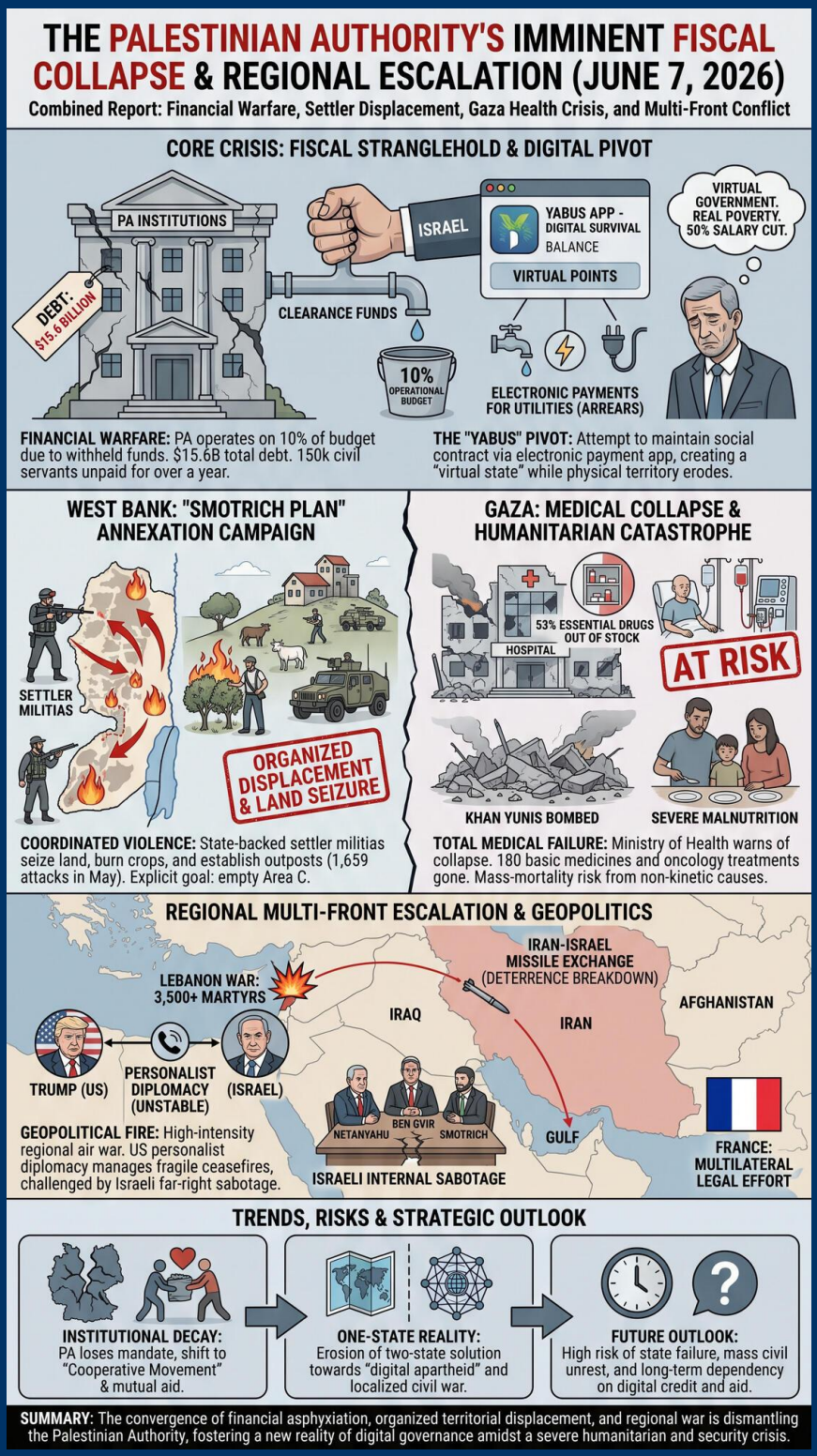
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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The broadcast cycle for June 7, 2026, portrays a Palestinian landscape under extreme existential pressure, characterized by a convergence of military, economic, and territorial crises. Strategically, the most significant development is the **imminent fiscal collapse** of the Palestinian Authority (PA). Finance Minister Stephan Salameh revealed that the PA is operating at **only 10% of its required budget** due to Israel's continued withholding of clearance funds, leading to a debt of $15.6 billion and a 50% salary reduction for public employees. The administration is attempting to mitigate this through digital governance, specifically the "Yabus" application, which aims to provide electronic payment solutions in lieu of cash, though the effectiveness of such measures remains unproven in a war-torn economy.

