

# Raisi: US veto of UNSC resolution 'double oppression' on Gazans

## International Desk

A fresh report from a Turkish institute reveals that Israel's official footage of the bombing of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza is highly edited, while military experts around the world cast doubt on how a purportedly conventional rocket could have killed people but not leveled the hospital.

At least 500 people were killed and hundreds injured in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza late Tuesday, the Gaza-based Health Ministry said. Yet, Tel Aviv and its Western supporters push the narrative that the missile was hit by a wayward projectile fired by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance movement.

However, experts at Turkey's Center for Countering Disinformation meticulously analyzed a recent video shared by Israel's official state account on social media, showing that it had undergone editing with manipulative intentions before being shared with the public and raising serious questions about the video's authenticity and the narrative it aims to convey.

Upon a detailed analysis of the unedited footage, the center has reached the conclusion that the missiles launched from Gaza were aimed at Israel, and the hospital that suffered the devastating strike was not situated in the path of those missiles.

The centre's Thursday report also raised important questions regarding the munitions used in the hospital strike. "It is seen that the munition capable of causing extensive damage is not the type that Hamas has ever used," the report stated.



Valeria Scuto, lead Middle East analyst at Sibylline, a risk assessment company, told BBC that Israel has the capacity to carry out other forms of air strike by drone, where they might use Hellfire missiles. These missiles generate a significant amount of heat but would not necessarily leave a large crater, which explains the rather small crater that was found in the parking lot of the hospital. She also says uncorroborated footage shows a pattern of fires at the hospital site that was not consistent with this explanation. Scuto's confusion is valid as the report from the Turkish institute later revealed that the footage had been manipulated by Israel.

## Tehran calls for harsher measures

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian urged Islamic countries to take "practical measures" against the Israeli regime in the face of its "war crimes and genocide" in Gaza, including by imposing an oil embargo and expelling Israeli ambassadors. Amir-Abdollahian made the

remarks on the sidelines of an urgent meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the Saudi city of Jeddah, IRNA reported.

He emphasized the need for practical measures and a strong statement from the summit condemning the Zionist regime's atrocities in Gaza. Referring to the bombing of a hospital in Gaza, Amir-Abdollahian explained that practical measures would mean that Islamic countries that have normalized diplomatic relations with the Zionist regime immediately sever their ties, expel Israeli ambassadors, and halt all oil exports to the regime. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi also said the US veto of a UN Security Council resolution calling for a pause in Israel's attacks and crimes against the people of Gaza is "double oppression" against the Palestinians and humanity. The US on Wednesday vetoed the resolution that had been drafted by Brazil and had sought to broker aid access to Gaza amid the incessant Israeli airstrikes and shelling against people in the tiny strip of land, Press TV wrote.

## Victims pile up, supplies drain

Israel bombarded the Gaza Strip early Friday, hitting areas where Palestinians had been told to seek safety, and it began evacuating a sizable Israeli town near the border with Lebanon, the latest sign of a potential ground invasion of Gaza that could trigger regional turmoil.

On Thursday, Israeli Defense Minister Gallant ordered ground troops to prepare to see Gaza "from the inside," hinting at a ground offensive aimed at crushing Hamas's fighters nearly two weeks after their bloody incursion into Israel. Officials have given no timetable for such an operation.

Over a million people have been displaced in Gaza, with many heeding Israel's orders to evacuate the northern part of the sealed-off enclave on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had called areas in south Gaza "safe zones" earlier this week, Israeli military spokesman Nir Dinar said "There are no safe zones."

"The strikes, coupled with extremely difficult living conditions in the south, appear to have pushed some to return to the north, despite the continuing heavy bombing there," Ravina Shamdasani, said the spokesperson for the UN human rights office.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited the Rafah crossing—the territory's only entry point not controlled by Israel—on Friday and appealed for the quick movement of aid into Gaza, calling it "the difference between life and death."

## Resolute response imperative to halt Israeli acts in Gaza



Scores of injured people are being taken to al-Shifa Hospital following the bombing of al-Ahli Hospital.  
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A significant tragedy is unfolding in Gaza, a crisis in human history. Despite the dire circumstances caused by Israeli airstrikes on Palestinians, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives, the international community and the Muslim

world have been slow to react effectively and curb Israel's actions. While Iran's diplomacy has thus far prevented a ground invasion by Israel, the duration of this restraint remains uncertain.

Gaza is now grappling with a severe shortage of food and water. Israel's cessation of electricity, oil, and the flow of essential supplies has caused innocent women, children, and men to suffer from the lack of basic necessities. Distressing videos on social media depict people being compelled to migrate due to hunger.

The world is still divided on the justification of Hamas's attacks on Israel and Israel's response. The Israel-Palestine conflict has persisted for seven decades. Israel's actions, such as drone strikes and airstrikes, often disregard the lives of civilians and the destruction of property.

Two days ago, the disputed bombardment of a Gaza hospital led to the tragic loss of medical staff and patients. This act should not only be condemned but also met with accountability.

The condition of the Muslim world is deeply troubling. While Pakistan stands as the only nuclear power in the Muslim world, its authorities describe Israel's aggression against Palestinians as a conflict between Hamas and Israel. At this critical juncture, Pakistan should openly support the Palestinian cause.

It is essential for the Muslim world to unite in solidarity with the Palestinians during these challenging times. The actions of the Mahmoud Abbas administration, with its limited powers, must be criticized as it separates the Palestinian Authority from Israeli aggression in Gaza.

In India, the Modi government's stance on Israel's treatment of Palestinians in Gaza is also worthy of condemnation. Modi's support for Israel compromises India's status as a major democratic nation. A democratic state should not stand with a country like Israel, which openly violates human rights.

Furthermore, the Western world continues to support Israel. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, of Indian origin, visited Tel Aviv to express solidarity with Israel, sharing in its sorrow during the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

In this critical moment, it is imperative for the Muslim world to unite and take action to halt Israel's actions while providing much-needed assistance to the suffering Palestinians in Gaza.



Islamic countries." He added, "Any involvement in the unstable region leads to one of the areas of instability, especially in economic and energy matters. Because the conflict in the region, in the first place, will destabilize the oil export market, especially to Western countries, and will lead to an increase in oil prices. Therefore, in my opinion, it is in favor of the West and Western economies to try to minimize tensions in the West Asian region, and the only solution is to quickly halt the war machine and destruction of the Zionist regime."

Rezaei noted the United States' concern about the impact of the war on fuel and energy prices, saying, "One of the problems for Americans in recent years

has been their inefficiency in foreign policy matters, which we have repeatedly seen in the discussions about the JCPOA (Iran nuclear deal), and it is one of the reasons for the failure of nuclear negotiations during President Biden's term." He continued, "Since the beginning of the recent war initiated by the Zionists against Gaza, we have witnessed the conflicting positions of the Americans regarding the continuation of the war. At first, they had a strong stance in support of the Zionist regime's attacks, but gradually they retreated in this regard, and we have seen milder positions from them. Perhaps this retreat is due to economic interests, particularly the issue of fuel. However, verbal positioning alone for reducing military attacks by the Zionist regime on Gaza is not enough; we expect the United States to promptly halt the crimes of the Zionist regime and stop the war."