# World outraged over Israel's genocide in Gaza school

**EU:** No justification for such massacres



#### **International Desk**

World reacted to the Israeli onslaught on a school shelter in Gaza that claimed more than 100 Palestinian lives early on Saturday, with a UN-appointed rights expert saying Israel is committing "genocide" in its Gaza war.

"Israel is geocoding the Palestinians one neighborhood at the time, one hospital at the time, one school at the time, one refugee camp at the time, one safe zone at the time," Francesca Albanese, the United Nations special rapporteur on the rights situation in the Palestinian territories, said on social media platform X.

Israel was carrying out such

strikes against Palestinians using "US and European weapons," Albanese said. "May the Palestinians forgive us for our collective inability to protect them."

The Israeli airstrike on al-Tabi'in school in the al-Daraj neighborhood east of Gaza City, which housed displaced families, killed over 100 people, the Hamasrun Gaza government said on Saturday.

#### 'Systematic attacks'

This was the latest in what the UN human rights office called "systematic attacks on schools" by Israel, with at least 21 since July 4, leaving hundreds dead, including women and children.

"For many, schools are the

last resort to find some shelter and possible access to food and water," it said shortly after Saturday's attack.

Video from the site showed body parts scattered on the ground and more bodies being carried away and covered in blankets on the floor. Empty food tins lay in a puddle of blood and burnt mattresses and a child's doll lay among the debris.

Fadel Naeem, director of the al-Ahli hospital in Gaza City, told The Associated Press that the facility received 70 bodies along with the body parts of at least 10 others. The government media office in Gaza said in a statement that the complex was attacked when people sheltering there were performing dawn prayers.

Around 350 families had been sheltering at the compound, Palestinian Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal said - some of the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians displaced from their homes by Israel's onslaught on Gaza. The Israeli occupation army confirmed the attack in a statement and claimed that the school "served as a hideout for Hamas commanders."

#### 'Horrified' by strike

EU's Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell on Saturday expressed horror at the deadly strike by Israel, saying, "Horrified by images from a sheltering school in with reportedly dozens of Palestinian victims. At least 10 schools were targeted in the last weeks. There's no justification for these mas-

Gaza hit by an Israeli strike,

#### UK 'appalled'

Foreign Minister David Lammy said that Britain was "appalled" at Israel's deadly air strike on a school in Gaza and called for "an immediate ceasefire."

"Appalled by the Israeli Military strike on al-Tabeen school and the tragic loss of life," Lammy wrote on X, adding, "We need an immediate ceasefire to protect civilians, free all hostages, and end restrictions on aid."

#### 'Heinous' bombing

Iran condemned Israel's "brutal massacre of women, children and the elderly." Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani said Israel's "heinous attack on the Palestinian refugees ..., once again proved that the apartheid regime does not respect any of the rules and regulations of international law as well as moral and human principles."

Qatar, a mediator in the Israeli war in Gaza, demanded an urgent probe after the

Resistance groups in the region strongly condemned the Israeli bombing, with Hamas calling it "a horrific crime that marks a dangerous escalation in the unprecedented series of crimes and massacres in the history of wars, perpetrated in the Gaza Strip by the new Nazis." In an interview with Al Jazeera Arabic, the deputy chief of the Palestinian resistance movement, Khalil al-Hayya, called on the UN Security Council to hold an emergency meeting to stop the regime's massacres of defenseless Palestinians.

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance movement said the bombing is "a fullfledged war crime."

Turkey denounced the "new crime against humanity," according to a foreign ministry statement.

"Israel has committed a new crime against humanity by massacring more than a hundred civilians who had taken refuge in a school," the ministry said.

"This attack shows once again that Netanyahu's cabinet wants to sabotage permanent ceasefire negotiations.

"The international actors who do not take measures to stop Israel are making themselves complicit in these crimes.'

In a message issued on Saturday, Iraq's prominent Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani demanded global denunciation of the Zionist regime's "barbaric behavior" and asked for prevention of further harm to Palestinians.

### **Pezeshkian** to present cabinet lineup to Parliament today



#### **National Desk**

The list of proposed ministers for the new government will be presented by the President Masoud Pezeshkian to the Parliament today, according to the spokesman for the Iranian Parliament's Presiding Board.

Alireza Salimi said on Saturday that as per the latest discussions between the Presiding Board of the Parliament and the government, a complete list of the proposed ministers will be submitted to the legislature on Sunday, IRNA reported.

