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Hamas Internal Documents Confirm Coordination with World Vision Gaza Director — And Reveal Hamas Efforts to Infiltrate International NGOs

Hamas internal documents now provide direct [evidence](https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/hamas-interrogated-world-vision-whistleblowers-to-obstruct-trial-20260210-p5o0x7.html) (<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/hamas-interrogated-world-vision-whistleblowers-to-obstruct-trial-20260210-p5o0x7.html>) that Mohammed el-Halabi, the former Gaza director of World Vision, coordinated with the terror organization and that Hamas actively worked to interfere in his Israeli trial. For years, his case became a rallying point for critics who accused Israel of fabricating charges and undermining humanitarian work. Diplomats and major international NGOs publicly defended him, and the case was cited as proof that Israel was targeting aid workers without justification. The newly revealed Hamas records tell a different story. They confirm operational ties, internal coordination, and deliberate attempts by Hamas to obstruct judicial proceedings, reinforcing longstanding Israeli warnings about terrorist infiltration of humanitarian frameworks in Gaza.

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Key Takeaways

- Hamas internal documents confirm coordination between Mohammed el-Halabi and Hamas operatives.
- The documents show Hamas took active steps to obstruct (<https://ngo-monitor.org/reports/hamas-world-vision-operative-and-the-campaign-to-obstruct-his-trial/>) and interfere with his Israeli trial.
- El-Halabi was arrested in 2016, convicted in 2022 on terror-related charges, and released in 2025 as part of a hostage-prisoner exchange.
- For years, major NGOs and diplomats publicly portrayed him as innocent and criticized Israel's judicial process.
- The revelations highlight a broader pattern (<https://ngo-monitor.org/reports/puppet-regime-hamas-ngo-gaza/>) of Hamas infiltration and manipulation of international aid organizations operating in Gaza.

The Arrest, Trial, and Conviction of Mohammed el-Halabi

Mohammed el-Halabi served as Gaza operations manager for World Vision, one of the largest Christian humanitarian organizations in the world. In June 2016, Israeli security services arrested him at the Erez crossing between Israel and Gaza. Israeli prosecutors charged him with diverting humanitarian funds and materials to Hamas, which the United States designates as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

After lengthy proceedings in the Beersheba District Court, el-Halabi was convicted in June 2022 on multiple counts, including providing material support to a terrorist organization and transferring funds and goods to Hamas. The court reviewed classified intelligence and testimony, concluding that he had exploited his senior position to redirect resources intended for civilian projects toward Hamas's military infrastructure.

In 2025, Israel released el-Halabi as part of a hostage-prisoner exchange agreement with Hamas following the October 7 massacre and subsequent war. His release was political, not judicial. It did not vacate his conviction.

Years of International Criticism and Public Campaigns

From the moment of his arrest, el-Halabi's case became a focal point for international criticism of Israel. World Vision consistently maintained that internal audits found no financial discrepancies on the scale alleged by Israeli prosecutors. Human rights organizations and some diplomats argued that Israel's reliance on classified evidence undermined transparency.

The case drew coverage in international outlets, including the Sydney Morning Herald, and statements from advocacy groups portrayed el-Halabi as a humanitarian unjustly detained. Public campaigns questioned Israel's motives and described the trial as flawed.

These narratives significantly shaped international opinion. For many observers unfamiliar with the region's security realities, the case appeared to confirm suspicions that Israel was targeting aid workers under the guise of counterterrorism. That perception persisted for years.

Newly Revealed Hamas Documents: Direct Proof of Coordination

Newly disclosed Hamas internal records, first reported by NGO Monitor and covered in the international media, provide direct documentary evidence of coordination between el-Halabi and Hamas officials. According to the reporting, the documents detail communications, operational links, and internal Hamas discussions concerning el-Halabi's activities and his legal defense.

Most significantly, the documents show that Hamas took steps to interfere with the Israeli judicial process. They indicate that Hamas security personnel interrogated and monitored potential witnesses, including World Vision staff members and whistleblowers, to prevent testimony that could harm el-Halabi's case. The internal records describe efforts to manage information, shape narratives, and obstruct proceedings.

These findings shift the debate from claims and counterclaims to documentary evidence originating within Hamas itself. They confirm that the organization had a vested interest in protecting el-Halabi and was prepared to intervene to shield him from accountability.

