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Israeli Science: How Breakthrough Research From Jerusalem Is Improving Lives Worldwide

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Over the past year, Israeli scientists once again demonstrated how curiosity-driven research can deliver tangible benefits for humanity. From medicine and materials science to climate research and ancient history, discoveries made at Israel's leading academic institutions reached far beyond the country's borders. Much of this work came from researchers at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, whose findings in 2025 addressed some of the most pressing challenges facing billions of people. These advances show Israel's role as a source of practical knowledge that strengthens health, sustainability, and understanding across the globe.

Key Takeaways

- Israeli researchers produced major scientific advances across medicine, climate science, materials, and archaeology in 2025.
- Several discoveries could reshape how diseases are diagnosed and treated.
- New materials and chemical methods offer paths toward sustainability and lower waste.
- Climate research from Israel points to faster methods of capturing carbon dioxide.
- Israeli scholarship continues to contribute to global knowledge, past and present.

Materials That Can Be Bonded and Reversed

One of the year's most promising developments came from a new adhesive that bonds strongly under visible light and can later be separated using a household microwave (<https://phys.org/news/2025-06-adhesives-bond-seconds-recycled-microwave.html>). This material attaches to glass, metals, and plastics, even underwater, while remaining reusable and free of solvents.

The implications are wide-ranging. Electronics could be disassembled for recycling rather than being discarded. Packaging waste could be reduced. Biomedical devices could be attached and removed without damage. This work addresses a long-standing challenge in manufacturing by combining strength with reversibility.

Rethinking Antibiotics as Resistance Grows

Antibiotic resistance remains a global threat. Israeli researchers introduced a new method for designing antibiotics by treating existing drugs as molecular templates rather than final products

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By combining active elements from different antibiotic families into new hybrid compounds, scientists created

substances that bacteria have never encountered.

Early results showed that several of these compounds worked through mechanisms not seen in current antibiotics and, in some cases, proved more potent. At a moment when traditional drug discovery has slowed, this approach opens a path toward future antibacterial treatments.

A New Approach to Fighting Influenza

Another study revealed that a compound found in chocolate, when paired with a naturally occurring molecule, stopped influenza viruses more effectively than standard treatments in laboratory and animal testing (<https://international.huji.ac.il/news/new-drug-combo-outperforms-tamiflu-fighting-flu>). The research targeted a weak point in the virus's ion channel, halting its activity rather than merely slowing it.

Since many viruses rely on similar channels, the findings could influence future antiviral research well beyond influenza.

Earlier Detection of Parkinson's Disease

Israeli scientists developed a blood test capable of identifying Parkinson's disease years before symptoms appear (<https://europeanfriends.huji.ac.il/news/early-detection-parkinson%E2%80%99s-novel-rna-based-blood-test>). By measuring the ratio between two RNA markers linked to disease progression, the test offers a fast and non-invasive diagnostic tool.

Earlier diagnosis could allow patients to receive treatment sooner and plan care more effectively. The approach also sets the stage for improved monitoring of neurological conditions.

Protecting Cells From Alzheimer's Damage

Research into neurodegenerative disease led to new insight into how cells protect themselves from protein damage associated with Alzheimer's. Scientists showed that reducing activity in a specific cellular complex helped cells maintain healthier protein networks and limited toxic effects in experimental models (<https://2025.igem.wiki/tau-israel/description>).

This work deepens understanding of aging and opens new research directions focused on preserving cellular health.

Speeding Up Natural Carbon Capture

Addressing climate concerns, Israeli researchers found a way to compress a natural carbon capture process that normally takes thousands of years into just hours (<https://international.huji.ac.il/news/natures-own-carbon-solution>). By passing carbon dioxide and seawater through limestone and dolomite, carbon was stored in a stable dissolved form rather than released into the air.

This nature-based method could help reduce industrial emissions while avoiding some of the risks tied to mechanical carbon storage.

Discoveries Beyond the Laboratory

Israeli scholarship also extended into physics, biology, and history. Researchers showed that the magnetic component of light plays a direct role in how light interacts with certain materials. Others demonstrated that humpback whale songs follow statistical patterns seen in human language. A separate study revealed how early sound exposure shapes brain development differently in males and females.

In archaeology, scholars helped publish a Roman-era papyrus detailing a criminal case involving fraud and slavery. The document offers rare insight into legal life in the region nearly two thousand years ago.

