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Biden and Netanyahu Discuss Gaza War Developments

Earlier today President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [discussed developments in the Israel-Hamas war](#) and humanitarian aid in Gaza.

Netanyahu stated on X that Israel remains committed to achieving its goals of eliminating Hamas, securing the release of hostages, and ensuring Gaza will no longer threaten Israeli security.

Netanyahu's [statement posted on X](#):

We talked about the latest developments in the war, including Israel's commitment to achieving all the goals of the war: the elimination of Hamas, the release of all our hostages, and the promise that Gaza will no longer pose a threat to Israel — while providing the necessary humanitarian aid that helps achieve these goals.



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The conversation between the two leaders is the first phone call in a month, and comes after remarks from Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) in which he [called for new elections in Israel](#). Netanyahu is facing criticism from foreign leaders due to [the humanitarian crisis in Gaza](#), with EU foreign policy chief [Josep Borrell stating on X](#), "Gaza is facing famine. According to @theIPCinfo, 100% of people are acutely food insecure; in the North, 70% are facing famine. Hunger can't be used as a weapon of war. W/ @JanezLenarcic, we urge Israel to allow free, unimpeded, safe humanitarian access."

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz responded to Borrell's comments, [stating on X](#), "Israel allows extensive humanitarian aid into Gaza by land, air, and sea for anyone willing to help. Despite Hamas violently disrupting aid convoys and @UNRWA's collaboration with them, we persist. It's time for EU Foreign Minister @JosepBorrellF to stop attacking Israel and recognize our right to self-defense against Hamas' crimes."



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