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## Israel's Operation Swords of Iron Update May 3, 2024

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### Analysis

- On May 2, President Biden delivered [remarks](#) that indicated the widespread protests on university campuses have not caused him to change his Middle East policies and that while peaceful protests are acceptable, “there should be no place on any campus, no place in America for antisemitism or threats of violence against Jewish students.”
- During a JINSA [webinar](#) on May 2, JINSA's Julian & Jenny Josephson Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs IDF MG (ret.) Yaacov Ayish noted that moving the population out of the Rafah combat zone “will happen, and once it will, we will see the IDF using the same tools that we used in the northern part of the Gaza Strip such as leaflets, phone calls, text messages, and many other capabilities ... to [tell people] where they should go ... and all the instructions that they should be given from the humanitarian aspect.”
  - » Addressing the threat on the northern front, Ayish argued that “the key factor here is Hezbollah ... due to the fact that Hezbollah is something that was built, equipped, trained ... by Iran, and still is. And the supreme leader in Iran is deciding on the activity of that organization ... definitely, it ... deters Israelis from living in their villages from along the border. And that's why I'm afraid we'll have to address it in a severe way ... You can't win a war via attrition.”

### Last 48 Hours

#### *Attacks Against Israel*

- At least 15,000 rockets, mortars, drones, and other projectiles have been fired at Israel from all fronts combined during the war, according to JINSA data.
- *The Times of Israel* [reported](#) on May 2 that “the IDF Home Front Command will issue [via its mobile app] guidelines to Israelis in Sweden's Malmö in the event of an emergency there, amid the Eurovision Song Contest,” a move that the outlet noted is rare because the app is

usually used to send warnings about rocket attacks and emergencies like earthquakes. The IDF noted that “this is a unique move adapted for the Eurovision event only and within the defined schedules.”

- » Israel’s National Security Council “issued an updated travel warning for Malmö, citing ‘a well-founded fear’ that terrorists could target Israelis attending the Eurovision,” the outlet reported.

