

Israel Declares ‘State of Readiness for War’ After Hamas Claims Major Rocket Attack from Gaza Strip

The Israeli military says it is striking targets in the Gaza Strip as air raid sirens were sounded in Jerusalem after the Hamas militant group announced a new operation against Israel.

By [Outlook](#)

Global Research, October 09, 2023

[Outlook](#) 7 October 2023

Region: [Middle East & North Africa](#)

Theme: [Law and Justice](#)

In-depth Report: [PALESTINE](#)

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author’s name.

To receive Global Research’s Daily Newsletter (selected articles), [click here](#).

Click the share button above to email/forward this article to your friends and colleagues. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and subscribe to our [Telegram Channel](#). Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

*On Saturday morning, Israel announced a “**state of preparedness for conflict**” in response to a massive barrage of rockets from the Gaza Strip and an intrusion into its southern region. This resulted in the death of at least one person and injuries to 16 others so far.*

The Israeli military says it is striking targets in the Gaza Strip as air raid sirens were sounded in Jerusalem after the Hamas militant group announced a new operation against Israel. The sounds of at least three explosions could be heard as Israel deployed anti-rocket defences. The attack on Jerusalem is considered a major escalation by Israel.

The elusive leader of Hamas’ military wing says the armed group has launched a new military operation against Israel. In a rare public statement, **Mohammed Deif** said that 5,000 rockets had been fired into Israel early Saturday to begin “Operation Al-Aqsa Storm.”

“We’ve decided to say enough is enough,” Deif said as he urged all Palestinians to confront Israel. Deif, who has survived multiple Israeli assassination attempts, does not make public appearances. His message was delivered in a recording.

The Israel military had ordered residents along the border area to remain indoors.

Israel’s Minister of Defence, **Yoav Gallant**, following an operational situation assessment Saturday morning warned that “the Hamas [terrorist organisation] has made a grave mistake this morning and launched a war against the State of Israel”.

“IDF troops are fighting against the enemy at every location. I call on all of Israel’s citizens to follow security instructions”, he added.

“The State of Israel will win this war”, he asserted.

In a statement, the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) said that Chief of Staff **Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi** is holding an assessment and approving plans of action.

“The IDF declares a state of readiness for war. Hamas... which is behind this attack, will bear the results and responsibility for the events,” the statement from the Israeli army said.

Rescue and relief services, **Magen David Adom**, said that one person has been killed and another 16 are wounded in the rocket attacks on southern and central Israel this morning.

A woman in her 60s was killed in a direct rocket hit in the southern Gderot area.

Another two people are said to be seriously wounded, six moderately and seven with minor injuries, the medics of the rescue services said.

IDF warned that “the Hamas terror group will pay a very heavy price” for its surprise attack this morning.

“Hamas carried out a combined operation that included firing rockets and a terrorist infiltration into the territory of the State of Israel,” the Israeli army said.

“The IDF will protect the residents of the State of Israel, the Hamas terror organisation will pay a very heavy price”, it added.

The Head of Hamas’ military wing, Mohammed Deif, in a statement, said

“We warned the enemy not to continue its aggression against the Al-Aqsa Mosque”, Ha’aretz online reported.

“This is only the first stage” of Hamas’ renewed efforts against Israel, he said.

Deif urged Arabs in Jerusalem and inside Israel, in the Negev, the Galilee and northern Israel to join the “revolution” and “set the earth on fire under the feet of the occupiers”.

Deif also called upon the “Islamic resistance in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon” to “merge their resistance with that of the Palestinians” and “start marching towards Palestine now”.

Saleh al-Aroui, deputy head of Hamas, who is considered to be its leader in the West Bank, issued a similar statement calling on the Arab and Islamic nations to join “Operation al-Aqsa Flood”.

The Israeli military has issued instructions to the residents of towns near the Gaza Strip to remain in their homes, and the rest of the public to remain near bomb shelters.

“Unverified footage from the Gaza Strip purports to show Hamas terrorists with the body of an IDF soldier taken from Israel during the attack this morning,” the Times of Israel newspaper reported.

“The graphic videos show the body being taken out of a truck, as a crowd swarms around it”, it reported.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was on his way to the Defence Ministry Headquarters in order to conduct a security assessment with the participation of all of the heads of the security establishment, a statement from the PMO said.

*

Note to readers: Please click the share button above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

Featured image: Hamas' military wing (Photo: AP/Fatima Shbair)

The original source of this article is [Outlook](#)
Copyright © [Outlook](#), [Outlook](#), 2023

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Outlook](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca
www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca