

OCTOBER 7, 2023

THE FACTS

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WHAT HAPPENED?

On the morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a coordinated surprise attack against Israel from the Gaza Strip. The attack included thousands of rockets fired into Israeli communities, armed militants crossing the border, and assaults on civilian communities, military bases, and the Nova Music Festival. The attack became the deadliest single day in Israel's history.

BY THE NUMBERS

Oct 7, 2023

Date of the Attack

Approximately 1,200

People Killed

251

People Taken Hostage into Gaza

Thousands

Rockets Fired into Israel

46

American Citizens Killed

12

American Citizens Taken Hostage

COMMUNITIES TARGETED

- Kibbutzim (collective farming communities)
- Towns and cities near the Gaza border
- Military installations
- The Nova Music Festival
- Roads and evacuation routes



THE AFTERMATH

The October 7th attacks triggered the Israel-Hamas war, resulting in a prolonged conflict in Gaza and a humanitarian crisis affecting civilians. The attacks also led to extensive hostage negotiations, military operations, and international diplomatic efforts over the following months.

WHY WE REMEMBER

October 7th is remembered as a day of profound loss for families and communities in Israel and around the world. Today we honor those who were killed, acknowledge the suffering of those who were taken hostage and their families, and affirm the importance of remembering the human cost of terrorism and anti-Zionism.

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