

Hostage Negotiations Intensify with Hamas as Saturday Deadline Looms

Saturday noon (Israel time) is the deadline for Hamas to release more Israeli hostages. Hamas, Israel and President Donald Trump all are focused on that time frame.

Hamas is indicating it's ready to release three more hostages on Saturday. Israel warns that it must, or it's war.

Israeli Government Spokesman David Mencer declared, "If those three are not released, if Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday noon, the ceasefire will end and the IDF will resume fighting until the final defeat of Hamas."

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After seeing three nearly-starved hostages coming out in the last exchange, President Trump had demanded that Hamas let all of the remaining hostages go this weekend.

"Saturday at 12 o'clock, and after that, I would say all hell is going to break out," Trump cautioned.

Yet, he also left the final decision up to Israel.

"I would say Saturday at 12, we want them all back. I'm speaking for myself. Israel can override it," he added.

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The terrorist group clarified that it would continue releasing hostages "as scheduled," meaning only three hostages on

Saturday. This runs contrary to Trump's demand to free "all of the hostages," and some calls by Israeli officials to release all nine remaining hostages who are alive and scheduled to be freed throughout the rest of the deal's phase one.

Reportedly, Hamas claims the hostage release depends on Israel supplying caravans, tents, and heavy equipment for clearing rubble, its key demand in recent days.

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