [alleged war crimes](#). Experts say he is also unwilling to travel anywhere he feels his personal security can't be absolutely assured. He made his first known trip of the year outside of Russian-controlled territory last week, with a visit to Kyrgyzstan.

But despite Putin's changing circumstances since his last time in Beijing, the two leaders have become increasingly aligned in presenting an alternative world view to the

one offered by the West – as they seek to [bring more countries alongside](#) their efforts to shift a global balance of power they feel is stacked against them.

In an interview with China’s state broadcaster ahead of the event, Putin lavished praise on Xi, calling the Chinese president “steady, calm, pragmatic and reliable – a true world leader,” and hailing his “unique approach of dealing with other countries” that has shown no imposition or coercion, but rather provided others with opportunities.

The two leaders, who frequently refer to [their close friendship](#), have now met 41 times in the past decade, including three since the start of the war in Ukraine, including this week. During their previous meeting in Beijing, Xi and Putin released a 5,000-word joint statement declaring a partnership [with “no limits”](#) and underscoring their deep alignment against the West.

Attending the forum will be a significant opportunity for Putin to “achieve international exposure ... and show that Russia still has a strong friend in China,” said Li in Singapore.

“And for China, having an important international player like Putin to join the BRI summit is also politically important,” he added. Otherwise, the forum – the crowning event of Xi’s diplomatic year – is largely expected to include leaders from less-influential developing and middle income nations.

### **‘No limits’ no more?**

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine put the [growing China-Russia relationship](#) to the test like no other event in recent history, placing Beijing under heavy scrutiny from Western nations for its close ties to its northern neighbor and raising questions about whether Xi had advance knowledge of Putin’s plan.

Beijing has since claimed neutrality in the conflict and called for peace, in recent months ramping up efforts to be seen as a [potential peace broker](#), as concerns about its close ties with Russia further strained its relations with Europe and the United States.

But the world’s second largest economy has also become a [key lifeline](#) for a sanction-ridden Russia, which is now dependent on it for goods and energy purchases, and the two countries have deepened their interactions across a range of areas since the start of the war.

Last year, Russia and China saw [record trade](#), which continued to grow in 2023. They’ve expanded security cooperation through more [joint military drills](#) and robust [official dialogue](#), experts say, and continued to deepen diplomatic ties – including those of Putin and Xi, who earlier this year chose a [state visit to Moscow](#) as the symbolically significant first foreign trip of his third term as China’s President.

“China tries rhetorically and symbolically to put a certain distance between itself and Russia when it comes to talking to Western audiences,” said Alex Gabuev, director of the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center think tank in Berlin.

“(But) even if it’s officially not dubbed a ‘no limits partnership,’ (the China-Russia relationship) has become, in real terms, more solid, robust, and deep,” he said.

# [Video: Muslims Chant 'Gas the Jews' in Sydney, Australia \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #anti-semitism, #australia, #muslims

Oct 9, 2023

Hamas supporters chanted, “Gas the Jews,” beside the world-famous Sydney Opera House in Australia, according to a video shared by the Australian Jewish Association.

The October 9 crowd of several hundred people, mostly immigrant Muslims, also chanted, “Allahu Akbar” (“Allah is Supreme!”) and “Fuck the Jews,” as a line of police watched.

The event was held to celebrate Hamas’ massacre of Jews and its simultaneous attacks on Israeli security forces.

*UNCUT VERSION – SHOCKING*

*"Gas the Jews' on the steps of the Sydney Opera House [pic.twitter.com/kLv9QMex65](https://pic.twitter.com/kLv9QMex65)*

— Australian Jewish Association (@AustralianJA) [October 9, 2023](#)

The shouters waved their home country flags, including the flags of Turkey and Lebanon. Some waved the flag adopted by people who identify as Palestinians.

*Masked men chant “Fuck The Jews” at pro-Palestine rally on the steps of the Sydney Opera House. Completely despicable anti-semitic hatred, I can’t believe we are seeing this on the streets of Sydney. [pic.twitter.com/pHHNqKB4ud](https://pic.twitter.com/pHHNqKB4ud)*

— Drew Pavlou 柏乐志 卍卍卍卍 (@DrewPavlou) [October 9, 2023](#)

Hamas supporters held many similar [celebrations](#) in the Arab world, as well as in Europe and the United States.

*I was raised as a Muslim, I was taught religiously to hate Jews, the majority of Muslims around the world are raised to do the same. The ones who didn’t are the exception not the norm. It’s embedded, it’s horrible, it’s time to address it boldly. This is not an isolated incident <https://t.co/frGOs4oWk2>*

— Brother Rachid □□□□ □□□□ (@BrotherRasheed) [October 10, 2023](#)

The Australian government has imported roughly 800,000 Muslims to help local employers, real estate investors, and retailers. About one in every 33 Australians are Muslim. The giveaway to businesses has hurt Australian families by [spiking](#) the cost of housing and by expanding diversity to create Muslim enclaves, such as [Lakemba Station](#).



Many Muslim immigrants likely object to the hatred — but have not yet organized any resistance.

The crowd at Sydney Hall also [burned](#) an Israeli flag.

*Sydney Opera House – No comment [pic.twitter.com/I8vjpdmOC7](https://pic.twitter.com/I8vjpdmOC7)*

— Australian Jewish Association (@AustralianJA) [October 9, 2023](#)

The Australian government warned Jewish people to stay away from the pro-Hamas celebrations.

