

Just the Facts | September 27th-October 2nd 2026

170 “Journalists” Exposed as Terrorists

- Following extensive research, the IDF revealed that **170 Gazans who were presented as innocent journalists and media personnel were in fact military operatives in the military wings of various terrorist organizations**, primarily Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.
- The IDF published **verified evidence, including visual materials and documents produced by the terrorist organizations themselves and recovered by IDF troops during operations in Gaza** exposing their terrorist affiliations and roles within terrorist organizations.
- Time and time again throughout the war, various **media outlets in the international community accused the State of Israel and the IDF, without verified data or findings, of deliberately targeting journalists, even when, in some cases, the terrorist organizations themselves claimed those individuals as their own** and identified them as military operatives.
- The information currently presented illustrates the gap between the picture portrayed to the world and the reality on the ground, and further demonstrates additional conclusive evidence **that Israel does not deliberately and systematically target journalists, but rather operates against terrorist organizations and their military operatives, in accordance with international law.**
- For the purpose of exposing these cases, the IDF has established a **dedicated website compiling the names and photographs of 170 military operatives**, as well as their roles, terrorist affiliations and additional evidence that can be disclosed regarding them. Read more [here](#).

Israeli Heroism Stops 9/11-Style Terror Attack

- On Wednesday, September 30th, Flydubai flight FZ1073 from Dubai to Tel Aviv, carrying 174 passengers, mostly Israelis, was diverted after an attempted terror attack by the co-pilot, who tried to hijack and crash the aircraft. The co-pilot stabbed

the captain, Smit Machchhar, during the flight. The aircraft then entered a steep descent, losing approximately 17,000 feet in under two minutes, sending emergency hijacking signals.

- Despite his injuries, Captain Machchhar managed to open the cockpit door, allowing passengers and crew to intervene, including Israeli passengers **Yaniv Hayoun, Tzvika Manes and Asaf Rajuan. The three entered the cockpit and heroically subdued the attacker, while Hayoun also helped steady the aircraft's controls.** Additional pilots aboard subsequently took control and landed the plane in Saudi Arabia.
- An in-depth investigation into the circumstances and motives behind the attempted attack is ongoing.
- **This was not only an apparent attack against Israeli passengers. It was an attack on the relations between Israel and the UAE and on the vision represented by the Abraham Accords. The actions of the Israeli passengers and Emirati crew demonstrate the opposite of what terrorists seek to achieve: Israelis and Emiratis standing together in the face of terror. Israel deeply values its relationship with the UAE and remains committed to strengthening the ties between our countries and our peoples.**

More Humanitarian Aid Flows into Gaza

- Humanitarian aid continues to enter Gaza daily, with an average of 600 trucks, carrying sufficient food, medical, and water and sanitation supplies to support the civilian population. Since October 2025:
 - Over 2.2 million tons of food entered Gaza – around 70-80 percent of aid trucks.
 - There has been an 83 percent drop in food prices across Gaza.
 - Approximately 24,000 tons of medical supplies entered Gaza – with a 50 percent increase in hospital beds, in the 35 hospitals and medical centers operating currently.
 - About 78,000 tons of hygiene supplies entered Gaza, including pesticides and waste control equipment.

- More than 60,000 cubic meters of water enter Gaza daily, with over 250 trucks, and more than 2,800 distribution points. Read more [here](#).
- Additionally, this week, **113 Gazan patients and their escorts left through the Kerem Shalom crossing in a coordinated medical evacuation**. Through Jordan, these patients will fly to a third country to receive medical treatment, coordinated by COGAT in full cooperation with the UN and the international community. In addition, the Rafah Border Crossing has remained operational. To date, roughly 6,300 people have entered, and 6,600 have exited Gaza via the border crossing since the start of the ceasefire.
- **Israel remains committed to coordinating the appropriate medical response for the Gazan civilian population, and will continue coordinating medical evacuations together with the WHO.**
- Israel continues to coordinate the entry of special equipment into the Gaza Strip as it ramps up efforts to bring in winterization equipment, in coordination with the international community. **This week, among other items, the following equipment entered under the safety mechanism in collaboration with the international community:**
 - Engine oil
 - Incubators
 - Various medical supplies and equipment, such as wheelchairs and oxygen meters.
 - Thousands of tents
- Together with UN agencies, international organizations, and donor countries, **Israel will continue to facilitate the entry of essential equipment into the Gaza Strip while maintaining necessary safety measures.**