Territorially, the West Bank is experiencing a **coordinated settler-led annexation campaign**. Reports from Salfit, Hebron, Nablus, and the Jordan Valley describe an organized effort by settler militias, often supported by the military, to seize land, burn crops, and establish new outposts. This is explicitly framed as the **implementation of the "Smotrich Plan"** to force Palestinian displacement. Simultaneously, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is worsening, with the Ministry of Health reporting that **53% of essential medicines** are completely out of stock, while military operations in Khan Yunis continue to yield high casualty rates. The regional dimension is equally volatile, with **U.S. President Donald Trump** portrayed as a central figure negotiating ceasefires in Lebanon and mediating missile exchanges between Israel and Iran, highlighting a shift in American regional posturing.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Palestinian Authority's Financial Crisis

- Finance Minister Stephan Salameh confirmed the PA is facing a unprecedented financial crisis due to Israel's 18-month seizure of clearance revenues.
- Total PA debt has reached $15.6 billion, including obligations to pension funds, banks, and the private sector. three billion dollars are owed in employee arrears.
- The government launched the **Yabus** financial app to allow employees to pay for water, electricity, and telecommunications using their held arrears, reflecting a pivot to digital survival strategies.

Organized Settler Displacement Campaign

- Settlers launched coordinated attacks in Jaljiliya, Huwara, and the Jordan Valley, involving the theft of livestock, burning of olive trees, and destruction of commercial property.
- The "Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission" recorded **1,659 attacks** by settlers in May alone, aimed at enforcing territorial displacement.
- New illegal outposts are being established in Hebron and Bethlehem, specifically targeting the "Buffer Zone" areas to isolate Palestinian communities. military-supported annexation is cited as the primary driver.

Medical and Humanitarian Stockout in Gaza

- The Ministry of Health warned of a **total collapse** of the medical sector, with 53% of essential drugs and medical consumables depleted.
- Specific shortages include 180 basic medicines and 50 oncology treatments, endangering over 4,000 cancer patients. kidney dialysis services are also at risk.
- Casualties continue to mount, with **13 citizens killed** in Gaza and Khan Yunis in single raids targeting displaced persons' tents. virtually constant bombing is reported in Khan Yunis.

Lebanon-Israel Multi-Front Escalation

- Heavy Israeli bombardment targeted Nabatieh and the Beqaa Valley, with **3,558 martyrs** and over 10,000 wounded reported since March. intensive air raids have leveled entire neighborhoods.
- Ceasefire negotiations are ongoing under U.S. and French mediation, with a proposed deal involving Hezbollah's withdrawal south of the Litani and Lebanese Army control of the border.
- Internal Israeli division is reported regarding the ceasefire, with figures like Ben Gvir criticizing the deal as a strategic error.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization The conflict has expanded into a high-intensity regional air war. Israel is reported to have targeted Iranian personnel and assets in Syria and Lebanon, while Iran retaliated with **seven ballistic missiles** toward Bahrain and Kuwait, which were intercepted. Regional missile exchanges indicate a breakdown of traditional deterrence. Domestically, the PA is unable to deploy security forces to counter settler militias, leading to a **vacuum of social order** in Area B and C of the West Bank. Armed settler groups are increasingly acting as a paramilitary wing of the state.

Macroeconomics & Trade The Palestinian economy is shrinking at a rate of **$1 billion per month** since October 7. Finance Minister Salameh noted that labor income from the Green Line has ceased, and trade is **stifled by 930 checkpoints** and barriers. National income vectors have shifted from production to aid dependency and digital credit. The banking sector is heavily exposed, with **PA debt exceeding capital reserves** of local banks. Unreturned checks and liquidity crises are preventing the import of basic goods.

