

MASSIVE ARRESTS: CHAOS TURNS VIOLENT IN NEW YORK PROTESTS

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By Jordan Sekulow

Last night in New York City, protests turned violent as pro-Palestinian protesters clashed with the NYPD, leading to 150 arrests at NYU. And the antisemitic riots on college campuses continue to threaten the safety of Jewish students and faculty. Columbia University, where 100 rioters were arrested yesterday, is extending hybrid classes throughout the end of the semester to protect its students, and numerous arrests took place at Yale University.

ABC News reports on Monday nights chaos:

More than 150 people were arrested at New York University on Monday night, police said, as pro-Palestinian protests spread on college campuses throughout the country.

Students, faculty and others were arrested after school officials asked the New York Police Department for help clearing a plaza on NYUs Manhattan campus, police said. Many of those arrested were still being processed through the night and most if not all will be released, the department said. . . .

There is a pattern of behavior occurring on campuses across our nation, in which individuals attempt to occupy a space in defiance of school policy, Kaz Daughtry, the NYPD's deputy commissioner for operations, said in a social media post. Rest assured, in NYC the NYPD stands ready to address these prohibited and subsequently illegal actions whenever we are called upon.

Yesterday, we told you how Columbia sent its students home because the administration couldn't provide a safe environment for them. Now hybrid classes are in place for the rest of the school year. Will there be a graduation ceremony for the seniors?

Were having flashbacks to colleges during the early COVID-19 years when students were isolated and unable to interact with each other. I wonder if the COVID-19 isolation is connected to young people forgetting how to protest peacefully without attacking others and creating chaos.

This is the United States of America. We are a nation of laws. Why are school officials essentially giving up on trying to protect their students?

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When I was in college, my school shut down preemptively for five days when the administration believed a protest might get out of control. And thats the difference. School officials used to take precautionary measures to protect their students instead of waiting until violence spirals out of control putting students and faculty at risk.

And are we even talking about anonymous protests or anonymous chaos? When a mass number of people are arrested, its not just civil disobedience. These rioters came to commit violence, to injure others, and to bring attention to their issue but not in a positive way. Theyve gone far beyond peaceful protest protected by the Constitution.

Whats happening right now on college campuses speaks to the importance of the next election. Are we going to be a nation that allows violent pro-Hamas riots to break out regularly? Or are we going to be a nation that respects civil dissent without turning to violence?

Unfortunately, chaos isnt just occurring on college campuses the Middle East is also in turmoil. And weve got a huge bombshell to report from a FOIA request that we originally filed after Bidens Afghanistan withdrawal debacle.

We have a letter from a leading NGO network to the State Department from August 1, 2021, regarding Bidens forthcoming withdrawal from Afghanistan. The NGO network warned the State Department that if it did not change course, the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan would lead to a great power competition with China and Russia and interference by Iran to exert nefarious influence in the region and undermine U.S. strategic and security interests.

So basically, the letter became a fortuneteller, predicting everything that would unfold on the world stage during Bidens presidency. Russia has invaded Ukraine, Iran has been wreaking havoc in the Middle East and against Israel, and China continues to exert more control.

The ACLJ will continue to hold the Biden Administration accountable for its failures to protect America and our allies. We will keep you informed as we find other documents of interest from our FOIA.

Todays Sekulow broadcast included a full analysis of the violent protests on college campuses. ACLJ Senior Advisor for National Security and Foreign Policy Ric Grenell reacted to the lack of control by college administrations, and Five for Fightings John Ondrasik discussed performing in Israel during Irans recent attack.

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Dozens arrested at Yale and NYU as pro-Palestinian student protests spread

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Police arrested dozens of people at pro-Palestinian demonstrations at Yale University in Connecticut and New York University in Manhattan, as student protests over Israel's war in Gaza continue to roil US campuses.

On the Yale University campus in New Haven, Connecticut, authorities arrested at least 47 protesters on Monday evening, the university said in [a statement](#). Students who were arrested will be referred for disciplinary action.

The police crackdowns came after Columbia University canceled in-person classes on Monday in response to protesters setting up tent encampments at its New York City campus last week.

Several hundred people had been protesting on the Yale university campus, demanding the university divest from military weapons manufacturers. Yale said it had repeatedly asked students to leave, and warned them they could face law enforcement and disciplinary action if they didn't.

