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Netanyahu sets redlines with Burns on hostage deal ahead of Doha summit

• By TOVAH LAZAROFF

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set out Israel's redlines for a hostage and Gaza ceasefire deal ahead of a critical Doha summit on the matter Wednesday, which will be led by CIA Director William Burns.

"Any deal will allow Israel

to resume fighting until all of the objectives of the war have been achieved," the Prime Minister's Office stated.

Netanyahu in the past has explained that those goals are the elimination of Hamas and the return of the remaining 120 hostages, who were seized nine months ago during the Hamas-led inva-

sion of southern Israel on October 7.

His office reiterated that chief point and four others as mediating countries – Qatar and Egypt together with the United States – have appeared to break the month-long deadlock in the negotiations as talks resumed last weekend.

Netanyahu "is continuing to insist on the principles that have already been agreed to by Israel," the PMO said.

Burns is to meet with the Qatari prime minister and the Israeli and Egyptian intelligence chiefs on Wednesday in Doha, said a source familiar with the issue who asked not to be further identified.

An Israeli team is also expected to be in Egypt this week.

The PMO stressed that Israel would stand firm in those talks on the point that "There will be no smuggling of weapons to Hamas from Egypt to the Gaza border" as it laid out its second redline.

The third was "there will be no return of thousands of

armed terrorists to the northern Gaza Strip."

Fourthly, the PMO said, "Israel will maximize the number of living hostages who will be released from Hamas captivity."

Lastly, it referred to the three-phased hostage deal unveiled on May 31 by US President Joe Biden and reaf-

firmed its commitment to it, but provided its understanding of the deal.

"The plan that has been agreed to by Israel and which has been welcomed by President Biden will allow Israel to return hostages without infringing on the other

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THOUSANDS OF protesters call for a hostage deal during a demonstration in Jerusalem last night, one of several that were held nationwide. (Marc Israel Sellem/The Jerusalem Post)

Protesters mark 9 months of hostages held in Gaza

• By EVE YOUNG

Marking nine months since October 7, protesters gathered at dozens of locations around the country as part of a day of disruption, calling for the return of the hostages and an immediate hostage deal.

Media reports circulated this weekend of a Hamas counter-offer that Israeli officials say is close to an agreement Israel can accept, prompting increased pressure from protesters aimed at supporting the deal and encouraging Israeli leadership to accept it.

Participants blocked major highways, gathered outside the homes of members of

Knesset and the government, participated in marches, and drove in convoys that slowed traffic countrywide.

Many locations saw large protests with thousands of participants, and two main marches took place in the evening in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Hostage families and protesters gathered near the Kirya military headquarters, as well as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Aza Street residence.

Protesters also marched to the Histadrut labor federation headquarters, calling for a general strike to increase the pressure for a

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Hezbollah fires 40 rockets, reaching Tiberias area

Soldier killed, four wounded in North and South • IDF fights in Rafah, Shejaia

• By YONAH JEREMY BOB, SAM HALPERN, and Yael Halfon

Hezbollah fired over 40 rockets in multiple rounds at the Galilee in northern Israel on Sunday, reaching as far as the Tiberias region, an area which has been left mostly untouched so far.

Whereas Tiberias is in the southern Galilee, most of the Lebanese terror group's rockets to date have been fired on the northern Galilee.

In addition, Hezbollah fired multiple rounds of anti-tank missiles, with some of them wounding IDF soldiers and an American drone contractor – at least three people, not counting other ones wounded and killed in the South.

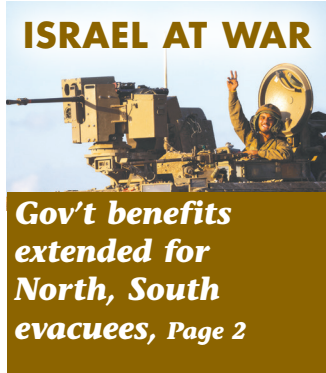
The first round was launched from the area of Ayta Ash Shab in southern Lebanon toward the area of Shtula in northern Israel.

Responding, the air force carried out a strike on the Hezbollah military structure from where an anti-tank missile was fired.

Later on Sunday afternoon,



MAJ. JALAA IBRAHEM (IDF)



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two more anti-tank missiles were identified crossing from Lebanon toward the area of Zar'it in northern Israel. As a result of the attack, an IDF

Ministers assail Gallant at security briefing

• By ELIAV BREUER

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant (Likud) on Sunday gave a security briefing to members of the cabinet, in which he reportedly implored them to approve measures proposed by the Defense Ministry to lengthen IDF mandatory service,

increase the number of days of reserve duty per year, and extend the cutoff age for reservists by five years.