Food & Water Security In the Jordan Valley and Gaza, water infrastructure is a primary target. Settlers have seized historical springs (e.g., Al-Saa' spring) and destroyed water

tanks in Al-Hamma. In Gaza, the siege has led to **severe malnutrition**, with many families surviving on one pound of flour and sugar per day. Agricultural production in the West Bank is down 60% due to settler-imposed grazing and harvesting bans.

Diplomacy & Statecraft France is leading a **multilateral effort** to sanction violent settlers at the EU level, while the US under President Trump is pursuing a "phone-call diplomacy" approach. The broadcast highlights a **French-hosted conference** in Paris on June 12 to revive the Palestinian issue on the international agenda. French and British parliamentary delegations are actively engaging with the PA to discuss recognition of Palestinian statehood as a stabilizing measure.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Weaponization of Financial Arrears A critical trend is the Israeli government's use of **financial warfare** as a tool for political subjugation. By withholding clearance funds, Israel is not merely starving the PA of cash but is systematically de-legitimizing the Authority in the eyes of its own employees. The PA's response—the "Yabus" app—is a desperate attempt to maintain a social contract through digital credit. This trend suggests a future where the PA becomes a "virtual government" managing digital points while the physical territory is carved up by military outposts and settler zones. Institutional survival is now tied to the PA's ability to maintain the loyalty of 150,000 civil servants who haven't received full pay in over a year.

The "Smotrich Plan" as Ground Reality The transcripts suggest that the "Settlement Resettlement" or annexation plan is no longer a fringe political theory but an **operational reality**. Settler violence is described as having "clear goals" to empty Area C of Palestinians. The acceleration of settler outposts and the use of "grazing terrorism" to seize thousands of dunams indicate a **structural shift** toward total annexation. The broadcast frames this as a "war within the war," where the civilian settler population acts as a primary combatant force with IDF protection.

Regional Re-alignment under Trump The frequent mention of President Donald Trump in various negotiations (Lebanon, Iran) suggests a **personalist diplomatic model** that bypasses traditional state institutions. The broadcast portrays a world where regional wars are managed through direct lines between the White House and leaders like Netanyahu and bin Salman. However, this model is shown to be **unstable**, as Israeli far-right ministers (Ben Gvir, Smotrich) openly defy these diplomatic overtures, creating a tripartite struggle between the US administration, the Israeli security establishment, and the settler-right.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The Palestinian Authority is suffering from **severe institutional decay** and a loss of public mandate. The drug stockouts and the 50% salary crisis have triggered labor strikes in the health and education sectors, with 11,000 surgeries delayed. The broadcast attempts to pivot public frustration toward a "cooperative movement," suggesting that because the state is failing, the people must rely on mutual aid and collective projects to survive. This indicates a **breakdown of state-centrism** in Palestinian political thought, as

the Authority admits it cannot provide basic services.

Inside Israel, the government is portrayed as **internally fractured**. The "Netanyahu-Smotrich-Ben Gvir" alliance is presented as a chaotic leadership where ministers openly sabotage national security decisions (like the Lebanon ceasefire) to appeal to their settler base. This internal polarization is seen as the primary driver of **aggressive foreign policy**, as Netanyahu must escalate conflict to avoid a domestic coalition collapse or criminal trials. Public sentiment in Israel is reported as **deeply skeptical**, with only 59% of voters trusting Netanyahu's war leadership. Mass protests against the government continue to be a significant instability factor.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is catastrophic, characterized by systemic **financial isolation** and the destruction of production centers. The broadcast emphasizes that the PA's reliance on Israeli clearance funds makes it **vulnerable to sovereign extortion**.

