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Released hostages testify: 'inferno, horror movie, bring them home now'

Women freed tell of the hardships in Hamas captivity, demand the return of all hostages in campaign of families to pressure government to regard their release ahead of the fighting

Yael Ciechanover|06:37

Women freed from Hamas captivity appeal for the government to place the release of all hostages ahead of the states objectives to eradicate Hamas in Gaza. Their pleas were part

of a campaign launched by hostage families, which was being broadcast on television and spread on social media.

"I was in this hell for 49 days. I am asking, I am begging the decision makers - bring the children back, bring them all back." Adar added that "it's not easy. Not for the families, not for the hostages, not for their families, not for anyone. Release the children now. I want to see them, not when I'm in a coffin. I want to see them now. Please. This is the time," Yaffa Adar, 85, who was seen after being abducted, driven into Gaza a golf cart, said.

"The food wasn't much in the beginning, but as time went by, the food diminished. The conditions were almost like starvation. And as time goes by, the damage increases and the body's ability to survive reduces. This is a danger to life, and also a mental danger. They must be brought back immediately," 84-year-old Ditza Himan said.

"On October 7 we were brutally kidnapped from our home. Our girls saw things that children of this age or any age should not see. A horror movie. You feel like you want to pinch yourself and wake up from this movie. I'm talking and I'm shaking. It was horrible," Daniel Aloni, who was released together with her six-year-old daughter Emelia, said.

"There is no routine. There is nothing. we slept and cried. Every day was an eternity that never ends." She said. Her brother-in-law is still held hostage as is his brother, his partner and his sister. "Hostages can die, simply because their captors decided to murder them. Release them, release them now! There is no time. I am begging on my behalf and on the behalf of the rest of the hostages."

In another video, Yocheved Lifshitz, 85, who was released even before the deal with Hamas, said she was underground for 17 days. "I hardly slept, I had a problem with the food. In the last four days I got sick, they were afraid I would cause an epidemic. Every day is critical because of the difficult conditions there and the oxygen in the tunnels is running out," Lifshitz said.

Yocheved's husband, Oded, remained in captivity. She said that she was afraid that the terrorists would "take revenge on our hostages" and expressed her concern for the elderly among them. "There are other members there who are also 85 years old and younger, I am afraid that they will not withstand the mental and physical ordeal. The moral duty of this government is to return them home immediately, without hesitation. We are waiting for you, we love you, come home."

Raz Ben Ami, 57, also returned from captivity without her husband Ohad, who remained in Gaza. "I want to thank you for bringing me back, thank you for being here, thank you that I can go back and live my life. I am waiting for all the hostages to return, including my beloved husband," she said.

"They don't need this terrible suffering there, bring them back here and now, as soon as possible," she said. "It's impossible to cope there. It's impossible. We have to get them

out of there. If we don't get them out now, they won't get out alive. They deserve to get out of there, they deserve Israel's love."

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About 500 of the tunnel shafts have been destroyed using a variety of operational methods, including explosives and blocking agents. Some of the tunnel shafts connected Hamas' strategic assets via the underground tunnel network. In addition, many miles of the tunnel routes have been destroyed.

The tunnel shafts were located in civilian areas, many of which were near or inside civilian buildings and structures, such as schools, kindergartens, mosques and playgrounds. IDF soldiers located large quantities of weapons inside some of the tunnel shafts.

These findings are further proof of how Hamas deliberately uses the civilian population and infrastructure as a cover for its terrorist activity inside Gaza, according to the IDF. After locating the shafts, IDF troops carry out thorough investigations in order to understand the characteristics of the tunnels and then prepare the underground route for its destruction.

The idea for Gaza's underground tunnel network was the brainchild of arch-terrorist Yahya Sinwar, who in 1998 while a prisoner in an Israeli prison came up with a novel idea. With two cellmates, Hamas terrorists Rouhi Moushtaha and Tawfik Abu Naim, Sinwar planned to kidnap an Israeli soldier from the Gaza Strip, which was then still under full IDF control and, through a tunnel, smuggle him into Egypt.

With direct permission from Hamas' leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the three terrorists led by Sinwar, from prison, started planning an abduction operation. At their orders, Hamas operatives in the Rafiah area were sent to dig a tunnel beneath the perimeter fence with Egypt. Although tunnels had existed here before, they had generally been for criminal smuggling. Sinwar's tunnel was Hamas's first terror tunnel.

The following year, Israeli intelligence exposed Sinwar's tunnel. Inside, they found rail tracks with carriages, a lighting system, ventilation pipes, and telephone lines. It was 25 feet underground and 250 feet long – then a record in Gaza.

Some 24 years later, Yahya Sinwar, the head of Hamas in Gaza, rules a vast underground system built underneath the whole of the coastal strip. It includes command and control

rooms, communication ventilation and systems, fuel, water, and food storage facilities, concealed pits for rocket launchers, and halls for managing fighters and storing military equipment. An underground city of terror.

