

# PM Netanyahu's Declaration of War



**Israel's Prime Minister *Benjamin Netanyahu*.**

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PM Netanyahu:

"Israel is at war.

We didn't want this war. It was forced upon us in the most brutal and savage way. But though Israel didn't start this war, Israel will finish it.

Once, the Jewish people were stateless. Once, the Jewish people were defenseless. No longer.

Hamas will understand that by attacking us, they have made a mistake of historic proportions. We will exact a price that will be remembered by them and Israel's other enemies for decades to come.

The savage attacks that Hamas perpetrated against innocent Israelis are mindboggling: slaughtering families in their homes, massacring hundreds of young people at an outdoor festival, kidnapping

scores of women, children and elderly, even Holocaust survivors.

Hamas terrorists bound, burned and executed children. They are savages. Hamas is ISIS.

And just as the forces of civilization united to defeat ISIS, they must support Israel in defeating Hamas.

I want to thank President Biden for his unequivocal support.

I want to thank leaders across the world who are standing with Israel today.

I want to thank the people and Congress of the United States of America.

In fighting Hamas, Israel is not only fighting for its own people. It is fighting for every country that stands against barbarism.

Israel will win this war, and when Israel wins, the entire civilized world wins".