In New York, officers moved on an encampment at Gould Plaza near New York University shortly after nightfall. There, too, hundreds of demonstrators had defied university warnings that they faced consequences if they failed to vacate the plaza.

Video on social media showed police taking down tents in the protesters' encampment in a tense and at times chaotic scene. Some officers tossed tents, and others grappled with demonstrators.

Protesters tussled with officers and chanted, "We will not stop, we will not rest. Disclose. Divest."

A New York police spokesperson said arrests were made after the university asked police to enforce trespassing violations but the total number of arrests and citations would remain unknown until much later.

The [Washington Square News](#), the student newspaper, reported that the NYPD said over a loudspeaker announcement that students were being arrested for "disorderly conduct" and that protesters were unlawfully blocking traffic.

Dozens arrested at Yale and NYU as pro-Palestinian student protests spread

The law enforcement actions at Yale and NYU came after a tense few days on campuses across the US.

Columbia University president, Nemat Minouche Shafik, called in New York police last week to clear a tent encampment on its main lawn of students demanding the university divest from companies with ties to Israel.

More than 100 students [were arrested on Thursday](#) on charges of trespassing and the university and the affiliated Barnard College have suspended dozens of students involved in the protests.

On Monday, Columbia University announced it was canceling in-person classes on its New York City campus to try to “reset” the situation and “deescalate the rancor.”

A new encampment has now emerged and hundreds of faculty members have [held a mass walkout](#) to protest against the president’s handling of the situation.

Bassam Khawaja, an adjunct lecturer at Columbia law school and supervising attorney at the school’s human rights clinic, [told the Guardian](#) he was “shocked and appalled that the president went immediately to the New York police department”.

“This was by all accounts, a non-violent protest,” he said. “It was a group of students camping out on the lawn in the middle of campus. It’s not any different from everyday life on campus.”

After the crackdown at Columbia, students across the US launched their own protests in solidarity, many of them calling for their universities to back a ceasefire in Gaza and divest from companies with ties to Israel.

Students at Brown, Princeton and Northwestern held protests on Friday and over the weekend.

Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Emerson College, both in the Boston area, have started their own protest encampments.

Other institutions that saw protest actions included Boston University, the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Body

Hundreds of bodies have been found buried in a series of mass graves in Gaza's Khan Younis, reports suggest.

At least 73 bodies were discovered today at three newly located mass graves inside the courtyard of the city's Nasser hospital, Al Jazeera reported, with missing women and children among those exhumed.

It comes after Palestinian civil defence crews yesterday allegedly uncovered a mass grave containing 180 bodies inside the hospital complex, among whom were women and children who have reportedly been missing since Israel first stormed the area two months ago.

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation called for a war crimes probe following the graves' discovery, accusing Israel of committing "horrific massacres". "Hundreds of displaced, wounded, sick people and medical teams have been subjected to torture and abuse before being executed and buried collectively," it said.

The hospital was the scene of intense fighting around mid-February, before Israeli troops withdrew from the region earlier this month.

Follow the latest updates below.

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That's all for today

Thank you for tuning in to today's live blog.

We'll be back tomorrow to bring you all the latest from the Israel-Hamas war.

Key moments from today:

Dozens of protesters have been arrested on the third day of pro-Palestinian demonstrations on the grounds of Yale University, the student paper reported. Israel "has yet to provide supporting evidence" of its claims that employees of the UN relief agency (Unrwa) are members of Hamas,

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an independent review has found. The head of Israeli military intelligence has resigned after taking responsibility for failures surrounding the October 7 attack by Hamas. Yair Lapid, Israel's opposition leader, has called on Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister, to resign over failures that led to the October 7 massacre. Israel abandoned plans for an extensive retaliation against Iran last week amid diplomatic pressure from allies after Tehran's assault was thwarted, three senior Israeli officials reported. Israeli strikes on Rafah over the past day have killed at least 24 people, Al Jazeera reported, with children and a pregnant mother among those dead. At least three people were injured during a car ramming in Jerusalem this morning in a suspected terrorist attack. Israeli forces have arrested a man accused of murdering a teenage Israeli settler in the West Bank earlier this month. At least five rockets were fired from Iraq towards a US military base in Syria on Sunday, security sources reported.