The parliament member also said that all specialized committees will begin reviewing the programs, goals, and perspectives of the proposed ministers as of Monday afternoon, and this process will continue in the following days in two shifts within the committees.

The MPs' confidence vote is set for August 17, he

Meanwhile, Pezeshkian issued a number of decrees on Saturday, keeping Mohammad Eslami in charge of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, the post he held in the cabinet of late President Ebrahim Raisi.

Pezeshkian appointed Hossein Afshin as the vice president for Science, Technology and Knowledge-Based Economy.

Afshin, 44, has a PhD in mechanical engineering and is a faculty member of Sharif University of Technology in Tehran.

In another decree, the president appointed Saeed Ohadi as the director of the Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs.

Ohadi used to serve as the head of Iran's Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization.

## Iran hopes 'legitimate' right to defense not to impact Gaza truce

#### **International Desk**

Iran's permanent mission to the UN has expressed hope that the country's "legitimate" right to defend its sovereignty will not harm the possible ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas. The mission said that the Islamic Republic's right to retaliate against Israel's terrorism inside Iran has nothing to do with the ongoing ceasefire talks. The mission on Friday was

asked whether Iran will postpone the response to Israel until next week's talks regarding the ceasefire in Gaza, which has been under Israeli aggression since October last year.

"Our national security and sovereignty have been violated during the recent terrorist act of the Israeli regime. We have the right to legitimate defense and this has nothing to do with the Gaza ceasefire." the mission said.

"But we hope that our response will be completed on time and in a way that does not harm the possible ceasefire," the mission added. "Establishing a lasting

ceasefire in Gaza is our priority. Any agreement that Hamas accepts will be accepted by us," it added.

Ismail Haniyeh, the chief of Hamas political bureau, and one of his bodyguards were assassinated in Tehran last week. Iranian political and military leadership, including the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Sevyed Ali Khamenei and President Masoud Pezeshkian, have vowed to avenge Haniyeh's blood.

A deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said on Saturday that the order issued by the Leader to make Israel pay for the assassination of the Hamas political bureau chief will be definitely carried out.

Speaking to Al Mayadeen TV. Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi said the orders given by Ayatollah Khamenei are explicit and crystal clear.

"The Leader of Revolution's orders will be carried out in the best possible way, and this is Iran's current duty," the commander stated.

Meanwhile, US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller was asked on Thursday whether a ceasefire deal would help in lowering tensions in the West Asia region, and about Iran's possible retaliation against Israel.

"I will say that there are two sides of this coin. On one side of the coin, yes, we believe that a ceasefire would go a long way towards alleviating tensions in the region," he said.

"On the other side of that

coin, certainly any further escalation just makes all of the region's problems more difficult. And one of the problems that we're addressing is the conflict in Gaza and trying to reach a ceasefire," he added.

On Friday, Iran's permanent mission to the UN also talked about the existing channels of communication between Iran and the US, saying "There have always been direct and intermediary official channels for the transmission of messages" between the two sides, adding that "The preference of the parties is for the details to remain undisclosed."

## Iran better positioned to launch nukes program but not seeking it: WSJ

#### International Desk

Iran is now in a better position to produce a nuclear device "if it chooses to do so," according to a new assessment by US intelligence agencies that Wall Street Iournal reported on Friday. The US intelligence community, however, believes that Iran isn't working to make a nuclear bomb, a US official said.

Iran has said time and again that its nuclear program is purely for civilian

"Iran doesn't have an active military nuclear program," said a spokeswoman for the office of the director of US National Intelligence. The US intelligence report claimed Tehran was seeking to exploit "international worry" over its nuclear program "for negotiation leverage." After the US withdrew from the Iranian nuclear deal in

2018, which lifted most

international sanctions on

Tehran in exchange for tight but temporary restrictions on its nuclear work, Iran expanded its uranium enrichment in retaliation

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Iuly that the policy of the US is to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, and that the administration would prefer to stop that from happening through diplomacy.

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SiO2	3.5	Max
Al2O3	0.7	Max
CaO	0.9	Max
MgO	2.5	Max
CCS (kg/p)	Ave 250	
8-16 mm%	Min 90	
-6 mm%	Ave 5	
A.I%	Max 3.8	
T.1%	Min 95	
Prosity%	19-24	
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