

# 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

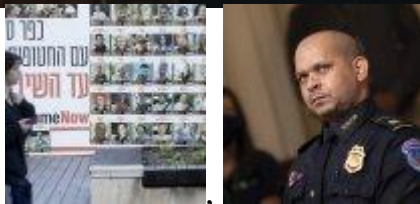
`web_search("Donald Trump January 7 2025 Israeli hostages Hamas")`

# Evidence

## Evidence from `web_search`

On January 7, 2025, multiple news outlets reported on statements made by President-elect Donald Trump regarding Israeli hostages held by Hamas. NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east>) reported that Trump said "all hell will break out" if the hostages were not released by the time he takes office, a similar pledge he made in early December. CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>) also reported on Trump's warning, specifying his inauguration date of January 20th as the deadline.

Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>) also covered Trump's statement, noting that Hamas demands an end to the Israeli assault on Gaza in exchange for the hostages' release and that the outgoing U.S. administration views Trump's inauguration as an unofficial deadline. [image:k](#),



## Elaboration

The claim is supported by the evidence. 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 made a statement on January 7, 2025, regarding the Israeli hostages held by Hamas.

The reports indicate that Trump warned of consequences if the hostages were not released by the time he took office. Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>) also covered the story, mentioning that Hamas demands an end to the Israeli assault on Gaza in exchange for the hostages' release.

## Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Donald Trump made the statement on January 7, 2025, as claimed. Multiple reliable news sources reported on Trump's warning regarding the Israeli hostages held by Hamas.

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 if Israeli hostages held by Hamas were not released by the time he took office, "all hell will break out." Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>) also covered the story.