- **GDP Contraction:** The Palestinian economy is losing **$1 billion per month**; the Gaza GDP is essentially zero. Trade stagnation is universal.
- **Debt Crisis:** The PA owes $15.6 billion, with $3 billion in back pay to civil servants. Local banks have stopped additional lending.
- **Currency Pressures:** The devaluation of the Shekel vs. Dollar is compounding import costs, though the broadcast notes that currency exchange differences have slightly helped the Ministry of Finance manage dollar-denominated aid.
- **Agricultural Collapse:** Over 600 dunams of trees were destroyed in Salfit; livestock theft in Jaljiliya has eliminated the primary income for 15 major farming families.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The transcripts highlight a shift in power dynamics within the regional and domestic leadership hierarchies, where traditional diplomatic roles are being superseded by ideologues or personalist negotiators.

- **Stephan Salameh (PA Finance Minister):** Emerging as the primary crisis manager; his role has shifted from budget management to **negotiating survival credit** and managing the "Yabus" digital transition. Status: High stakes management.
- **Donald Trump (US President):** Portrayed as the **absolute regional arbiter**, managing conflicts via direct interventions. However, the broadcast notes his inability to control the Israeli far-right. **Status: Dominant but contested**.
- **Itamar Ben Gvir / Bezalel Smotrich:** Framed as the **de facto rulers of the West Bank**. They are depicted as winning the internal battle against the Israeli military establishment by successfully sabotaging ceasefire efforts. **Status: Rising power**.
- **Layali (Palestinian Astronaut):** A symbolic win for "grassroots excellence"; she is framed as the **new face of Palestinian potential** in a time of institutional failure. Status: Cultural winner.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's editorial hierarchy prioritizes **immediate trauma and systemic injustice**. Casualties in Gaza and settler violence in the West Bank receive the most urgent airtime, framed through a lens of **resistance and sumud (steadfastness)**. There is a clear attempt to provide a **couter-narrative to institutional failure** by highlighting the "Cooperative Movement" and the "Yabus" app, suggesting that while the state is failing, the people are not. The tone is **emotionally heavy**, often featuring long, unedited interviews with victims of settler attacks to emphasize the "militia" nature of the violence.

Conspicuous Omissions: There is almost no coverage of **Palestinian internal political opposition** or criticism of the PA leadership's handling of the war. Hamas's internal governance in Gaza is largely absent, with the focus remaining on civilian suffering and Israeli military action. Additionally, details on **Hamas's military posture** are suppressed in favor of focusing on the IDF's targeting of civilians and infrastructure.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcast frames the current geopolitical environment as a struggle between a **fractured international legality** (represented by France and the EU) and **unilateral militarism** (represented by Israel and, to an extent, the U.S.).

- **The United States (Trump Admin):** Portrayed as a "transactional superpower." The administration is seen as willing to mediate regional deals to avoid a general war before the World Cup, yet **complicit** in Israeli expansionism. "Israel has become hostage to the American decision" but simultaneously Trump is seen as unable to restrain the settler-right.
- **Israel:** Framed as a **rogue state in internal collapse**. The leadership is described as "chaotic" and "corrupt," using war to avoid legal accountability. The military is depicted not as a professional army but as a guardian of settler militias.
- **Iran:** Portrayed as a **principled but dangerous** regional player. The broadcast highlights Iranian missiles hitting "strategic depths" in Israel but also notes Iran's willingness to negotiate through Pakistan.
- **France:** Characterized as the **lone principled Western actor**, pushing for actual sanctions and legal consequences for land seizure. French diplomatic initiatives are the only ones presented with optimism.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The primary information warfare tactic observed is **narrative seeding** regarding the "Smotrich Plan." The broadcast frequently links disparate settler attacks into a **singular strategic narrative** of ethnic cleansing, aiming to mobilize international legal bodies. Simultaneously, the PA is using **digital statehood propaganda** via the "Yabus" app to signal that it still possesses administrative control despite being functionally bankrupt. Israel's narrative of "incitement" is countered

