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## Israeli forces intensify Gaza offensive amid mounting

## casualties and humanitarian crisis

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Israeli forces launched extensive incursions into Gaza from both the north and south. In the north, tanks advanced into the ruins of Gaza's northern edge, claiming to recapture an area previously dismantled of Hamas presence. Meanwhile, in the south, tanks and troops crossed a highway into Rafah, intensifying the conflict. The ongoing fighting has led to the closure of a main aid crossing point, exacerbating an already dire humanitarian situation.

In Jabalia, residents fled as tanks pushed into the district, with airstrikes destroying homes and claiming civilian lives. Despite previous claims of dismantling Hamas infrastructure, Israeli forces continue to engage in combat, indicating prolonged conflict. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu characterized the war against Hamas as crucial for Israel's security and existence.

The Palestinian death toll continues to rise, with over 35,000 casualties reported, including civilians and fighters. The conflict has devastated Gaza, pushing its medical system to the brink of collapse due to fuel shortages for generators and ambulances. In Rafah, Israeli bombardments intensified, forcing hundreds of thousands to flee. The escalating violence has strained relations between Israel and the United States, with the latter pausing some arms deliveries and urging Israel to prioritize civilian protection.

Hamas fighters engage in gun battles with Israeli forces in Rafah and Jabalia, while Israel issues warnings of potential rocket launches from Gaza. Despite international concerns, including from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), about civilian safety, the conflict shows no signs of abating