

Fact: When Hamas Breaks a Ceasefire, Israel Must Respond.

THE LIE

- Israel broke the Gaza ceasefire by launching new airstrikes that killed 26 Palestinians.

THE TRUTH

- Hamas violated the ceasefire first—firing an anti-tank missile and sniper rounds at Israeli soldiers, killing two and wounding three. Israel's response targeted Hamas terror infrastructure, not civilians.

BACKGROUND

- A **U.S.-brokered ceasefire** took effect in early **October 2025**, requiring Hamas to:
 - Halt all attacks against Israel
 - Release **all hostages – both living and deceased**
 - Withdraw beyond a designated security line

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **Hamas has already violated the agreement repeatedly**, refusing to release several bodies of slain hostages and maintaining control of their bodies in violation of the ceasefire terms.
- On October 19, Hamas terrorists attacked Israeli soldiers who were legally positioned in Rafah, operating fully within the ceasefire zone, **killing two Israeli Soldiers and injuring three more.** ([IDF X, Oct. 19, 2025](#)).
- **Israel's response** was limited and defensive – targeting **terror tunnels** and **weapons sites with precision strikes**, not civilians, in accordance with the ceasefire's self-defense clause. Israel's goal was to **eliminate the threat** and **reestablish deterrence** while maintaining ceasefire terms. ([Fox News, Oct. 19, 2025](#)).
- The **U.S. State Department** had warned one day earlier of a "planned attack" by Hamas against Palestinian civilians, calling it a "direct and grave violation" of the ceasefire ([State.gov, Oct. 18, 2025](#)).
- **Prime Minister Netanyahu's office** confirmed that crossings would reopen once Hamas ceased its bombings and upheld its commitments ([Jerusalem Post, Oct. 19–20, 2025](#)).
- **Popular media outlets** – including *Reuters*, *The New York Times*, and *NBC News* – misframed the story, implying Israel "broke the ceasefire" while ignoring that Hamas initiated the violence ([Avi Mayer, Oct. 19, 2025](#)).
- The **IDF emphasized** that "a ceasefire cannot only be upheld by one side" ([IDF Facebook, Oct. 19, 2025](#)).

QUOTES

- "These terrorist actions constitute a blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement, and the IDF will respond firmly."
– **Israel Defense Forces**
- "Two Israeli soldiers were killed and three wounded in a Hamas RPG attack. This is journalistic malpractice to imply Israel broke the truce." – **Avi Mayer**, former *Jerusalem Post* Editor-in-Chief
- "It takes both sides to uphold a ceasefire. Don't mistake who violated it." – **IDF Spokesperson Unit**

TAKEAWAY

Hamas, not Israel, shattered the ceasefire. Israel acted lawfully and proportionately to defend its soldiers and civilians after a deliberate terrorist attack.

SOURCES

[IDF Statement on X \(Oct. 19, 2025\)](#); [Fox News Report \(Oct. 19, 2025\)](#); [Jerusalem Post \(Oct. 19–20, 2025\)](#); [U.S. State Department \(Oct. 18, 2025\)](#); [Avi Mayer on X \(Oct. 19, 2025\)](#)