Conclusion

The scientific achievements of Israeli researchers in 2025 highlight a consistent pattern. Work conducted in Jerusalem and across Israel continues to yield knowledge with global impact. These discoveries improve health, address environmental challenges, and deepen understanding of both the natural world and human history. At a time when practical solutions matter deeply, Israel remains a source of research that benefits people far beyond its borders.

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Life Beyond Hamas: How Israel Is Creating Stability and Hope for Gazans After the Ceasefire

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Since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in October 2025, a quiet but meaningful change has begun to take shape in parts of the Gaza Strip. East of the yellow line, in areas now under Israeli security authority, Israel has focused on restoring order, rebuilding daily life, and offering Gazans an alternative future free from Hamas rule. This effort is not about slogans or ideology. It is about food on the table, safety in the streets, access to work, and the chance to live without fear of repression, extortion, or forced loyalty to an armed group.

Key Takeaways

- According to the terms of the Trump peace deal (<https://paxpoint.org/israel-peace-proposals/>), since October 2025, Israel has administered areas of eastern Gaza under direct security control.
- Civil life in these areas has improved through restored services, employment access, and humanitarian coordination.
- Gazans are experiencing daily life without Hamas intimidation or corruption.
- The changes highlight what Gaza could look like without rule by a terror organization.
- Stability and personal dignity are replacing fear and coercion.

Gaza Under Hamas: A Record of Repression

For nearly two decades, Gaza under Hamas was defined by control through force. Hamas ruled through armed units, internal surveillance, and harsh punishment of dissent. Civilians were taxed, threatened, and often used as human shields. Aid was diverted. Infrastructure investment served military tunnels rather than homes, schools, or hospitals.

Ordinary Gazans had no political voice. Speaking out risked arrest or worse. Economic life revolved around loyalty, smuggling networks, and corruption tied directly to Hamas leadership. This reality shaped daily existence long before the war.

The Ceasefire and a New Administration Reality

The October 2025 President Trump brokered ceasefire created space for a different approach. In areas east of the yellow line, Israel assumed security responsibility and began allowing civilian life to resume under strict but predictable rules. The absence of Hamas control immediately changed the atmosphere.

Residents no longer face armed patrols demanding obedience. There are no forced rallies, no compulsory messaging, no punishment for refusing to cooperate with a terror organization. For many Gazans, this alone marked a dramatic shift.

Restoring Daily Life and Services

Israel has prioritized stability. Roads have reopened for civilian use. Water access has been stabilized. Electricity supply is regulated and no longer siphoned for military use. Humanitarian aid entering these areas is monitored to reach families directly rather than armed groups.

Medical coordination has improved, allowing patients to receive treatment without political interference. Schools have begun operating under neutral frameworks focused on basic education rather than incitement. These steps address daily needs rather than political theater.

Economic Opportunity Without Extortion

One of the most noticeable changes has been access to work. Gazans east of the yellow line can participate in regulated labor frameworks without paying protection money to Hamas operatives. Wages go to families, not to weapons stockpiles.

Small commerce has resumed in local markets. Farmers can work land without fear of seizure by armed factions. For the first time in years, economic effort connects directly to personal improvement rather than survival under coercion.

Living Without Fear

Perhaps the most profound change is psychological. Gazans under Israeli authority no longer live under constant internal threat. There are no secret police enforcing ideology. No one is forced to praise leaders or chant slogans. Disputes are handled through clear security procedures rather than arbitrary violence.

This environment allows families to think beyond the next day. Parents speak openly about wanting a different future for their children. That sense of possibility did not exist under Hamas.

A Contrast That Speaks for Itself

Israel has not attempted to sell this reality through propaganda. The contrast is visible on its own. Gazans know what life was like under Hamas. They know what it means to live without armed men controlling every aspect of existence.

The changes east of the yellow line show that Gaza's suffering was not inevitable. It was the product of governance by a terror organization that prioritized destruction over life.

Implications for Gaza's Future

These developments offer a glimpse of what Gaza could become if freed entirely from Hamas control. Stability, personal dignity, and economic life are not abstract ideas. They are daily experiences now taking root.

This model challenges the narrative that Hamas represents Gazan interests. It demonstrates that when Hamas is removed, Gazans gain space to live rather than merely endure.

Conclusion

Since the October 2025 ceasefire, Israel has begun building a better daily reality for Gazans living under its authority east of the yellow line. Without Hamas repression and corruption, people are finding safety, work, and hope. This effort does not promise perfection. It offers something more basic and more powerful: a chance at normal life. For many Gazans, that alone marks the beginning of a future worth believing in.