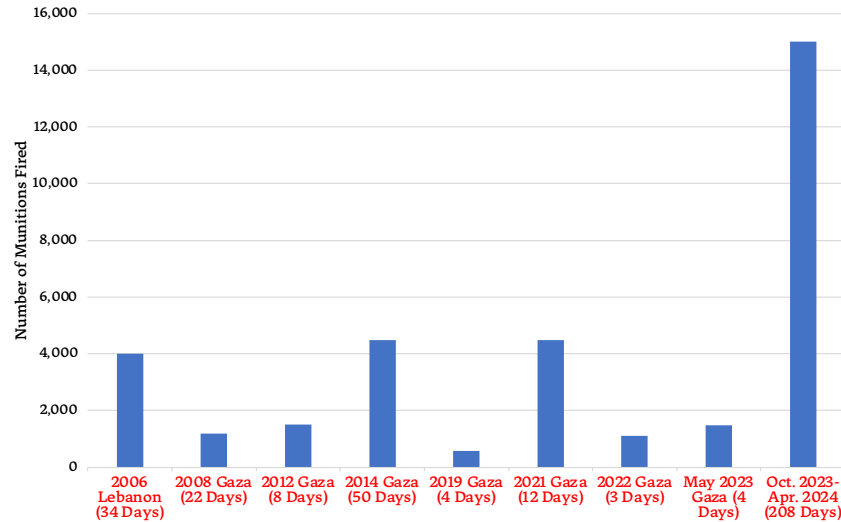
## Lebanon

- Sirens [sounded](#) in Yanuh-Jat, Klil, Kafr Yasif, Yarka, Abu Snan, and Julis.
- On May 3, a drone [launched](#) into Israel from Lebanon triggered sirens in several towns in the Upper Galilee region. Israel’s air defenses shot down the projectile, and falling shrapnel damaged a building in Julis and mildly [wounded](#) a 43-year-old woman near Yarka.
- On May 2, terrorists in Lebanon [fired](#) four rockets toward the Mount Dov area. The IDF said that the Iron Dome shot down three of them.
- On May 2, Israel’s *Maariv* outlet [reported](#), citing Arab sources, that Hezbollah has recently unveiled a number of sophisticated munitions and air defense systems.
  - » These reportedly include drones capable of traveling up to roughly 90 miles and which are able to carry up to approximately 110 pounds of explosives.
  - » The report alleges that Hezbollah’s enhanced air defenses are the most significant development in the terror group’s arsenal. According to the report, Hezbollah currently possesses both the SA-8 and SA-17 air defense systems, which have ranges up to 5 miles and 12 miles, respectively.
- On May 1, Israel’s *Maariv* outlet [reported](#) that a French-negotiated proposal for a diplomatic solution to Hezbollah’s ongoing attacks against Israel is currently under consideration by the Israeli cabinet.
  - » According to the report, the proposal would involve three phases. In the first phase, both Israel and Hezbollah would agree to a ceasefire, and Hezbollah would withdraw to a specified distance from the Lebanese-Israeli border.
    - The report alleges that Israel has insisted that Hezbollah withdraw to north of the Litani River, over 15 kilometers north of the border, but that the French proposal only calls for Hezbollah to withdraw to 10 kilometers north of the border.
  - » In the second phase, northern Israel’s residents would return to their previously vacated homes, which would be followed by a third phase in which Hezbollah and Israel would adjudicate a more detailed, longer-term settlement regarding the border. According to the report, the Lebanese military would be stationed along the border during one of the three phases, but it was not clear which.

## West Bank

- On May 2, a Palestinian Authority (PA) security spokesperson [said](#) that PA forces returned fire after an assailant fired toward them in Tulkarem, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) later said that its member Ahmad Abu Foul was killed but denied that he attacked PA personnel.

## Projectiles Fired Against Israel During Major Conflicts



### IDF Operations

- According to [reports](#) from May 3, Israel’s security cabinet is scheduled to vote on May 5 on a law that the Knesset passed on April 1 that permits the government to shutter foreign news outlets if it decides they harm national security.
  - » Israel is expected to use the law to stop *Al Jazeera* from broadcasting in Israel.

### Gaza

- On May 2, Israel’s *Ynet News* outlet [reported](#), citing an Israeli official, that Israel has released some reservist forces that were stationed on the Israeli side of the Israel-Gaza border near Rafah.
- Israel’s State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman [said](#) on May 1, “my public and ethical duty as state comptroller is to carry out a comprehensive investigation of the biggest failure in the history of the state,” and “after the investigation began at the political and civilian level, in the Defense Ministry and the various security bodies—it will now begin in a phased manner in the IDF.”
  - » In a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, he stressed that the “prime minister and the chief of staff must order their people to act according to the law and cooperate with the investigation teams, in a way that ensures its execution as required by law.”
- According to a May 1 [report](#) from Israel’s *Channel 12*, most of the IDF’s posts near the Israel-Gaza border failed an inspection on October 4.
  - » Citing the report, *The Times of Israel* noted that during the inspection, “troops had failed to prevent unauthorized people from entering the base on foot or by car without permission; unauthorized people from entering the base’s war rooms; weaponry from being taken from the ammunition room; sensitive material being stolen; and the keys to the armory being stolen.”

## Lebanon

- On May 2, the IDF [said](#) that it used fighter jets to target Hezbollah fighters in buildings in Ayta ash-Shab in southern Lebanon.
- On May 2, the IDF [said](#) that it fired artillery toward the launch site of an earlier projectile attack against the Mount Dov area.
- The IDF [said](#) on May 2 that it launched airstrikes against Hezbollah targets in Shebaa in southern Lebanon overnight. It also said that it struck a building in which a Hezbollah fighter was spotted in Markaba.
- On May 1, the IDF [said](#) it used fighter jets to strike three buildings used by Hezbollah in Ayta ash-Shab, Marwahin, and Tayr Harfa.
- On May 1, Israel's *Channel 12* [reported](#), citing Syrian media sources, that the families of over 700 senior Hezbollah operatives have evacuated from Lebanon to areas near Damascus, Syria, since February for their own safety due to the effectiveness of Israel's operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

## Syria

- Reuters [reported](#) on May 2 that an IDF airstrike hit a building used by Syrian security personnel near Damascus that night, according to an unnamed security source. The Syrian state-operated *SANA* broadcaster [said](#) on May 3 that the strikes injured eight soldiers and inflicted "material losses."

