

IDF: Hamas operated command center, likely held hostages under Gaza kids' hospital

Army spokesman releases video from basement of Rantisi hospital showing stash of weapons, accuses terror group of using medical facilities in Strip 'as an instrument of war'

The Israeli military revealed what it said was proof that the basement of a Gaza City hospital was used by the Hamas terror group to hide arms and possibly hold hostages kidnapped on October 7, as Jerusalem seeks to dispel criticism of fighting near hospitals thought to hold terrorist hideouts.

"Hamas hides in hospitals. Today, we will expose this to the world," IDF Spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said during a nightly press conference.

Speaking in English, Hagari presented evidence showing Hamas weapons being stored underneath Rantisi children's hospital in Gaza, as well as rooms seemingly used to hold hostages. One room staged to look like a living room featured window curtains covering a tiled wall and a calendar of guard shifts starting on October 7, the day Hamas sent thousands of terrorists into Israel, where they slaughtered some 1,200 people and took another approximately 240 people hostage.

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