

Israel Announces Ceasefire as Hamas Conflict Reaches 11th Day

Israel has announced a ceasefire with the Palestinians and Hamas as the attacks over the Gaza strip reach into the 11th day.

Multiple news outlets report the Israeli security cabinet voted late Thursday an Egypt-brokered bilateral, “mutual and unconditional” halt of hostility per the Prime Minister’s office.

Reuters reports the truce is set to go into effect 2 a.m. Friday. One official from Benjamin Netanyahu’s office said the truce would stand on the basis of “quiet in exchange for quiet.”

Hamas told CBS News Wednesday that they would only cease rocket launches if “Israeli forces and police agree to never again enter the al-Aqsa mosque, as they did earlier this month, and that Palestinians living in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem not be evicted by Jewish settlers from homes their families have lived in since the 1950s.”

The move comes just one day after President Biden encouraged peace from the White House during a call with Netanyahu’s office and only days after Republican senators pledged to support Israel as a U.S. ally. A ceasefire is certainly welcomed by all affected by the conflict, especially as antisemitic attacks spike across the world. {eoa}

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