## West Bank

- On May 2, the Shin Bet [announced](#) that it had arrested three operatives of Palestinian Islamic Jihad planning to carry out bombing attacks in the West Bank. According to the Shin Bet, the three men "acted under the directives of the PIJ headquarters in Lebanon, in order to carry out significant attacks, using remote-detonated explosives against IDF troops in the area."

## Humanitarian Efforts

- According to Israel's Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories ([COGAT](#)), from the beginning of the war to May 1, there have been 508,815 tons of humanitarian aid that entered Gaza on 26,746 trucks.
- During a May 2 press conference, U.S. State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller [said](#) regarding Hamas's recent diversion of a humanitarian aid shipment to Gaza, "the UN is either in the process or has by now recovered that aid, but it was an unacceptable act by Hamas to divert this aid to begin with," and "if there's one thing that Hamas could do to jeopardize the shipment of aid, it would be diverting it for their own use, rather than allowing it to go to the innocent civilians that need it."
  - » He said that the incident was the "first widespread case of diversion that we have seen" and that Hamas did not release the trucks for "some time."
  - » Miller [stated](#) that the aid shipment was unloaded by Jordan's military inside Gaza and subsequently "picked up by a humanitarian implementer for distribution inside Gaza," after which "that aid was intercepted and diverted by Hamas on the ground in Gaza."
  - » The aid shipment, which was personally viewed by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken before [entering](#) Gaza, was the first to pass through the newly reopened Erez

Crossing on the Israel-Gaza border after the crossing was [opened](#) for the first time during the war on May 1.

- On May 2, U.S. National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby [said](#) during a press conference that “we were hoping within days” to complete construction of a pier near Gaza to facilitate aid deliveries, adding, “I think that’s still a hope.”
  - » During a May 3 press conference, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin [said](#), “I don’t discuss intelligence information at the podium. But I don’t see any indications currently that there is an active intent” from Hamas to attack U.S. troops building the pier, but “having said that ... this is a combat zone and a number of things can happen, and a number of things will happen.”
- Secretary of State Antony Blinken [told](#) reporters on May 1 that although there has been “real and meaningful” progress on delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza, and although the opening of Israel’s Erez Crossing to Gaza represents “real, important progress,” shipments must be accelerated.
  - » Israel [opened](#) the Erez Crossing, which Hamas destroyed during its October 7 attack, on May 1, and the IDF [said](#) that approximately 30 trucks with food and medical supplies entered Gaza through the crossing that day after a “careful security inspection.”
- On May 1, Israel’s *Channel 12* [reported](#) that Hamas exercises considerable control over certain goods entering Gaza, including cigarettes, and has exploited this monopoly to impose high prices on those goods. The report cited a Gazan resident as saying that the Gazan side of the Rafah Crossing is “still under [Hamas’s] control.”

#### *Ceasefire and Hostage Negotiations*

- According to a recent Israeli [poll](#), 54% of Israelis endorse a hostage deal over an operation in Rafah, but 79% of right-wingers support operating in Rafah, as opposed to 81% of center-left voters who support a deal to release hostages.
- On May 2, *The Times of Israel* [reported](#) that in the wake of Hamas’s latest indication that it will not accept the most recent ceasefire proposal, the terror group said in a statement that it will send a delegation to Cairo for additional talks.
- Israel’s *Channel 12* [reported](#) on May 2 that Hamas’s leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, has three demands: a written guarantee that fighting will end unconditionally; a policy that prevents Israel from barring violent Palestinian prisoners from the West Bank following their release; and specific details about what reconstruction materials will and will not be permitted to enter Gaza.

