

FACTS ABOUT THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

- Israel is acting to overthrow Hamas rule, destroy its military capabilities, remove the threat from the Gaza Strip and return of all abductees.
- Hamas is still holding 136 abductees in violation of international law and in complete denial of their rights. The ground operation is essential also for the purpose of releasing the abductees.
- Israel is continuously exploring all possibilities for the release of the abductees.
- The war was imposed on Israel by Hamas, and it is at war with Hamas alone, while taking many measures to avoid harming civilians.
- Israel does not wish to occupy the Gaza Strip, nor does it intend to control it. IDF activities are focused on areas where Hamas' governmental and military frameworks exist, are limited in time, and are implemented in accordance with the Rules of War.
- Israel is enabling the entrance of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip and is facilitating the transfer of any amount of aid requested. The scope of incoming aid is limited only by the handling capabilities of the UN and other aid agencies within the Gaza Strip. At the same time, Hamas steals aid from the residents of Gaza for its operatives and their terror tunnels.
- Claims made by UN organizations regarding the food situation in Gaza are inaccurate and are intended to divert the focus from the ongoing failure of these organizations in handling and managing the distribution of aid to the residents who need it - and constitute support of Hamas propaganda.

UNRWA and other UN entities UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & WORKS AGENCY

- Israel welcomes the decision of many countries to suspend their funding to UNRWA, and calls for an in-depth, independent and transparent investigation into the agency's conduct in the Gaza Strip - both regarding the involvement of UNRWA employees in the October 7 massacre and regarding the employment of Hamas operatives and the involvement of terrorist elements in its activities.
- Many of the agency's employees are members of Hamas, and Hamas makes extensive use of UNRWA's infrastructure for terrorist activity. It must be ensured that Hamas does not abuse the agency and its resources.

South Africa's appeal to the ICJ INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

- South Africa has chosen to serve as the legal arm of the Hamas terrorist organization, and its actions in doing so constitute actual criminal complicity of the South African government in Hamas actions.
- Accusing Israel of committing a so-called "genocide", while presenting a distortion of the reality in Gaza since the October 7th massacre while blatantly ignoring the actions of Hamas terrorists who infiltrated Israel, massacred, raped and kidnapped Israeli citizens simply because they were Israelis, in an attempt to commit genocide, is preposterous and has neither factual nor legal basis, and makes contemptible political use of the concept of genocide.
- Israel's commitment to international law is firm and valid and does not depend on the proceedings at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.
- Israel has a fundamental right to self-defense and a basic obligation to protect its citizens against a terrorist organization calling for its destruction. The Court rightly rejected South Africa's absurd attempt to challenge this right.

RALLY PURPOSE – 7 February 2024 – FOUR MONTHS ON

Today we rally to mark four months since the invasion of southern Israel by Hamas and their collaborators. Israel was thrust into its greatest crisis since the Yom Kippur War of 1973, having suffered the worst pogrom-like attack on Jews since the Holocaust. Today we mark the occasion by gathering in solidarity with the people of Israel.

- **We pray for the release of the hostages still in captivity** - some 136.
- **We pray for Israel's victory in this War.** The only other alternative is a Hamas victory which means a jihadist regime in Gaza threatening the same pogrom-like attack on Israel again and again.
- **We pray for a genuine peace between Israel and the Palestinians** - not one imposed on Israel by bullying nations who have not had to endure what the Israelis have constantly endured from the terrorist regime in Gaza.
- **We pray for the innocents effected by this war**, both Israeli and Palestinian, that relief from their suffering will come and that an enduring resolution to the conflict will be agreed upon.

Israeli National Anthem

Kol od b'levav P'nimah

(As long as the heart is yearning)

Nefesh Yehudi homiyah

(Deep in the Jewish soul)

Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah

(Looking toward the East)

Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah

(Eyes surveying toward Zion)

Od lo avdah tikvatenu

(Our hope has not been exterminated)

Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim

(Our two-thousand year-old hope)

L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu

(To be a free people in our Land)

Eretz Tzion u'Yerushalayim

(The Land of Zion and Jerusalem)

Rally Spokesperson:

Pastor Nigel Woodley - nigel@fortheProtectionofZion.com



ISRAEL SUPPORT RALLY

RELEASE THE HOSTAGES!

TOWN CLOCK, HASTINGS

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY - 7:30 PM

SUPPORTED BY SOME LOCAL CHURCHES