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# Israel Insight

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## New Israeli Tactics Towards Gaza

### News Briefs:

- The Israeli Army located and destroyed seven tunnels running under the Philadelphi Route (the border between Gaza and Egypt). Hamas officials admitted to using these tunnels and others to import weapons and ammunition.
- PM Ehud Olmert and Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni met with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier to discuss an upcoming US-sponsored peace conference. Germany reiterated its loyalty to Israel and pledged European support to the peace process and Palestinian development.
- Arabic newspapers published breaking news of a confrontation between Israeli Fighter Jets and Lebanese Army units today. The UN recently released a report summarizing Hezbollah's alleged arms buildup since the war in 2006.

- The Kadima-led government voted to restrict the supply of electricity and fuel into Gaza this week in direct response to the unacceptable rocket attacks conducted by Hamas. The government hopes that electricity cuts to Gaza right after Hamas rocket attacks will persuade Gazans to denounce the violence.
- The State Prosecutor's office defended the decision before the Israeli Supreme Court on Friday. Accused of administering collection punishment on civilians by many humanitarian organization, Israel responded by stating that the

restrictions were equivalent to economic sanctions. Like the UN sanctions on Iran, which also slow the economy and affect the civilian population, Israel's cuts to fuel and electricity are designed to protect Israeli citizens.



Fires started by Qasam rockets launched by Hamas in Gaza burn fields near Sderot  
Source: New York Times

## Olmert Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer

- On Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced that he has early-stage prostate cancer. The tumor is malignant (it will attack and spread throughout the body), but is currently confined to the prostate gland.
- In a few months, the gland

will be completely removed. There is a 95% chance that this will cure the PM and there will be no recurrence.

- Olmert will be completely able to fulfill his duties as the head of government, ceding power only on the day of his surgery.

## Idan Raichel Live

Who: Idan Raichel

What: A Concert

When: November 11, 2007, 7PM

Where: College Ave Gym, Rutgers University

130 College Ave  
New Brunswick, NJ  
08901

Come enjoy a mix of Reggae and Middle Eastern music, featuring the Idan Raichel project, sponsored by the Rutgers Hillel. Raichel, an Israeli keyboardist and composer, melds Yemenite, Arabic and Ethiopian musical styles. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him live! Other attractions at the festival: Israeli Dancing, Krav Maga (Israeli Martial Arts), Jewlery and Art

Tickets: Rutgers Student: \$5

Students: \$25

General: \$30

<http://www.icfest.com>



Idan Raichel, Israeli Musician

Source: Idan Raichel Project

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