What This Reveals About NGO Infiltration in Gaza

The el-Halabi case highlights a broader structural problem facing international NGOs operating in Gaza. Hamas exercises de facto governmental control over the territory. It oversees border crossings, licensing, employment permissions, and local security. That authority creates significant leverage over humanitarian agencies.

When an armed group controls the environment in which aid organizations operate, infiltration and manipulation become real risks. Aid employees may face coercion. Hiring processes can be influenced. Projects can be redirected. Whistleblowers can be intimidated. The newly revealed Hamas documents demonstrate that these risks are not theoretical.

Hamas has a documented history of diverting resources and embedding operatives within civilian institutions. The organization's charter and public statements affirm its commitment to armed struggle against Israel. In such an environment, international NGOs must operate with extreme caution. Oversight mechanisms that function effectively in stable democracies can be vulnerable in territories controlled by armed factions.

The el-Halabi case shows how humanitarian legitimacy can be exploited. A senior position within a respected global NGO provided access, credibility, and resources. According to the Israeli court's findings and now supported by Hamas's own internal documentation, that access was used in service of a terrorist organization.

The Consequences for International Accountability

The exposure of Hamas's internal coordination and interference efforts raises serious questions for donor governments and global institutions. Billions of dollars in humanitarian aid flow into Gaza. The United States and European governments contribute substantial sums to relief efforts in the territory.

When a terror organization can both infiltrate an NGO and attempt to obstruct foreign judicial proceedings, donor oversight becomes a matter of national security. Transparent vetting, strict auditing, and independent monitoring are not political tools. They are safeguards against diversion and manipulation.

The el-Halabi case illustrates how public campaigns can obscure underlying security realities. For years, Israel faced criticism for pursuing prosecution. The newly revealed documents indicate that those criticisms overlooked active interference by Hamas itself.

Conclusion

The conviction of Mohammed el-Halabi was long portrayed internationally as a symbol of injustice. Newly disclosed Hamas internal documents tell a different story. They confirm coordination between el-Halabi and Hamas and reveal direct efforts by the terror group to obstruct his trial. These findings strengthen Israel's longstanding warnings about terrorist infiltration of humanitarian structures in Gaza.

This case underscores the need for rigorous oversight of aid operations in territories controlled by armed organizations. It calls for careful evaluation of public campaigns that challenge judicial outcomes without full access to the evidence. Most of all, it demonstrates that humanitarian work in conflict zones requires vigilance against manipulation by those who seek to exploit goodwill for violent ends.

Frequently Asked Questions About Hamas and NGO Coordination

What are the implications of Hamas coordinating with international NGOs?

When a governing authority like Hamas requires **coordination** with international NGOs, it can significantly impact the **neutrality** and independence essential for effective humanitarian work. Recent revelations based on internal Hamas documents illustrate how approvals are funneled through Hamas-run ministries and a "**guarantor**" system...local liaisons who can influence staffing and decision-making within organizations. This situation is compounded by the fact that some organizations masquerading as charities have been linked to funding Hamas's military operations, highlighting the complexities involved in ensuring genuine humanitarian efforts.

Practical implications of these dynamics include:

- **Program distortion:** Projects may be approved or blocked based on political agendas rather than genuine need.
- **Surveillance risk:** Reports indicate data collection on NGO personnel, raising serious safety and privacy concerns.
- **Diversion and misuse:** For instance, a Hamas document labeled an Oxfam-funded agricultural project as a "cover for resistance activities," despite no evidence that Oxfam was aware of this characterization.

For donors and the public, the core issue revolves around *trust and accountability*: implementing stronger oversight, transparent partner screening, and diligent monitoring can mitigate the risk that aid inadvertently supports coercive tactics or violent objectives. Understanding the broader context of how some organizations

have been sanctioned for their ties to Hamas can further inform these efforts, as detailed in our [analysis \(https://cognitura.org/blog/category/policy-analysis\)](https://cognitura.org/blog/category/policy-analysis) of the implications of such sanctions on civilian safety.

How can communities protect against extremist infiltration in NGOs?

Communities can bolster their resilience by recognizing extremist influence as a **recruitment pipeline**...a staged process that fosters trust before demanding loyalty. Recent developments reveal that some groups exploit charities, youth programs, or aid distribution to gain credibility and disseminate **propaganda**, designed to manipulate beliefs through selective or emotional messaging.