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From Condemnation to Cooperation: Europe's Turn Toward Israeli Defense Expertise After the War

During the war with Hamas, Israel faced an unusual reality. Several European and other Western governments publicly criticized Israeli military operations and, in some cases, imposed arms restrictions or suspended export licenses to the Jewish state. These moves were often framed as moral or legal objections tied to the fighting in Gaza. Yet since the war ended in October 2025, a striking reversal has taken place. Many of the same countries that applied pressure on Israel have since [signed agreements](https://themedialine.org/top-stories/despite-embargoes-when-it-comes-to-defense-europe-still-buys-what-it-needs-from-israel-expert-tells-tml/?utm_source=chatgpt.com) to purchase Israeli defense technology or sent senior military officials to study Israeli counterterrorism methods. The contrast has fueled claims of hypocrisy and raised questions about how Israel's security experience is treated on the global stage.

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Key Takeaways

- Several European governments restricted arms exports to Israel during the war with Hamas.
- Since the war ended, many of those same countries have expanded defense cooperation with Israel.
- Israeli technology and IDF operational experience are now in high demand.
- Delegations have traveled to Israel to study counterterrorism and urban warfare tactics.
- The shift highlights a gap between public criticism and private security priorities.

Wartime Pressure on Israel

Throughout the conflict with Hamas, Israel faced diplomatic and political pressure from parts of Europe. Countries such as Spain, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom announced suspensions or reviews of arms export licenses to Israel. These steps were widely publicized and often accompanied by sharp public statements criticizing Israeli military conduct.

The message from many capitals was clear. Israel, despite facing a designated terrorist organization embedded in civilian areas, was treated as a problem actor whose access to defensive equipment could be curtailed. For Israeli officials and much of the Israeli public, this approach felt detached from the realities of fighting Hamas in dense urban terrain.

A Rapid Shift After the War

Once the war concluded in October 2025, the tone quietly changed. Behind the scenes, European defense establishments returned to a familiar conclusion. Israel's military experience and technology remain among the most relevant in the world for confronting terrorism, missile threats, and hybrid warfare.

Germany provides one of the clearest examples. Even as criticism of Israel circulated widely during the conflict, Berlin continued moving forward with its purchase of the Arrow 3 missile defense system, a flagship Israeli capability designed to intercept long-range ballistic missiles. The deal, one of the largest defense exports in Israeli history, underscored Germany's recognition that Israeli systems answer real European security needs.

Buying Israeli Technology

Other European states followed similar paths. Finland proceeded with its acquisition of David's Sling air defense technology, citing its proven performance against rocket and missile threats. Greece and Cyprus continued expanding joint air and naval cooperation with Israel, focusing on air defense, drones, and early warning systems.

These decisions were not symbolic. They involved large budgets, long-term planning, and public commitments to Israeli defense firms. For Israel, the contrast was hard to miss. During the war, its actions were condemned. After the war, its technology was embraced.

Learning From the IDF

Beyond procurement, interest in Israeli operational experience has surged. Since the end of the conflict, multiple European and other Western countries have sent senior military and security officials to Israel for briefings and field visits. The focus has been counterterrorism, intelligence integration, and fighting armed groups embedded in civilian infrastructure.

The Israel Defense Forces have spent decades developing a doctrine for urban warfare against terrorist organizations that use human shields. European security services now face similar challenges, from jihadist cells to radicalized lone actors operating in crowded cities. Studying Israeli methods offers practical insight that few other militaries can provide.

Public Criticism, Private Dependence

This pattern has led Israeli analysts to accuse some governments of double standards. Publicly, Israel is criticized in international forums and media. Privately, its expertise is sought out and its technology purchased. The same countries that warned Israel about proportionality during the war now rely on Israeli systems to protect their own populations.

From an Israeli perspective, this reflects a deeper issue. Democracies often struggle to reconcile moral posturing with security realities. Israel, forced to confront terrorism daily, becomes a convenient target for criticism even as its hard-earned experience becomes indispensable.

Conclusion

The postwar shift toward Israeli defense cooperation tells a revealing story. During the fighting with Hamas, Israel faced sanctions, suspensions, and public rebukes from several European partners. Once the war ended, many of those same nations turned back to Israel as a source of technology, training, and operational knowledge. The contrast highlights a gap between rhetoric and reality. Israel's methods may be controversial, but they are also effective. As European governments confront their own security threats, their renewed engagement with Israel speaks louder than their wartime statements ever did.

