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*Hamas terrorists surrender to Israeli forces in Gaza. Instead of promoting a ceasefire, which would deliver no long-term benefits, world leaders should demand Hamas's unconditional surrender—freeing the hostages, stopping the killing, and preparing the ground for peace.*

## Promoting a Gaza ceasefire ignores the most promising option—Hamas's unconditional surrender

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

The clamor for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war is reaching a crescendo—from world leaders, including U.S. President Joe Biden, and a recently failed UN Security Council resolution, to ordinary people demonstrating around the globe. But a ceasefire now offers virtually no benefits and would have disastrous consequences—satisfying only the insidious goals of Hamas.

A permanent ceasefire would not liberate Gaza, and it would not stop Hamas's war against Israel—nor would it stop the deaths of innocent Palestinians. Above all, it would fail to meet Israel's paramount goals: Return of all remaining hostages from Hamas's hands and ensure security for Israel's citizens.

Indeed, forcing a ceasefire would create a nightmare in which Hamas terrorists remain in power in Gaza. Hamas would be free to—and no doubt would—rebuild its terrorist

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**YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...**  
**Israel's Enemies Tell Five Big Lies**  
 Following the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, antisemites mount a series of vicious attacks, threats and malicious lies against Jews and Israel

**What are the facts?**  
 The world for Jews and Israel will never be the same. Holyday College students receive official messages saying "Zionism is racist" (which students) are not welcome in school dorms. Hamas official Chahar (Israel) on a TV news channel will repeat "the Big Lie" until Israel is annihilated. West Bank Palestinian activist Abud Yaman says "What Hitler did to you was a joke—we will drink your blood and eat your shit!"

**What are the facts?**  
 While Hamas October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their position, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from Israeli enemies. Tens of thousands of demonstrators demanded that two states living in peace, but without "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" . . . by "income recovery"—meaning, clearly, slaughter of civilians.

**Power of Big Lies:** Though Israel was the victim of a mass murder of innocent Jews, its enemies blame the Jewish state not only for the Hamas massacre, but also for responding in defense. The enemies must blame Israel for the atrocity are based on five Big Lies. Big Lie #1 was used by Nazi leader Goebbels, who noted that if he told an outrageous lie often enough, people would begin to believe it. Alternatively, if you use truth as a basis for your judgments, you need find those facts useful.

**Lie #1: Israel is a colonial state that stole Palestinian land.** A colonizer is a foreign nation that conquers and exploits another nation. First, the Palestinians have owned any land in Palestine. They were also never a nation. Nothing was stolen. Second, Jews are the indigenous people of the land of Israel. They have lived there continuously for 3,000 years and had two consecutive empires over 1,000 years. They are not foreigners. No colonial state.

**Lie #2: Israel commits genocide.** Genocide is the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members. Israel does not, nor has ever, targeted innocent Palestinians civilians for attack—no mass murder, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred in collateral damage while fighting terrorists who hide in residential or other public areas. Tellingly, the Palestinian population in and around Israel has mushroomed since Israeli founding in 1948—from about 700,000 to seven million today. No genocide.

**Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid.** Apartheid is a system of official racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights. Israel has no laws or policies

**They condone savagery based on utter lies**  
 Lie #4: Israel oppresses the Palestinians. Oppression is the malicious exercise of power to discriminate against some groups. Because Israel completely ended Gaza in 2005, it has no power over the daily lives of Gazans. However, because of Hamas's continuous wars, especially efforts to kill Jews and destroy the Jewish state, Israel and Egypt blockaded Gaza to prevent terror attacks. Hamas, under the Oslo Accords, Israel and the Palestinian Authority share governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), and Israel plays virtually no role governing Palestinians' daily lives. It enters Palestinian-controlled areas only when terrorists flee to and hide in there. No Israeli oppression.

**Lie #5: Israel and the UN have made numerous offers of land for an independent Palestinian state.** Tragically, the Palestinians have turned down five offers of land for peace since 1948. Since the year 2000. Apparently, their chaotic conspiring Israel "from the land to the sea" has greater importance.

**The hostility of the October 7 massacre shocked us—**including, unfortunately, rape, torture, mutilation, sexual kidnapping. Even worse, the gates have opened to unbridled Jew hatred on American streets and campuses—condemning sympathy with the cause of Palestinian terrorism. . . based on utter lies about the Jewish state. But Hamas and the hater should know that "Never Again" means fighting and defeating evil forever.

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infrastructure, as it has after every ceasefire in the past.

Hamas would be unfettered in carrying out its promise to repeat the October 7 massacre over and over again—thus inevitably provoking an Israeli defense response and endangering more innocent Palestinians, the human shields behind whom Hamas invariably hides.

No country on Earth—particularly the United States or any of the 13 hypocritical UN Security Council members who voted for an unconditional ceasefire last week—would ever permit such frightening conditions. A ceasefire is certainly out of the question for most Israelis, who suffered the savage consequences of October 7 . . . and thus categorically oppose it.

