



Knesset advances political Oct. 7 probe as bereaved parents protest

Parents whose sons were killed on October 7 speak against proposed bill, to no avail

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The Knesset on Wednesday approved, in a preliminary vote, a bill backed by the government to establish a commission of inquiry into the October 7 massacre that would be controlled by politicians.

During the Knesset debate, bereaved parents watched from the visitors' gallery and shouted "shame" and "those under

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investigation cannot appoint the investigators."

All opposition lawmakers arrived dressed in black, and several were removed from the chamber after shouting or holding up signs. During the vote, members of Yesh Atid and Ra'am party leader Mansour Abbas tore up copies of the bill.

"To ensure that such a disaster never happens again, all state systems must be examined," said the bill's sponsor, Likud MK Ariel Kaliner,

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Bereaved families shouting from the Knesset gallery in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

Olivier Fitoussi

Israel, Hamas trade accusations over Gaza explosion

Jonathan Lis, Jack Khoury and Reuters

Israel and Hamas traded accusations over an explosion that injured a soldier in Gaza on Wednesday.

According to an Israel Defense Forces spokesperson, an improvised explosive device was detonated on an armored vehicle, slightly wounding a combat officer, during operational activity in the Rafah area "aimed at dismantling terrorist infrastructure."

Hamas official Mahmoud Mardawi said the explosion was caused by bombs left

behind by Israel. According to him, Hamas reported the incident to mediators.

The Prime Minister's Office released a statement condemning Hamas for ongoing violations of the cease-fire and President Trump's 20-point plan.

"Their ongoing and continuing public refusal to disarm is an ongoing flagrant violation," it added. "Again today, their violent intentions and violations were confirmed by their detonation of an IED that wounded an IDF officer."

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Budget for crime-fighting in Arab society underused

Deiaa Haj Yahia and Josh Breiner

The National Security Ministry, headed by Itamar Ben-Gvir, used only half of the funds allocated in the 2022-2026 five-year budget to fight crime and violence in the Arab community, official ministry data shows.

The data, obtained through a Freedom of Information request filed by the Movement for Freedom of Information, indicates that out of the National Security Ministry's 1.5-billion shekels (around \$405 million) under the five-year bud-

get, only 748 million shekels (around \$202 million) have been utilized. Half the budget was spent over four years, with the remaining half available for use in the final year of the plan.

According to ministry data, several key programs in the five-year plan have yet to be implemented, despite having been budgeted. One such program is "Stop the Bleeding," which was initiated by the American Joint Distribution Committee, or the JDC, and operated in seven Arab towns through

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Tracking shows 'urban' jackals thriving on abundant food in TA

Zafir Rinat

Jackals have made Tel Aviv their permanent home thanks to a steady supply of food and ample shelter, according to findings presented Tuesday at the Jackals in the Urban Space conference organized by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality.

Estimates indicate that several hundred jackals now live within the city limits, roaming all areas - from the northern neighborhoods to Jaffa and even the city center. In most cases, the jackals enter residential neighborhoods to search for food and then return to open spaces, primarily around the Yarkon River.

Municipal monitoring of the jackal population,



A jackal in Tel Aviv, this month.

Doron Margulies

conducted in collaboration with Prof. Dan Malkinson of the University of Haifa, is still in its early stages. So far, 16 jackals have been

captured and fitted with tracking devices. Among the findings is that many jackals regularly rely on cat feeding stations as a

food source. The municipality is working to persuade residents who feed cats to adopt measures that prevent jackals from accessing the food.

Tracking data also revealed that some jackals travel no more than 200 meters in a 24-hour period. These animals mainly roam the area between the Yarkon River and the site of the former Sde Dov airport. Jackals in the wild typically cover an average distance of more than two kilometers a day. The limited movement of these urban jackals suggests that they have learned to depend on the readily available food and shelter in the

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Mohammed Bakri Hagai Frid

Acclaimed actor and director Mohammad Bakri dies at 72

Nirit Anderman and Sheren Falah Saab

Actor and director Mohammad Bakri died on Wednesday at the age of 72 after suffering from heart and respiratory problems. His health deteriorated suddenly in recent days, and he was hospitalized a few days ago. He is survived by a daughter and five sons.

Bakri gained widespread recognition for his

performances in films such as "Beyond the Walls," (1984) "Fellow Travelers" (1983), "Cup Final" (1991) and "Desperado Square" (2001), as well as for numerous roles on stage. In 2002, he directed the documentary "Jenin, Jenin," which presented conversations with residents of the Jenin refugee camp and their testimonies regarding war crimes they claimed were committed

by Israel Defense Forces soldiers during Operation Defensive Shield in the second intifada.