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Self-Determination for Me, Not for Thee: The Palestinian Authority's Taiwan Hypocrisy

The Palestinian leadership frequently frames its political campaign around the principle of self-determination, presenting it as a universal right denied only to Palestinians. Yet recent statements by the Palestinian Authority reveal a sharp contradiction between that claim and its positions on other global sovereignty disputes. In late 2025 and early 2026, official Palestinian Authority outlets publicly reaffirmed full support (<https://www.jpost.com/international/article-883294>) for China's "One China" policy, which denies Taiwan any claim to independent statehood. These declarations came at a moment of heightened international attention on Taiwan and exposed a pattern in which the Palestinian leadership supports self-rule only when it serves its own cause, while rejecting it for others.

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Key Takeaways

- The Palestinian Authority publicly reaffirmed support for China's "One China" policy in late 2025 and January 2026.
- These statements reject Taiwanese sovereignty and oppose outside involvement on Taiwan's behalf.
- The position conflicts directly with the Palestinian leadership's constant demands for self-determination.
- The episode reflects a broader pattern of selective principles shaped by political alliances, not universal rights.

What the Palestinian Authority Said

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According to reports by [Palestinian Media Watch \(https://palwatch.org/page/41839\)](https://palwatch.org/page/41839), official Palestinian Authority channels reiterated unwavering support for Beijing's position on Taiwan. On December 31, 2025, the PA's official news agency WAFA quoted "the State of Palestine" as reaffirming "full commitment" to the One China policy and rejecting any foreign involvement in what it described as China's internal affairs.

That messaging did not stop there. On January 8, 2026, the official PA daily newspaper reported that Mahmoud Abbas personally restated the same position during a meeting with China's special envoy to the Middle East. The message was consistent, deliberate, and issued through state-controlled outlets rather than informal commentary.

What "One China" Means in Practice

China's One China policy asserts that Taiwan has no right to independent statehood and must ultimately fall under Beijing's control. This stance stands in direct opposition to the wishes of most Taiwanese citizens, who have built a democratic system, a separate economy, and distinct political institutions over decades.

The issue gained renewed attention following large-scale Chinese military exercises near Taiwan, raising concerns about regional stability and global supply chains. Taiwan's central role in advanced semiconductor manufacturing has made the dispute a matter of worldwide economic interest, including for the United States and Israel.

A Stark Double Standard

The contradiction in the Palestinian Authority's position is difficult to ignore. Palestinian leaders routinely argue before international bodies that self-determination is an absolute right that cannot be denied by historical claims, military strength, or political convenience. Yet when another people assert that same right, the PA openly dismisses it.

By backing China's claim over Taiwan, the Palestinian leadership is not taking a neutral stance. It is actively endorsing the denial of national self-rule to a population that meets every standard Palestinians cite for themselves. The principle appears to apply only when it benefits Palestinian diplomatic goals.

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This position fits a broader pattern in Palestinian diplomacy. The PA has consistently aligned itself with authoritarian states that oppose Western democracies and Israel, including China and Russia. In June 2023, Abbas traveled to Beijing, where he and Xi Jinping announced a strategic partnership. Public statements from that visit emphasized solidarity and shared political positions, not shared democratic values.

Support for China on Taiwan serves that partnership, even if it undermines the moral arguments Palestinians present elsewhere. It also reflects a long-standing tendency within Palestinian leadership circles to view global politics through an anti-Western lens, rather than through consistent standards of national rights.

Implications for Israel and the United States

For Israel and the United States, this episode offers clarity. It shows that Palestinian claims about universal justice and self-determination are often tactical rather than principled. When Palestinian leaders reject sovereignty for Taiwan while demanding it for themselves, they weaken their credibility in the eyes of policymakers and the public.

Israel's growing economic ties with Taiwan further underline the contrast. Taiwan is a democratic partner with a record of technological cooperation and transparency, values shared by Israel and the United States. The PA's rejection of Taiwan's status places it squarely against that democratic camp.

Conclusion

The Palestinian Authority's endorsement of China's One China policy exposes a clear and troubling inconsistency. A leadership that insists self-determination is an inviolable right for Palestinians shows no hesitation in denying it to others when political alliances demand it. This selective application of principles reveals that the issue is not universal justice, but political convenience. For observers seeking to understand the true nature of Palestinian diplomatic positions, the Taiwan episode offers a rare moment of honesty through contradiction.

