

Ceasefire Understanding and Enforcement and Response Mechanisms Israel and Egypt

This paper reflects understandings reached by the Government of Israel and the Government of Egypt regarding Israeli responses to rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip.

The Government of Israel understands that:

1. The Government of Hamas in Gaza has made a commitment to Egypt to enforce a full and comprehensive ceasefire of all attacks against Israel. As the ruling government of Gaza, Hamas is fully committed to ensure that all factions and groups in Gaza will adhere to the ceasefire.=
2. The Government of Israel has made a commitment to Egypt to enforce a full and comprehensive ceasefire of all attacks against Gaza.
3. If there is a violation of the agreement and there is rocket fire into Israel of any kind Israel will refrain from military response for a period of 24 hours during which time Hamas will ensure that the perpetrators of the violation are restrained.
4. If the violations continue after 24 hours, but Hamas is seen as taking concrete steps to bring about a full adherence to the ceasefire, the Representative of Egypt, upon being requested by the Hamas can request an additional 24 hour period of restraint from Israel before a military response is given and Israel will respond positively.
5. In cases where real Israeli intelligence information provides strong evidence of a terror threat to Israel, Israel will share the information with the Egyptian intelligence. The Egyptian intelligence will share the information with the appropriate party in Hamas which is obligated to take effective preventive actions immediately. Hamas will be granted a period of 24 hours to take preventive measures and report to Egypt on the success or failure of those actions. Hamas can request additional time for preventive measures if warranted and reasonable. If the threat is not appropriately dealt with and remains apparent and imminent, Israel will deal with the threat in the way that it sees appropriate.
6. In cases of real and immediate threat, (a squad of militants with rockets ready for being fired) Israel will take immediate actions required to prevent that threat. Israel's actions will be limited to the real and immediate threat. The Representative of the Egyptian intelligence will be contacted immediately and will take steps necessary to ensure that Hamas refrains from military responses and continues to adhere to the enforcement of the ceasefire.
7. A hotline for rapid response and immediate needs will be established between Hamas and the Egyptian Intelligence and between Israel and the Egyptian Intelligence. Either side, at any time is encouraged to use the good offices of the Egyptian intelligence to deal with any real or apparent crisis situation.
8. No later than the end of the fourth month after the successful implementation of these understandings, the representative of the Egyptian intelligence will work with the parties to implement a plan that will end the economic closure of Gaza. The program will include enabling two way trade with the West Bank. The Rafah crossing will be upgraded to include a cargo terminal and will be open 24/7. The military blockade will remain intact.

9. The Government of Egypt, in cooperation with Hamas will closed hermetically all of the tunnels between Sinai and Gaza. The closure of the tunnels will be fully implemented within two months of the signing of this agreement.
10. The Office of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General is the correct addresses for lodging official complaints about violations. The UN Special Representative will respond to complaints on violations after a full investigation with the parties.

Signed in Cairo, 2012

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Representative of Egypt

Witnessed by Representative of the Secretary General Ambassador Robert Serry:

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