



On October 7th, in the early morning hours of the Sabbath, Hamas terrorists launched a multi-pronged surprise attack on Israeli farming communities, towns and cities near the Gaza-Israel border.

At the outset, an estimated 2,500 rockets were fired in an exceptionally short time. This served as cover for over a thousand-strong terrorist invasion force into Israel.

Israel's enemies were armed to the teeth and possessed intelligence on Israel's border security as well as detailed information about the communities targeted for this premeditated massacre.

Throughout the first day, heavy fighting occurred inside Israeli territory as the IDF and police forces worked to expel the barbarians from the Holy Land. Since then, Israel has taken the fight to Hamas. Israeli leaders have vowed to completely destroy the terrorist organization so that this evil entity can never commit such atrocities again.

Since that dreadful morning, more than 1,300 people have been murdered—the overwhelming majority of the dead are civilians to include 27 Americans. Among those killed are more than 200 Israeli soldiers, ranging widely in age and rank – as in Israel, commanders always lead their forces into battle.

Additionally, more than 3,500 Israeli's have been wounded and at least 120 hostages are believed to be held by Palestinian terrorists inside Gaza—Americans among them.

The potential for fighting on additional fronts in this war is very real. In fact, it is possible that Israel will be forced to fight a war with Hamas to its south, Hezbollah to its north, and a hodgepodge of terror groups in Judea, Samaria, and Palestinian neighborhoods around Jerusalem.

As this horrific assault took place to Israel's south, the IDF also thwarted additional terrorist infiltration from Lebanon. Hezbollah, another Iran backed terrorist organization (located in Lebanon and Syria), has been sporadically lobbing rockets and mortars at Israel, resulting in

exchanges of fire. Likewise, we continue to see sporadic attempted terror attacks in Judea and Samaria

All the while, Israel has finalized preparations for an air, ground and sea assault of Gaza to root out every last terrorist in the enclave.

### **CUFI's Initial Efforts**

Throughout that first night, and every day and hour since, staff at Christians United for Israel has been engaged in an around the clock effort to support Israel by:

1. Launching a campaign to raise and send funds to Israeli first responder and medical organizations. Thus far, CUFI has raised \$1.5 million for the effort. **Every penny of funds raised for the war has immediately been sent to Israel in an effort to replenish first responder supplies, mobile medical equipment, assist in providing hospital care, treat families suffering from extreme shock after watching their family members murdered, provide shelter for those whose homes were destroyed, as well as providing thousands of meals for IDF soldiers. We need your continued assistance in this effort.**

a. To learn more, please visit [cufi.org/help](https://cufi.org/help)

2. Rallying and educating our grassroots army through direct, digital, and mass communications.

3. Pushing out consistent content in a variety of ways and on a variety of channels to keep our members and supporters up to date, and to inform those new to CUFI, who seek to understand the issue.

4. Ensuring the groundwork is laid at all levels for if/when CUFI must engage in Washington to defeat any efforts from Israel-haters in Congress to impede the impending (and vital) U.S. supplemental aid package.

### **Key Facts**

- Conflict Data
  - 1,300+ Israelis have been killed. (May their memories be a blessing)
  - 3,500+ Israelis injured.
  - 120 hostages have been confirmed; more are still believed to be held hostage.
  - Nearly 3,000 Hamas targets have been struck by the IDF.

- a total 6,600 rockets have been fired at Israel.
- At least 300,000 Israeli reservists have been mobilized.
- Saturday morning (eastern time), Israel announced that preparations for an assault on Gaza from air, ground and sea are nearing completion.
- Historical Data
  - Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 in the hope of peace.
  - Hamas took over the Gaza Strip in 2007, murdering opponents in the process.
  - Hamas was founded in the late 1980's and has been responsible for numerous terror attacks since its inception including suicide bombings, rocket attacks, and kidnappings.

### **Key Facts (continued)**

- Conflict Additional Information
  - Hamas has proudly filmed and shared footage of its terrorists murdering civilians, desecrating corpses, and taking families, women, children, and the elderly as hostages to Gaza. Gruesome footage has emerged of:
    - Families being murdered.
    - Babies being decapitated.
    - Girls, bleeding from sexual assault, being paraded in Gaza.

### **Messages**

- General
  - There is **no justification whatsoever** for the wholesale massacre of innocent civilians.
  - 10/7 was **not** a military operation – it was a **massacre**.
  - The displays of support for Hamas in various major cities around the world are a tragic indication of just how **pervasive antisemitism** has become.

- Israel:
  - **Israelis simply want to live in peace.**
  - Israel has the **sovereign right** to defend itself.
  - Israel's decision to warn civilians and give them time to leave northern Gaza is laudable and humane – yet the UN and others are condemning Israel for it.
- Hamas
  - **Hamas is ISIS by another name.**
  - Hamas exists for two reasons: the annihilation of the Jewish state and the genocide of the Jewish people.
  - Hamas are not militants, gunmen, or freedom fighters; **Hamas are murderers, rapists and terrorists.**
  - Hamas would not have any capability to threaten Israel were it not for **arms, money and training provided by the Islamic Republic of Iran.**

ISRAEL—YOU ARE NOT ALONE!