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The Discovery of Ran Gvili's Body and What It Means for Gaza's Ceasefire and Future

The recovery of the body of **Master Sergeant Ran Gvili**

(https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/gvilis-body-found-in-gaza-city-cemetery-identified-by-dental-fingerprint-match/), the last Israeli hostage still

remaining in Gaza, marks a solemn milestone in the conflict that erupted on October 7, 2023. For more than two years, Israel and the United States pressed for the return of every hostage, both living and deceased, as a central condition of the ceasefire that halted active full-scale fighting between Israel and Hamas. Gvili's death in the initial Hamas raid and the subsequent absence of his remains weighed heavily on Israeli families and leaders alike, slowing progress toward implementing the longer-term peace framework. With his body now brought home and identified, Israel and its partners face critical decisions about the next phase of the ceasefire plan, postwar governance in Gaza, and regional stability.

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A Long Journey Toward Closure

Ran Gvili was killed during the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel in October 2023 while defending civilians at Kibbutz Alumim. His death was confirmed early in the conflict, but his remains remained in Gaza, the only one among the hundreds of hostages not yet repatriated. His case became a focal point of national emotion in Israel, with families, activists, and political leaders insisting that the ceasefire's progress could not move forward until his body was recovered.

After a focused operation by Israeli forces based on intelligence about his burial site in a Gaza City cemetery, Gvili's body was located, identified by dental records and fingerprints, and returned to Israel for burial. [Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said this fulfilled a commitment to bring every service member and civilian home.](https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/netanyahu-return-of-ran-gvilis-body-is-extraordinary-achievement-for-israel/) [\(https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/netanyahu-return-of-ran-gvilis-body-is-extraordinary-achievement-for-israel/\)](https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/netanyahu-return-of-ran-gvilis-body-is-extraordinary-achievement-for-israel/)

This development brings emotional closure to Gvili's family and many Israelis who followed his story, transforming a painful chapter in the nation's wartime narrative into a moment of collective remembrance and respect for those lost. It also removes a major political and diplomatic hurdle that had slowed progress on peace efforts.

Why This Matters for the Ceasefire

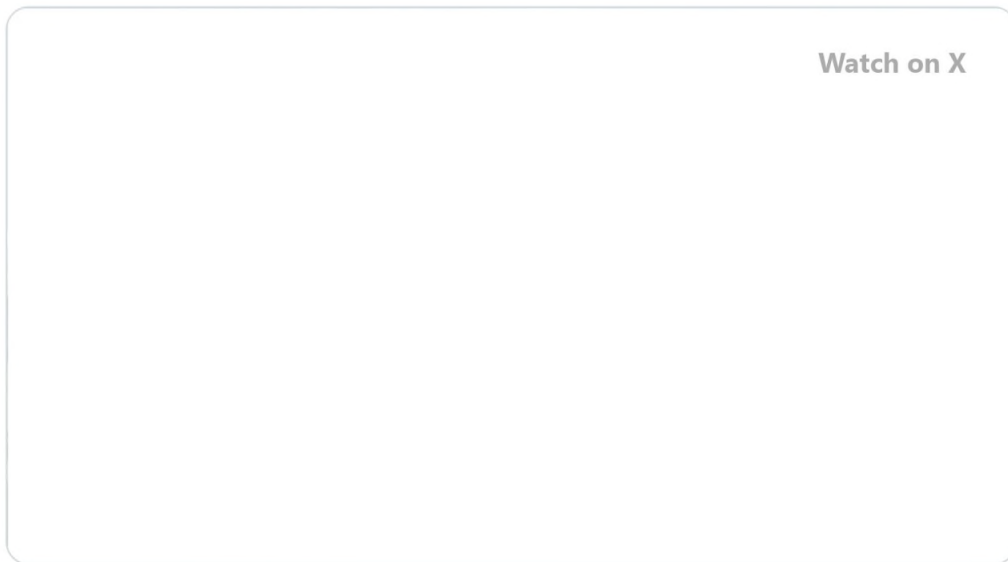
The war between Israel and Hamas has been paused under a [multi-phase ceasefire agreement](https://www.cfr.org/articles/guide-trumps-twenty-point-gaza-peace-deal) [negotiated with U.S. involvement and regional mediation](https://www.cfr.org/articles/guide-trumps-twenty-point-gaza-peace-deal). Completing the return of all hostages, including those killed, was a key part of the first phase of that agreement. With Gvili's remains now back on Israeli soil, both Israeli leaders and international partners say the conditions are set to accelerate movement into the ceasefire's next phase.

