### 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 (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east">https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east</a>) 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 (<a href="https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration">https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration</a>) also reported on January 7, 2025, 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" (<a href="image:k">image:k</a>).

Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/">https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/</a>) also reported on January 7, 2025, that Trump set a deadline for the hostages' release before his inauguration (



## **Elaboration**

The claim is accurate. On January 7, 2025, multiple news outlets, including NPR (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east">https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/nx-s1-5250278/trump-hostages-israel-hamas-middle-east</a>), CNN (<a href="https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration">https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration</a>), and Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/">https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hamas-stands-by-demand-end-gaza-war-under-hostage-deal-trump-deadline-approaches-2025-01-07/</a>), reported that Donald Trump, the President-elect, 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.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is supported by multiple reliable sources. On January 7, 2025, news outlets like NPR, CNN, and Reuters reported that Donald Trump said 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."

true

**Verdict: TRUE** 

#### Justification

On January 7, 2025, multiple news sources, 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 stated that if Israeli hostages held by Hamas were not released by his inauguration, "all hell will break out in the Middle East."