

Hamas carried out yrs-long campaign to fool Israel

REUTERS

A careful campaign of deception ensured Israel was caught off guard when the Palestinian group Hamas launched its devastating attack, enabling a force using bulldozers, hang gliders and motorbikes to take on the Middle East's most powerful army.

Saturday's assault, the worst breach in Israel's defences since Arab armies waged war in 1973, followed two years of subterfuge by Hamas that involved keeping its military plans under wraps and convincing Israel it did not want a fight.

While Israel was led to believe it was containing a war-weary Hamas by providing economic incentives to Gazan workers, the group's fighters were being trained and drilled, often in plain sight, a source close to Hamas said.

This source provided many of the details for the account of the attack and its buildup that has been pieced together by Reuters. Three sources within Israel's security establishment, who like others asked not to be identified, also contributed to this account.

"Hamas gave Israel the impression that it was not ready for a fight," said the source close to Hamas, describing plans for the most startling assault since the Yom Kippur War 50 years ago when Egypt and Syria surprised Israel and made it fight for its survival.

"Hamas used an unprecedented intelligence tactic to mislead Israel over the last months, by giving a public impression that it was not willing to go into a fight or confrontation with Israel while preparing for this massive operation," the source said.

Israel concedes it was caught off guard by an attack timed to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath and a religious holiday. Hamas fighters stormed into Israeli towns, killing 700 Israelis and abducting dozens. Israel has killed more than 500 Palestinians in its retaliation on Gaza since then.

"This is our 9/11," said Major Nir Dinar, spokesperson for the Israeli Defence Forces. "They got us." "They surprised us and they came fast from many spots - both from the air and the ground and the sea."

Osama Hamdan, the Hamas representative in Lebanon, told Reuters the attack showed Palestinians had the will to achieve their goals "regardless of Israel's military power and capabilities." In one of the most striking elements of their preparations, Hamas constructed a mock Israeli settlement in Gaza where they practiced a military landing and trained to storm it, the source close to Hamas said.



Palestinians inspect the destruction in a neighbourhood heavily damaged by Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City's Shati refugee camp early yesterday. Egypt has been in close contact with Israel and Hamas to try to prevent further escalation in fighting between them and ensure the protection of Israelis taken hostage by Hamas members, two Egyptian security sources said yesterday.



Hamas-Israel war slams door ON US-IRAN THAW

AFP, Washington

Through quiet diplomacy with Iran, US President Joe Biden's administration had strived to keep a lid on Middle East troubles. That bet came crashing down with Saturday's massive offensive by Hamas against Israel.

Iran's clerical leadership openly supports the group, who control the blockaded and impoverished Gaza Strip, and hailed the sneak attack that inflicted the deadliest blow on Israel in decades.

The Biden administration has engaged in cautious talks with Iranian officials, mostly taking place out of public view in Gulf Arab states, and reached an agreement last month that freed five Americans.

While making limited headway on the key issue of Iran's nuclear

program, US officials have alluded to tacit understandings with Tehran to turn down the temperature.

Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security advisor, told a September 27 event that Iranian-backed attacks in Iraq have stopped "for now" and pointed to a de facto truce in war-ravaged Yemen, where Tehran backs Houthi rebels.

"The Middle East region is quieter today than it has been in two decades," Sullivan said, while cautioning that the situation could change and listing Iran's nuclear program and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as festering issues.

Less than two weeks later, Hamas launched its surprise attack against Israel, leaving US diplomats scrambling to try and contain the outbreak of violence from spreading in the region.

The rival Republican Party has gone on the attack against Biden over the violence, pointing to the deal to free prisoners, which required the transfer of \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenue frozen in South Korea to an account in Qatar.

There is no evidence the money went to Hamas. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said "not a single dollar" has been dispensed.

But beyond the money, experts said offensive showed the limitations of Biden's approach with Iran.