The tunnels are invariably accessed via civilian homes, allowing Hamas terrorists to walk the streets in civilian clothing, and then go down into a tunnel to equip themselves with weapons and uniforms. In the tunnels, Hamas also has equipment for rocket and mortar launching, observation capabilities, intelligence gathering, sharpshooting, and bomb-making.

Meanwhile, Sinwar himself is currently hiding in one such underground tunnel. From here, Sinwar commands the campaign against Israel. Hundreds of Hamas terrorists habitually hide in the concrete-reinforced tunnels burrowed through Gaza's sandy ground. In addition, Israeli intelligence believes that some of the Israeli hostages are held in the hundreds of tunnels crisscrossing Gaza, some of which were used in the October 7 attack.

Hamas' has built the tunnels at the expense of Palestinian civilians in Gaza, for example taking high-quality cement provided as aid by other countries for itself and giving the citizens low-quality, cheap cement.

Several weeks ago Hamas politburo member Musa Abu-Marzuk admitted that the tunnels built in Gaza are designed to protect Hamas rather than the residents of the Gaza Strip.

When asked in an October 27 television interview: "Since you have built 500 kilometers of tunnels, why haven't you built bomb shelters, where civilians can hide during bombardment," he responded: "We have built the tunnels because we have no other way of protecting ourselves from being targeted and killed. These tunnels are meant to protect us from the airplanes. We are fighting from inside the tunnels."

12.02.23 – Sa

Hamas will not release Zionists until war ends; every brigade knows what awaits them

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Hamas official says no negotiation or captives release until war ends

Deputy leader of the Hamas political executive Saleh al-Aroui says captives will not be released until all Palestinian prisoners are freed and after a cease fire; Gallant says Hamas broke the cease fire agreement, thus Israel picks up Gaza ground offensive where left Einav Halabi | 12:53

In an interview with Al Jazeera al-Aroui added "The remaining prisoners in Gaza include soldiers and civilians serving in the occupying army. We've stated that we are capable of exchanging bodies for bodies in the hands of the Israelis, but it will take time. From our perspective, the elderly Israeli captives are considered soldiers since some of them are still in reserves. The occupation has decided not to renew the exchange deal under new standards."

"Our Zionist prisoners will not be released until all of our prisoners are freed and after a ceasefire. The resistance is persistent against all scenarios of the Israeli army, whether ground, air, or others. The Israeli occupation has failed in the first strategic line of uprooting the Palestinian people. We are confident that the West Bank will participate in the ongoing struggle."

Meanwhile, also on Saturday, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said that Hamas broke the ceasefire agreement, and "refused to release 15 women, and 2 children" still held captive in the Gaza Strip, thus he ordered to resume fighting on Friday. "We are continuing exactly where we left off."

Gallant also said he conducted aerial and ground tours of Gaza in the past two days, describing the outcomes of the IDF's renewed offensive as "very impressive."

Gallant added, "Hamas thought its forces could stop the IDF. Today, every brigade general in Khan Yunis knows what happened and what awaits them. What stands between the IDF's success and the dismantling of their brigade is only what the IDF will do, not what Hamas decides."

"Hamas blatantly violated the agreement we reached. It's our duty and top mission to bring the captives alive, and the way to achieve it is through aggressive action. No army in the world was able to bring back 110 hostages alive from a terror organization. We achieved it because of the strength of the IDF," Gallant says.

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White house blames Hamas for ceasefire collapse; Gaza rockets fired into central Israel, Ashdod

Biden Administration spokesperson says Hamas failed to draw up a list of hostages for release, prompting Israel to strike; Iron Dome registers multiple interceptions, no injuries reported

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A White House spokesperson stated that the United States, in collaboration with Israel, Egypt, and Qatar, remains committed to extending the humanitarian ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. The spokesperson further added that President Joe Biden will continue to actively participate in initiatives aimed at prolonging the ceasefire and facilitating the release of additional hostages. The spokesperson blamed Hamas for undermining the ceasefire agreement by "failing to draw up a list of hostages that would allow further extension of the ceasefire."

For the first time since the war restarted, a barrage of rockets was fired from the Gaza Strip into central Israel Friday evening, triggering air raid sirens across the Gush Dan and Shfela regions. The Iron Dome air defense system made multiple interceptions.

Police forces were scanning areas in the Tel Aviv district to locate rocket impact sites. There were no reports of injuries or damage due to rocket fire.

Calm was also disrupted along the northern border, with sirens sounding off multiple times throughout the day. The IDF said that air defenses intercepted two rockets over around the northern city of Kiryat Shmona. Several military border outposts were also attacked around 4 pm, with Hezbollah claiming responsibility for the attack. The IDF responded with artillery fire and reported eliminating a terrorist squad near the Israeli border town of Zar'it.

The IDF said its ground offensive would be renewed in a matter of days after at least 200 targets in Gaza were struck by artillery fire or areal bombardments. The targets include Hamas command posts and the homes of senior members of the terror group were across the strip from north to south.

Israeli officials said that there are 137 Israelis held captive by Hamas including 17 women and children. 113 hostages, among them 24 non-Israelis were released until Friday. In their accounts they have provided the military with valuable intelligence, the officials said.