Strong governance serves as the first line of defense. NGOs should implement:

- **Clear vetting** for staff, volunteers, and partner organizations to prevent infiltration attempts.
- **Financial transparency** and independent audits for high-risk programs to ensure accountability.
- **Conflict-of-interest rules** and documented decision-making processes to uphold ethical standards.
- **Safeguarding policies** for youth-facing work and online spaces to protect vulnerable populations.

Communities can further support these efforts through **media literacy** and **critical thinking** training...encouraging practices like source verification, evidence solicitation, and awareness of *pressure to conform*. When concerns arise, they should be reported through lawful channels, protecting whistleblowers while prioritizing rehabilitation and accountability without stigmatizing entire communities.

What role does transparency play in NGO operations in conflict zones?

Transparency is crucial for NGOs to build trust, minimize harm, and foster lawful *accountability* in high-risk environments. This entails clearly communicating what the NGO is doing, the rationale behind it, and how decisions are made...while safeguarding individuals whose safety may be jeopardized by public disclosures.

Effective transparency typically encompasses:

- **Funding and partnerships:** Identifying who supports the work and any applicable conditions.
- **Program goals and limits:** Clarifying what aid is available, eligibility criteria, and what the NGO cannot provide.
- **Safeguards and complaints:** Outlining how incidents of abuse, diversion, or misconduct can be reported and investigated.
- **Evidence practices:** Detailing how information is verified to prevent propaganda and misinformation from influencing decisions.

Recent developments indicate that information can be weaponized in conflict. Transparent, evidence-based reporting enhances **media literacy** and **education**, making it more challenging for false narratives to undermine humanitarian efforts or jeopardize community safety.

A Call for Enhanced Transparency and Accountability in NGOs

Practical Steps to Mitigate Exploitation Risks

Transparency is not merely a slogan; it is vital for safety in conflict zones. Weak oversight can be exploited, allowing groups such as **Hamas** to infiltrate humanitarian organizations and manipulate them through coercive tactics. Consequently, aid access can transform into a tool for status, power, and financial control. To disrupt this cycle, it is imperative to prioritize truthfulness and moral leadership in humanitarian efforts, which can effectively counteract extremist narratives.

To address these risks, NGOs must commit to robust transparency and accountability standards:

- **Traceable funding:** Implement clear and public reporting on financial flows.
- **Independent audits:** Ensure transparent procurement processes.
- **Community feedback:** Establish mechanisms that safeguard whistleblowers.
- **Staff training:** Equip personnel to recognize psychological manipulation and coercion tactics.

By prioritizing accountability, NGOs uphold **human dignity**, foster public trust, and empower communities to resist extremist manipulation. For insights on reclaiming moral agency, see our [discussion on moral leadership in conflict](https://cognitura.org/the-cycle-of-control-and-violence) (<https://cognitura.org/the-cycle-of-control-and-violence>).

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The New Extremist Palestinian Draft Constitution: Sharia as a Legal Foundation and Locking In “Pay For Slay”

The Palestinian Authority has released a draft [constitution](https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-886547) (<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-886547>) that gives the public a clearer view of what Palestinian “state” institutions will look like. Two provisions stand out for Americans trying to understand the stakes: the text makes Islamic Sharia a main driver of legislation, and it directs state bodies to provide “protection and care” for the families of “martyrs,” meaning terrorist murderers. Read together, these clauses raise questions about civil rights, rule-of-law standards, and whether the long-disputed prisoner and “martyrs” payments system would be shielded by constitutional status rather than treated as a policy choice.

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Key takeaways

- The draft constitution states that Islam is the official religion and that the principles of Islamic Sharia are “[a primary source for legislation](https://constitutionnet.org/sites/default/files/2026-02/2026.02%20-%20Draft%20constitution%20%28English%29.pdf)” (<https://constitutionnet.org/sites/default/files/2026-02/2026.02%20-%20Draft%20constitution%20%28English%29.pdf>).”
- It assigns “Sharia disputes and personal status” matters to Sharia and religious courts.
- It commits the state to provide “protection and care” for families of “martyrs,” meaning murderous terrorists, language widely linked to the “pay-for-slay”

debate.

