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Text of the hostage-ceasefire agreement reached between Israel and Hamas

Copy of deal, the authenticity of which was confirmed to ToI, shows how many Palestinian prisoners Israel must release per freed captive, details terms of Israeli pullout from Gaza

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Demonstrators take part in a protest calling for the release of Israelis held hostage in Gaza by Hamas and an end to the war, in Tel Aviv on January 15, 2025. (Jack Guez/AFP)

The following is the text of the hostage-ceasefire agreement reached between Israel and Hamas on January 15, 2025. Several additional appendixes that include maps and other details outlining the parameters of the deal were not included in the copy of the text obtained by The Times of Israel, whose authenticity was confirmed by an Arab diplomat familiar with the negotiations.

The text below, entitled Appendix I, supplements the [Israeli proposal for a deal with Hamas](#), which was submitted on May 27, 2024, and was publicly presented by US President Joe Biden on May 31, 2024. That proposal sets out a three-phase agreement “on the exchange of hostages and prisoners and restoring a sustainable calm,” and provides for the release of 33 Israeli hostages in the first phase. In his announcement of the deal on January 15, 2025, [Biden specified](#): “This is the exact framework of the deal I proposed back in May.”

Appendix I

Practical procedures and mechanisms to implement the agreement for the exchange of Israeli hostages and Palestinian Prisoners and the return to a sustainable calm which would achieve a permanent ceasefire between the two sides

1. Stage two preparations:

- The parties and the mediators' objective is to achieve a final consensus to implement the May 27, 2024, agreement on the exchange of hostages and prisoners and return to a sustainable calm which would achieve a permanent ceasefire between the parties.
- All procedures in the first stage will continue in stage 2 so long as the negotiations of the conditions of implementing stage 2 are ongoing and the guarantors of this agreement shall work to ensure that negotiations continue until an agreement is reached.

2. Israeli forces withdrawal:

- Withdrawal of Israeli forces eastwards from densely populated areas along the borders of the Gaza Strip, including Wadi Gaza (Netzarim axis and Kuwait roundabout).
- The Israeli forces will be deployed in a perimeter (700) meters with an exception at 5 localized points to be increased no more than (400) additional meters that the Israeli side will determine, south and west of the border, and based on the maps agreed upon by both sides which accompany the agreement.

3. Prisoner Exchange:

- The 9 ill and wounded from the list of 33 will be released in exchange for the release of 110 Palestinian prisoners with life sentences.
- Israel will release 1,000 Gazan detainees from 8 October, 2023, that were not involved in 7 October, 2023
- The elderly (men over 50) from the list of 33 will be released in exchange for an exchange key of 1:3 life sentences + 1:27 other sentences.
- Avera Mengistu and Hisham al-Sayed — will be released according to an exchange key of 1:30, as well as 47 Shalit prisoners.
- A number of Palestinian prisoners will be released abroad or in Gaza based on lists agreed upon between both sides.

4. Philadelphi corridor:

- The Israeli side will gradually reduce the forces in the corridor area during stage 1 based on the accompanying maps and the agreement between both sides.
- After the last hostage release of stage one, on day 42, the Israeli forces will begin their withdrawal and complete it no later than day 50.

5. Rafah Border Crossing:

- The Rafah crossing will be ready for the transfer of civilians and for the wounded after the release of all women (civilian and soldiers). Israel will work toward the readiness of the crossing as soon as the agreement is signed.
- Israeli forces will redeploy around the Rafah Crossing according to the attached maps.
- 50 wounded military individuals will be allowed to cross daily accompanied by (3) individuals. Each individual crossing will require Israeli and Egyptian approval.
- The crossing will be operated based on the August 2024 discussions with Egypt.

6. Exit of ill and wounded civilians:

- All ill and wounded Palestinian civilians will be allowed to cross via Rafah border crossing, according to section 12 in the 27 May 2024 agreement.

7. Return of unarmed internally displaced (Netzarim Corridor):

- The return is agreed based on the 27, May 2024, agreement section 3-a and 3-b.
- On day 7, the internally displaced pedestrians will be allowed to return north, without carrying arms and without inspection via Rashid street. On day 22, they will be allowed to return north from the Salah a-Din street as well, without inspection.
- On day 7, vehicles and any non-pedestrian traffic will be allowed to return north of Netzarim corridor after vehicle inspection which will be performed by a private company which will be determined by the mediators in sync with the Israeli side, based on an agreed upon mechanism.

8. Humanitarian aid protocol:

- Humanitarian aid procedures under the agreement will be done subject to the humanitarian protocol agreed upon under the supervision of the mediators.