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Hamas Reports Israeli Family Held Hostage Killed by Airstrike

During continued hostage negotiations to extend the cease-fire between Hamas and Israel, Hamas reported that a [high-profile Israeli family](#) being held [hostage was killed during an Israeli airstrike](#). Reuters reports that they could not independently confirm the Hamas statement, and the deaths have not been confirmed by Israel. The hostages that allegedly were killed are brothers 10-month-old Kfir Bibas, four-year-old Ariel, their mother Shiri, and father Yarden.

The news comes as family members of the hostages had [pleaded for their release](#), and hoped for their release during the ceasefire. Kfir was the youngest hostage taken by Hamas, being taken at nine months old from Nir Oz, a kibbutz attacked on October 7. Eylon Keshet, a family member, told reporters, "There is no precedent for something like this, for a baby who was kidnapped when he was nine months old."



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Ofri Bibas Levy wearing a shirt with her brother, sister-in-law and their two children, Kfir and Ariel, who were reportedly killed in Gaza



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