They note that Israel did not cause the humanitarian pause to end and that the failure by Hamas to deliver the names of 10 hostages to be released on Friday, and the rocket fire it launched just an hour before the deadline to extend the truce, was to blame.

According to the IDF, the fighting in Gaza will be prolonged and some of the reserve forces deployed, especially those stationed in the north, may be released from duty, to alleviate some pressures on the economy. The military said five of its troops were slightly hurt in a mortar attack on the border area.

Sirens were also heard on Friday along the northern border and the military said a suspicious target was intercepted. no casualties were reported.

Israeli officials said on Friday that the fighting in Gaza could still be halted and the humanitarian truce reinstated for one day, if Hamas delivers the names of 10 women held hostage would be released. Meanwhile, efforts to mediate a pause in the fighting continued in Qatar.

Deputy Hamas leader in Gaza Khalil al-Hayya said on Friday that Israel rejected several suggestions to exchange hostages for prisoners but insisted on the release of female soldiers. Hamas also claimed it was "struggling" to gain access to four female hostages being held by other groups. The terrorists were using hostages with American passports as leverage.

Some of the families of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza issued a statement calling on the government to exhaust every option to halt the renewed fighting and return to the truce that would free more of the captives from Gaza. "Opting for the fighting over the release of hostages is a desertion of our loved ones," Udi Goren, whose cousin Tal Haimi is held in Gaza, said. The families said the resumption of the IDF offensive endangered the lives of the hostages amid bombings and after their health deteriorated while in captivity.

The Foreign Ministry in Qatar said on Friday in a statement that negotiations were continuing to reach a cease-fire in Gaza. Doha also called for humanitarian aid to be allowed into the Strip.

President Isaac Herzog, attending the Convention on Climate Change (COP) in the UAE, met and shook hands for the first time on Friday with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

The IDF said on Friday that with the resumption of fighting it had published a map to advise Gazans of safe areas for their evacuation.

"This divides the territory of the Gaza Strip into areas according to recognizable areas to enable the residents of Gaza to orient themselves and understand the instructions, and to evacuate from specific places for their safety if required," the military said.

The Prime Minister's office said in a statement earlier that Hamas violated the terms of the truce and failed to meet its obligation to release hostages and free all abducted women held in Gaza. "Israel's government is committed to achieving the objectives of the war - to free hostages, eliminate Hamas and ensure Gaza can never be a threat to the safety of Israelis."

The IDF said that Hamas violated the operational pause and fired rockets at Israel and as a result, the fighting will resume. "The IDF has resumed combat against the Hamas terrorist organization in the Gaza Strip," the military said. IDF strikes were reported in the northern parts of the Strip and the area of Rafah and Khan Yunis in the south.

According to officials, Hamas failed to provide the names of hostages that would be released in a further day of the truce. Israelis were cautioned to take precautions in case of rocket attacks on Israeli cities. According to the Home Front Command, schools can operate only where children can reach protected areas in sufficient time for their safety. Sounds of explosions were heard early on Friday in the northern part of the Gaza Strip after a rocket was fired at Israel less than one hour before the deadline for Hamas to provide the names of additional hostages to be freed or end the truce. Rocket fire continued into the morning.

Earlier the Wall Street Journal quoted Egyptian officials who said a further extension of the truce was agreed to by Israel and Hamas, allowing the release of 10 more hostages. There was no Israeli confirmation of the report.

According to the WSJ, U.S. officials said they expected that Israel's military campaign would resume as Israeli forces seek to root out Hamas and begin to move southward in Gaza. The focus now among U.S. officials has been on working with Israel on tactics that ensure minimal civilian casualties, U.S. officials said.

Hamas freed eight hostages on Thursday, two in the early evening hours and the rest close to midnight after long hours of an anxious wait for their families.

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Israeli assessments say Friday to be final day of cease-fire

Officials say current deal with Hamas, including release of women and children in Gaza, is concluding and fighting could resume as soon as Saturday

Itamar Eichner|07:30

Assessments in Israel on Thursday have determined that Friday likely will be the final release of Israeli hostages by Hamas before the renewal of fighting in Gaza. Ten more Israelis are expected to return in each of the final groups.

On Thursday, Hamas is expected to release eight women and children, two Israelis with Russian citizenship and three bodies. Meanwhile, negotiations are ongoing to extend the cease-fire, making it likely to continue to Friday. However, the talks are anticipated to be difficult and tense, with indications that fighting may resume as early as Saturday.

The United States, Qatar and Egypt are pushing to extend the cease-fire but understand that, with the release of about 100 captives included in the agreed-upon category, a further extension might be challenging without agreement on a new deal. Therefore, the Americans will want to hear from Israel about its military plan in the southern Gaza Strip and how it intends to minimize civilian casualties in the area.

