

With Christian, US Support, Israelis Mark Two Years Since October 7th Atrocities

Two years after the October 7th, 2023, attacks by Hamas, Israel still lives with the pain and the questions about what comes next. As the Sukkot holiday begins, many are reflecting on how that day changed the nation, and why Christians say their support matters more now than ever.

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Negotiating teams for Israel and Hamas are meeting in Cairo to secure the release of the hostages and the end of the war that began with the terror group's invasion during the Simchat Torah holiday on October 7, 2023.

That morning, terrorists broke through barriers separating Israel from the Gaza Strip, killing families, kidnapping civilians, and shocking the world. It became modern Israel's worst day, followed by a war with widespread impact.



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Simcha Rothman, a Knesset member (National Religious Party), told CBN News, "In Israel, we know almost everyone has a family relative (who) either was in the event or injured or kidnapped or wounded or murdered."

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Former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Fleur Hassan-Nahoum recalled,

"We went through the most traumatic, traumatic moments in our modern history. Nobody ever thought that something like that could happen in Israel, in our sovereign territory. It unleashed, also, the hatred and the antisemitism that was boiling up in the world. And so we've seen the worst of humanity in every single way. But at the same time, we've seen the best of humanity."

Through it all, leaders praised the role of American and evangelical support for Israel in its darkest hour.

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"We've seen our friends in the United States and around the world, our evangelical brothers and sisters, standing strong," Hassan-Nahoum observed, and added, "Thank God, that thanks to that support, the government of the United States of America stands strongly with Israel because (of) our allies in the evangelical community."

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