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Israeli Strikes Kill 31, Gaza Toll Now Over 80 Since War Began

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Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip **killed another 31** people today, with the overwhelming majority already confirmed as civilians. The attacks bring the overall toll since the Israeli offensive began to **over 80 slain**.



The single largest incident took place in central Gaza today, when an attack on a civilian neighborhood [killed a family of 12](#), including a large number of children. Israeli officials blamed the attack on a “targeting” mistake.

[At least 13](#) of the civilians slain so far in the war have been children, with multiple victims [under](#) the age of five. Of the over 700 people wounded so far, a large number are also believed to be children.

Egypt has been feverishly trying to negotiate a ceasefire but so far that does not appear to be getting much headway, with Hamas balking at some of the more [onerous Israeli demands](#), and several Israeli officials suggesting they oppose a ceasefire on general principle, believing that a protracted war is more advantageous.