The U.S. does not want to see mass resident evacuations from southern Gaza, fearing a humanitarian crisis. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who arrived in Israel overnight Thursday, will discuss the matter with the war cabinet. The Americans are expected to pressure Israel not to carry out airstrikes in Gaza's south. Blinken wants to demonstrate engagement in the ongoing situation and is also planning to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. The Americans aim to maintain relations with both sides after the war.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Blinken on Thursday. "I want to express our appreciation for your support since the beginning – for the president, for you personally, and for your delegation – in the war to neutralize Hamas and ensure the release of Israeli captives. And, of course, I want to talk to you about the next stage to come." According to the Prime Minister's Office, an extended meeting later took place attended by members of the war cabinet.

Blinken also met with President Isaac Herzog. "Over the last week, we've witnessed positive developments with hostages coming home and increased humanitarian aid reaching innocent civilians in Gaza who urgently need support. This process yields results. It's crucial, and we hope it will continue," Blinken said. Herzog, for his part, talked about the terror shooting attack in Jerusalem that took place on Thursday morning and called on Blinken to continue working for the release of the hostages.

The continuation of the cease-fire was agreed to only on Thursday morning, after Israel had threatened overnight that the pause would end at 7:00 a.m. During the night, Hamas

provided a list of Israeli hostages set to be released that Israel did not accept. However, at 6:42 a.m., Hamas delivered an altered list of 8 Israeli women and children instead of 10, and also said they would hand over 3 Israeli bodies, to which Israel agreed.

Mark Regev, an adviser to Netanyahu, said in an interview with CNN Thursday that Israel would agree to extend the cease-fire each day Hamas commits to releasing 10 Israeli captives alive.

When asked if fighting would resume in the next 24 hours, he replied: "If Hamas continues to release hostages, 10 a day, we will extend the pause."

Regev emphasized that the temporary cessation of fighting is solely a humanitarian pause and that Israel is determined to dismantle Hamas's war machine and its control over Gaza: "We are not playing games with the lives of our people. Hamas knows what the parameters of the deal are."

Also on Thursday, Egypt announced that Egyptian and Qatari mediators are attempting to promote an additional two-day extension of the cease-fire, during which the release of Israeli captives and Palestinian prisoners in Israel will continue, including supplying humanitarian aid to the Strip.

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Netanyahu & cabinet met to return to fighting Gaza as IDF eliminates Jenin leader

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Netanyahu: Israel will return to fighting in Gaza; IDF eliminates Jenin terror leader Muhammad Zubeidi was a senior operative in Islamic Jihad; Israel willing to extend truce as long as hostages released

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Israeli security forces on Wednesday eliminated Muhammad Zubeidi, the leader of the terrorist force in the northern West Bank's Jenin refugee camp, during counterterrorism operations in the area. Zubeidi, who is considered a senior operative in Islamic Jihad, was involved in a series of attacks on Israelis.

The joint IDF-Shin Bet operation in Jenin lasted most of the night. As part of the operation, the soldiers surrounded the building where Zubeidi was holed up with other terrorists and fired shoulder-fired missiles, grenades and explosives at the building. Some 17 wanted persons were arrested in total, and weapons were seized. An IDF aircraft also attacked an armed terrorist squad from the air in Jenin, and the soldiers destroyed an underground shaft and equipment used in the production of ammunition.

Hamas claimed that Shiri Bibas and her two children, 10-month-old Kfir and 4-year-old Ariel, who were kidnapped to the Gaza Strip, are dead. The terrorist organization has not provided proof, and Israel has not signaled so far that it is true. The IDF said that they are examining the reliability of the information, and that they spoke with members of the Bibas family and informed them of the report. The IDF statement also stated that

"responsibility for the safety of all hostages in the Gaza Strip rests fully with the terrorist organization Hamas. Hamas endangers the hostages, including nine children. Hamas is required to immediately return them to Israel." In recent weeks, since the outbreak of the war, **Hamas has published false claims**, and the credibility of the claim is unclear. The IDF spokesman said this week that they were kidnapped together with their father by Hamas, **but today they are being held by another terrorist organization in the Khan Younis area of the southern Gaza Strip.**

Prime Minister Benjamin **Netanyahu said** that **Israel will return to fighting** in Gaza **after the return of the hostages**. "There is no way we will not return to fighting until the end. **This is my policy**, the entire **cabinet stands behind it**, the entire government stands behind it, the soldiers stand behind it, the people stand behind it - this is exactly what we will do," Netanyahu said in a video posted on his social media accounts. "From the beginning of the war, I set **three goals - the elimination of Hamas, the return of all our hostages, and to ensure that Gaza will never again be a threat to Israel.** These three goals remain in place. In the last week, we achieved a very great achievement - the return of many dozens of our hostages. Before this week it would have sounded imaginary, but we achieved it." A senior official said on Wednesday that Israel was willing to agree to extending the truce as long as Hamas provides a daily list of hostages to be freed, resulting in the additional 10 days agreed to by the government. Earlier Hamas said it was willing to release more hostages in a four-day extension of the agreement, according to a report on AFP. The terror group also said they would be releasing more Russian nationals as a gesture to President Vladimir Putin.