A number of ministers criticized Gallant during the briefing for his insistence to pass a haredi

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soldier was lightly injured and was evacuated to a hospital to receive medical treatment.

The IDF also struck a military structure in the area of Maaroub and terrorist infrastructure in the area of Naqoura.

The military noted that it had successfully intercepted

some of the launches. It did not mention how many rockets got through Israel's air defense shield, but did note that there were no additional casualties.

Some of the Hezbollah attacks caused fires in the North requiring significant

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Left tops French parliamentary election, Le Pen's far Right in third place

• By JULIETTE JABKHIRO, LAYLI FOROUDI and ELIZABETH PINEAU

PARIS (Reuters) – France was on course for a hung parliament in Sunday's election, with a leftist alliance unexpectedly taking the top spot ahead of the far right, in a major upset that was set to bar Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN) from running the government.

The result would mark a huge setback for the far right, which opinion surveys ahead of the vote had projected would win comfortably, before the left and centrist alliances cooperated by pulling

scores of candidates from three-way races to build a unified anti-RN vote.

The RN was set to come third, according to pollsters' projections based on early results.

In his first reaction, its leader Jordan Bardella called the cooperation between anti-RN forces, known as the "republican front" a "disgraceful alliance" that he said would paralyze France.

The election will leave parliament divided in three big groups with hugely different platforms and no tradition at all of working together.

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MARINE LE PEN (Sarah Meyssonier/Reuters)

FRENCH JEWS APPREHENSIVE:

'National Rally, New Popular Front will not do, not for us'

• By MICHAEL STARR

French Jewish leaders issued a joint statement warning against votes for the far Right National Rally Party (NR) and the far Left New Popular Front coalition in the second round of parliamentary election on Sunday, after both blocs garnered more support than President Emmanuel Macron's centrist Ensemble coalition in

the first round last Sunday.

France Chief Rabbi Haim Korsia, Central Consistory president Elie Korchia, Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France (CRIF) president Yonathan Arfi, and United Jewish Social Fund (FSJU) president Ariel Goldmann said in a Friday statement that voters should

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'Khamenei will wait on nuke policy to see who wins US vote'

ANALYSIS

• By YONAH JEREMY BOB

Following the surprise win of reformist Masoud Pezeshkian in Iran's presidential election this weekend, *The Jerusalem Post* interviewed multiple experts about what the change means for Tehran, Israel, and the world.

Iran expert at INSS and at the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, Raz Zimmt, told the *Post* that anyone who says "the regime fully controls the results – this is not true.

"The Iranian regime completes its intervention at the stage of selecting which candidates get passed the Guardian Council. Once the Guardian Council has approved or disqualified candidates – which is its blatant intervention, then maybe the Basij [Iranian regime militia] can do propaganda, but their intervention is limited. It is a country of over 90 million people. They cannot influence more unless they forge the results themselves," he added.

He noted that in 2009, Iran is believed to have forged the election results to give a victory to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, but this was in a situation where the opposition was viewed as truly anti-regime.



A POSTER OF Iran's President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian is seen during a gathering of his supporters at the shrine of Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran on Saturday. (Majid Asgaripour/WANA via Reuters)

In contrast, Pezeshkian, even with a "reformist" label, is viewed as fundamentally loyal to the regime.

According to Zimmt, the biggest open question in this run-off election was voter turnout. Provided that voter turnout would be higher than in the first round – and it dropped from around 40% turnout to around 50% turnout – the chances of Pezeshkian winning grew significantly.

Zimmt explained that the broader population is always more moderate than the regime.

Clearly from Pezeshkian jumping from over 10 million votes to over 16 million votes

in the run-off, he won the majority of the new voters, he said.

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According to Zimmt, many of the voters for the other candidates who failed to make the run-off ended up voting for Pezeshkian even though those other candidates themselves endorsed hardliner Saeed Jalili.

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Israel's dilemma regarding Le Pen

COMMENT

• By EMMANUEL NAVON

The Jewish and Israeli dilemma vis-à-vis Europe's far Right is especially acute in the case of France, because France is the first major European power where a far-right party has become one of the largest in parliament, and because Marine Le Pen's party

has been at pain to shun its antisemitic history and to display pro-Israel credentials.

RN has consistently advocated Israel's right to defend itself following the October 7 attacks; it has criticized ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan's request to issue arrest warrants against Israel's prime minister and defense minister; and it has condemned French President Emmanuel Macron's decision to ban Israeli companies from the Eurosatory defense show.

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