- The draft's benefits language appears in more than one place, suggesting an intent to anchor the bloody concept across the constitution. (https://paxpoint.org)
- US law and policy have treated the payments issue as central, including through the Taylor Force Act's aid restrictions tied to ending terror-linked stipends.

What the draft constitution says about Sharia

The text sets a religious-legal baseline in Article 4: "Islam is the official religion in the State of Palestine," and "the principles of Islamic Sharia are a primary source for legislation." In plain terms, lawmakers and courts would be expected to shape statutes and legal interpretation around Sharia principles.

The draft also routes a defined category of disputes into religious courts. Article 132 states that "Sharia disputes and personal status are handled by Sharia and religious courts," with details left for future legislation. In many legal systems, "personal status" covers marriage, divorce, inheritance, and related family-law questions. That structure can have major practical effects on women's rights, minority protections, and legal uniformity, depending on how courts apply the underlying rules.

What the draft constitution says about "martyrs," prisoners, and payments

The most politically charged language appears in Article 24, which says state and national institutions will "provide protection and care for the families of martyrs and the wounded and prisoners and those released from the occupation prisons." This clause is an apparent effort to formalize continuation of the policy that critics call "pay-for-slay."

A second passage reinforces the same theme. Article 44 states that "the law organizes the provision of comprehensive care for the families of martyrs, the wounded, and prisoners, and those released," tied to "national dignity" and "humanitarian and living needs." By placing the commitment in constitutional text and repeating it, the draft signals that these benefits are meant to be durable obligations, not discretionary programs that a future cabinet can easily cancel.

Why constitutional language matters

Constitutions do more than announce ideals. They bind future governments, shape court rulings, and make reversals politically and legally costly. When a constitution declares Sharia a primary source of legislation, it invites judges and lawmakers to

treat religious jurisprudence as an authoritative reference point across the legal

system. **Peace Efforts**

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The same logic applies to "martyrs" and prisoner-related benefits. A future Palestinian leadership that wanted to meet US and international expectations by moving to strictly needs-based welfare could face a built-in constraint if courts treat Articles 24 and 44 as mandates.

How this intersects with US policy

For years, Washington has treated the 'Pay for Slay' system as a barrier to stable diplomatic and financial support. [The Taylor Force Act \(https://cufi.org/resource/pay-for-slay-the-taylor-force-act/\)](https://cufi.org/resource/pay-for-slay-the-taylor-force-act/) conditions certain US economic assistance on steps to end payments "to terrorists" and their families, reflecting the bipartisan view that payments tied to attacks or imprisonment can incentivize violence.

That context matters even more after recent reporting that Mahmoud Abbas issued changes aimed at ending or restructuring the criticized payments system. Reuters reported in February 2025 that Abbas revoked the longstanding system of financial allowances and shifted administration of the funds, a move framed as responding to US pressure. Wafa also described a decree-law revoking provisions related to the prior allowances framework. If the new draft constitution still instructs the state to provide "protection and care" for "martyrs" families and prisoners, it points to the fact that the 'Pay for Slay' system is here to stay.

Conclusion

This draft constitution lays out a governing vision with two clear signals: it places Islamic Sharia at the center of legislation and assigns key disputes to religious courts, and it directs state bodies to care for "martyrs," wounded, and prisoner families in language closely associated with "pay-for-slay". This demonstrates that while some Palestinians might try and show a moderate face to the west, in reality, and where it matters, the state the Palestinians are trying to impose will be extremist Islamist and one which honors terrorists and rewards bloodshed.

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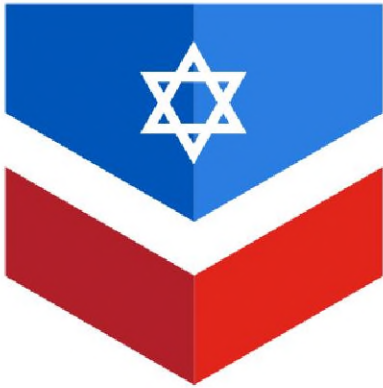
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David's Sling Test Success Shows US–Israel Defense Partnership at Work

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Israel's David's Sling air and missile defense system has just completed a complex series of tests that validated upgrades drawn from recent combat experience. The announcement matters for more than Israel's security. The test [campaign](#) was run by Israel's Missile Defense Organization inside the Defense Ministry in cooperation with the US Missile Defense Agency, with Rafael as the prime contractor, showing a working model of US–Israel defense collaboration. When Israel improves the performance of a shared interceptor family against real-world threats, the United States gains data, experience, and industrial benefits that strengthen both countries' ability to protect civilians, troops, and critical infrastructure.