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Pictured: Jerusalem police on high alert on Passover

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US universities descend into chaos amid pro-Palestinian protests

Dozens of protesters have been arrested on the third day of pro-Palestinian demonstrations on the grounds of Yale University, the student paper reported.

According to the report, the protesters set up a tent encampment overnight and demanded the university divest from weapons manufacturers over Israel's war in Gaza.

Similar protests have erupted at Columbia University, with students forced to attend classes virtually today as school officials attempted to deescalate tensions after pro-Palestinian demonstrations last week led to a wave of arrests.

Nemat Minouche Shafik, the Columbia President, released a statement announcing the cancelation of in-person classes and denouncing the antisemitic language and intimidating and harassing behavior that has occurred recently on the New York campus.

"These tensions have been exploited and amplified by individuals who are not affiliated with Columbia who have come to campus to pursue their own agendas," Ms Shafik said. "We need a reset."

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Spain calls for permanent ceasefire in Gaza

Spain's foreign minister has called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and warned against potential repercussions if Israel invades Rafah.

Speaking ahead of an EU foreign ministers summit, Jose Manuel Alvarez urged the international community to assert pressure on Israel to bring about an urgent ceasefire, adding that the recognition of a Palestinian state was necessary to bring an end to violence in the Middle East.

"The possibility of the conflict spreading to Lebanon worries us, because its dimensions will change, and because Lebanon is a fragile and tense state," he warned.

Pedro Sanchez, Spain's prime minister, has visited several countries in recent weeks as part of a diplomatic campaign to accelerate plans to recognise Palestinian statehood in the coming months.

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Israel yet to provide evidence of Unrwa staff terrorist links, finds independent report

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Israel “has yet to provide supporting evidence” of its claims that employees of the UN relief agency (Unrwa) are members of Hamas, an independent review has found.

The Colonna report, which was commissioned by the UN in the wake of Israeli allegations, found that Unrwa had regularly provided Israel with lists of its employees for vetting but that “the Israeli government has not informed Unrwa of any concerns relating to any Unrwa staff based on these staff lists since 2011”, the Guardian reported.

Israeli accusations of Unrwa staff involvement in Hamas’ October 7 attack led many donors, including the US, to cut their funding to the agency-the main provider of humanitarian aid across the region-despite the dire need of 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, who have been subjected to a manmade famine.

The Colonna review, which was drafted with the help of three Nordic research institutes and is due to be published later today, points out that Israel has yet to corroborate any of its broader claims about the involvement of Unrwa staff in Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

“Israel made public claims that a significant number of Unrwa employees are members of terrorist organisations,” the report read. “However, Israel has yet to provide supporting evidence of this.”

In response, Antonio Guterres, the UN secretary-general, publicly accepted the findings of the review and urged allies to renew their support for the aid group. “Moving forward, the secretary-general appeals to all stakeholders to actively support UNRWA as it is a lifeline for Palestine refugees in the region,” he said in a statement.

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Pictured: Israelis mourn death of IDF soldier

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Israel’s military intelligence chief resigns

The head of Israeli military intelligence has resigned after taking responsibility for failures surrounding the October 7 attack by Hamas. Maj Gen Aharon Haliva is the first senior figure to step down over the unprecedented attack, in which Hamas militants overwhelmed Israel’s defences to kill around 1,200 people and take roughly 250 hostages-the event that sparked Israel’s six-month-long war in Gaza.

In his resignation letter, Mr Haliva, who has served in the forces for 38 years, accepted the blame for the attack, which he described as a “black day” that will live with him “forever”.

“The intelligence division under my command did not live up to the task we were entrusted with,” he said. “I carry that black day with me ever since. Day after day, night after night. I will forever carry with me the terrible pain of the war.”

A military statement addressing his departure said: “Major General Aharon Haliva, in coordination with the chief of the general staff, has requested to end his position, following his leadership responsibility as the head of the intelligence directorate for the events of October 7.

“It was decided that MG Aharon Haliva will end his position and retire from the IDF, once his successor is appointed in an orderly and professional process.” Mr Haliva is currently engaged in the army’s internal probe into errors in the lead-up to the massacre, with findings expected to be published by early June.