In **Australia, pro-Palestinian protesters** are blocking the entrance to a hotel where a delegation of families of Israelis who were murdered and kidnapped are staying. The group came to Australia for an informational campaign initiated by the Diaspora Affairs Ministry and in conjunction with the Foreign Ministry. Several dozen people came to protest the delegation after its whereabouts became known. The delegation was directed to the police station, and officials are discussing further security operations to protect them. The hotel was searched by the local police forces and the security bodies accompanying the delegation.

The **cabinet met** overnight after negotiations to extend the agreement to bring **about the release of hostages** held by Hamas **in exchange for a further period of truce**, ended in Qatar. The talks included Mossad Chief David Barnea, CIA chief William Burns and Egyptian Intelligence chief Abbas Kame.

American officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the **Biden** administration **told Israel it must avoid "significant further displacement"** of and mass casualties among Palestinian civilians if it resumes its offensive in Gaza.

Yocheved Lifschitz, the 85-year-old resident of Nir Oz who was abducted by the Hamas terrorists and released with another captive two weeks later, said Hamas leader Yahyah Sinwar had spent days where she was being held. "I asked him if he was not ashamed of what he had done to people who had always supported peace but he did not answer," she said in an interview. Lifschitz joined the families of hostages in Tel Aviv, where they

were calling for the release of all those still held in Gaza. Her husband Oded, who is 83, is still being held by Hamas.

A pediatric physician at the Dana Children's hospital in the Ichilov Medical Center said on Wednesday that the children who were held captive by Hamas and were released, had lost over 15% of their body weight while in captivity, due to inadequate and often insufficient food.

In Washington the House of Representatives passed with overwhelming support, a resolution affirming Israel's right to exist. Only two nay votes were cast, one by Democrat Rashida Tlaib who said the resolution ignored the rights of the Palestinian people and the other by Republican Thomas Massie from Kentucky who opposed equating anti-Zionism with antisemitism.

On the northern border, images of Hezbollah fighters returning to the area spread on social media. On Tuesday, Chief of Staff Herzi Halevy said Israel was committed to providing security for residents living near the border with Lebanon.

On Tuesday, ten Israeli hostages, who have been held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip for 52 days, and two Thai nationals who also were released on Tuesday have undergone an initial medical assessment and are being flown by Israeli Air Force helicopters to hospitals where they will be reunited with their families.

The 10 hostages, including nine women, were transferred Tuesday as part of the hostage exchange agreement: Some 50 Israeli hostages – women and children - were released during the first four days of a cease-fire in exchange for 150 Palestinian women and youths held in Israeli prisons and Israel agreed to extend the cease-fire by a day for every 10 hostages released up to 100 hostages total.

The hostages freed on Tuesday

Mia Leimberg, 17, from Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak, was the first released hostage to be identified, seen in a photo published by the terrorist organization; she was seen in the photo holding her dog, which also disappeared from the kibbutz on October 7.

The nine women who were released on Tuesday are: Mia's mother Gabriela Leimberg, 59, and her aunt Clara Marman, 64; Ditza Heiman, 84; Tami Metzger, 78; Ofeelia Roitman, 77, and Ada Sagi, 75, who were kidnapped from Nir Oz; Noralin Babadilla Agojo, 60, and Rimon Kirsht Buchshtav, 36, who were kidnapped from Kibbutz Nirim; and Merav Tal, 53, a day after the sons of her partner were released. In addition, two Thai hostages were released from captivity. The husbands of Tami, Rimon and Merav, are still in captivity in Gaza, and Noralin's spouse was murdered in the massacre. The terrorists are still holding 146 hostages in Gaza, including nine teenagers and children.

Ditza Heiman, 84, and a founder of Kibbutz Nir Oz, worked for many years as a social worker. Contact with her was cut off at 10 a.m. on October 7, after she told her family members that she entered the secure room in her house. In the afternoon her daughter called her, and heard voices in Arabic on the other end of the phone.

Her granddaughter, Ynet reporter Shani Zohar Shadma, spoke with her grandmother's neighbor Hayuta Zilberman, who told her: "Ditza is the person I perhaps admire most in Nir Oz. For her independence, for her strength, for the life decisions she made." Today, after 53 days in captivity, Ditza returns to Israel.

Yoram, 80. "At 8:50 a.m. we received a message from them, since then we haven't heard anything," said her granddaughter Ofir. Tami was released from captivity in the fifth day of exchanges, but her husband - like dozens of other members of Nir Oz - is still in captivity.

Noralin (Natalie) Ajojo, 60, from Yehud, went on the eve of Simchat Torah with her partner Gideon Babani to the home of close friends, for the 70th anniversary celebrations of Kibbutz Nirim. They spent the night in the kibbutz. In the morning, Gideon was murdered by Hamas terrorists, and Noralin was kidnapped to Gaza.

Her little brother, Akso, remembered the last conversation he had with her, before losing contact. "She called before 7:00 a.m. and said she was scared. 'We just wanted to celebrate. I'm shaking, I might not come home,' she told me." After being informed that she was included in the list of hostages to be released, he said: "I pray that she is okay after so long in captivity, I have not known anything since the Saturday when it all began."