by showing unedited footage of settler violence against women and children, weaponizing the "civilian-on-civilian" conflict to delegitimize the IDF. There is also a notable delta in the reporting of the Lebanon ceasefire: while the US/Lebanese side portrays it as a diplomatic breakthrough, the Israeli far-right is portrayed as conducting a **misinformation campaign** to derail it as a "surrender." Ben Gvir's criticisms are framed as internal political theater at the expense of regional peace.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Collapse of the PA:** If tax funds are not released within 60 days, the PA will likely **cease physical administration** of West Bank cities. This will trigger a move toward digital governance and mutual aid cooperatives as the primary social safety net.
- **Settler Annexation War:** The West Bank is likely to descend into **localized civil war** between Palestinian "Popular Committees" and settler militias. The IDF will be forced to choose between total annexation or conflict with its own civilian population.
- **Gaza Famine Crisis:** With **53% drug stockouts** and continued bombing of aid warehouses, Gaza faces a **mass-mortality event** in the second half of 2026 unrelated to direct kinetic strikes, but driven by medical stockout.
- **Regional De-escalation:** A Lebanon ceasefire mediated by Trump is likely, but will remain **fragile** and subject to sabotage by Israeli domestic actors seeking to prolong the war for political survival.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): High risk of **civil unrest** in West Bank cities as Tawjihi exams proceed without government funding. Possible arrest of cancer treatment patients due to drug shortages. Settler attacks will likely peak during the olive harvest preparations.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Shift toward **electronic currency** (Yabus points) as the primary medium of exchange in the West Bank. Structural sanctions by the EU on the Israeli settlement economy are expected to formalize.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Erosion of the Two-State Solution in favor of a "One-State-Reality" of digital apartheid. Regional pivot toward **Iran-Arab normalization** mediated by non-U.S. actors (Pakistan/China) if Trump's personalist diplomacy fails.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Fiscal Collapse of the PA:** Triggers: Continued withholding of $1B/month clearance funds. Likelihood: **High**. Impact: Total loss of security control in the West Bank, mass strikes, and potential state failure. Mitigations: International direct-to-employee payment systems bypassing Israel.
- **Gaza Medical Catastrophe:** Triggers: Depletion of remaining 47% of drug stocks. Likelihood: **Critical**. Impact: Thousands of deaths from oncology/dialysis failure. Mitigations: Immediate emergency airlifts of WHO essential drug list.

- **Regional Missile War:** Triggers: Israel-Iran miscalculation in Lebanon. Likelihood: **Moderate**. Impact: Direct missile strikes on Gulf hubs (Bahrain/Kuwait). Mitigations: U.S.-led deterrence and Pakistani-mediated channel.
- **Settler Coup d'état in Area C:** Triggers: Netanyahu's coalition collapse. Likelihood: **Moderate**. Impact: Systematic eviction of 30,000+ Bedouins and Jordan Valley farmers. Mitigations: UN protective presence (unlikely) or EU economic sanctions.
- **Education Sector Loss:** Triggers: Inability to hold Tawjihi exams. Likelihood: **High**. Impact: Loss of an entire academic generation and rise in youth radicalization. Mitigations: Remote testing and virtual schools as proposed by Ministry of Education.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Israeli Strategic Intent:** The broadcast does not explain the Israeli security establishment's view of the PA's financial collapse—whether they fear it or are secretly facilitating it.
- **Hamas Military Capability:** There is a total blind spot regarding Hamas's actual remaining troop strength and rocket capability, focusing only on their governance and aid roles.
- **U.S. Domestic Context:** While Trump is mentioned, the **U.S. congressional pressure** or legal hurdles to his personal diplomacy are ignored.
- **Alternative Aid Sources:** The potential for **Arab League or BRICS financial intervention** to save the PA from bankruptcy is not discussed.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for the **de-centralization of PA security** into local municipal committees as the central Authority loses the ability to pay salaries.
- **Economic:** Support the **digitalization of the Palestinian economy** through the Yabus app as a temporary safeguard against sovereign fund seizure. Digital liquidity is now a national security requirement.
- **Diplomatic:** Leverage the French-hosted Paris conference to formalize an international mechanism for drug procurement that bypasses Israeli clearance delays.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Critical risk to **logistics in South Lebanon** and Nabatieh; Nabatieh is now a high-intensity combat zone. Regional transport hubs are unreliable.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Investors should expect **heightened EU-led sanctions** on any entity doing business with West Bank settler companies or in seized territories. Land-seizure litigation is a major ESG risk.
- **Capital Allocation:** The Palestinian cooperative movement presents a niche opportunity for socially responsible investment (SRI) in agricultural resilience as the formal state economy shrinks.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The legislative focus is dominated by **emergency financial measures** and changes