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Key Takeaways

- Israel's Defense Ministry and the US Missile Defense Agency completed a complex David's Sling test series based on recent operational lessons.
- David's Sling is designed to intercept rockets, missiles, cruise missiles, aircraft, and drones, and it forms the middle layer of Israel's multi-tier air defense.
- The upgraded [tests](#) strengthen Israel's shield while generating joint technical knowledge that helps US missile defense planning and readiness.
- The program reflects deep US–Israel industrial cooperation, including US participation through the Missile Defense Agency and US manufacturing ties through Raytheon.
- Stronger Israeli air defense [reduces](#) the chance of regional war expansion that could threaten US forces, allies, and global trade routes.

What Israel Just Tested and Why It Matters

According to Israel's Defense Ministry and reporting that followed, the test series assessed upgraded David's Sling capabilities against a range of challenging scenarios that reflect current and emerging threats. Israel's Missile Defense Organization ran the campaign with the US Missile Defense Agency and Rafael, and officials described the outcome as a successful validation of upgrades introduced after combat use.

David's Sling occupies the middle tier of Israel's air defense. Iron Dome focuses on many short-range rocket threats, Arrow systems focus on longer-range ballistic missiles, and David's Sling helps handle the large space in between, including cruise missiles and certain ballistic and rocket threats. This layered design lets Israel assign the right interceptor to the right target, preserving inventory and lowering the cost of defending population centers.

The US Role: Missile Defense Agency Cooperation in Practice

This latest test campaign is not a symbolic partnership photo-op. It is operational cooperation between Israel's Defense Ministry research and development bodies and the US Missile Defense Agency, carried out in a structured program tied to deployed systems. The Jewish Edition described the tests as a joint effort among IMDO, DDR&D, the US MDA, and Rafael. Defense reporting echoed that structure and noted that the upgrades were driven by lessons learned during wartime operations.

That matters for US security in two direct ways. First, joint testing generates shared engineering knowledge about intercepting modern missile, drone, and aircraft threats. Second, real operational lessons from Israel's defense of its airspace can feed into how the United States prepares to defend forward-deployed forces, bases, and key assets from similar threat families.

Industrial Cooperation That Strengthens Both Economies and Supply Chains

David's Sling is a joint US–Israel program in design and production. Rafael leads the system, and Raytheon has been a long-standing US partner on David's Sling development and manufacturing, with portions produced in the United States. Israel's Elta, part of Israel Aerospace Industries, develops the radar, and Elbit provides the command center.

That kind of industrial structure supports American jobs and keeps key defense manufacturing skills active inside the United States. It also reduces single-country supply risk during wartime demand spikes. When Israel and the US share production responsibilities and technical standards, both sides can sustain readiness under pressure.

How This Improves Safety for Israelis and Americans

Israel's air defense saves lives by stopping rockets and missiles aimed at cities, hospitals, airports, energy sites, and military bases. Israel's Defense Ministry described David's Sling's wartime performance as preventing casualties and major damage, and said the new tests validated upgrades to confront a wider set of threats.

The United States benefits when Israel can defend itself more effectively. A stronger Israeli shield reduces the odds that adversaries can coerce Israel into wider escalation through mass missile fire. That lowers the risk of a regional conflict that would endanger US service members stationed in the Middle East and threaten partners who host American forces. It also protects global economic interests, since major regional instability can disrupt trade and energy routes that affect Americans at home.

There is another practical gain. Israel operates under intense threat conditions that few countries face at the same frequency. When Israel tests and upgrades systems based on real attack patterns, the resulting data can inform how the United States plans layered defense for bases, ships, and allied infrastructure facing growing drone and cruise missile threats.

A Clear Signal to Adversaries

Successful, public test campaigns carry a deterrent message. They tell Iran and its regional proxies that Israel continues to improve its ability to defeat salvo attacks, including complex mixes of drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic threats. Reporting on the tests linked the upgrades to lessons from the conflict and discussed the broader context of future missile threats.

