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ISRAEL – HAMAS WAR

SIX MONTHS SINCE THE OCTOBER 7TH MASSACRE
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The events of the Hamas massacre on October 7th

- On Saturday, Oct. 7, which coincided with a Jewish holiday marking the end of the High Holiday season, the terrorist organization Hamas carried out a series of unprovoked, murderous, barbaric attacks. Hamas invaded Israel, rampaged Israeli towns near the border, and slaughtered and abducted Israeli civilians. Among the murdered Israelis were infants, the elderly, men, women, and children. Simultaneously, Hamas fired thousands of rockets from Gaza at Israeli civilian territory across the entire country.
- 30+ Communities near the Gaza Strip were attacked by thousands of Hamas terrorists, who massacred and abducted many of the civilians in these communities.
- On the 7th of October, more than 1,200 Israelis were murdered by the Hamas terror organization.
- During the massacre, Israeli women were sexually assaulted, raped, and murdered by Hamas terrorists..

KIDNAPPED CIVILIANS

- 253 CITIZENS WERE KIDNAPPED ON THE 7TH OF OCTOBER, AMONG THEM CHILDREN, WOMEN, ELDERLIES, MEN, SOLDIERS, AND FOREIGN WORKERS.
- 34 OF THE HOSTAGES WHO WERE HELD CAPTIVE ARE CONFIRMED DEAD, SOME WERE KILLED DURING CAPTIVITY. 12 BODIES WERE RESCUED BY IDF FORCES,
- 112 OF THE HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE WERE RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR TERRORISTS.
- SIX MONTHS LATER, 133 HOSTAGES ARE STILL HELD CAPTIVE IN GAZA

STATISTICS
- 1,200+ ISRAELIS KILLED SINCE THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 7TH.
- 604 FALLEN SOLDIERS.
- 260 IDF SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION IN THE GROUND OPERATION.
- 14 IDF SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY HEZBOLLAH TERRORISM, 17 ISRAELI CIVILIANS IN TOTAL WERE KILLED BY HEZBOLLAH.
- 5,400+ ISRAELIS WOUNDED SINCE THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 7TH.
- 133 CONFIRMED HOSTAGES. ON FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, IDF FORCES RECOVERED THE BODY OF ELAD KATZIR WHO WAS KIDNAPPED ON THE 7TH OF OCTOBER AND WAS MURDERED BY TERRORISTS WHILE IN CAPTIVITY THE GAZA STRIP.
- 12,000+ ROCKETS LAUNCHED INTO ISRAEL.
- 3,100+ ROCKETS WERE LAUNCHED INTO ISRAEL FROM LEBANON.
- 121 ISRAELI HOSTAGES RELEASED.
- 24 FOREIGN NATIONAL HOSTAGES RELEASED.
- 1500+ TUNNEL SHAFTS AND UNDERGROUND PASSAGES UNCOVERED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR (FINDING MORE EVERY DAY).

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Humanitarian Aid:
- since the beginning of the war, 388,850 tons which is approximately 20,742 of humanitarian aid was brought into Gaza.
- Among this humanitarian aid brought into Gaza
  - 272,000 tons of food
  - 44,190 tons of shelter equipment
  - 29,260 tons of water
  - 20, 310 tons of medical supplies
  - 23,090 tons of mixed equipment
- As well 216 tanks of fuel, and 429 tanks of cooking gas entered Gaza, since the beginningof the war.

Data Regarding IDF Efforts to Evacuate Civilians Within Gaza since the Beginning of the War
Approximately 100,000 evacuation phone calls placed.
Approximately 9.3 million evacuation leaflets dropped.
Approximately 15.5 million text messages calling for evacuation sent.
Approximately 17 million voice recordings sent.

International:
- Two missiles were fired by the Iranian-backed Houthis at non-Israeli chartered ships. Attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthis on global shipping are a global threat to freedom of navigation at sea.
- The U.S. support of Israel at this time is a sign of our strong partnership and mutual values. The IDF is prepared to take necessary actions to defend Israeli civilians and values the strong relationship and cooperation with the United States Armed Forces.
- According to Israel's Ministry Of Defense, over 200 U.S. military equipment cargo planes have arrived in Israel so far.