#### *Post-War Planning*

- On May 2, the United Nations Development Programme released a report assessing that [rebuilding](#) the homes in the Gaza Strip will take a minimum of 16 years in a best-case scenario.
  - » The report notes that if the pace of reconstruction follows the timeline of previous Gaza conflicts, it will instead take “approximately 80 years to restore all the fully destroyed housing units” in the Gaza Strip.

- » According to a separate UN report released recently, satellite imagery suggests that approximately 86 percent of schools in Gaza have suffered damage, and over 70 percent of Gaza’s schools will require major or full reconstruction.

### *Casualties and Hostages*

- Over 1,200 people were [killed](#) in Israel, and 13,000 Israelis have been [injured](#) in the war.
  - » 608 Israeli soldiers have been [killed](#).
    - 263 IDF soldiers have been [killed](#) during ground combat in Gaza so far.
    - As of March 15, 1,480 IDF soldiers have been [injured](#) during ground combat in Gaza, including 310 who have been severely injured.
  - » Numerous foreign nationals have been killed in the war, including at least 34 [American nationals](#), 34 [Thai](#) nationals, 39 [French](#) nationals, 19 [Russian](#) nationals, 12 [British](#) nationals, 10 [Nepalese](#) nationals, 9 [Argentinian](#) nationals, 6 [Canadian](#) nationals, 4 [Philippines](#) nationals, 4 [Austrian](#) nationals, 4 [Romanian](#) nationals, 4 [Portuguese](#) nationals, 4 [Chinese](#) nationals, 3 [Brazilian](#) nationals, 3 [Belarusian](#) nationals, 3 [Italian](#) nationals, 3 [Peruvian](#) nationals, a [Cambodian](#) national, a [Chilean](#) national, an [Irish](#) national, a [Spanish](#) national, an [Australian](#) national, an [Azeri](#) national, a [Honduran](#) national, a [Swiss](#) national, a [Tanzanian](#) national, and a [Turkish](#) national.
- According to unverified figures from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry, at least 34,596 people have been [killed](#) in Gaza, and 77,816 have been injured during the war.
  - » On October 25, 2023, President Biden [cautioned](#) against trusting Gaza Health Ministry casualty figures, stating: “I have no notion that the Palestinians are telling the truth about how many people are killed ... I have no confidence in the number that the Palestinians are using.”
  - » On March 21, Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) [said](#) that during a virtual meeting that day with Senate Republicans, Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu assessed that the number of people killed in Gaza was approximately 28,000.
  - » Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [said](#) on March 10 that Israel has killed approximately 13,000 Hamas operatives over the course of the war.
- According to the Palestinian Authority-run Palestinian Ministry of Health, at least 492 people have been [killed](#), and an additional 4,900 have been wounded in the West Bank.
- The IDF [claims](#) that it has killed at least 1,500 infiltrators from Gaza since the start of the war.
- So far, [105](#) hostages in Gaza have been released, [three](#) have been rescued by the IDF, [eight have](#) been [found dead](#), three have been [mistakenly](#) killed by the IDF, and one was [killed](#) during an IDF attempt to rescue him.
  - » 81 Israeli hostages have been released.
  - » 46 hostages with foreign nationalities—some also holding Israeli citizenship—have been released.
    - Thus far, 23 [Thai](#) nationals, 6 [Argentinian](#) nationals, 5 [German nationals](#), 3 [French](#) nationals, 4 [Russian nationals](#), 1 [Dutch](#) national, 1 [Filipino national](#), 1 [Mexican](#) national, 1 [Uruguayan](#) national, and 1 [American](#) national have been released.
    - Hamas has released [36 children](#) and still holds two as hostages.