Deterrence protects civilians by lowering the chance that adversaries believe they can achieve strategic effects through indiscriminate fire on cities. It also supports US interests by reducing the likelihood that American forces get pulled into a larger war after an adversary miscalculates.

Conclusion

David's Sling's successful complex test series is a concrete example of US–Israel collaboration that strengthens security on both sides of the Atlantic. Israel's Defense Ministry, its missile defense organizations, and the US Missile Defense Agency worked together to validate upgrades rooted in battlefield reality, with American-linked production ties running through the program.

For Israel, the result is a stronger protective layer in a system built to defend civilians from rockets, missiles, and drones. For the United States, the partnership produces shared technical knowledge, stronger supply resilience, and a more stable regional security picture that protects US forces and interests. The next step for policymakers and observers is to treat these joint programs as a security asset for both nations, and to keep funding, interoperability work, and joint testing on a steady, predictable track.

Frequently Asked Questions about David's Sling

What is David's Sling and how does it function as a missile defense system?

David's Sling is an Israeli missile defense system designed to intercept *medium- to long-range* threats, such as rockets and missiles, before they can strike populated areas or critical sites. It plays a vital role in a layered defense strategy, positioned between short-range systems like Iron Dome and higher-tier systems like Arrow. This multi-tiered approach is essential for comprehensive protection, especially in the face of evolving global threats.

The system operates through a "detect–track–decide–intercept" process:

- **Radar** detects an incoming projectile and tracks its flight path.
- A **battle management** system assesses where the projectile will land and whether it poses a threat to civilians or infrastructure.

- If necessary, an interceptor missile launches to neutralize the threat mid-flight.

Recent advancements illustrate that missile defense increasingly focuses on protecting civilians while providing leaders with critical time and options during crises...an approach aligning with U.S. strategies for homeland and regional air-and-missile defense cooperation. For example, systems like Arrow 3 have proved effective in combat scenarios, underscoring the importance of layered defenses in modern warfare.

Why is the test success of David's Sling important for U.S.–Israel relations?

David's Sling's successful test is significant as it serves as a visible proof point that the [U.S.–Israel alliance](#) yields practical security results...not merely verbal commitments. This system is a product of close collaboration, demonstrating how joint air-defense initiatives can enhance deterrence, safeguard civilians, and reinforce the trust sustaining this durable partnership [Allyvia's overview of the alliance and David's Sling](#).

The benefits extend directly to the United States. Joint programs enable the U.S. military to use real-world data, refine technology, and improve operational readiness, ultimately ensuring greater safety for American forces in escalating threat environments [Allyvia's report on deepening defense cooperation](#).

Furthermore, the success of these tests highlights a broader reality: collaboration on missile defense, intelligence sharing, and R&D allows the U.S. to maintain a strategic advantage over adversaries while minimizing the necessity for a larger American military presence in the region [Allyvia's "Putting America First" case](#).

How does this defense partnership benefit American security and economy?

The [U.S.–Israel alliance](#) enhances American interests by boosting deterrence in a volatile region while reducing the exposure of U.S. forces. Recent discussions regarding proposals for a long-term, "America-first" security agreement emphasize that a capable Israel can address threats independently, alleviating the need for American troops, aircraft carriers, or forward bases, thus easing the burden on U.S. military resources.

This partnership also generates direct economic benefits domestically. According to Allyvia's analysis, **over 80%** of U.S. security assistance to Israel is spent *within the United States*, strengthening American manufacturing and the defense industrial base. Separate reporting on the 2016 memorandum of understanding highlights **\$38 billion** in aid from 2019 to 2028, with most funds allocated for U.S. production and research.

- **Jobs and supply-chain stability:** long-term contracts enable U.S. firms to plan, hire, and invest.

- **Better technology:** collaborative efforts on missile defense, AI, and cyber capabilities enhance U.S. readiness and can translate into civilian applications.

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Israel's Unprecedented Role in Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

In the history of warfare, it is extremely rare that a nation or party facilitates aid or assistance into enemy territory. In fact, the opposite is overwhelmingly true. The State of Israel, revealing from the single greatest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, decided to buck the trend as a result of its commitment to reducing civilian harm.

