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We Carry the Key, They Carry the Rubble



SHOROUQ EL MASRI - A PALESTINIAN FAR FROM HOME, BUT NEVER FROM THE SOIL

The first word that comes to my mind when I think about what is happening in Palestine is "Qahr". There is no English word for it, but it is more than pain or anger, it is a feeling that gnaws at your throat, making you feel hopeless and powerless as you watch people killed every day.

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Even after a ceasefire was announced, the truth is still being hidden, censored, and deleted. Instagram accounts are being targeted, and the few ways journalists have to share the truth and expose injustices are constantly under attack. Saleh's Instagram account was deleted the same day he was killed, even in death, his voice had to be silenced.

I think about my own privilege. The only reason I am not there is because my great-grandfather fled. That one decision is the only thing that separates me from my people in Gaza. Like many Palestinians, my father still keeps the key to his grandfather's home. For us, the key is not just a piece of metal, it is a promise that we will return.

We carry the key, and they carry the rubble. I scroll through videos of Gaza from the comfort of my own home with an unbearable feeling of guilt and hopelessness. This is Qahr.

It is a feeling shared by every fleeing Palestinian. Even though we may never have set foot on our land, it lives within us. Our connection to the soil runs deep, through memory, through blood, through the keys that hang on our walls. And no matter how many homes are destroyed, they will never erase the belief that

one day we will return. Until then, we resist, resist, and resist.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

Civil defence says Israeli forces kill six people in Gaza

Quadcopter drones opened fire on civilians inspecting their homes



A child sits on top of a vehicle loaded with belongings as displaced Palestinians return to their homes in the in al-Zahra area, north of the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip

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● Tuesday's incidents occurred on the fifth day of the truce brokered by US President Donald Trump

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed six Palestinians in separate incidents yesterday, while the military reported its troops had opened fire on suspects who approached their positions.

Mahmud Bassal, spokesman for the civil defence agency, which operates as a rescue force under Hamas, said five people were killed as they inspected their homes in the Shujaiya district of Gaza City.

"Israeli quadcopter drones opened fire on civilians inspecting their homes in Shujaiya," Bassal said.

The Israeli military said its troops fired after "several suspects were identified crossing the yellow line and approaching IDF troops operating in the northern Gaza Strip".

"Attempts were made to distance the suspects," the statement said.

"The suspects did not comply and continued approaching the troops, who opened fire to remove the threat."

Under a ceasefire deal agreed with Hamas, Israeli forces have pulled back to a so-called "yellow line", behind which troops still hold roughly half of Gaza.

UN, Red Cross demand opening of all Gaza crossings to let in aid

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations and the international Red Cross called on Tuesday for all crossings into Gaza to be opened to allow desperately needed aid into the Israeli-blockaded Palestinian territory.

The fragile truce in war-ravaged Gaza, introduced under US President Donald Trump's plan, needs to see crossings opened to flood the famine-hit territory with aid, they said.

"That's what humanitarians, including ICRC, have been calling for in the last hours -- making sure that, because of the huge needs, all entry points

can be open," International Committee of the Red Cross spokesman Christian Cardon told reporters in Geneva.

Jens Laerke, spokesman for the UN humanitarian agency OCHA, added: "We need all of them open."

He acknowledged that not all of the crossings were currently "functional", with some "partially destroyed", while road clearance was needed inside the Gaza Strip to allow trucks in with food, medical aid, fuel, water and other essential supplies.

"We are calling for that to be repaired so that they can become operational," he said.

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As part of the deal, Hamas on Monday released the remaining 20 living hostages along with the bodies of four captives.

In exchange, Israel freed nearly 2,000 prisoners, mostly Palestinians, and handed over the remains of 45 Palestinians.

Hamas forces back on Gaza streets as truce holds

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Hamas security forces were tightening their grip on Gaza's ruined cities yesterday even as global support mounted for a US-backed deal that would see them disarmed. When bus loads of prisoners freed from Israeli jails arrived in Gaza on Monday, fighters from Hamas's Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades provided crowd control.

In the north of the territory, as Israeli forces withdrew from Gaza City, the Hamas government's black-masked armed police resumed street patrols. Meanwhile, a Hamas security unit has been conducting operations against armed clans and gangs, some alleged to have Israeli backing. "Intense clashes broke out -- and are still ongoing at the moment -- as part of efforts to eliminate collaborators," said witness Yahya, who asked not to be named in full for fear of retribution.



Palestinians gather around as Gaza Municipality staff prepare to deploy bulldozers to clear building rubble from main axes and streets in Gaza City

In a similar incident, Bassal said an Israeli drone strike killed one person when it targeted a group of civilians in the town of Al-Fukhari, southeast of Khan Yunis city.

When asked for comment, the military told AFP the group had

posed "an immediate threat" to troops stationed there.

"The suspects attempted to move toward an area where a Hamas weapons storage facility was positioned and was previously dismantled," the military said.

"The troops opened fire to re-