- Israel has said that terrorists in Gaza currently [hold](#) 134 hostages and deceased hostage bodies.
  - » Israeli officials have confirmed the [deaths](#) of at least [35](#) of the 134 hostages captured on October 7, as well as two additional hostages who were abducted prior to October 7.
  - » Many of the hostages are foreign or dual nationals, including up to 5 [American](#) nationals, 6 [German](#) nationals, 13 [Thai](#) nationals, 4 [Portuguese](#) nationals, 3 [British](#) nationals, 2 [Italian](#) nationals, 4 [Romanian](#) nationals, and 2 [Mexican](#) nationals.
- It was [announced](#) on May 2 that terrorists in Gaza are holding the body of Kibbutz Be'eri resident, Dror Or, whom Hamas murdered on October 7.

#### *Iranian Involvement and Response*

- On May 3, Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian [announced](#) that the Iranian regime had released the 25 crew members who were onboard the *MSC Aries* when Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Navy seized the ship in the Strait of Hormuz on April 13.
- On May 1, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei [stated](#) that "some people think that by forcing neighboring countries to normalize their ties (with Israel) the problem will be solved," a reference to efforts to reach a normalization deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia. Khamenei argued, "they are wrong."

#### *U.S. and International Response*

- On May 2, *The Hill* [reported](#) that Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) is poised to sign an invitation to Prime Minister Netanyahu to address a joint session of Congress. Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) told *The Hill* that he sent Schumer a draft letter earlier this week.
  - » On March 14, Schumer gave a [speech](#) on the Senate floor calling for Netanyahu to resign and for there to be new elections in Israel.
- On May 2, *Axios* [reported](#), citing three sources, that a bipartisan group of U.S. senators met virtually on May 1 with senior International Criminal Court (ICC) officials and conveyed their concern about the possibility of the ICC issuing arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials.
  - » According to multiple Israeli officials cited in the report, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is highly concerned about the possibility of arrest warrants being issued. Netanyahu reportedly has spoken in recent days with senators of both parties to urge them to put pressure on the ICC not to issue warrants.
  - » The report asserts that Israeli officials believe that the ICC is preparing to issue warrants for Netanyahu, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, and Israel's Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.
- On May 2, the U.S. House of Representatives [passed](#) the Antisemitism Awareness Act in a 320-91 vote. The bill would adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism for the purposes of enforcing federal anti-discrimination laws for education programs.
  - » The IHRA defines antisemitism as "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews." The IHRA also provides examples of the definition's application, including "accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagine wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group" and making

“dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective.”

- On May 2, at approximately 2:00 p.m. local time, the United States [struck](#) three Houthi drones in Yemen that were prepared to target ships in nearby waters.
- On May 2, State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller [noted](#) that “we are very close to reaching an agreement on the bilateral pieces of the package between the United States and Saudi Arabia. There are a few details that we have to continue to work through, but we think we can reach agreement on those details in a very short order.”
  - » Miller added, “we might reach an agreement with Saudi Arabia on what this package will look like, but in terms of an actual deal that includes normalization with Israel, there needs to be calm in Gaza.”
- During a call with Israel’s Defense Minister Yoav Gallant on May 2, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin “reaffirmed his commitment to the unconditional return of all hostages and conveyed the importance of increasing the flow of humanitarian assistance into Gaza to flood the zone, while ensuring the safety of civilians and aid workers,” according to a Pentagon [readout](#).
- On May 2, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre [indicated](#) that “we are constantly evaluating policy proposals to further support Palestinians who are family members of American citizens and may want to come to the United States.”
- On May 2, *The Times of Israel* [reported](#) that U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told Prime Minister Netanyahu when the two met earlier this week that an Israeli operation in Rafah would likely close the window of opportunity for a normalization agreement with Saudi Arabia.
- On May 2, 57 of the 212 Democrats in the House of Representatives signed a [letter](#) to President Biden stating that they “urge [him] to invoke existing law and policy to immediately withhold certain offensive military aid to the Israeli government, including aid sourced from legislation already signed into law, in order to preempt a full-scale assault on Rafah.”
- On May 2, *USA Today* [reported](#) that 290 former Obama administration staffers sent a letter to President Biden urging him to suspend military aid to Israel and call for an immediate ceasefire as well as the removal of Israeli troops from Gaza and the West Bank.
  - » The *USA Today* article indicated that 201 former staffers signed their names and the remaining 89 individuals only attached their titles.
- On May 1, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken [told](#) reporters, “we cannot, will not support a major military operation in Rafah absent an effective plan to make sure that civilians are not harmed and no, we’ve not seen such a plan.”
  - » He added, “there are other ways, and in our judgment better ways, of dealing with the ... ongoing challenge of Hamas that does not require a major military operation in Rafah.”
  - » An Israeli government spokesperson responded that “when it comes to Rafah—we are committed to remove (sic) the last four of five Hamas battalions in Rafah—we are sharing our plans with Secretary of State Blinken.”
- On May 3, ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan released a [statement](#) indicating that “the office seeks to engage constructively with all stakeholders whenever such dialogue is consistent with its mandate under the Rome Statute to act independently and impartially. That independence and impartiality are undermined, however, when individuals threaten to retaliate against the Court or against Court personnel should the Office, in fulfillment of its mandate, make



