

Gaza peace hangs in balance as Israel, Egypt at odds over truce - analysis

"Egypt found itself under pressure from the PIJ to deliver what it promised" and Cairo is now pressing Israeli on that matter, said lecturer Ofir Winter.

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Cairo and Jerusalem are at odds over the Egyptian-brokered truce that ended the Gaza violence earlier this month. The fragile quiet on Israel's southern border is dependent on a hastily reached truce fraught with confusion.

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Tel Aviv University lecturer **Ofir Winter** explained that the Egyptians were embarrassed by several reports that appeared in the Israeli media prior to the August violence.

This included a June report that IDF fighter jets had shot down an unarmed Egyptian drone that crossed into Israeli airspace. The drone shooting was coordinated, but Egypt would have preferred that it not be publicized.

In another incident, the media reported in July that a mass grave of Egyptian soldiers killed during the Six Day War had been uncovered near Latrun in Israel.

Israel, in addition, did not coordinate with Egypt its killing of Palestinian Islamic Jihad commanders Tayseer al-Jabari and Khaled Mansour in Gaza, said **Winter**, who is a researcher at **Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies**.

Mansour's killing complicated Egypt's efforts to broker a truce, he added, explaining that Israel had claimed these assassinations crucial in preventing future terror attacks.

In a virtual briefing **Winter** gave to reporters through the Jerusalem-based Media Central, he laid out the points of contention between Israel and Egypt in respect to the truce.

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