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Rafah invasion would destroy ‘what little remains’ of Gaza’s healthcare

An Israeli invasion of Rafah would eliminate ‘what little remains’ of Gaza’s healthcare, the Strip’s health ministry reported.

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The ministry added that a ground offensive from Israel risked “depriving the population of any health services” and would expose “hundreds of residents to the risk of death”.

International pressure has mounted on Israel to refrain from an offensive in Gaza’s southernmost city in recent days amid concerns over an imminent humanitarian catastrophe in the enclave.

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EU urges Israel not to attack Rafah ‘in every possible manner’

Josep Borrell, the EU’s foreign policy chief, has urged Israel not to attack Rafah.

Speaking in a meeting of the EU’s foreign affairs council, Mr Borrell said the bloc is “asking Israel in every possible manner that they should not attack Rafah, they should protect the civilians”. He added that there are more than one million people in Rafah who “will be massacred if there is an attack from Israel”.

“So I can only insist – and all the member states insist – on this not happening. But I am not in the command of the Israeli army,” he said.

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Pictured: Israel strikes Gaza refugee camp

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Watch: Car ramming attack

22 Apr 2024-11:47AM GMT

Rafah invasion risks ‘massacre’, says Jordan

Jordan’s foreign minister has urged world leaders to hold back Israel from launching a ground assault on Rafah.

“All must weigh down on Israel to prevent it from attacking Rafah,” Ayman Safad wrote on Twitter. “Such an attack would be another massacre.”

Mr Safad added: “Radicals in [the] Israeli government [are] pushing an explosion in West Bank.”

His warning came after at least 18 children were yesterday killed in Israeli air strikes on Gaza’s southernmost city, where about 1.5 million Palestinians are currently sheltering amid threats of an imminent Israeli invasion.

22 Apr 2024-11:31AM GMT

Opposition figures call on Netanyahu to resign

Yair Lapid, Israel’s opposition leader, has called on Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister, to resign over failures that led to the October 7 massacre.

Mr Lapid’s comments came after Maj Gen Aharon Haliva, Israel’s military intelligence chief, resigned earlier today over errors that enabled Hamas’ attack, in which around 1,200 people were killed and hundreds taken hostage.

In departing, Mr Haliva became the first of Israel’s military top brass to be ousted over the attack, which triggered the outbreak of Israel’s war in Gaza.

Praising Haliva for his “justified and respected” decision to resign from his position once a replacement is appointed, Mr Lapid wrote on Twitter that “Prime Minister Netanyahu should have done the same”. “Along with authority comes heavy responsibility,” he said.

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He joined Vladimir Beliak, another Israeli politician, who earlier today said Mr Netanyahu “must resign immediately”.

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Israel scaled back Iran attack to avoid full-scale war, say officials

Israel abandoned plans for an extensive retaliation against Iran last week amid diplomatic pressure from allies after Tehran’s assault was thwarted, three senior Israeli officials reported.

Israel initially proposed bombing several military targets across Iran, including near Tehran, but decided against such a broad and damaging attack as it risked triggering a forceful Iranian counterstrike that could have plunged the Middle East into a major regional conflict, the officials, who were not named, told the New York Times.

Following interventions from President Joe Biden as well as British and German foreign ministers, Israel opted against sending fighter jets into Iranian airspace to avoid further escalation.

Instead, it fired a small number of missiles from aircraft positioned several hundred miles west of Iran, the officials said, as well as a fleet of small attack drones, called quadcopters, to confuse Iranian air defences.

One missile hit an anti-aircraft battery in a strategically significant part of central Iran, while another blew up in midair, with one official reporting the Israeli air force intentionally destroyed the latter to avoid causing too much damage.

Israel’s aim was to avoid further escalation while signaling that it had the ability to strike Iran without entering its airspace or setting off its air defence batteries, the officials said. The location of the strike, close to several major nuclear facilities, was also significant, indicating Israel could hit the nuclear plants if it wished too.

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Iraqi militant group denies involvement in US military base strike

Kataib Hezbollah, an Iraqi militant group, has denied issuing a statement saying it had resumed attacks on US forces amid allegations about a strike targeting a US military base in Syria.

