**Update: IDF Will Hold Fire for Humanitarian Window**

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As a result of open dialogue between the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) and representatives of the United Nations, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) will facilitate a humanitarian window tomorrow, Thursday, July 17. Between10:00 and15:00 IDT, the IDF will cease operational activity within the Gaza Strip and hold its fire.

This humanitarian window is meant to allow the civilian population of the Gaza Strip to engage in resupply for their humanitarian needs. The residents of Beit Lahyia, Shuja’iya and Zeitoun are not to return to their homes after 15:00 IDT.

Should the humanitarian window be exploited by Hamas or other terror organizations for the purpose of launching attacks against Israeli civilian or military targets the IDF will respond firmly and decisively.