

Hamas Agrees to Release Last Living American Hostage

Hamas has announced plans to release Edan Alexander, a 21-year-old Israeli-American soldier and the last known living American hostage in Gaza. This decision comes as part of ongoing negotiations aimed at establishing a ceasefire and facilitating humanitarian aid deliveries.

Alexander was abducted during a Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7, 2023, which escalated into the current conflict in Gaza. His release is seen as a goodwill gesture towards the United States and a potential catalyst for broader negotiations, including the release of additional hostages.

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The announcement coincides with U.S. President Donald Trump's upcoming visit to the Middle East, underscoring the administration's commitment to resolving the hostage crisis and achieving a ceasefire.

U.S. Special Envoy Steve Witkoff is expected to travel to Israel to oversee the release process.

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While the exact timing of Alexander's release has not been specified, sources indicate it may occur within the next 48 hours. The move is part of a broader effort to resume aid deliveries and stabilize the region.

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Hamas continues to hold over 20 live hostages and more than 30

bodies, including four Americans. The group has expressed willingness to engage in further negotiations, potentially leading to a long-term truce and the transfer of power in Gaza to a technocratic authority.

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