Her apartment was brutally destroyed after the terrorists set fire to her secure room and the destruction is visible in every corner, but Ada Sagi, 75, from Nir Oz, who fought the terrorists and did not give up, is returning home Tuesday after 53 days in captivity. Ada, a mother of three and grandmother of six whose husband died last year, was apparently injured in the Hamas attack. "She was a panther, she collected the pieces of her heart, of all of us, and continued," said her daughter Navit about the struggle after her father's death.

The daughter said that on October 7, "Mom thought it was another normal morning of shooting, and entered the emergency secure room." At 8:40 a.m. I talked to her, and she said that there were a lot of rocket interceptions, and that there was a rumor about a terrorist near the clinic. She told me it was a rumor, but I think she already realized it wasn't a rumor. She even had time to send a WhatsApp message to her neighbor and then the connection with her was cut off. In the evening they opened the secure room and she wasn't there. There was blood, and we understood that she was injured and that there was a struggle, she fought. She didn't appear in any of the Hamas videos, so we didn't really know what happened to her." Today Ada was released from captivity.

A day after 16-year-old Or Yaakov and his brother Yagil, 12, were released from captivity as part of the fourth round and returned to Israel, Merav Tal, 53, the partner of their father Yair, is returning today. She was kidnapped from Nir Oz together with Yair, but he remains in captivity.

On October 8, Tomer Tal-Alfasi, Merav's daughter, watched a video filmed by the terrorists who infiltrated the kibbutz, documenting the chilling moments of the kidnapping, in which Merav begs not to be kidnapped.

"They are inside the house, they shot into our room. Yaya is holding the door of the secure room," Merav Tal recorded herself as saying when the terrorists tried to enter the room. "They shot at us, Yaya is wounded. Help me." Immediately after that, Tal sent another chilling message: "Help me, they're already in our home. Help me, help me. Call the police." Today Merav is again on Israeli territory, after 53 days of hell in the Gaza tunnels.

A month after appearing in Hamas' psychological terror video, Rimon Kirshat Buchshtav, 36, who was kidnapped from Kibbutz Nirim, is returning to Israel. The video also featured Daniel Aloni, who was also released, and Yelena Trupanov, who is still in captivity.

Rimon and her husband Yagev Buchshtav, were kidnapped from their apartment in the kibbutz. Contact with Yagev's parents, who live near the couple, was cut off in the morning hours of October 7 while they were also hiding in their secure room. A few hours later, when Yagev's father arrived at his son and daughter-in-law's apartment accompanied by military forces, he found it empty with bullets on the floor. The five dogs and four cats that the two raised were also not found.

Ophelia Roitman, 77, from Nir Oz, mother of three children and grandmother of nine grandchildren, sent her last message on October 7 at 9:37 a.m., in which she asked for help and said that the terrorists were in her house.

The struggle for the release of Ophelia, an educator who was for many years a 1st-2nd grade teacher, also reached her homeland Argentina, from where she immigrated to Israel in 1985.

In every match broadcast by her nephew Hernan Feler, an Argentine soccer broadcaster, he delivers a monologue in which he demanded the release of the hostages, including his beloved aunt. Among other things, he called for their return at the start of the match between the Argentina and Uruguay teams in the World Cup qualifiers.

Gabriela and Mia Leimberg, and Clara Marman

Gabriela Leimberg, 59, from Jerusalem, and her daughter Mia, 17, returned home Tuesday, together with Clara Marman, 64, Gabriela's sister, who hosted them at her home in Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak on October 7. The big surprise was that Mia was holding her dog, Bella, which had not been seen since that Saturday. But brother Fernando Marman, 60, and Clara's partner, Louis Har, 70, remain in captivity.

They were all together on October 7 in the secure room of Marman's home in Nir Yitzhak, as part of a birthday celebration. "At about 11:00 a.m., terrorists entered there. We know this from the text messages they sent - they wrote that they entered their home and broke things, sent kisses and after then the contact was lost," said their relatives.

Clara Marman, who immigrated to Israel from Argentina, is a kindergarten teacher by profession and took care of all the children in the kibbutz for 30 years. "She is a mythical kindergarten teacher who taught everyone," said her daughter Maayan Siegel-Korn.

Gabriela Leimberg, who also immigrated from Argentina three decades ago, is the director of the Havat Eyal community integration center for people with disabilities in Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem, and for the past 25 years has been considered the "mother" of dozens of graduates on the autism spectrum at the center. "She enveloped everyone with love and sensitivity," said Lihi Lapid, president of the SHEKEL - Inclusion for People with Disabilities Association.

Gabrila's daughter Mia is a 12th grader at the arts high school, where they hung a sign: "We are waiting for you Mia, come back to us." Now the mother can return to the integration center, and her daughter - to the high school.

The families of eight of the Israeli hostages who were released from captivity in Gaza arrived at Sheba Tel Hashomer Hospital, including a family that arrived by helicopter from Eilat. The hospital was also prepared to treat Mia Leimberg's dog that returned with her, and they emphasized that they would not be separated. The only hostages who did not come to Sheba are Buchshtav, who was set to go to Ichilov Hospital, and Tal who was set to go to the hospital where the sons of her partner, Yair, who is still in captivity are being hospitalized.