IDF soldiers singing after the recovery of Ran Gvili.

The song they are singing is Ani Ma'amin ("I Believe"):

"I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah. Even though he may tarry, nonetheless I will wait for him."

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The United States, under President Donald Trump's plan, has envisioned several steps beyond the initial cessation of violence. These include establishing an interim governance structure for Gaza, promoting demilitarization of Hamas's forces, and enabling reconstruction and humanitarian stabilization in the Strip. International partners and U.S. planners have also defined mechanisms for foreign and Israeli oversight to prevent renewed hostilities and encourage long-term peace.

For some Israeli leaders, completion of the hostage returns was essential before expanding any implementation of post-war arrangements. The Gvili family and others made clear they did not want the next phase to proceed without fulfilling this moral obligation.

Key Elements of the Trump Ceasefire Framework

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While considerable disagreement remains about the details, the general outline of the Trump-brokered ceasefire plan encompasses:

- **Security and Demilitarization:** One of the cardinal aims is reducing the capacity of Hamas to conduct future military operations. This includes dismantling weapons networks and establishing robust monitoring mechanisms.
- **Governance Transition:** The plan calls for an interim Palestinian governing authority in Gaza, backed by international support, to administer civil affairs, law enforcement, and public services as part of the transition away from Hamas control.
- **Reconstruction and Economic Recovery:** Reconstruction of infrastructure, housing, and essential civilian facilities in Gaza is envisioned, with international investment and oversight to encourage normalcy and economic activity.
- **Border and Access Agreements:** Reopening key border crossings, particularly Rafah with Egypt, is part of restoring civilian access and economic flow, balanced against security arrangements to prevent arms smuggling. Israel has said it will reopen the crossing now that all hostages are accounted for, a move anticipated under the ceasefire terms.

Challenges Ahead

Even with the recovery of Gvili's remains, major strategic and political challenges remain:

- **Demilitarization Resistance:** Hamas has so far resisted full disarmament, a key demand from Israel and U.S. planners for moving deeper into the peace plan. This resistance could slow or alter how Phase Two unfolds.
- **Israeli Political Debate:** Within Israel, there are ongoing discussions about how quickly to embrace the next steps of the ceasefire plan and how to balance security needs with international pressure to withdraw forces and support new governance in Gaza.
- **Humanitarian and Civilian Needs:** Conditions in Gaza remain dire for many civilians. Implementing reconstruction and improving living conditions will require sustained international financing and a secure atmosphere that prevents renewed conflict.

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With the return of the last remaining hostage and the emotional closure it brings, Israel and its partners are now positioned to logically and politically move forward with implementing broader aspects of the ceasefire. Key next steps likely include formal progress announcements on the establishment of interim governance, [reopening of crossings like Rafah](https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-says-rafah-crossing-to-reopen-when-idf-finishes-search-for-last-hostage-body/) (<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-says-rafah-crossing-to-reopen-when-idf-finishes-search-for-last-hostage-body/>), and discussions on security arrangements to prevent a return to violence. Continued diplomatic engagement, particularly with the United States and regional stakeholders, will shape how these elements unfold in the coming weeks and months. The significance of Gvili's return extends beyond a single family's loss. It represents the completion of one of the most emotionally charged obligations in the conflict's diplomacy and provides a clearer path forward for peace efforts that many hope can reduce suffering and stabilize the region.

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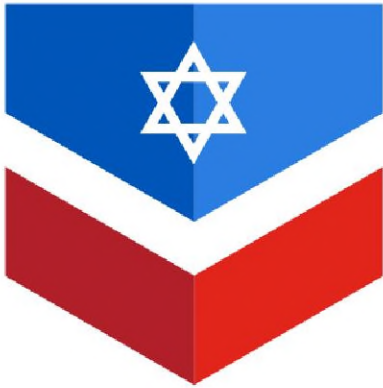
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The Palestinian Authority's Open Hostility to the United States and Its Embrace of Anti-Western Regimes

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The Palestinian Authority has long presented itself to Western audiences as a pragmatic actor seeking international legitimacy and support. Yet its own officials and media repeatedly tell a different story, one defined by hostility toward the United States and open solidarity with some of the world's most repressive regimes. In early January, this reality surfaced again through a [series](#) of statements, visits, and broadcasts tied to Venezuela after the arrest of its former president, Nicolas Maduro. Taken together, these episodes offer a clear picture of an ideology that treats anti-Americanism as a core identity rather than a passing political posture.