*Australian Jewish Association President David Adler says the Jewish community has been warned to stay away from Sydney's CBD tonight over the risk of being identified as Jewish in front of pro-Palestinian protestors.*

<https://t.co/jpPQmDXDjf>

— Sky News Australia (@SkyNewsAust) [October 9, 2023](#)

Police subsequently [arrested](#) a local Pastor for bringing an Israeli flag to another pro-Hamas protest at Sydney Town Hall

He was arrested as he [fled](#) from a group of threatening Muslims. He was arrested on the charge of “[Breach of the Peace](#).” The crime is broadly defined and can be applied to a person who “interfere[s] with the ordinary operation of civil society.”

 [#BREAKING](#): NSW Police unlawfully confiscate and then arrest man for waving Israeli flag at pro-Hamas terrorist rally in Sydney Australia.

Read that again. [pic.twitter.com/xja9ufA6BX](https://pic.twitter.com/xja9ufA6BX)

— Avi Yemini (@OzraeliAvi) [October 9, 2023](#)

*Jew detained for waving Israeli flag as thousands of Pro-Palestinians cheer*

*Sydney – Town Hall [pic.twitter.com/li5atjjMpr](https://pic.twitter.com/li5atjjMpr)*

— Australian Jewish Association (@AustralianJA) [October 9, 2023](#)

The Australian Jewish Association reported that Muslim groups pressured bystanders to [declare](#), “Free Palestine.”

# [Documents on slain terrorists show Hamas plan to target children - Israel Today](#)

#bibleprophecy, #hamas, #terrorists, #children

Oct 16, 2023

The Islamist marauders were instructed “to kill as many people as possible” in elementary schools and a youth center.

Hamas targeted elementary schools and a youth center “to kill as many people as possible” during the Oct. 7 terrorist rampage in the western Negev, documents obtained by *NBC News* show.

The detailed plans for the cross-border [massacre](#)—labeled “top secret” in Arabic—were found on the corpses of [Hamas](#) terrorists and shared with the US media outlet by Israeli first responders.

Terrorists were also given instructions to capture hostages and take them quickly across the border to the Gaza Strip.

The Oct. 7 terrorist assault by Hamas in southern Israel claimed the lives of more than 1,300 people and left more than 3,500 wounded. As many as 150 hostages were taken back to Gaza.

One page outlined a plan for the attack on Kibbutz Sa’ad, calling on “Combat Unit 1” to “contain the new Da’at school” while “Combat Unit 2” was ordered to “collect hostages” and “search the Bnei Akiva youth center” and “search the old Da’at school.”

Other plans in the documents included instructions to “kill as many as possible” and to “capture hostages.”

The documents contained maps for Sa’ad and for four additional kibbutzim: Kfar Aza, Nahal Oz and Alumim.

## **‘Never seen this kind of detailed planning’**

Israeli officials said that they are analyzing all of the documents, which show that Hamas had been systemically gathering intelligence on each kibbutz that they raided with the intention of targeting women and children.

Other documents viewed by *The Wall Street Journal* showed that a Hamas hit squad that targeted Alumim was directed to “achieve the highest level of human losses” and then take captives.

“The dental office, the supermarket, the dining hall,” an Israel Defense Forces source told *NBC News*. “The level of specificity would cause anyone in the intelligence field’s jaw to drop.”

Another IDF official told *NBC News* that he had “never seen this kind of detailed planning” for a mass terrorist attack.

Another document found on a vehicle used in the coordinated massacre showed that the terrorists were instructed to murder civilians and take captives, according to a report by Israel’s *Kan News*.

The document was recovered at Kibbutz Re’im, near where at least 260 people were killed and an unknown number of others taken captive back to Gaza during a music festival.

Code words included “black” in Arab to slaughter all of the captives and “bus” to take the captives back to Gaza to be used as human shields. Other instructions were not coded such as plans to burn homes, cars and agricultural fields.

“ Hamas’s strategy behind this attack was very clear: They were on a mission to hurt and murder as many innocent civilians as possible,” Tal Heinrich, a spokeswoman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, told *The Wall Street Journal*, in reference to “maps and documents found on the bodies of Hamas terrorists.”

“I saw murdered babies. I saw murdered children. I saw mothers and children murdered together,” **Yossi Landau**, a commander of Israeli emergency response organization ZAKA, told *NBC News*.

# Powerful earthquake hits west Afghanistan, week after strong quakes in same area : NPR

#bibleprophecy, #earthquake, #afghanistan

Oct 15, 2023

ISLAMABAD — A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same province.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the latest quake's epicenter was about 21 miles outside Herat, the provincial capital, and five miles below the surface.

Save the Children said four people have died and that Herat Regional Hospital has received 153 injured. Everything in the Baloch area of Rabat Sangi district has collapsed. Several villages have been destroyed, according to the aid group. Authorities have given lower casualty numbers.

Sayed Kazim Rafiqi, 42, a Herat city resident, said he had never seen such devastation before with the majority of houses damaged and "people terrified." Rafiqi and others headed to the hospital to donate much-needed blood.

"We have to help in any way possible," he said.

The earthquakes on Oct. 7 flattened whole villages in Herat, in one of the most destructive quakes in the country's recent history.

More than 90% of the people killed a week ago were women and children, U.N. officials reported Thursday.

Taliban officials said the earlier quakes killed more than 2,000 people across the province. The epicenter was in Zenda Jan district, where the majority of casualties and damage occurred.

The initial quake, numerous aftershocks and a second 6.3-magnitude quake on Wednesday flattened villages, destroying hundreds of mud-brick homes that could not withstand such force. Schools, health clinics and other village facilities also collapsed.

Besides rubble and funerals after that devastation, there was little left of the villages in the region's dusty hills. Survivors are struggling to come to terms with the loss of multiple family members and in many places, living residents are outnumbered by volunteers who came to search the debris and dig mass graves.