

# Hamas proposes to release more hostages under new Gaza ceasefire deal amid Israel's offensive

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Gaza based Hamas militant group has proposed to release more hostages under a new ceasefire deal, as negotiations for the same were held with Israel in Qatar on Saturday. The talks took place after Israel launched its new offensive in Gaza, killing hundreds of people in the past 72 hours.

According to a Palestinian official, Hamas has agreed to release nine hostages in exchange for a 60-day ceasefire agreement and Israel releasing Palestinian prisoners, BBC reported.

The Palestinian official added that the new proposed ceasefire deal would also include Israel allowing 400 aid trucks into Gaza everyday, and evacuation of medical patients from the region. However, Israel has said to continue with the ceasefire talks, Hamas needs to provide proof of life and detailed information about all remaining hostages.

■■ Northern Gaza Operation Recap:

◆■ Eliminated dozens of terrorists ◆■ Dismantled significant terrorist infrastructure ◆■ Located and dismantled a strategic underground terrorist route approx. 2 km long ◆■ Located several tunnel shafts, explosive devices, launchers, and... [pic.twitter.com/s2CwmuxNHj](https://pic.twitter.com/s2CwmuxNHj)

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The new ceasefire talks are being held in Doha and the first round took place on Saturday afternoon with the help of Qatari and US mediators. Israel has till now not responded publicly to the proposed ceasefire agreement but has clarified that it'll not withdraw its military from Gaza or commit an end to the war.

Earlier on Saturday, Israel military launched its new offensive "Operation Gideon's Chariots" against Gaza based Hamas militant group, amid the deadliest strikes in Gaza in recent months.

Under its new operation, Israel said it is planning to seize more ground in Gaza as US President Donald Trump completed his four-day trip to the Middle East.

According to Palestinian health authorities, at least 146 people had been killed in the third day of Israel's latest bombing campaign, which is being seen as one of the deadliest offensives by Tel Aviv since March.

Israel has paused all aid and supplies entering Gaza since March, when it relaunched its offensive campaign after almost two months of ceasefire. Now, international concerns have risen over the lives of Palestine's 2.3 million residents.