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Key Takeaways

- Senior Fatah figures publicly expressed solidarity with Venezuela's authoritarian leadership before and after the arrest of Maduro.
- Palestinian officials used extreme rhetoric to portray the United States as a colonial bully.
- Official and semi-official PA media platforms echoed messages wishing for American decline.
- These actions contradict claims that the PA shares Western values or political norms.

Public Solidarity With the Maduro Regime

On January 5, Abbas Zaki, a senior figure in Fatah's Central Committee, led a delegation of political figures, dignitaries, and ambassadors to the Venezuelan embassy in Ramallah. Zaki himself publicized the visit, posting photographs that showed him at the front of the delegation. The stated purpose was explicit: solidarity with Maduro and the Venezuelan regime.



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This was not a marginal act by a junior official. Zaki's role within Fatah places him at the heart of the Palestinian political system. His visit sent an unmistakable message that the Palestinian leadership stands with Nicolás Maduro.

Anti-American Rhetoric From Senior PA Figures

Other senior Palestinian officials used the Venezuela issue as a springboard for attacks on the United States. Sabri Saidam, Deputy Secretary of Fatah's Central Committee, published a lengthy commentary portraying the United States under Donald Trump as a predatory empire. He accused Washington of practicing a new form of colonialism driven by arrogance, mocking what he called a "cowboy mentality" shaped by action movies.

Saidam referred to the US arrest of Maduro as a "kidnapping" and went further, suggesting that American policy threatened not only Latin America but also Europe and the Arctic. His writing blurred satire and accusation, questioning whether European leaders might themselves be seized by the United States. The message was clear: the US was depicted as lawless, dangerous, and unbound by international norms.

Security Officials Echo the Same Line

The tone was echoed by Adnan Al-Damiri, the former spokesman for the Palestinian Authority Security Forces. Writing on social media, Al-Damiri mocked US policy as a return to “cowboy movies,” claiming Washington sought to impose what he described as a “barbaric American peace” through intimidation and force. His language framed the United States not as a stabilizing power, but as a bully relying on spectacle and fear.

Such statements matter because they come from figures who once spoke for PA security institutions. They reflect attitudes shaped inside the Palestinian political system, not fringe opinions detached from power.

Official Media Lets the Mask Slip

For several days, the PA’s official daily newspaper avoided coverage that might spotlight American actions against Maduro. Yet the underlying sentiment eventually surfaced on Palestinian Authority TV. On January 12, the channel aired comments by Egyptian academic Mukhtar Ghobashi, who openly speculated that US actions might mark “the beginning of its end.”

This broadcast portrayed the United States as a coercive power that blackmails allies and imposes its will across the globe. By giving this message airtime, official PA media confirmed that such views are not accidental. They are welcomed and promoted.

A Pattern, Not an Exception

These episodes did not occur in isolation. For years, PA leaders have aligned themselves with regimes that define their foreign policy through opposition to the United States and the West. Public hostility toward America coexists with financial dependence on Western aid and diplomatic engagement with Washington and European capitals.

This contradiction raises serious questions for policymakers. A leadership that praises authoritarian allies, ridicules American institutions, and broadcasts hopes for US decline cannot plausibly claim shared values with democratic partners.

Conclusion

The events surrounding the arrest by the U.S. of Maduro offered a rare moment of clarity about the Palestinian Authority’s true posture toward the West. Through public visits, inflammatory rhetoric, and state-run media, senior PA and Fatah figures expressed solidarity with Venezuela’s authoritarian regime and contempt for the United States. This is not careless language or isolated frustration. It reflects an ideological stance that treats anti-Americanism as a defining feature. The United States and its allies should take these words seriously and shape their engagement with the Palestinian leadership based on what it says and does, not on how it seeks to appear in Western diplomatic settings.

