

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 Israeli hostages by the time he gets into office. CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/politics/trump-warning-gaza-hostages-negotiations-inauguration>) also reported on January 7, 2025, that Trump warned that if the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza are not released by his inauguration on January 20, "all hell will break out in the Middle East." [image:k](#)

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 warning.



Elaboration

The claim is accurate. Multiple news sources, 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 on January 7, 2025, that Donald Trump made a statement about the Israeli hostages held by Hamas. He warned that if the hostages were not released by the time he took office, "all hell will break out in the Middle East."

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Final Judgement

The claim is supported by multiple reliable news sources. These sources confirm that Donald Trump made the statement on January 7, 2025, as described in the claim.

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Verdict: TRUE

Justification

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 on January 7, 2025, 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."