

SHIFA HOSPITAL UPDATE

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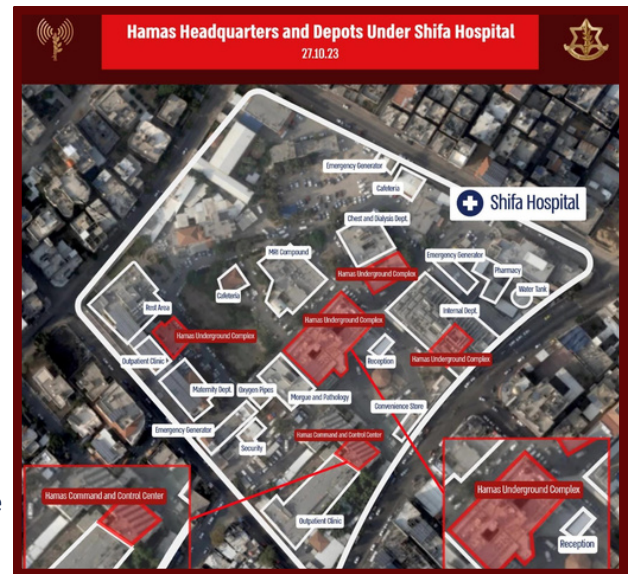
AS PART OF A FOCUSED AND TARGETED OPERATION AGAINST HAMAS, IDF FORCES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING IN THE GROUNDS OF SHIFA HOSPITAL.

Shifa Hospital Background:

- Gaza Strip's largest medical complex and central hospital located in Gaza City.
- During Hamas' violent 2007 coup, Hamas terrorists were positioned within the Shifa hospital and shot injured, innocent Palestinians who were seeking medical attention.
- Shifa hospital was exploited for rocket fire and had Hamas running a command and control center during Operation "Protective Edge" in 2014.

Eliminating the threat from Hamas's terrorist presence in Shifa is a critical operational necessity we've been warning about for nearly three weeks.

- Hamas systematically exploits hospitals for military purpose by carrying out its military activities amongst, behind, and under its own civilians. This is a core terror tactic of Hamas.
- Over the last month, the IDF declassified evidence of these illegal activities. Examples of this include using the Rantisi Children's Hospital for weapons storage - and potentially holding hostages captive, shooting RPGs from the Al-Quds Hospital, firing from the Sheikh Hamad Hospital and more.
- Israel and the IDF are operating carefully and precisely to counter these activities as credible intelligence has countlessly proved that Hamas continues to use the Shifa hospital for military purposes.



The IDF has taken significant measures to mitigate the impact on Gaza's residents by:

- Exposing Hamas' exploitation of Shifa Hospital, in a press conference on October 27th.
- Facilitating wide-scale evacuations of the hospital including maintaining safe passage from the hospitals eastern side.
- Maintaining ongoing collaboration with hospital authorities to provide aid and assistance.
- Notifying relevant health authorities in Gaza on November 13th that all military activities within the hospital must cease within 12 hours.

Operational Timeline

