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Update on current situation in Israel

Key points:

- Literally one of the most horrific terrorist attacks in human history.
- The deadliest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust.
- 40 babies were found murdered in one place.
- Entire families were found burned to death in their homes.
- Young women were raped next to the butchered bodies of their friends before being abducted and paraded as trophies, bloodied, around the streets of Gaza along with the lifeless limbs of their murdered friends.
- At least 364 young adults were massacred at a music festival to celebrate peace.
- Children were abducted after witnessing the murder of their parents. Parents were abducted after witnessing the murder of their children.
- The murder of a grandmother was recorded onto her own Facebook Live, for her granddaughter and others to witness.
- There have been reports of terrorists calling bereaved families to taunt them after killing and raping their children, using the stolen cell phones of their dead children to call contacts named "Mom" and "Dad."
- Hamas operatives filmed themselves executing civilians as they begged for mercy, beating and taunting abducted captives, torching homes with families inside, mutilating the bodies of their victims, and even torturing pets. Literally thousands of these terrorists were giddy as they performed act upon act of sheer evil.

- “Terrorist” doesn’t begin to describe the brutality and barbarianism that define this group and their supporters, many of whom were throwing parties and distributing candy in the streets of Gaza and parts of the West Bank to celebrate “mission accomplished.” Days later, the stench of death lingered in the air.

- Thousands have been injured, some critically. Witnesses to the massacres of their entire families. Families hidden in fear for hours and even days, desperately trying to keep their children quiet to avoid drawing attention.

- These survivors carry with them bullet holes, shrapnel wounds, and the incomprehensible memories of what they endured. The psychological toll on these victims — and, indeed, on the entire country — is enormous. We can only speculate how this will impact the future of an entire society already suffering from intergenerational trauma.

- In addition to Israelis, at least 31 American citizens were murdered by Hamas, and scores of foreign nationals representing at least 30 countries have also been murdered. Citizens of at least 40 other countries were abducted by Hamas or were still missing multiple weeks after the atrocities began. Missing civilians are presumed to have been murdered or taken hostage, but their status has not yet been confirmed.

- In total, so far:

- 1,300+ murdered by Hamas
- 10,000+ wounded by Hamas
- 9,500+ rockets fired at Israeli civilians
 - 1,000+ of these rockets landed inside Gaza, killing and injuring Palestinian civilians
- 240+ Israelis held hostage by Hamas in Gaza
 - 138+ hostages remain in Gaza
- 200,000+ Israelis internally displaced

- Israel has the right and responsibility to defend its citizens and territory from terrorist attacks.

- The entire world should be condemning the savagery of Hamas and supporting Israel during this terrible time.