

# Key Takeaways in the Israel-Hamas War

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- 1. USA:** Vice President Kamala Harris said that she told Netanyahu that it is “time for this war to end” and that “it is time to get this [ceasefire] deal done.” Harris met with Netanyahu on July 25 following Netanyahu’s meeting with Joe Biden. Harris added that the war must “end in a way that ensures Israel’s security.” Harris called her conversation with Netanyahu “frank and constructive,” and added that she will continue to support Israel against Iran and its partners. US officials emphasized that Harris has been involved in “every call” with Netanyahu since October 7.
- 2. Gaza Strip:** US, Israeli, and Arab officials are reportedly considering former Fatah leader Mohammad Dahlan, who could be palatable to all parties, as an interim leader of Palestinian security forces in the post-war Gaza Strip. The proposed 2,500-strong Palestinian security force is probably insufficient to counter Hamas’ future attempts to reassert control in the Gaza Strip, regardless of who leads the force. Hamas would need to agree to Dahlan or any other leader unless it is militarily defeated and unable to resist that force. Failing to defeat Hamas militarily will risk a resumption of de-facto or de-jure Hamas control in the Gaza Strip.
- 3. Iraq:** Two unspecified security officials cited by Reuters reported that Iranian-backed Iraqi militias launched four rockets at Ain al Asad Airbase, Anbar, on July 25.
- 4. Iran:** Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) head Mohammad Eslami claimed that Iran had exported nuclear materials and expertise to various unspecified countries in an interview with Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei’s website on July 22.