Born in 1953 in the village of Bi'ina in the Galilee, near Carmiel, Bakri grew up in an Arab-Muslim family. In 1976, he began studying theater arts at Tel Aviv University. After completing his studies, his talent and charisma helped

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NOTICE ABOUT REDUCED PAYMENT OF ELECTRICITY BILLS FOR THOSE ENTITLED BY LAW

In accordance with the amendment to the Electricity Sector Law and regulations set by the Ministry of National Infrastructures, Energy and Water Resources, eleven categories have been determined as being entitled to reduced payments in the electricity bill, with a %50 discount in the domestic rate for the first 400 KWh monthly, for domestic use only. The following are the eleven categories according to the authorizing body:

The National Insurance Institute:

1. Customers entitled to a pension according to section 2(a)(4) of the Assurance of Income Law, 1980; in effect as of June 27, 2007.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer over the retirement age who receives a senior citizen pension or a survivors' pension from the Nil, with supplementary income support. The reduction for this group has been applicable as of June 27, 2007.
2. Customers receiving an old-age pension for a disabled person according to section 251 of the National Insurance Law, 1995; in effect as of July 20, 2011.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer receiving a senior citizen pension with an addition for disability who received the disability allowance before retirement age (according to the instructions of section 251 of the National Insurance Law). The reduction for this group has been applicable as of July 20, 2011.
3. Customers entitled to an allowance for special services according to Regulation 3(b) and (c) of the Nil Regulations (Disability Insurance) (Provision of Special Services), 1978; in effect as of May 1, 2012.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer receiving an allowance for special services at the rate of %112 and up from the Nil. The reduction for this group has been in effect as of May 1, 2012.
4. Customers entitled to a pension according to Nil regulations for disabled child, 2010, excluding according to Article 12 of the First Appendix, for a child dependent on outside help or in need of special medical treatment, as defined in Regulation 1 of the above-mentioned regulations; in effect as of May 1, 2012.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer receiving a Nil allowance for a disabled child owing to the child's dependency on others' help or owing to special medical treatment needed by the child. Those receiving a disabled child's allowance for other reasons are not entitled to a reduction. The reduction for this group has been in effect as of May 1, 2012.
5. Customers eligible for nursing benefits according to section 224 (a)(2) of the National Insurance Law (consolidated version), 1995; in effect as of May 1, 2012.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer receiving a level 5 or 6 nursing allowance. The reduction for this category has been in effect as of May 1, 2012.
6. Customers eligible for benefits according to the Assurance of Income Law, 1980, or payment according to the Alimony Maintenance (Assurance of Payments Law), 1972, to a single parent as defined in the Law of Single-Parent Families, 1992, with at least three children whom he/she maintains; in effect as of May 1, 2012.
- According to the Nil:** A customer who is an independent parent (single parent family) with at least three children and receives an Income Support Allowance from the Nil or alimony. The reduction for this category has been applicable as of May 1, 2012.
7. Customers eligible for benefits according to the Assurance of Income Law, 1980, or payment according to the Alimony Maintenance (Assurance of Payments Law), 1972, to families maintaining at least four children; in effect as of May 1, 2012.
- According to the Nil:** A family with at least four children and receiving an Income Support Allowance or Income Support from the Nil or alimony. The reduction for this category has been in effect as of May 1, 2012.
8. Customers eligible for the Law of Benefits for the Victims of Acts of Terror, 1970, with a rate of at least %50 disability according to the aforementioned law or a customer eligible for benefits according to the aforementioned law whose level of disability is lower than %50 and receives a permanent existence benefit according to the Ministry of Defense directives; in effect as of December 20, 2015.
- According to the Nil:** Victims of Terrorism that have been granted at least %50 level of disability or receive a living allowance, the reduction for this category has been applicable as of December 12, 2015.
9. Customers entitled to an allowance for special services according to Regulation 3(a) of the Nil Regulations (Disability Insurance) (Provision of Special Services), 1978; in effect as of September 2025, 19.
- According to the Nil:** A consumer receiving an allowance for special services at the rate of %50. The reduction for this group has been in effect as of September 2025, 19.

The Authority in the Ministry of Finance for Rights to Survivors of Nazi Persecution:

10. Customers receiving reparations according to section 4(a) or 4(c)1 of the Invalids (Nazi Persecution) Law, 1957, or according to section 4 (c) or 4(d) of the Invalids (War against the Nazis) Law, 1954; in effect as of September 20, 2010.
- According to the Ministry of Finance's Authority for Rights to Survivors of Nazi Persecution:**

Those receiving an allowance according to Income and increased compensation according to Income only. The reduction for this category has been in effect as of September 20, 2010.

The Israel Defense Forces (Lone Soldier):

11. A customer after military service which serves in compulsory service and recognized according to military fl regulations as a lone soldier and eligible for a subsidy in apartment rental or as a soldier entitled to a subsidy in fl apartment rental because of the distance from his/her home to the place where he/she serves. In this paragraph, fl 'after military service', 'military regulations' and 'compulsory service' are as defined in the Defense Service Law (consolidated version), 1986; in effect as of May 1, 2012.

Ministry of Defense (IDF Disabled Veteran):

12. A customer eligible for benefits according to the Disability Law (benefits and rehabilitation), 1959 (consolidated version), determined with a rate of at least %50 disability according to the aforementioned law or a customer eligible for benefits according to the aforementioned law whose level of disability is lower than %50 and receives permanent existence benefit according to Ministry of Defense directives; in effect as of December 20, 2015.

To receive the above-mentioned benefits, the eligible person must be a registered customer of the Israel Electric Corporation (name, ID no.). If the person entitled to a reduction is in one of the categories stated above, but his/her current bills have not been reduced, he/she must contact the 103 IEC Service Center In order for us to update his/her details and register him/her as a customer. If necessary, and state the relevant reduction.

Additional Information can be found on the IEC website: www.lec.co.il In the following order: Home Customers >> Announcement of Eligibility for Reduced Payment for Those Entitled by Law.

We wish to state that should there be a contradiction between the text of this announcement and that which is determined by law, the legal provisions will prevail.