to **international legal frameworks** regarding settlement activity. Minister Salameh discussed the **New Insurance Law** and the re-formulation of bank agreements to handle state debt. Additionally, the UN **Resolution 302** regarding UNRWA's mandate is under significant pressure as Israel attempts to legislatively redefine "refugee" status to exclude descendants of 1948 survivors.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **New Palestinian Insurance Law:** Seeks to standardize and protect the financial of the national economy during (joint) مفصل war.
- **Settlement Regulation Act (Israeli Knesset):** Debate over the legalization of outposts established without state permits.
- **UN Resolution 2803:** US-sponsored security council resolution which Israel continues to ignore regarding humanitarian corridors.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Salameh Financial Briefing:** Detailed the 15.6 billion dollar debt and the roll-out of the "Yabus" app.
- **Layali NASA Presser:** Celebrated the selection of a Palestinian astronaut as a victory for Palestinian education.
- **Hebron/Salfit Press Events:** Local mayors detailed the systematic destruction of agricultural land by settlers.

KEY STORIES

- **PA Debt and the Yabus App:** Minister Stephan Salameh revealed a $15.6B total debt, with only 10% of operational revenue available. The government is launching the **Yabus** app to allow civil servants to spend their withheld salaries as electronic credit for utilities. PA financial crisis coverage.
- **Settler Escalation in Jaljiliya and Huwara:** Coordinated attacks by dozens of armed settlers destroyed the property of 15 farming families in Jaljiliya, including the destruction of 15 barns. Settler-militias established a new outpost on Huwara mountain after burning olive groves. Huwara settler attacks.
- **Gaza Medical Stockout:** The Ministry of Health reports **53% drug depletion**. 4,000 cancer patients and thousands of dialysis patients are without medicine. Essential medicines out of stock.
- **Lebanon War Toll:** Nabatieh and South Lebanon saw heavy bombing, with a reported total of **3,558 martyrs** since March. Israel targeted Hezbollah command infrastructure in civilian areas.
- **Tawjihi Exams in War Zones:** The Ministry of Education is preparing for high school exams despite the war. In Gaza, exams will be **remote/virtual**, while the West Bank faces checkpoints and military closures. Virtual Tawjihi plans.
- **Layali the Astronaut:** A 16-year-old Palestinian girl, **Layali**, was selected for a future NASA mission training program. She was framed as a symbol of hope and intellectual steadfastness.

- **Missile Hits on Kuwait and Bahrain:** Iran launched **seven ballistic missiles** toward the Gulf; all were intercepted. Iran claims these are retaliation for Israeli strikes in Syria.
- **Cooperative Movement Promotion:** In response to PA failure, the government is promoting the "Cooperative Model" as an economic alternative for agricultural resilience.
- **Hebron Child Fatality:** The death of the infant **Sam Abu Haikal** (7 months) after IDF firing on his family's vehicle in Tel Rumeida. IDF firing in Hebron.
- **Algerian Aid:** The Al-Baraka Algerian Society sponsored **7,000 orphans** in Gaza, highlighting continued Arab humanitarian solidarity.
- **Paris Peace Conference:** France announced a **June 12 summit** to address the West Bank land-seizure crisis. Paris diplomatic initiative.
- **Deir al-Balah Fisherman Killed:** Israeli gunboats fired on a fishing vessel, killing **Muhammad Abu Jiyab**. Gaza sea operations.
- **Tulkarm and Nablus Incursions:** Continued "sweeping" operations in refugee camps, with the IDF destroying commercial infrastructure.
- **Nakba Commemorations in Syria:** Palestinian unions in Damascus held events emphasizing the right of return after 78 years of displacement.
- **Huwara Municipality Shutdown:** The mayor of Huwara reported that the town is economically paralyzed due to the complete closure of the main commercial street by military blocks.

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