Legend: Gaza Strip and West Bank Golan Heights

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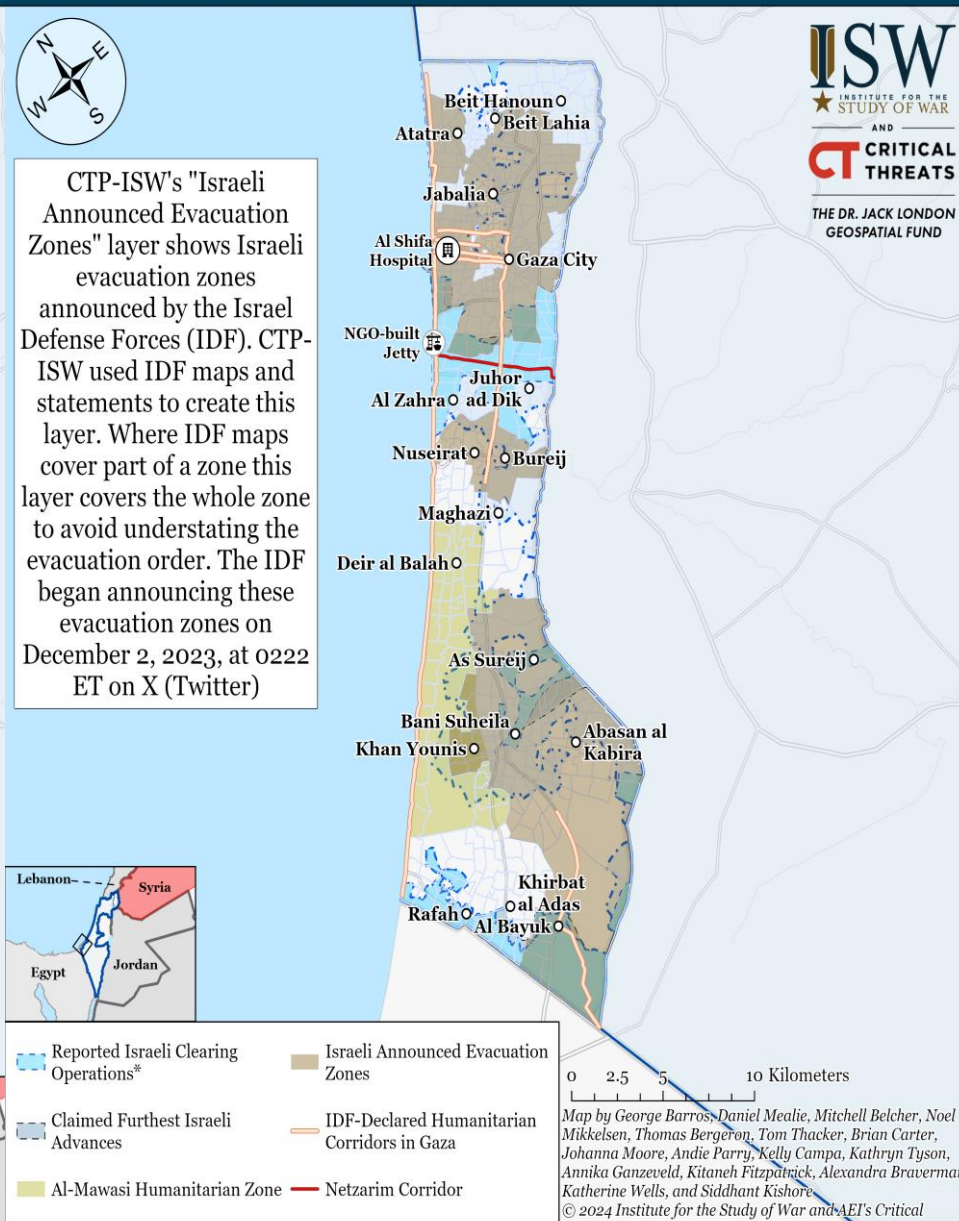
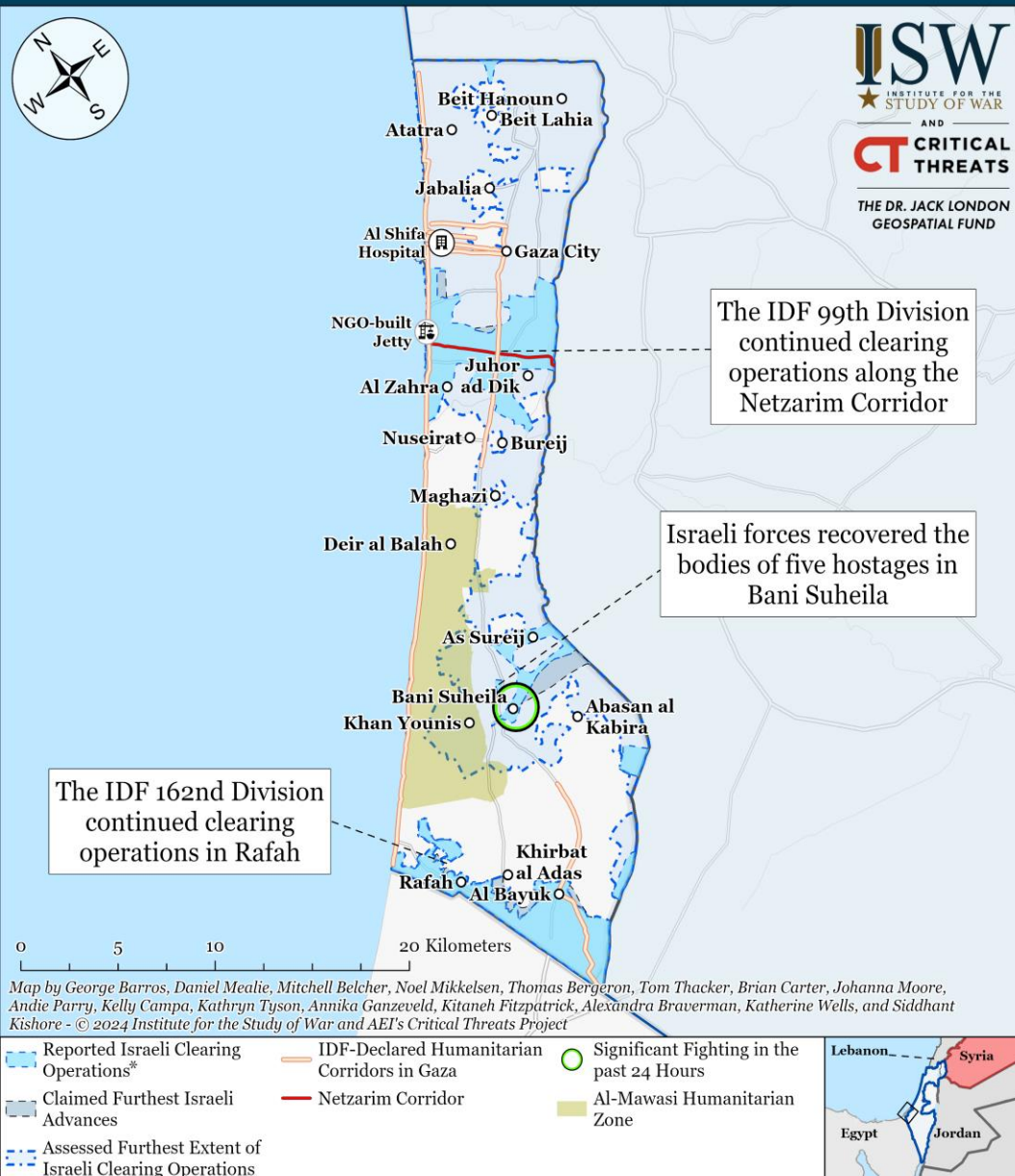
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# Reported Israeli Ground Operations in the Gaza Strip

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# Israeli-Announced Evacuation Zones in the Gaza Strip

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Gaza

Objectives:

1. Erode the will of the Israeli political establishment and public to sustain clearing operations in the Gaza Strip
2. Reestablish Hamas as the governing authority in the Gaza Strip

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# Significant Activity in the West Bank

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West Bank

Objectives:

1. Establish the West Bank as a viable front against Israel

Palestinian fighters attacked Israeli forces in seven locations across the West Bank since July 24.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades fired small arms targeting Israeli forces at three locations in Nablus.

PIJ's Balata Battalion also fired small arms targeting Israeli forces at Mount Gerizim, Nablus.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades also fired small arms at Karmeit Zsur settlement, north of Hebron.