Perhaps most astounding about the UN's impractical ceasefire option is, it totally ignores the most obvious solution: Surrender by Hamas and freeing of the hostages. Why does no world leader, international body or mainstream media outlet demand Hamas's unconditional surrender—especially since this would solve every problem a ceasefire does not?

A surrender would end the bloody war and stop the killing. It would non-violently meet Israel's goals. It would allow humanitarian aid to flow without limits. It would allow Gazans and the international community to start building a free society based on peace with its neighbors.

Finally, surrender would be a huge step toward stabilizing the Middle East—by eliminating one of Iran's most vicious proxies.

**In fact, there's no downside to an unconditional surrender by Hamas** . . . but the benefits are manifold and compelling.

**Cessation of death and destruction in Gaza.** No more bombs dropped, no more bullets fired, no more terrorists hiding in hospitals and schools, and no more false accusations of Israel targeting innocent Palestinians.

**Fulfillment of Israel's two primary goals in the conflict.** Hostages would immediately be returned, and Israel could ensure its security on its Gaza border. Hamas's stated mission to destroy the Jewish state by killing Jews would be permanently thwarted, ending this existential threat to Israel. Rocket barrages on the Jewish state from the enclave would cease. No more terrorists would cross from Gaza to rape, torture, kill, or take captive Israelis, as Hamas did on October 7<sup>th</sup>. In short, Hamas's unconditional surrender would mark an end to a long history of murderous terror attacks on Israel's citizens.

Moreover, survivors of the massacre in southern Israel forced to evacuate due to the conflict could return to their peaceful villages and kibbutzim and rebuild their lives. The Israeli economy would begin to recover. Above all, Israeli society could begin to heal the physical and psychological wounds sustained by Hamas's genocidal rampage.

**Elimination of a major jihadi threat from the Middle East.** No more Hamas means one less Islamist Iranian proxy for Israel, the U.S., and our allies to worry about—though sadly still leaving Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen, and numerous other proxy terror groups in Syria and Iran. Nonetheless, the loss of Hamas in Gaza would deal a serious blow to the Islamic Republic's imperialist ambitions and disrupt its plan to expel Jews from their homeland and create a global Islamic caliphate.

Gratifyingly, Hamas's leadership could be brought to justice and punished for the heinous crimes they have committed against both Israelis and Palestinians. Hamas leaders like Yahya Sinwar and Mohammed Deif could be put on trial, just as Nazi leaders were after World War II.

**Gaza could be rebuilt and rehabilitated based on a model of peace and prosperity.**

Humanitarian aid could flow into the territory almost unrestricted. During the current conflict, Israel has had to severely restrict aid to Gaza because it serves as a lifeline for Hamas, which steals 66% of it, according to Israeli intelligence. But if Hamas no longer exists, it can no longer steal aid meant for ordinary Gazans.

Early estimates suggest that it could take up to \$50 billion to rebuild Gaza. Only with Hamas's removal would countries like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, who have financed reconstruction in Gaza in the past, agree to do so again.

**Deradicalization of Gazan society could begin.** Hamas's indoctrination of its people has been

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violent and pervasive, imposing its radical Islamist and antisemitic doctrines on both adult Palestinians and a full generation of youth. Takeover of Gazan social management—first by Israel and later by peaceful Gazans— presents an opportunity to revamp Gaza’s education system to weed out support for terrorism, jihadism and Jew-hatred.

Organizations like UNRWA, now responsible for spreading anti-Israel hate, would be dismantled. A new civilian government could be created with a Palestinian leadership committed to economic development and peace with Israel.

**Potential rebirth of the movement for resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** If Palestinians in Gaza apply themselves to creating responsible government and building a prosperous, productive society—without threatening Israel—it could serve as a model for Palestinians under the Palestinian Authority in Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank). At least this vision allows the realistic possibility that a two-state solution—fantasized about by so many in the international community—could someday be implemented.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that instead of demanding a ceasefire that would resolve nothing, the international community and major media should forcefully, unequivocally demand Hamas’s unconditional surrender. No Hamas in the Gaza Strip means no more conflict and a better future for Palestinians, Israel and the entire Middle East.

Best regards,  
James Sinkinson, President

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P.S. The events of October 7 have changed our world forever—and especially the world for Israel and the Jewish people. Likewise, the words “Never Again” will never be the same for us. October 7 has shown us that despite all promises of equity and commitments against hate on campus and on our streets, we can never depend on it. We will likely never be free of the scourge of antisemitism, fueled by the most outrageous slanders. I hope you’ll agree that we opponents of Hamas and its savage massacre—and of all who support Hamas, against all humanitarian values—need to speak out. FLAME’s new *hasbarah*—explanatory message —“**Enemies of Israel Tell Five Big Lies**”—refutes today’s most vicious lies against Israel and the Jewish people. I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME published in the *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel’s behalf is critical, I urge you to **support us** with a donation.



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