

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on Efforts To Achieve a Cease-Fire and Hostage Release Deal Between Israel and Hamas

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Earlier today I received an update from my negotiating team on the ground in Doha and directed them to put forward the comprehensive bridging proposal presented today, which offers the basis for coming to a final agreement on a cease-fire and hostage release deal. I spoke separately with Amir Sheikh Tamim and President Sisi to review the significant progress made in Doha over the past 2 days of talks, and they expressed the strong support of Qatar and Egypt for the U.S. proposal as comediators in this process.

Our teams will remain on the ground to continue technical work over the coming days, and senior officials will convene again in Cairo before the end of the week. They will report to me regularly. I am sending Secretary Blinken to Israel to reaffirm my ironclad support for Israel's security, continue our intensive efforts to conclude this agreement, and to underscore that with the comprehensive cease-fire and hostage release deal now in sight, no one in the region should take actions to undermine this process.

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