The denial came hours after a post circulated on Telegram groups thought to be affiliated with the Iran-backed armed faction declaring a resumption in attacks some three months after they were suspended.

Kataib Hezbollah described the claim as “fabricated news”.

See post at 8.09am for further details.

22 Apr 2024-10:24AM GMT

Ireland accuses Israel of war crime in Gaza

Ireland’s foreign minister has condemned Israel’s actions in Gaza as “disproportionate” and said that Palestinians in the enclave have been “collectively punished”, an action prohibited under international humanitarian law.

“We believe that the response has been fully disproportionate and has also been, in our view, a breach of humanitarian law in terms of the destruction of Gaza and also in terms of the killing of civilians, innocent men, women and children,” Michael Martin said, ahead of an EU foreign ministers council meeting. “The population of Gaza has been collectively punished because of the activities of Hamas, that’s not acceptable.”

The minister said that Ireland and Spain will be calling for a review of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, an agreement based on trade relations with Israel.

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He also said the ministers would discuss a proposed Gaza peace plan, the recognition of a Palestinian state, and humanitarian aid concerns.

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Pictured: Aftermath of Israeli strikes on Gaza

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Iran says nuclear weapons have no place in its nuclear doctrine

Nuclear weapons have no place in Iran's nuclear doctrine, the country's foreign ministry has said, days after a Revolutionary Guards commander warned that Tehran might change its nuclear policy if pressured by Israeli threats.

"Iran has repeatedly said its nuclear programme only serves peaceful purposes. Nuclear weapons have no place in our nuclear doctrine," Nasser Kanaani, a ministry spokesman, said during a press conference in Tehran.

As tensions between Iran and Israel reached boiling point, Ahmad Haghtalab, Iran's nuclear security chief, said last week that Israeli threats could push Tehran to "review its nuclear doctrine and deviate from its previous considerations."

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, nominally banned the development of nuclear weapons in a fatwa in the early 2000s.

Tehran has always insisted its nuclear programme is strictly for peaceful purposes, a claim Israel and much of the Western world dismiss.

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Outgoing Israeli security chief shoulders blame for October 7 'black day'

Maj Gen Aharon Haliva, Israel's military intelligence chief, has become the first senior official to step down over failures surrounding the October 7 attack.

In his resignation letter, Mr Haliva, who has served in the forces for 38 years, accepted the blame for the attack, which he described as a "black day" that will live with him "forever".

"The intelligence division under my command did not live up to the task we were entrusted with," he said. "I carry that black day with me ever since. Day after day, night after night. I will forever carry with me the terrible pain of the war."

In his letter, Maj Gen Haliva also called for a "thorough investigation into factors and circumstances" that led to the attack.

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Pregnant mother among 24 killed in Rafah over past day, reports suggest

Israeli strikes on Rafah over the past day have killed at least 24 people, Al Jazeera reported, with children and a pregnant mother among those dead.

The first of two Israeli strikes on Gaza's southernmost city killed a man, his pregnant wife and their three-year-old child, the Kuwaiti Hospital, which received their bodies, reported. Doctors were able to save the baby, the hospital said.

A second strike killed 17 children and two women from an extended family, local officials reported.

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"These children were sleeping. What did they do? What was their fault?" asked one relative, Umm Kareem. Mohammed al-Beheiri said that his daughter, Rasha, and her six children, the youngest 18 months old, were among those killed. A woman and three children were still under the rubble.

The strikes come as Israel continues its near daily bombardment of Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's 2.3 million population have sought refuge.

Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has vowed to forge ahead with plans for an invasion of the city, despite the US and numerous humanitarian organisations warning that doing so risks a bloodbath.

"In the coming days, we will increase the political and military pressure on Hamas because this is the only way to bring back our hostages and achieve victory," Mr Netanyahu said.

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Pictured: Police arrest Jerusalem terror attack suspect

22 Apr 2024-08:33AM GMT

Jerusalem car ramming 'terror attack' injures three

At least three people were injured during a car ramming in Jerusalem this morning in a suspected terrorist attack.

Surveillance camera footage of the incident shows a white sedan accelerating into a group of men on a pavement and catapulting them into the air.

After crashing into a parked car, one of the suspected terrorists got out of the vehicle with a makeshift "Carlo" submachine gun and tried to open fire, police said.

