

# **SOCIALIST SOCIETY** **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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## THIS WEEKS NEWS

### Israel escalates attacks - 20/10

The IDF escalated its bombings in both Gaza and Lebanon over the weekend. An attack in Northern Gaza's Beit Lahiya neighbourhood killed over 80 people on Saturday, with the death toll still rising. Civilians attempting to help a young injured man were filmed as they were targeted by an IDF drone strike, and another video released by the IDF themselves shows dozens of Palestinians rounded up and arrested. The siege of Northern Gaza, as of its 17th day on Monday the 21st, has seen at least 640 people killed.

Several warnings for bombardments in Southern Lebanon and Southern Beirut have forced many civilians to flee, and increased bombings continue to kill across the country. The Lebanese government is now considering deploying the Lebanese military to the South to defend civilians from the IDF ground invasion. Israeli tank fire continues to target UNIFIL peacekeepers, wounding at least 5 on Sunday.



(TW: disturbing footage)Â [Israel releases footage of its military rounding up Palestinians in Gaza | Gaza | Al Jazeera](#)

(TW: disturbing footage)Â [Crowd of Palestinians helping a shredded child come under attack in Gaza | Gaza | Al Jazeera](#)

(TW: disturbing footage)Â [Israeli massacre in north Gaza's Beit Lahiya | Gaza | Al Jazeera](#)

### Hurricane Oscar hits Cuba - 21/10

Following failures to the national electricity system in Cuba, which have left millions without power, hurricane Oscar hit the Eastern part of the country on Sunday evening following landfall in the Bahamas. The storm is not expected to rise past a category one hurricane, which should hopefully mean that the island suffers minimal damage.



[Hurricane Oscar makes landfall in Cuba amid crippling power outage | Energy News | Al Jazeera](#)

### **Attack in Turkey - 23/10**

An explosion and gunfire were reported at a state-run aerospace defence firm near Ankara on Wednesday. So far, the death toll from the attack is 5 and another 22 have been injured. State security forces report that the attackers have been neutralised but have not released much information past this. On Friday, the PKK took responsibility for this attack.

Following this attack, Turkish armed forces launched aerial attacks on Kurdish targets in Northern Iraq and SDF targets in Syria. The Defence Ministry claims to have hit 34 PKK targets and arrested 176 suspects so far.

[At least five killed in attack on aerospace firm near Turkey's Ankara | News | Al Jazeera](#)

### **Hashem Safieddine killed. Israel continues attacks - 24/10**

Hezbollah confirmed that Hashem Safieddine was killed on the 22nd in an IDF airstrike, a top official expected to be appointed as the group's new leader following the assassination of Hassan Nasrallah.

Other IDF attacks have targeted Southern Beirut and the city of Tyre. In Tyre, the city centre was targeted, however no casualties were reported. In Beirut, the air attacks caused several large explosions and have caused several casualties, as well as many other casualties reported in other air raids across Lebanon, especially the South, including three journalists who were killed at around 4am with no prior warning, an excuse the IDF has used previously to justify their attacks on journalists and all other civilians.



Israel's assault has also continued in Gaza with several attacks across the strip killing 17 in a Nuseirat school, 38 in Khan Younis, 14 of whom were children, and an ever increasing list of atrocity crimes in the North, still under siege by the IDF, making accurate reporting of these crimes incredibly difficult. As of the 25th, the Israeli military has begun sending troops into the besieged north, namely the Kamal Adwan hospital, which has been under siege for several weeks now, where IDF soldiers raided the hospital, forced patients and staff to evacuate the medical facility, and conducted mass arrests.

Israeli protesters broke through the border fence of Gaza on Friday, demanding the reestablishment of illegal settlements in Gaza, claiming they were 'returning to Gaza', following the Israeli withdrawal of its illegal occupation of the Gaza strip 19 years ago.

[Israeli strike on school-turned-shelter in Gaza's Nuseirat kills 17 | Gaza News | Al Jazeera](#)

[Three journalists killed in Israeli attack in southern Lebanon | Israel attacks Lebanon News | Al Jazeera](#)

[Patients, staff trapped in Gaza's Kamal Adwan Hospital amid Israeli siege | Israel-Palestine conflict News | Al Jazeera](#)

[Israelis break into north Gaza as military's deadly siege continues | Israel-Palestine conflict | Al Jazeera](#)

### **Tommy Robinson arrested - 25/10**

Tommy Robinson, a far-right public figure, has been arrested ahead of his planned rally tomorrow. This rally, like many of his other rallies, is expected to be a hate-fueled racist mob, protesting not for any valid cause but rather for the promotion of far-right policies and for inhumane treatment of immigrants. So far, he has been charged with an offence under the Terrorism Act and will likely be held in remand for the duration of this weekend, hopefully reducing the size and influence of the planned rally.



[Tommy Robinson remanded in custody ahead of court date - BBC News](#)

## LOCAL EVENTS

### **Black History Month - October**

In October, we are remembering and celebrating the impact that Black people have had on history and challenging the narrative of history that we usually see through a whitewashed, Western lens.Â

[Black History Month 2024](#)Â

### **March against the far right - 26/10**

Stand up to racism will be marching in London against Tommy Robinson and the far right, to let everyone in the country know that islamophobia, antisemitism, and racism are not welcome here. (Plans may change - see above!!)

<https://standuptoracism.org.uk/why-were-marching-on-26-october/>Â

### **National Demonstration for Palestine - 2/11**

End Genocide in Gaza - Hands Off Lebanon - Donâ€™t Attack Iran

At 12 noon on Saturday, the PSC and other groups have organised another national demonstration in solidarity with Palestine, Lebanon, and other victims of IDF brutality in Central London - location TBC

[National Demonstration for Palestine - 2 November 2024 - Palestine Solidarity Campaign](#)

### **Surrey Socialist Book Club - 3/11**

If you are interested in discussing socialist literature, come along to the Maybury Centre in Woking at 6pm on the third of November for a discussion of Oscar Wildeâ€™s â€˜The Soul of Man Under Socialismâ€™! We will be holding these on the first Sunday of every month.Â

## SOCIALIST SOCIETY

#### **Week 4 - 23/10**

The college is holding open days this week, so there will be no session

#### **Week 5 - 30/10 - Half term!**

No session this week :)

#### **Week 6 - 6/11**

This week we will be holding a general discussion on what we have covered so far this year as well as any other topics of interest to people

**Remember we hold a session every Wednesday lunchtime in Economics 4!**

## **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

#### **The Hundred Years War on Palestine - Rashid Khalidi**

Following the one year anniversary of Israel's most brutal phase of genocide yet seen against the Palestinians, it is important that we properly reflect on the historical conditions which have caused this massive scale of oppression, and it's historical precedent within Zionism.



Audiobook - [Rashid Khalidi - The Hundred Years' War on Palestine \[Audiobook\]](#)