

Ceasefire Ends, Israel Now Striking Multiple Gaza Positions

The ceasefire between Hamas and Israel is over. Early Tuesday morning, Israeli warplanes bombarded Hamas targets inside Gaza. The renewed fighting comes after Hamas refused to extend the ceasefire deal and hostage/prisoner exchange.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced in a statement early Tuesday, "At this moment the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) is striking Hamas targets across the Gaza Strip to achieve the war's objectives as set by the political leadership, including the release of all our hostages – both the living and the fallen."

The prime minister said the decision – approved by the cabinet – came after Hamas repeatedly refused to release the hostages and rejected all proposals presented by President Donald Trump's Middle East Envoy Steve Witkoff and other mediators.

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IDF International Spokesman Nadav Shoshani told CBN News, "What we have seen them do is prepare for a terror attack against our troops in Gaza but more importantly, against our civilians, in the communities outside of Gaza, in the western Negev."

Shoshani continued, "What we did is we took a preemptive strike on those, terrorists, specifically those commanders. And on terror targets, removing those threats, and basically saying, we will not accept this."

President Trump was informed of the plan beforehand.

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A White House spokesman announced, "Israel consulted with the Trump administration and the White House in advance of the attacks on Gaza. As Trump has made clear, Hamas, the Houthis, Iran, and anyone who seeks to terrorize – not only Israel but also the United States – will pay a heavy price. The gates of hell will open."

Israel's new IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir oversaw the operations alongside the head of the Shin Bet, Ronen Bar, who Netanyahu indicated he plans to fire.

Tuesday's attacks lit up the night sky over Gaza with dozens of explosions. Israel claims to have killed many Hamas leaders and Hamas acknowledged that hundreds of Gazans have been killed and wounded.

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