

# 509 Days in Captivity: Israel's Fight Against Hamas

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Ruth Wasserman Lande: For 509 days, Hamas has held hostages in Gaza, with 63 still trapped in inhumane conditions. Today, Israel mourns the brutal murder of the Bibas babies and their mother, while their father, recently released after 500 days in captivity, returns to a devastating reality. The tragedy is not just Israeli or Jewish but a human one, exposing Hamas' true nature as a ruthless terrorist organization. They openly prepare for more war, exploiting ceasefires to regroup, rearm, and use humanitarian aid to further their goals. Hamas leaders have made it clear they will never disarm or abandon their fight, ensuring ongoing violence and radicalization.

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