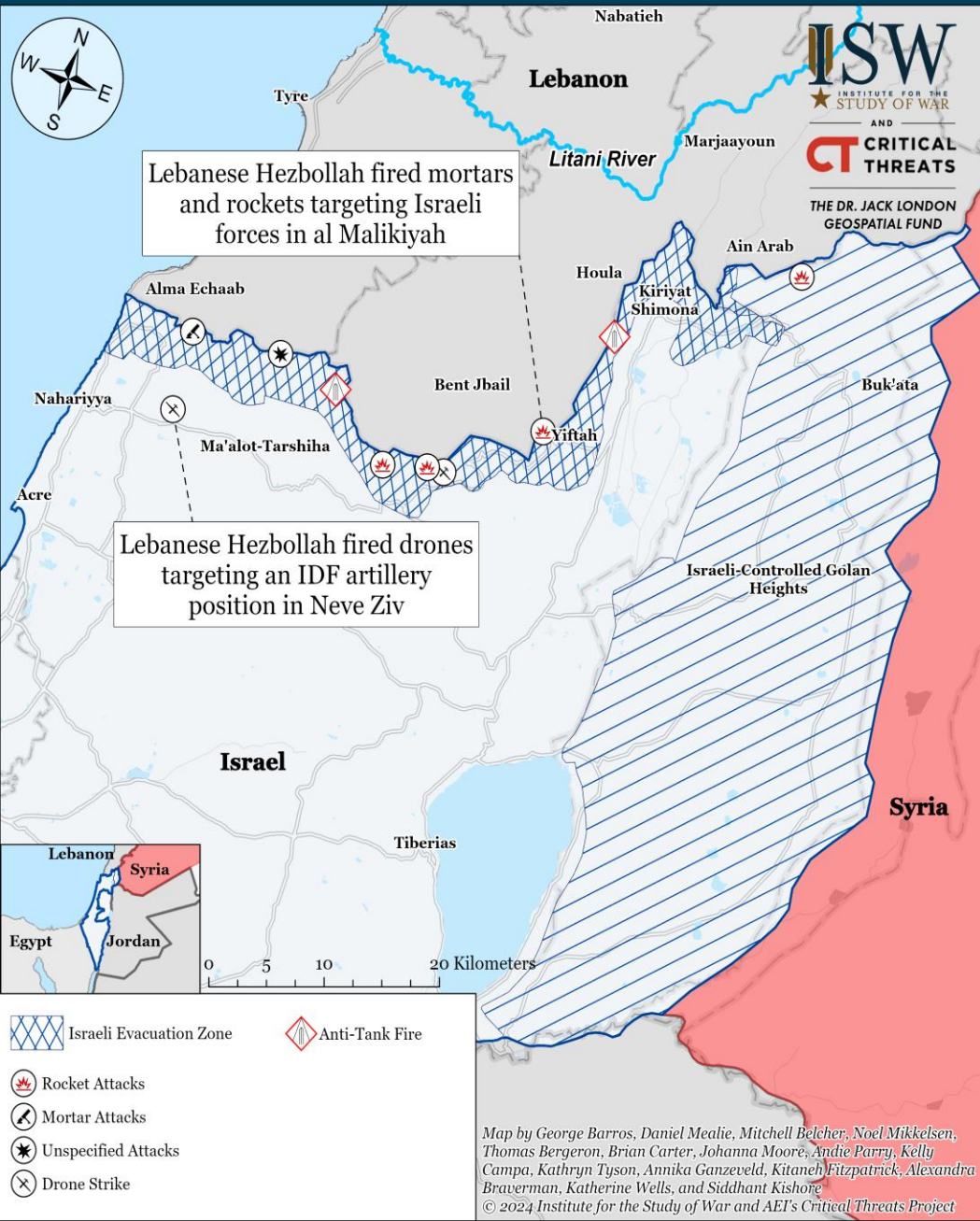
Unspecified Palestinian fighters detonated an IED targeting an IDF checkpoint in Qalandiya, West Bank.

Unspecified Palestinian fighters fired small arms targeting an IDF vehicle on Highway 55 in Qalqilya on July 25



# Attacks into Northern Israel from Lebanon

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Lebanon / Syria

Objectives:

1. Deter Israel from conducting a ground operation into Lebanon
2. Prepare for an expanded and protracted conflict with Israel in the near term
3. Expel the United States from Syria

Hezbollah has conducted at least 12 attacks into northern Israel since last data cutoff on July 24.

IDF Air Force Commander Major General Tomer Bar discussed a potential Israeli offensive in Lebanon during a meeting with Air Force and Northern Command commanders at the Ramat David airbase on July 25. Bar said that Israel is "ready for war" and added that the Israeli strike on Hudaydah port in Yemen on July 20 targeted not only on the Houthis but "the entire Middle East," including Hezbollah and Iran. The meeting comes after Hezbollah published drone footage of the Ramat David airbase on July 24 with details of the base, such as the locations of air defenses, aircraft shelters, and fuel storage units. This video marked the third time in recent months that Hezbollah has published drone footage of critical Israeli sites.