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SPECIAL UPDATE

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1) [APN's daily news review from Israel](#), **Americans for Peace Now, June 11, 2018**

...“At a three-hour cabinet meeting Sunday on how to help the Gaza economy and provide humanitarian aid, politicians took no decisions, despite security officials' warnings of an economic collapse in Gaza.” ...

2) [Three Myths About Gaza Dispelled](#), **Jim Klutznick and Marilyn Katz, The Forward, June 5, 2018**

“The front-page photos and nightly news reports of the killings at the Gaza/Israel border have faded; the issues that fueled the confrontation have not.” ...

3) [Four Palestinians Said Killed, Dozens Wounded by Israeli Fire in Gaza Protests](#), **Jack Khoury, Yaniv Kubovich, Almog Ben Zikri, Haaretz, June 8, 2018**

“Israeli occupation forces killed four Palestinians, including a child, and injured hundreds more on the 11th consecutive Friday (June 8, 2018) of Great March of Return rallies in Gaza.” ...

4) [The Big Lie: How Apologists for Israel's Occupation Justify Killing Unarmed Palestinian Protesters](#), **Dean Issacharoff, Haaretz, June 7, 2018**

“Israel's military and government ministers claim Israeli snipers opening fire across the fence into Gaza are 'defending our border.' That's just not true.” ...

5) [The Gaza shootings: a massive orthopaedic crisis and mass disability](#), **The BMJ (British Medical Journal), Nafiz Abu-Shaban, Plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Shifa Hospital, Gaza, June 6 2018**

...“From the appearance of the wounds there appears to have been systematic use by Israeli Defense Force snipers of ammunition with an expanding ‘butterfly’ effect. There are currently between 300 and 350 high energy compound tibial fractures in Gaza as a result of live fire. These are the most difficult of all open fractures to treat.” ...

6) [Rival UN Security Council proposals on Gaza both Fail](#), **News Agencies and Israel Hayom Staff, June 3, 2018**

“U.S. vetoes Arab-backed resolution seeking ‘international protection’ for Palestinian civilians in Gaza and U.S. fails to garner support for resolution condemning Hamas.” ...

7) [Relative Calm Since Gaza War Is Over: Hamas to Continue Protests This Summer](#), **Amos Harel, Haaretz, June 10, 2018**

“Hamas has a new array of tactics – violent protest, burning kites and the occasional rocket – to preserve the fire of resistance. While it's uncertain the situation will escalate into military conflict, Hamas alone doesn't decide.” ...

8) [Israeli Military Pushes Misleading Video in Attempt to Smear Slain Palestinian Medic Razan al-Najjar](#), **Democracy Now, June 8, 2018**

...“The Israeli military is now facing widespread criticism after it released a short video that was heavily edited, in efforts to claim the slain medic was acting as a “human shield” for Hamas when she was shot dead by an Israeli sniper...” ...