decisions about investigations or cases falling within its jurisdiction. Such threats, even when not acted upon, may also constitute an offence against the administration of justice under Art. 70 of the Rome Statute.”

- On May 2, Turkey’s trade ministry released a [statement](#) confirming that “export and import transactions related to Israel have been stopped, covering all products.” The statement also indicated that “Turkey will strictly and decisively implement these new measures until the Israeli Government allows an uninterrupted and sufficient flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza.”
- On May 2, Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan [argued](#) that “conscientious students and academics including anti-Zionist Jews at some prestigious American universities are protesting the massacre [in Gaza].” He claimed, “these people are being subjected to violence, cruelty, suffering, and even torture for saying the massacre has to stop.”
  - » Erdogan stated that university staff were being “sacked and lynched” for supporting the Palestinians and that “the limits of Western democracy are drawn by Israel’s interests” because “whatever infringes on Israel’s interests is anti-democratic, antisemitic for them.”
- On May 2, *Bloomberg* [reported](#) that Saudi Arabia has increased its arrests of citizens who have made social media posts related to the war in Gaza that Saudi officials deemed to be incendiary. The article did not give an exact figure of the number of individuals who have been arrested and cited two examples of arrests for criticizing Israel.
- On May 1, Colombia’s President Gustavo Petro [announced](#) before a crowd in Bogota that his nation would break diplomatic relations with Israel “for having a government, for having a president who is genocidal.”

#### *Rising Antisemitism, Protests, and Attacks*

- On May 2, President Biden [delivered](#) televised remarks to address ongoing anti-Israel protests at U.S. college campuses.
  - » Biden stated that the demonstrations “put to the test two fundamental American principles. The first is the right to free speech and for people to peacefully assemble and make their voices heard. The second is the rule of law. Both must be upheld.”
  - » Biden added, “We are a civil society, and order must prevail ... violent protest is not protected; peaceful protest is. It’s against the law when violence occurs. Destroying property is not a peaceful protest. It’s against the law. Vandalism, trespassing, breaking windows, shutting down campuses, forcing the cancellation of classes and graduations—none of this is a peaceful protest.”
  - » Regarding antisemitism, the president stated, “there should be no place on any campus, no place in America for antisemitism or threats of violence against Jewish students. There is no place for hate speech or violence of any kind, whether it’s antisemitism, Islamophobia, or discrimination against Arab Americans or Palestinian Americans. It’s simply wrong. There is no place for racism in America. It’s all wrong.”
  - » In response to a question regarding whether the protests have led him to reconsider any U.S. policies towards the Middle East, the president replied, “no.”
  - » The president also said in response to a question that he is not considering deploying the National Guard to restore order on college campuses.