Mia was abducted together with her mother Gabriela from her aunt Clara Marman's house in Nir Yitzhak, and Clara and her partner Louis were also abducted. Uncle Fernando Marman was also kidnapped with them. Along with Mia, her dog was also returned, which was apparently kidnapped along with her.

Just an hour before the start of the transfer, hundreds of people gathered to participate in a demonstration of support for the Bibas family in Hostage Square in Tel Aviv with orange balloons in their hands, this after it was learned that the four members of the family 10-month-old Kfir, 4-year-old Ariel and parents Shiri and Yarden- will not be released Tuesday.

Ofri Bibas Levy, Yarden's sister, said: "For 53 days they have been held captive by Hamas in Gaza, we do not know if 10-month-old Kfir and Ariel are with their parents. Who hugs them when they cry? We do not know if they have food, if they shower them. We know where they are – Hamas kidnapped them and must return them immediately. The responsibility for their health lies directly with Hamas. Hamas – who are your enemies? Kidnapping children, what are your values? Is this acceptable according to Islam?"

Earlier on Tuesday, President Isaac Herzog met with Shoshan Haran, who was abducted from her home during the Hamas massacre on October 7, along with six other members of her family from Kibbutz Be'eri. Shoshan was released on Saturday with her daughter Adi Shoham, 38, and Adi's children Yael, 3, and Naveh, 8, along with Noam Avigdori, 12, and her mother Sharon Avigdori, 52. The seventh family member, Tal Shoham, is still in captivity.

Herzog hugged her and told her: "You have no idea how excited I am to see you, and your family. You have become a model, all the hostages have become a model for admiration, pain and identification. I am sure they will return. I am convinced and know that there is a tremendous international effort, rare in its strength. There will come

moments of complex decisions, but everything must be done to release them and return them home."

Shoshan told Herzog: "I'm already here, but there are many Israelis left in Gaza and we have to do everything possible to get them all back. I knew on the first day of captivity that within 20 hours my family would organize, form a strategy and start acting with all their might so that we could return home. I have complete faith in the state of Israel, which is also making all efforts, and has complete faith in the people of Israel to do everything they can for the return of the hostages."

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Hamas open to negotiate release of all hostages, including soldiers, for PA prisoners

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Hamas open to release of all hostages, including soldiers, report

According to a source speaking to U.S. publication, five categories of hostages identified: Men over military service age, female soldiers, men serving in IDF reserves, active duty male soldiers, bodies of killed in massacre or captivity

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According to the David Ignatius of the Washington post, in a column published on Wednesday, negotiators in Qatar attempting to secure the release of hostages, identified the captives held in Gaza according to five categories: men too old for reserve military duty, female soldiers, male reservists, active-duty male soldiers, and the bodies of Israelis who died before or during captivity, totaling more than 100 Israelis, although the paper could not specify an exact number.

In the report quoting a source, Hamas has expressed "willingness to negotiate on all five categories," but other aspects such as how many captured Hamas terrorists and Palestinian prisoners would be released by Israel each time, and how much aid would be allowed into the Strip, have not yet been worked out.

The source said Hamas could not say who among the hostages was alive and who was not, because some were held by other groups above ground and not by Hamas in its tunnels. A question raised in the talks was whether negotiations would continue if Israel resumes its offensive, after it stated that its objective was to eradicate Hamas's military capabilities and end its rule over Gaza, while Hamas was seeking an end to the Israeli operation.

After talks in Qatar ended on Tuesday, the cabinet met to discuss the next stages proposed after the list of hostages to be freed on Wednesday was delivered. Missing from the list of names were 10-month-old Kfir, 4-year-old Ariel Bibas and their mother Shiri, abducted with father Yarden, on October 7.

Yarden's sister, Ofri Bibas Levy, expressed her deep concern over the family's 53-day captivity in Gaza at the hands of Hamas. "We are in the dark about how Kfir, just 10 months old, Ariel, and their parents are faring. We wonder who consoles them when they cry, whether they are fed, and if they have the means to maintain their hygiene," Levy said.

"Their location is known - they were abducted by Hamas and they should be brought back without delay," she added. "The accountability for their well being falls squarely on Hamas. I ask Hamas - who do you consider your enemies? To abduct children - what does this say about your principles? Does Islam sanction such actions?" she asked. Seven other children were still held by the terrorists.

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Israel demands remove Director of UN Women for PA support & disregard for Israel

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Israel demands ousting of UN Women head over 'blatant disregard' for Israeli victims
Israeli women have been murdered, kidnapped and raped - but Sima Bahous, the Jordanian executive director of UN Women, chooses to blatantly ignore the crimes committed by Hamas terrorists and prefers instead to focus on the suffering of Palestinian women; 'Not neutral, she should resign'

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Many Israelis were rightfully angry at the statements made by Rania, Queen of Jordan, who doubted the authenticity of the atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists and even said that there was no evidence that Israeli children were beheaded. Queen Rania aside, Israel is currently waging a diplomatic battle against another Jordanian official, Dr. Sima Bahous, executive director of United Nations Women. Ever since the war broke out on October 7, United Nations Women has completely disregarded the Israeli women victims who were abducted, raped, tortured, butchered and murdered by Hamas.