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Israel Is Emerging as a Global Leader in Artificial Intelligence and Why It Matters for Humanity

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Israel is rapidly positioning itself as one of the most important centers for artificial intelligence research, development, and deployment in the world. Driven by widespread adoption, heavy investment, and a strong research culture, the country has moved from being a fast follower to a global front-runner in practical AI use. Recent data shows that artificial intelligence is already embedded in daily work across Israel's high-tech sector (https://innovationisrael.org.il/en/press_release/ai-tools-usage-2025/), supported by large-scale infrastructure projects and a regulatory environment that encourages progress while maintaining responsibility. For a nation of roughly 10 million people, Israel's role in shaping the future of AI carries implications far beyond its borders.

Key Takeaways

- Israel has one of the highest AI adoption rates in the world across its workforce.
- International reports rank Israel among the world's leading AI development nations.
- Major global firms are expanding AI research and hardware development in Israel.
- Large public and private investments are building national AI infrastructure.
- Israeli AI progress is expected to support medicine, security, finance, and global research.

Widespread Adoption Across the Workforce

Artificial intelligence in Israel is not limited to labs or elite research teams. A recent survey by the Israel Innovation Authority and the Brookdale Institute found that 95 percent of employees in Israel's high-tech sector use AI tools as part of their work (https://innovationisrael.org.il/en/press_release/ai-tools-usage-2025/). Even more striking, 78 percent reported daily use.

This level of adoption places Israel ahead of most advanced economies. AI is being used for software development, data analysis, design, cybersecurity, and logistics. The result is a workforce that gains hands-on experience with AI systems at scale, shortening the gap between research and real-world application.

Recognized Among Global AI Leaders

According to the Microsoft AI Diffusion Report

(<https://www.calcalistech.com/ctechnews/article/pw6w943x4>), Israel is classified as one of seven "frontier narrowers." This category includes countries that are actively closing the performance gap between leading AI models, a gap currently estimated at less than one year.

Israel is the smallest country on that list by population. Its inclusion reflects research output, speed of adoption, and the ability to translate ideas into working systems. For global partners, this makes Israel a valuable contributor to shared AI progress rather than a passive consumer of technology developed elsewhere.

Building World-Class AI Infrastructure

Investment levels highlight how central AI has become to Israel's economy. Funding for AI-focused startups rose to \$4.9 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach \$7.9 billion in 2025. This shift places artificial intelligence at the center of Israel's economic growth.

One of the clearest signals came from Nvidia (<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/>), which announced plans to develop a large AI and research campus in northern Israel. The site is expected to support up to 3,000 employees and strengthen Israel's role in advanced chip and system development.

In January 2026, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang revealed a new supercomputer built around the company's next AI processor. Several of its core components, including networking and data processing units, were developed at Nvidia's center in Yokne'am. This places Israeli engineers at the heart of systems that will support global AI research.

National Supercomputing and Public Investment

Private investment is matched by national planning. The Israel Innovation Authority launched a national supercomputer (https://innovationisrael.org.il/en/press_release/supercomputer-access-2026/) as part of the country's Artificial Intelligence Program. With funding exceeding 500 million shekels, including significant government support, the system is designed to train large AI models within Israel.

The infrastructure allows academic institutions, startups, and public agencies to access computing power that was once limited to global tech giants. This reduces dependence on foreign infrastructure and supports domestic research in medicine, climate modeling, language processing, and security.

A Regulatory Environment That Encourages Progress

Israel's approach to AI regulation has focused on guidance rather than heavy mandates. A government white paper published in 2022 and follow-up policy in 2023 set ethical expectations while relying on voluntary standards and professional oversight.

This structure allows rapid experimentation while keeping security and accountability in view. Given Israel's global standing in cybersecurity, this balance has helped integrate AI into sensitive sectors such as finance and critical infrastructure.

Benefits Beyond Israel

Israel's AI progress carries global benefits. Medical research, early disease detection, financial risk analysis, and cyber defense all gain from tools developed in Israeli labs. Many Israeli startups operate internationally from day one, spreading practical AI systems across markets and sectors.

At the same time, policymakers acknowledge that rapid growth raises challenges related to employment, education, and public services. Addressing those issues will require ongoing evaluation as AI adoption deepens.

Conclusion

Israel's rise as a global leader in artificial intelligence rests on adoption, investment, infrastructure, and talent. For a small nation, its impact on AI development is outsized and growing. As artificial intelligence reshapes medicine, security, finance, and research, Israel's contributions are positioned to support real-world progress that extends well beyond its borders. If current trends continue, Israel's role in AI will not only strengthen its economy but also deliver tools and knowledge that benefit societies worldwide.

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