- Protesters continued occupying U.S. college campuses, putting students at risk and prompting both condemnation and support from officials in the United States and abroad. School officials at campuses across the county have begun clearing out the encampments in accordance with their codes of conduct.
  - » On May 2, Brown University’s administration [agreed](#) to the demands of the organizers of the anti-Israel encampment on campus. In exchange for ending the encampment and pausing actions through commencement, Brown’s administration agreed its board would vote on divestment in October.
    - According to *The Jerusalem Post*, Brown University is the first school ever to agree to a divestment vote.
    - The University’s president, Christina Paxson, wrote in an open letter announcing the agreement, “we’ll see a peaceful end to the unauthorized encampment. I feel strongly that a vote in October, either for or against divestment, will bring clarity to an issue that is of long-standing interest to many members of our community.”
  - » On May 2, at least 17 anti-Israel protesters were [arrested](#) on charges of trespassing at the University of Texas at Dallas after they set up an encampment on the university’s campus in violation of the school’s code of conduct.
  - » On May 2, Los Angeles police [finished](#) clearing the anti-Israel encampment on UCLA’s campus after several hundred protesters defied police orders to leave the campus overnight. *ABC News* reported that two buses filled with detainees were seen driving away.
  - » On May 1, police [cleared out](#) anti-Israel encampments at two campuses in Arizona, the University of Arizona in Tucson and Northern Arizona University.
    - At the University of Arizona in Tucson, police in riot gear arrested several protesters at the encampment after the university’s president, Robert Robbins, directed school officials to “immediately enforce campus use policies.”
    - At Northern Arizona University, 20 protesters were arrested on charges of trespassing.
  - » On May 1, law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, the National Jewish Advocacy Center, the Schoen Law Firm, and the Holtzman Vogel law firm [announced](#) that they jointly filed a lawsuit against American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) and National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP).
    - The lawsuit, according to a press release, “seeks compensatory damages for nine American and Israeli victims of the attack in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and took 240 people hostage [and] alleges that AMP and NSJP work in the United States as collaborators and propagandists for Hamas.”
    - The suit, per the press release, alleges that “AMP and NSJP responded on Oct. 8, 2023, the day after the horrific atrocities perpetrated by Hamas, by participating in the terrorist’s [sic] propaganda to justify its appalling brutalities” and thereby “acted to support and further the goals and directives of Hamas.”
- On May 3, Quebec Premier Francois Legault [called](#) for the anti-Israel encampment on McGill University’s campus in Montreal to be dismantled. McGill University has requested police intervention, but police have not yet taken action or cleared the encampment.

- » Anti-Israel encampments have been erected at several other universities across Canada, including the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Ottawa.
- On May 3, French police were [seen](#) entering the main building of Sciences Po university in Paris in riot gear after a group of anti-Israel protesters staged a sit-in. Initial reports suggest that the evacuation of the protesters has been peaceful.
- On May 2, Israel's President Isaac Herzog [released](#) an address to Jewish communities around the world ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day in which he said, "the people of Israel are with you. We hear you. We see the shameless hostility and threats. We feel the insult, the breach of faith and breach of friendship. We share the apprehension and concern. We see prominent academic institutions, halls of history, culture, and education contaminated by hatred and antisemitism fueled by arrogance and ignorance, and driven by moral failings and disinformation. We watch in horror as the atrocities of October 7th against Israel are celebrated and justified. We hear you. We recognize your heroic efforts. We are with you, and we are here for you."
- On May 2, Polish police [arrested](#) a 16-year-old male on suspicion of attacking a Warsaw synagogue with Molotov cocktails. The Nozyk Synagogue was attacked overnight on May 1, sustaining damage to its facade. No one was injured.
- On May 2, *The Jerusalem Post* [reported](#) that a video circulating on X showed a Palestinian man visiting the Auschwitz-Birkenau Holocaust Memorial Museum, saying, "God-willing, we will be free from you [Jews], and you will all return to the concentration camps. Or to your countries. Any other place, as long as you leave our place because this is our land. You belong here [Auschwitz]. This is your place of origin. You left these camps and ghettos. Long live Palestine."

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