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IRAN'S SUPREME Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issues threats against the US and Israel during a meeting in Tehran yesterday. (WANA/Handout via Reuters)

'It's time to look for new leadership in Iran' – Trump

Khamenei blames US president for protests that have killed thousands • Ayatollah might keep Internet blackout

• By CORINNE BAUM and Reuters

US President Donald Trump called for new leadership in the Islamic Republic during an interview with *Politico* that was released on Saturday.

"It's time to look for new leadership in Iran," Trump said.

The statements were made as Iran entered its third week of anti-regime protests triggered by economic instability within the republic.

Trump has threatened

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military intervention in the country after Iranian officials began violently cracking down on protesters.

On Saturday, Iran's

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Trump a criminal and blamed him for the protests in Iran that rights groups said have led to more than 3,000 deaths.

"[Trump is] guilty for the casualties, damages, and slander he inflicted on the Iranian nation," Khamenei said. "Western media figures interfered in past seditions, but this time the US president himself encouraged the inciters."

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NETANYAHU'S OFFICE VS WHITE HOUSE:

'We didn't agree to Trump's Board of Peace members'

Erdogan among leaders invited to sit on Gaza board

• Jerusalem Post Staff

The makeup of the Gaza Board of Peace (BoP) contradicts Israeli policy and was not brought up with Israeli authorities, the Prime Minister's Office said in a Saturday statement.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar to take the matter up with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the statement added.

Trump announced the members of the governing body of Gaza on Friday. Notably, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was invited to sit on the board, which Israel deems a red line.

Israel had already asked the Trump administration to exclude Erdogan from the BoP.

The issue was raised during talks held in recent weeks between senior Israeli officials and senior Trump administration officials, which focused on the continued implementation of the Trump plan for Gaza.

Israel had already vetoed



MARCO RUBIO
(Kevin Mohatt/Reuters)



TAYYIP ERDOGAN
(Murad Sezer/Reuters)

the presence of Turkish troops in Gaza as part of the International Stabilization Force that is to be deployed in the next phase of the Trump plan.

'Stabilization Force' head named for Gaza, Page 2

The White House announced on Friday that Rubio, US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, Jared Kushner, and Tony Blair will be among the founding members of the BoP, which will be responsi-

ble for rebuilding the enclave and ensuring the disarmament of Hamas.

Leaders from more than 60 countries have been invited to serve on the Peace Council, Western diplomats told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"It appears that Trump is building an organization here that will deal not only with Gaza, perhaps 'a kind of Mini-UN,'" the diplomats said.

Four sources said on Saturday that the leaders of France, Germany, Australia and Canada were among those invited to sit on the Board of Peace.

The offices of the Egyptian and Turkish presidents con-

firmed they had been invited. An EU official said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had been invited to represent the European Union.

Two diplomatic sources said the invitation letter included a "charter."

"It's a 'Trump United Nations' that ignores the fundamentals of the UN charter," said one diplomat aware of the letter, adding that it called the board a "bold new approach to resolving Global Conflict."

The BoP will include private equity executive and billionaire Marc Rowan, World Bank President Ajay Banga, and Robert Gabriel, a Trump adviser, the White House said, adding that Nikolay Mladenov, a former UN Middle East envoy, will be the high representative for Gaza.

Argentine President Javier Milei accepted Trump's invitation to join the board, while reports indicate that Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and Egyptian

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Making sense of the Board of Peace

ANALYSIS

• By SETH J. FRANTZMAN

The White House has listed appointments to the Board of Peace (BoP) on Friday as the Gaza peace deal is set to progress to its next phase.

This international transitional body for Gaza is not the only entity involved in the new phase of the plan. The National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG) has also been announced. This is the Palestinian technocratic committee, which will play a key role in governing Gaza.

In addition to BoP, other entities and advisers will be involved in executing US President Donald Trump's vision for Gaza. BoP's executive board is one of these key parts. There is also the Office of the High Representative for Gaza and a Gaza executive board, as

well as senior advisors joining BoP.