Police reported that the firearm jammed, and the suspect then dumped the weapon as he and an accomplice attempted to escape on foot.

The attack took place in the Romema neighbourhood in north Jerusalem at around 8am this morning, police reported.

A large number of officers were dispatched to locate the attackers near the scene of the crime, with footage of the incident posted on social media showing five officers armed with rifles.

Police reported that two people were arrested after being found hiding in a closed store in the area.

The three victims of the attack, Menachem Mendel Fisch, 20, Yosef Yitzhak Hershenboim, 18, and a 15-year-old boy, are all being treated in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center hospital for minor injuries and are expected to be discharged later today.

22 Apr 2024-07:47AM GMT

Fresh EU sanctions should target IRGC and West Bank settlers, says Belgium

New European Union sanctions against Iran in response to the country's recent attack on Israel should include the Revolutionary Guards, Hadja Lahbib, Belgium's foreign minister, has said.

Speaking to journalists ahead of an EU ministers' meeting in Luxembourg, Ms Lahbib said that so far there was no consensus on what legal basis the Guards could be added to bloc-wide list of entities seen as terrorist organisations.

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"We will discuss it together", she said, adding: "I also think we have to expand sanctions against violent settlers [in the Palestinian West Bank]. We have to be balanced and make sure we won't be accused of having double standards."

22 Apr 2024-07:31AM GMT

Update: Car ramming attackers arrested

The two attackers who rammed pedestrians before attempting to open fire with a makeshift gun in Jerusalem this morning have been arrested, police said.

The pair were reportedly found hiding in a closed store in the area after armed special forces units were deployed to track them down.

The three victims of the attack, Menachem Mendel Fisch, 20, Yosef Yitzhak Hershenboim, 18, and a 15-year-old boy, are all being treated in hospital for minor injuries and are expected to be discharged later today.

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Israel arrests Palestinian accused of killing West Bank teenager

Israeli forces have arrested a man accused of murdering a teenage Israeli settler in the West Bank earlier this month.

Ahmed Dawabsheh, 21, was detained last night in the West Bank town of Duma in connection with the killing of Benjamin Achimer, whose death sparked a wave of protests.

The 14-year-old shepherd went missing on April 12. After his body was found a day later, Israeli settlers stormed the West Bank village of al-Mughayyir, killing one Palestinian and wounding at least 25 others. Further violent protests erupted in the subsequent days, with homes and vehicles destroyed.

A statement from Israeli police said that Mr Dawabsheh "implicated himself" in the attack, adding that there had been significant developments in the investigation over the past day, which led to the suspect's arrest.

22 Apr 2024-07:09AM GMT

Five rockets fired from Iraq towards US military base, say security sources

At least five rockets were fired from Iraq towards a US military base in Syria on Sunday, security sources reported.

A US official, who was not named, told Reuters that a "failed rocket attack" involving five missiles was launched at a coalition base in Rumalyn, Syria, but no US troops were injured.

Following the attack, a US aircraft struck the launcher, with Iraqi security sources confirming a truck with a rocket launcher fixed to the back was destroyed in the Zunmar border region.

Iraqi security services have launched an investigation into the missile strikes and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice.

In a statement released to AFP, the security forces blamed "outlaw elements of having targeted a base of the international coalition with rockets in the heart of Syrian territory" at about 9.50pm (6.50pm GMT).

The attempted strike is the first against US forces in the region since early February and comes after Kataib Hezbollah, the Iraqi militant group, said it had decided to resume attacks after seeing little progress on talks to end the US-led military coalition in the country.

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Israeli police statement on Jerusalem terror attack

Ramming Attack-This morning around 08:00, a report was received regarding a ramming terror attack in which three pedestrians were run over by a vehicle on Mordechai Tekhelet Street in Jerusalem. As a result, the three pedestrians were lightly injured pic.twitter.com/weoY7QczMn

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Armed Israeli police pursue car ramming attackers

22 Apr 2024-06:44AM GMT

Teenager among Jerusalem terror attack victims

Two of the victims of a car ramming in Jerusalem's Romema neighbourhood are being treated in hospital.

The two men, aged 21 and 15, suffered minor injuries, the Times of Israel reported.

