



# Israeli Response to Hamas' attacks



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**(U) This infographic provides information on Israeli Response to Hamas' attacks.** Early on 7 October 2023, Hamas conducted a Surprise attack in several Israeli locations. Open-source reporting indicates that there are at least 600 Israelis dead and over 2,350 total casualties that resulted from the attack. In response, Israel has invoked Article 40 Aleph, an official declaration of war, against Hamas. See how the events unfolded below:

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Israel and Hamas declared they were at war on Saturday, 7 OCT, after Hamas militants launched one of the largest assaults on Israel in 50 years.

Hamas fired thousands of rockets toward Israeli cities, and Palestinian militants crossed into southern Israel, killing civilians and holding Israelis hostage.

Israel retaliated with major strikes across the blockaded Gaza Strip, leveling multistory buildings, including a residential building with approximately 100 units.

At least 2,200 rockets were fired into Israeli airspace in the early hours of the assault

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Israel Defense Forces evacuated all civilians from the 24 villages near the Gaza border. The move indicated Israel might be preparing for an operation inside the Palestinian coastal territory.

The Israeli military conducted an "intensive aerial strike" against Hamas military targets near the barrier.



A woman running to a shelter after a rocket siren sounded in Ashkelon, Israel. Tamir Kalifa for The New York Times

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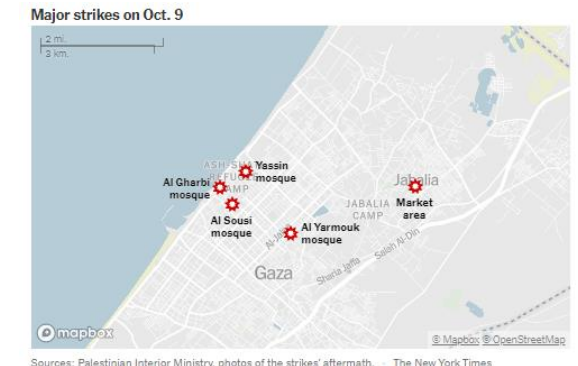
Israeli soldiers were still fighting militants in at least six locations in southern Israel near the border with Gaza on Monday morning local time. An Israeli military spokesman said it had regained control of all the communities, but there were still clashes on the ground after the announcement.

The Israel Defense Forces said that not all of the breaches in the border fence had been fully closed, and more militants could still be crossing into Israeli territory from Gaza.



An Israeli tank is positioned near Israel's border with Lebanon, northern Israel, October 9, 2023. REUTERS/Amr Awad Acquire Licensing Rights

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Israel launched a series of retaliatory strikes against Gaza on Monday morning, hitting several mosques and a marketplace. While the death toll is not known, videos from the market, in the Jabalia refugee camp, showed bodies on the ground and people rushing to find survivors.

The Israeli military said it struck more than 500 targets in Gaza from Sunday night and into Monday.

At least four of the destroyed mosques were in the Shati refugee camp, one of the most densely populated areas of the already densely populated Gaza strip. The Israel military has said that Hamas operates out of civilian targets, including one of the mosques it struck today.



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