Israeli Military Operations in the Middle East to Continue

Netanyahu. Photo: CNN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the country's military operations across the Middle East are unlikely to end anytime soon, stressing that Israel will continue its campaign for as long as necessary to ensure national security.

Speaking in a lengthy interview with Israel's Channel 14 on Tuesday (June 30), Netanyahu said Israeli forces have made significant gains against Hamas and Hezbollah, as well as in military operations across Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria. He claimed Israel is now in a stronger strategic position than at any previous time.

Referring to Iran, Netanyahu argued that the recent conflict had broken what he described as a long-standing "wall of fear," claiming Israel had taken actions that had not been pursued for decades.

When asked about his government's pledge to achieve "total victory" following Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack, Netanyahu said the effort to guarantee Israel's security is an ongoing mission with no fixed endpoint.

Addressing the future of Gaza and the possible relocation of Palestinians, he said the issue concerns what he described as "voluntary relocation." He declined to provide further details, adding that he prefers actions over statements.

Netanyahu also acknowledged that Israel is facing growing international pressure on multiple fronts but said his government would continue to pursue its strategy despite the challenges.