Israel sits on part of the main land gateways into Gaza and, understandably, post-October 7 massacre, controls key parts of the inspection and coordination process during wartime. That puts Israel at the center of nearly every argument about why aid is, or is not, reaching civilians in sufficient amounts. The reality is that Israel has enabled very large volumes of aid to enter over time, while the overall system, largely because of Hamas theft, has still repeatedly failed to translate “aid at the crossing” into “food in families’ hands.” Understanding the difference between bottlenecks and policy choices matters, especially when comparing traditional UN-led distribution to the later Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) model backed by Israel and the United States.

Key Takeaways

- **Large volumes entered** Gaza through channels coordinated with Israel, including **tens of thousands of trucks** in 2024–2025 and **over 100,000 trucks** (https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/news/mfa-response-to-ipc-report-22-aug-2025/en/English_Swords_of_Iron_DOCUMENTS_COGAT_Humanitarian_Efforts_in_t_August_2025.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com) **since the war began**.
- **A persistent choke point was inside** (https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/blinken-tours-kerem-shalom-aid-crossing-tank-fire-rings-out-gaza-2024-05-01/?utm_source=chatgpt.com) **Gaza**, where insecurity, looting, and limited operating freedom often prevented collection and distribution after entry.
- **GHF's claim** (https://www.gov.il/en/pages/gaza-humanitarian-foundation-operational-update?utm_source=chatgpt.com) **to scale** rests on very high “meals delivered” counts in short time windows, including **16+ million meals** by mid-June 2025 and **50+ million meals in about five weeks** as reported by GHF to Reuters.
- The most useful way to judge “block” vs “facilitate” is to separate **(1) entry capacity and approvals** from **(2) last-mile distribution and security**.

What Israel controls and what it coordinates

The gateways: crossings, corridors, and inspection

Since the war began on October 7 as a result of the mass murder of Israelis by Hamas, most aid that moves by land into Gaza passes through crossings and processes that Israel controls. Israel's coordinating body, COGAT, publishes regular operational updates and maintains a public “Gaza Aid Data (https://gaza-aid-data.gov.il/mainhome/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)” portal.

Inspection is not a formality. Israel argues that screening is required to prevent weapons, dual-use materials, or cash from reaching Hamas. A Reuters report from U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to Kerem Shalom described Israeli officials claiming the crossing could inspect **55 trucks per hour**, with the bigger bottleneck occurring after entry.

The “two-step problem”: entry vs. pickup and distribution

Israel can clear trucks into or up to the Gaza-side staging areas, but it cannot, on its own, guarantee that UN agencies and partners can safely pick up, store, and distribute those supplies across an active battlefield. Israeli government reporting (https://embassies.gov.il/multilateral-organizations-france/en/news/israels-humanitarian-aid-data-and-efforts-gaza-august-20?utm_source=chatgpt.com) has explicitly highlighted days when **more trucks were “waiting to be collected”** than were entering, blaming the gap on capacity and conditions inside Gaza.

OCHA situation reporting has similarly described shifting operational conditions at crossings and the constraints on offloading and uplift.

Aid volumes Israel says it enabled: the scale question

Below are several datapoints drawn from published sources that quantify the flow Israel coordinated or recorded.

Table 1: Reported aid entry metrics (selected periods)

Period	Metric	Reported figure	Source
Jan–Jul 2024	Trucks + airdrops recorded	28,734	Peer-reviewed paper (https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11818336/?utm_source=chatgpt.com) using COGAT registry
Jan–Jul 2024	Food weight delivered	478,229 tons	Same paper
Jan–Jul 2025	Aid trucks entered	33,882	INSS (https://www.inss.org.il/publication/humanitarian-aid-gaza/?utm_source=chatgpt.com) citing COGAT data

Table 2: GHF “meals delivered” claims (time-stamped)

Date / window	Claim	Source
June 11, 2025	16+ million meals total; 2.5 million in a day	Gov.il operational update
Five weeks (reported July 1, 2025)	52+ million meals	Reuters

Why the model outperformed UN-style distribution throughput

It was argued that in a setting where armed groups can divert supplies and where convoys face insecurity, a **tighter “secure hub” approach** can move large quantities quickly and reduce losses. That logic is consistent with Reuters’ reporting on GHF’s work and that other aid was heavily looted.

Conclusion

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