The parties and their duties

First, there is BoP. Trump mentioned this board as far back as September 2025, when the peace deal was coming into view. Following the deal's commencement on October 13, the UN also adopted a resolution endorsing the US-backed Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict. This is Trump's 20-point road map for lasting peace, stability, reconstruction, and prosperity in the region.

Trump chairs BoP, while Nickolay Mladenov was chosen as a kind of director-general.

"Mladenov, an executive board member, will serve as the high representative for

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Lapid slams 'diplomatic failure for Israel'

• By TOBIAS HOLCMAN

Israeli politicians from across the political spectrum slammed the announcement of the members of US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace (BoP) in various statements on Saturday.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid (Yesh Atid) called the announcement on the Gaza Board of Peace a "diplomatic failure for Israel."

Lapid said that, for the last year, he has been warning the government that "if you don't advance the Egyptian solution with the US and the world, you'll end up with Turkey and Qatar in Gaza."

"Last night the composition of the 'Board of Peace' was published – Turkey is in, Qatar is in, and accord-

ing to the IDF, Hamas still has 30,000 armed men in Gaza," he posted on X.

"This is a complete diplomatic failure of the Netanyahu government after the endless heroism and sacrifice of the soldiers and commanders of the IDF," he added.

Gadi Eisenkot, a former MK from Blue and White, blamed the political echelon's lack of decision-making for the board of peace's membership.

"We built and warned that the absence of Israeli initiative and decision-making on 'the day after' in Gaza would lead to a loss of control, and today reality is exploding in our faces: Netanyahu has lost the reins, other countries

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'DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND'

Posters bearing the image of hostage St.-Sgt.-Maj. Ran Gvili are displayed on chairs at Hostage Square in Tel Aviv on Friday. (Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90)

IDF battlefield innovation: Drone delivery of blood for wounded soldiers

• By YONAH JEREMY BOB

The IDF Medical Corps has been engaged in a full-fledged revolution to help save the lives of wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

Maj. "S," IDF Medical Corps' head of research and development, spoke about the latest cutting-edge developments in these fields in a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

A number of factors can impact whether a soldier wounded in Gaza or Leba-

non survives long enough to receive life-saving medical care at a hospital inside Israel.

The first factor is simply time.

S said operations research led to tactics that helped bring the time for Gaza evacuations during the latest two-year war from the field until a hospital down to a stunning average of 60 minutes. This is definitely within "the golden window within which to save many wounded soldiers," he said.

Lebanon, at an average of 107 minutes from the field to an Israeli hospital, was longer due to the farther distance, but the speed of the evacuations still saved lives, he said. Paramedics were placed near

the front lines with combat fighters, so they could reach wounded fighters within two to three minutes to provide initial medical care, start the evacuation process, and often provide the soldier with whole blood.

From 2013-2023, the IDF has invested vast resources to save lives, including determining through research that excessive bleeding was the most common cause of death, S said.

After this finding, the Medical Corps invested in ways to stop bleeding and how to bring whole blood to the field, S said.

"Many countries have observed Israel's use of whole



A DRONE developed by the IDF to deliver whole blood to the battlefield. (IDF)

blood in the field, since it is the first to make such use in such high quantities," he added.

In 2014, the division S now manages helped work with the Defense Ministry's Directorate

of Defense, Research & Development (DDR&D, or MAFAT) and the private sector to develop and distribute a Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT), which can be quickly self-applied to stem one's own bleeding or the bleeding of a wounded comrade.

Unlike older tourniquet versions, which required multiple elements and careful application, this one-piece CAT is essentially like a belt that has a clear and easy, almost automatic, way to wrap it around the wound without any significant training.

S's unit helped develop this CAT, which internally has a small mechanized engine. They had realized that most

officers at most bases were not sufficiently trained to utilize certain medical devices and techniques on their own until trained medical professionals arrived. To address this, the IDF decided to lower the bar and make equipment that was far more user friendly.

Another major achievement was the wide distribution of whole blood in the field to wounded soldiers before they could be taken to hospitals.

At first, only the special rescue crews of Unit 669 had deployed in the field with whole blood, S said, but eventually, it was also supplied to regular field teams.

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