

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Statement on the Death of United States Citizen Gadi Haggai During the Hamas Attacks Against Israel**

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Jill and I are heartbroken by the news that American Gad Haggai is now believed to have been killed by Hamas on October 7. We continue to pray for the well-being and safe return of his wife Judy. Their daughter joined by phone my meeting with the families of hostages last week. Those families bravely shared with me the harrowing ordeal that they have endured over the past months as they await news of their loved ones. It's intolerable. Today we are praying for their four children, seven grandchildren, and other loved ones and are grieving this tragic news with them. And I reaffirm the pledge we have made to all the families of those still held hostage: We will not stop working to bring them home.

NOTE: The statement referred to Iris Haggai Liniado, daughter of Gadi Haggai and Judith Weinstein Haggai.

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