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Horror as female Jewish Yale student claims she was stabbed in the EYE with a Palestinian flag on campus during protest - as the alleged victim speaks out

Horror as female Jewish Yale student claims she was stabbed in the EYE with a Palestinian flag on campus during protest - as the alleged victim speaks out

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Body

- Sahar Tartak claimed she was assaulted during a pro-Palestine demonstration
- She said students formed a 'blockade' to stop her from confronting her attacker
- Read more: Columbia University rabbi warns Jewish students to remain at home

A Jewish Yale student claimed she was jabbed in the eye with a flagpole as she attended a pro-Palestine demonstration on campus.

Sahar Tartak, a sophomore and editor-in-chief of the Yale Free Press, blasted her alleged attacker in a series of posts to X, formerly Twitter, after attending the protest Saturday night.

'Tonight at Yale, I was assaulted by a student today at an anti-Israel protest. He stabbed me in the eye with a Palestinian flag,' wrote Tartak, whose profile describes her as a 'proud Jew.'

'Now I'm in the hospital. This is what happens when visibly Jewish students try to attend and document these rallies.'

Accompanying the accusation was a photo of the alleged assailant, whose face was partially obscured by a keffiyeh.

Tartak claimed she was singled out for wearing Hasidic attire associated with an ultra-Orthodox sect of Judaism.

The sophomore told the New York Post that she 'tried to report the assault to campus police, but they told her there was nothing they could do.' She was discharged from the hospital without reporting the incident to police.

A string of social media posts documented Tartak's confrontations with pro-Palestine protesters. She included several videos of fellow students linking their arms and walking in a circle around her, chanting.

Horror as female Jewish Yale student claims she was stabbed in the EYE with a Palestinian flag on campus during protest - as the alleged victim speaks out

Tartak described them as a 'human blockade' and accused them of pinning her against a wall.

'One of many videos of a human blockade that did not let me move around at last night's violent protest,' she captioned one clip.

'This is me standing in between protestors and the wall. organizers told protestors to get closer to the wall. "Come closer," they beckoned, waving the mob in my direction.'

In the video, another student urges the protesters to move in, telling Tartak they are trying to create a path for her to leave.

However, she accuses the organizers of directing the other students to 'knock into (her).'

Tartak further asserted that the protesters blockaded her to keep her from 'running after my assaulter.'

'Instead of helping me find him swiftly, one organizer told me: "I want you to think about what do you really want to get out of this," she wrote.

In another video, the sophomore filmed her confrontation with said organizer.

'I'd like to remove the person from the rally who hit me in the eye with the flag,' she says frantically while recording the other student, who wears a red keffiyeh around her neck.

'All of us want this rally to be peaceful, and we don't want anyone to be injured,' the student responds. 'I just need to ask you a few more questions.'

Tartak then accuses the woman of 'stalling,' claiming she feels 'uncomfortable.'

Yale students have been setting up tents in Beinecke Plaza since Friday. The demonstrations came as a direct response to attempts to remove a similar campsite at Columbia University.

So far, no arrests have been made, unlike at Columbia, where a police spokesperson confirmed that more than 100 protesters had been taken into custody.

Most of those arrested were charged with resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration.

The Yale student body has been protesting for months to pressure the university into divesting its endowment from weapons manufacturers amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.

These efforts have only ramped up over the past few weeks amid the war in Gaza that has seen more than 30,000 Palestinian civilians killed.

Speaking to the Jerusalem Post, Tartak said she urged police to disband the encampment, but was told they needed authorization to do so.

'These students are violating every policy in the books; they should have been disbanded immediately,' the sophomore told the publication.

'These students have taken over campus, and it's an intimidation tactic.'

On Sunday, White House Deputy Press Secretary Andrew Bates issued a statement.

'While every American has the right to peaceful protest, calls for violence and physical intimidation targeting Jewish students and the Jewish community are blatantly Antisemitic, unconscionable, and dangerous - they have absolutely no place on any college campus, or anywhere in the United States of America,' he said.

Horror as female Jewish Yale student claims she was stabbed in the EYE with a Palestinian flag on campus during protest - as the alleged victim speaks out

'And echoing the rhetoric of terrorist organizations, especially in the wake of the worst massacre committed against the Jewish people since the Holocaust, is despicable. We condemn these statements in the strongest terms.'

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