

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 Israeli hostages Hamas January 7 2025")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

On January 7, 2025, NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east>) reported that Donald Trump said "all hell will break out" if Hamas does not release hostages by the time he returns to the White House. CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>) also reported on the same day that Trump warned that if the hostages are not released by his inauguration on January 20, "all hell will break out in the Middle East."

[image:k](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/brushing-off-trumps-threat-hamas-says-it-will-only-free-hostages-for-a-lasting-truce)
PBS News (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/brushing-off-trumps-threat-hamas-says-it-will-only-free-hostages-for-a-lasting-truce>) published an article on March 6, 2025, discussing Hamas's response to Trump's threat.



Elaboration

The claim is accurate. On January 7, 2025, both NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-amas-middle-east>) and CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>) reported that Donald Trump warned that if Israeli hostages held by Hamas were not released by the time he took office, "all hell will break out in the Middle East."

Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Donald Trump made the statement on January 7, 2025, as claimed. Multiple reliable sources, including NPR and CNN, reported on the same day that Trump warned of consequences if hostages were not released by his inauguration.

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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-amas-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 became president, "all hell will break out in the Middle East."