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Egypt Looks to Broker Israel-Hamas Truce

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh met with Egyptian officials in Cairo yesterday to discuss the Israel-Hamas war. [Egyptian officials are looking to broker a truce](#) between Israel and Hamas, despite the Israel-Hamas war continuing to intensify. White House spokesperson John Kirby [said of the talks in Egypt](#), “These are very serious discussions and negotiations, and we hope that they lead somewhere.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s spokesperson to the Arab world posted Netanyahu’s [message to Hamas on X](#): “The choice I promise to Hamas is very simple, surrender or die.” Taher Al-Nono, spokesperson for Haniyeh told Reuters, “We cannot talk about negotiations while Israel continues its aggression.”

The United States is hopeful that a cease-fire deal will be reached as Israeli airstrikes in Gaza and Hamas rocket attacks have intensified. It was reported yesterday that confirmed [Palestinian deaths have surpassed 20,000](#) since the start of the Israel-Hamas conflict in October. In response to the civilian death toll, [Hamas launched rocket attacks targeting Tel Aviv](#) earlier today. The Hamas rockets were shot down, with no casualties being reported.



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