



# Middle East Notes

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## SPECIAL UPDATE

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**1) [Rival UN Security Council proposals on Gaza both fail](#), News Agencies and Israel Hayom Staff, June 3, 2018**

"U.S. vetoes Arab-backed resolution seeking 'international protection' for Palestinian civilians in Gaza and U.S. fails to garner support for resolution condemning Hamas. 'It is now completely clear that the U.N. is hopelessly biased against Israel,' says U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley." ...

**2) [In memory of Razan al-Najjar, Orly Noy](#), 972 Mag, June 3, 2018**

"The 21-year-old paramedic was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers while trying to aid wounded protesters near the Gaza-Israel separation fence. Many Israelis either refuse to believe she was actually killed or claim that her killing was somehow justified." ...

**3) [Thousands of protesters turn out for latest round of demonstrations](#), Jack Khoury & Almog Ben Zikri & Yaniv Kubovich, Haaretz, June 1, 2018**

"Thousands of protesters turn out for latest round of demonstrations on Friday, June 1. A Palestinian woman was killed by live fire and 40 others were wounded during demonstrations near the Israel-Gaza border on Friday, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. Razan Najjar, a 21-year-old volunteer for a medical team helping wounded protesters, was shot near Khan Yunis." ...

**4) [They're Right. If Palestinians in Gaza Don't Shoot, No One Listens](#), Gideon Levy, Haaretz, June 1, 2018**

"They are the last fighters against the Israeli occupation. While the occupied West Bank behaves like it's given up, Gaza is not giving up." ...

**5) [Prevent a War of Prestige](#), Haaretz Editorial, May 30, 2018**

"The battle cries by ministers and lawmakers who are urging Israel to act with full force are hollow fanfare, which must not be a substitute for judicious conduct that takes the explosiveness of the Gaza Strip." ...

See also: [Israel-Gaza flare-up worst since 2014 – but war could still be avoided](#)

**6) [Gaza bloodshed, UN mulls protecting Palestinians](#), Adnan Abu Amer, Al - Monitor May 31, 2018**

"The odds of the UN passing a resolution to send a protective force to the Palestinian territories are slim, but recent violence there has given the proposal legs. However following Israel's bloody crackdown on Gaza Strip demonstrators in May, some Middle East groups are calling for an international force to protect Palestinian citizens." ...

**7) [Israel's Supreme Court provides support to occupation of West Bank, Gaza](#), Akiva Eldar, Al – Monitor, May 31, 2018**

"Israel's Supreme Court has authorized virtually every violation of the Palestinians' rights brought before it." ...