"The deal with Iran was not just about prisoner release, but establishing some kind of a process that could potentially de-escalate the conflict between the two states," said Ray Takeyh, a fellow for Middle East studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Palestinian state 'most reliable' solution: Russia

AFP, Moscow

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said yesterday that creating a Palestinian state was the "most reliable" solution for peace in Israel and that fighting terrorism alone would not ensure security. He spoke during a press conference with the head of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, who visited Russia after the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas launched a massive surprise attack on Saturday. Creating a "Palestinian state that would live side by side with Israel... is the most reliable path to solve (the conflict)," Lavrov said. "We cannot agree with those who say that security can only be ensured through a fight with terrorism." He said Moscow was "deeply concerned that hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians have died and that the Gaza Sector has been declared a target for Israeli retaliation." Lavrov said Russia - in the midst of its almost 20-month long Ukraine offensive - had "serious questions" about Western policy on Israel. "They say that (fighting) should be stopped immediately, that Israel should destroy the terrorists," Lavrov said.

GAZA STRIP More than 123,000 displaced: UN

AFP, Jerusalem



More than 123,000 people have been displaced in the Gaza Strip since the outbreak of the conflict between Hamas and Israel, the United Nations said yesterday. "Over 123,538 people have been internally displaced in Gaza, mostly due to fear, protection concerns and the destruction of their homes," said the UN's humanitarian agency, OCHA. More than 73,000 are sheltering in schools, OCHA said, some of which have been designated emergency shelters. Israel has launched hundreds of strikes on Gaza since Saturday, when Hamas fighters launched deadly attacks in Israel. Adnan Abu Hasna, a spokesman for UNRWA, said he expected the numbers to rise further.



Central Reserve Police Force personnel help people disembark from an Indian Air Force helicopter after they were rescued from Lachen, an inaccessible area due to flash floods caused by a lake burst, at Mangan Helipad in Sikkim, India yesterday.

UKRAINE REGION UN alarmed by Russia's 'mass' passports move

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations yesterday voiced deep concern over Moscow's "mass conferral" of Russian passports in Ukrainian territory it controls and denying essential services to people who refuse them.

The UN human rights office, OHCHR, said residents who do not take up Russian citizenship were being denied access to essential public services and were at greater risk of arbitrary detention. "One and a half years after the Russian Federation's full-scale armed attack on Ukraine, we continue to bear witness to blatant and unabated violations of human rights," said UN deputy human rights chief Nada Al-Nashif.

Congress supports nationwide caste census

Says Rahul Gandhi; five Indian states to vote in key polls in November

AGENCIES

India's Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said yesterday the party's working committee has unanimously decided to support the idea of caste census in the country and announced that party chief ministers in Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan are considering it.

"Caste census is a very progressive, powerful step for emancipation of poor people. It is an 'X-ray' needed for new paradigm and development in country," Rahul said.

"The PM is incapable of doing caste census. 3 out of 4 Congress CMs are from the OBC category. Out of 10 BJP CMs, only one is from the OBC category. The PM doesn't work for the OBCs but works to distract them from main issues," Rahul alleged.

"PM Modi's charge that demand for caste census is an attempt to divide people is nothing but distraction," he added. He claimed that most INDIA parties

support the idea of caste census. "If someone has different opinion, we are flexible, not fascist," he said.

Earlier, addressing party leaders at the CWC meeting, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge raised the demand for conducting a nationwide caste census to ensure social justice and rights to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in accordance with their population, while noting that the BJP is silent on this matter, reports TNN.

Meanwhile, five Indian states will elect new legislatures next month, an independent election panel said yesterday, beginning a process of regional polls ahead of national elections due next year, reports Reuters.

The elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram are expected to give an indication of voter mood, especially in the heartland states which are key to fortunes of BJP.

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2.	Agency	Department of Health Services		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Director, National Institute of ENT		
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5.	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Diet for Patient & Washing of Linen Cloths)		
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