In Israel, officials claim that Bahous, who previously served as the media advisor to King Abdullah of Jordan, simply "hijacked" the UN Women's Organization, and due to her Jordanian identity completely diverted its attention from Israel. The tweets posted by the organization focus on the suffering of the women in Gaza but not a word about the suffering of the Israeli women.

Organizations Division, met with the representatives of the main donors to UN Women, including Canada, Sweden, Finland, South Korea and Spain, and demanded that they re-examine their funding of UN Women on the basis of its one-sided approach. Weissbrod presented an unequivocal Israeli demand for Bahous' dismissal. "Blatant disregard for Israeli women is neither impartial nor neutral. She should resign," Weissbrod posted on the X platform.

An analysis conducted by the Foreign Ministry shows that out of dozens of X posts by Bahous and her organization, there were zero condemnations of Hamas. There were 12 posts against Israel; 25 posts about the 'shocking' humanitarian situation in Gaza and only five supposedly balanced posts. The Foreign Ministry concluded: All the organization's posts are one-sided, without any mention of Hamas; Almost zero posts in the first week of the war; The posts about the humanitarian situation in Gaza put the full responsibility on Israel without mentioning that Hamas started the war.

Bahous also paid a visit to the UNWRA offices in Amman to express her condolences for the death of the organization's personnel from the IDF attacks in Gaza. She did not pay a condolence visit to one of the Israeli embassies. A look at her X account, gives the impression that what interests her is almost exclusively Palestinian women. Israeli women are not on the agenda.

On the website of the organization, there are three articles from Gaza and zero from Israel on the cover: the conflict in Gaza; voices from Gaza; and the story of Noran's survival in the face of the aerial bombardments. While women and girls in Gaza receive calls for support and donations, there is total disregard for Israeli women.

Following the Israeli campaign, the UN Women Organization tried to be a little more balanced. On November 22, Bahous welcomed the release of 50 Israeli hostages, all of them children and women, and the release of 150 "Palestinian women and children," without mentioning that the latter were terrorists convicted of stabbings and attempted attacks.

Finally, the organization's representatives agreed for the first time to meet with Israeli women's organizations. The Foreign Ministry says that this is only lip service and that a much more fundamental change is needed.

Approximately 100 people came to protest in front of the UN mission in Jerusalem to cry out and protest against the silence of women's organizations in the world on Monday. "The world is silent, the world does not condemn, the world does not empathize," said Orit Soliciano, director of the Israeli Association of Rape Crisis Centers, who came to the demonstration.

Labor Party chairperson Merav Michaeli attacked the women's organizations around the world that ignore the atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists on October 7. "This is a crazy betrayal not only of women in Israel - but of women in the world," Michaeli said in an interview with Ynet. "Now it's Israeli women but who next won't meet their standards as women?"

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Hamas leader Sinwar met Israeli hostages in tunnels, speaking in Hebrew

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Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar met Israeli hostages in tunnels, spoke in Hebrew, report says

Terror group chief in Gaza showed interest in identities of Israeli hostages, and told them in Hebrew 'You are the safest here. Nothing will happen to you'
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Hamas leader in Gaza and the terrorist mastermind behind the terror attack on October 7, Yahya Sinwar, met with Israeli hostages taken to a tunnel in the Gaza Strip, Israeli journalist Amit Segal reported on Monday.

According to the report, one of the captives recounted that in the early days of the war, she and other hostages were taken to Khan Yunis in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. After about an hour's walk, they entered a tunnel where they walked for almost two more hours until reaching a large hall. She further disclosed that on the same day, they noticed the presence of Hamas terrorists accompanying them. Sinwar then entered, showing interest in their identities.

After calming them, he assured them that nothing would happen to them and that they were secure in that place. He introduced himself, saying in Hebrew, "Hello, I am Yahya Sinwar. You are the safest here. Nothing will happen to you." After these brief words, he departed.

The story was checked out by the authorities who investigated the Israeli hostage. Sinwar, who acquired his fluent Hebrew skills during his time in Israeli prison, played a pivotal role in the exchange process.

Released in a negotiated deal, Sinwar is considered one of the most senior figures in the group of prisoners who returned to Gaza in 2011. Since 2017, he has been the head of Hamas in Gaza, succeeding Ismail Haniyeh, and is leading an aggressive stance against Israel.

In the negotiation for the release of the captives, Sinwar manages contacts through Qatar, and the assessment is that he aims to stretch the duration of the truce as much as possible. His goal is to organize and withstand the imminent challenges of both the underground turmoil and potential Israeli offensives. According to Israeli officials' estimates, he is often found alongside other high-ranking Hamas officials in tunnels or subterranean bunkers in the southern part of the Strip.

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