IDF Goals and Actions
- The IDF is acting against any threats posed on all fronts and is prepared to intensify operations by air, land, and sea to eliminate the threat to Israeli civilians and to ensure regional stability.
- The dismantling of Hamas' military and administrative capabilities should not only be the goal of the IDF and Israel but of the whole world.
- Returning all the hostages home is a core priority for the IDF.
- The IDF is not only fighting for Israel's right to exist but also ensuring Hamas' inability to expand to the rest of the Western world.

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Hamas' Goals and Actions

- Hamas is a terrorist organization driven by radical hatred toward the Jewish people. Their ultimate goal is to annihilate Israel and kill Israeli civilians, as stated in the Hamas charter.
- Hamas deliberately conceals its military operations and assets inside civilian areas including homes, mosques, and hospitals in an attempt to avoid being attacked, intentionally using Gazan civilians as human shields.
- Israel has no legal or moral obligation to supply electricity or other resources to a hostile territory that initiated a savage war. Hamas, as the leadership in the Gaza Strip, is responsible for taking care of the needs of Gazan civilians.
- Hamas is desperately trying to restore its image as a "humanitarian" organization by publishing videos of hostages seemingly caring for them. However, Hamas has failed to explain why there are 100+ hostages still being held within the Gaza Strip. This warfare tactic involves using manipulation, propaganda, and intimidation to instill fear, doubt, or helplessness in individuals or groups by controlling or influencing their minds. This is just one example of how Hamas uses psychological terrorism against Israel. These terror tactics are the same the world saw from ISIS.

Hamas' actions against Gazan civilians

- On November 13th, the IDF exposed Hamas' Exploitation of Rantisi Children's hospital for military purposes which is a core Hamas tactic. Weapons discovered in hospital basement include suicide-bomb vests, grenades, AK-47 assault rifles, explosive devices and RPGs.
- The IDF took operational control of the Gaza harbor, which was controlled by the Hamas terrorist organization and used as a training facility for their naval commando forces for planning and executing naval terror attacks under the guise of a civilian harbor, all the while using civilian and Gaza harbor police vessels.
- The IDF has exposed that Hamas steals fuel from civilian infrastructures such as the fuel supply of the Shifa hospital, located in Gaza City, for their own nefarious terror purposes. Based off of satellite images, proving thousands of liters of fuel is available within in the Gaza Strip, it is now understood that there is no lack of fuel, rather the terrorist organization Hamas prioritizes the use of fuel for terror acts against Israel.
- Since the beginning of the war,Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad have had 1000+ failed rocket launches, which have landed in the Gaza Strip causing severe damage to infrastructure and harming civilians.
- The UN has been made aware of the inhumane actions of Hamas, and the fact that Hamas, the sovereign in Gaza has no interest in providing for or protecting their civilians. Hamas uses humanitarian aid that is supposed to go to civilians in Gaza for its own terrorist purposes. One example is that on Monday the 16th of October, Hamas stole fuel from the UN that was meant for civilians in Gaza. By this, Hamas stole what would be equivalent to 6 days of running water.
- Water issue: approximately 90% of the water inside the Gaza Strip, is provided from within Gaza, and only approximately 10% of the water is provided by Israel. With this knowledge, we can understand that Israel didn't leave Gaza without running water. Rather Hamas fails to supply their 90% of water, leaving all Gazan civilians to depend on Israel's 10%.
- Under international law, if a civilian structure is used for military purposes then it becomes a legitimate military target. Hamas uses their civilians as human shields by embedding themselves within densely populated areas and concealing their military operations and infrastructure within residential buildings, schools, hospitals and mosques.
- Before Hamas' attack, Israel operated humanitarian aid crossings with Gaza where food, supplies, civilians, and international aid passed through daily. Hamas terrorists attacked the humanitarian aid crossings, killed or captured everyone inside, destroyed equipment, and published videos of their actions. Due to these events, the crossings are inadequate for operational use.