

# Claim

Claim: "U.S. President-elect Donald Trump said on January 7, 2025 that if Israeli hostages held by Hamas 'are not back by the time I get into office, all hell will break out in the Middle East'."

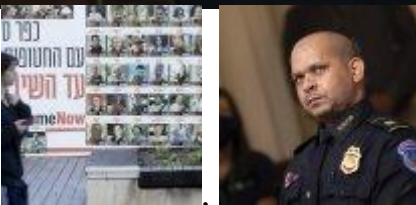
## Actions

`web_search("Donald Trump January 7 2025 Israeli hostages Hamas")`

## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

On January 7, 2025, NPR reported that President-elect Donald Trump said during a news conference at Mar-a-Lago that "all hell will break out" if Hamas does not release hostages by the time he takes office (



, CNN also reported on the same day that Trump warned that if the hostages whom Hamas is still holding in Gaza are not released by his inauguration on January 20, "all hell will break out in the Middle East" ([image:k](#)).

Reuters published an article on January 7, 2025, mentioning Trump's statement that there would be "hell to pay" if the hostages were not freed by his inauguration (



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- <https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east>
- <https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>
- <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>

## Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Donald Trump made a statement regarding the Israeli hostages held by Hamas on January 7, 2025. Multiple sources, including NPR, CNN, and Reuters, reported that Trump warned of consequences if the hostages were not released by the time he took office. The specific phrase used was "all hell will break out in the Middle East," as reported by NPR and CNN. Reuters reported that Trump said there would be "hell to pay".

## Final Judgement

The claim is supported by multiple reliable sources, including NPR, CNN, and Reuters, which reported on Donald Trump's statement on January 7, 2025, regarding the Israeli hostages held by Hamas. These sources confirm that Trump warned of potential consequences if the hostages were not released by the time he took office, using phrases like "all hell will break out in the Middle East" and "hell to pay".

true

**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

On January 7, 2025, multiple news outlets, including NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east>) and CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>), reported that Donald Trump stated that "all hell will break out in the Middle East" if Israeli hostages held by Hamas were not released by the time he took office. Reuters also reported on the same day, stating that Trump said there would be "hell to pay" if the hostages were not freed by his inauguration (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>).