

Re: <u>Urgent formation of a national unity government</u> and destruction of Hamas

We, Israel's Defense and Security Forum, IDSF-Habithonistim movement, numbering hundreds of senior reserve officers, thousands of officers and combat soldiers, and 18 thousand veterans of Israel's security services — patriots from every stratum of the nation — are deeply shocked by the horrifying massacre of Israeli civilians and soldiers Saturday morning at the hands of the Hamas terrorists. Those barbaric acts have proved beyond all doubt, to the people of Israel and of the world, that Hamas is a murderous Nazi organization with the traits of ISIS, which must not continue to exist anywhere in any relevant form.

This event not only brings a fundamental change in the nature of Gaza but puts a new face on the entire region, requiring Israel to make use of its broad-based international credit and its unconditional support from the USA and the rest of the western world in order to fundamentally change regional dynamics.

This cruel attack on Israel and on its citizens demonstrates unarguably that the political echelons must clearly declare their commitment to the following three tasks:

- 1. Immediately forming a national unity government
- 2. Completely destroying the Hamas organization, in the Gaza Strip and everywhere else
- 3. Establishing a new reality in which neither Hamas nor any other terror organization can take root in the Gaza Strip

We salute the men and women of the IDF, the ISA, the Israel Police, the Mossad, and all the other security services, who have come forward massively and devoted themselves unconditionally to counterattacking and ensuring Israel's security for the coming generations, and we salute the tens of thousands of Israeli citizens who have come forward to volunteer with action and with words. Together we will prevail.

Respectfully,

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