

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 (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east>) 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 (<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 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 (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>) also published an article on January 7, 2025, mentioning Trump's statement and that the outgoing U.S. administration views Trump's inauguration as an unofficial deadline (



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Elaboration

The claim is accurate. 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>), CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>), and Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/>), reported that Donald Trump, the President-elect, made a statement regarding the Israeli hostages held by Hamas.

Specifically, Trump stated that if the hostages were not released by the time he took office, "all hell will break out in the Middle East." The reports indicate that this statement was made during a news conference at Mar-a-Lago.

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. These sources confirm that Trump warned of severe consequences if Israeli hostages held by Hamas were not released by the time he assumed office. 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>), reported that then President-elect Donald Trump stated 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."