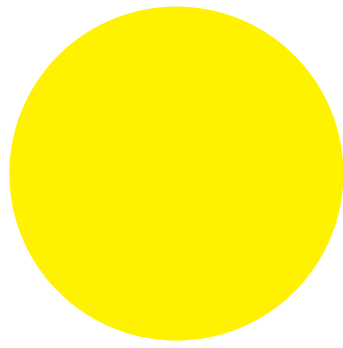


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**Fresh efforts to revive Gaza ceasefire negotiations**

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Diplomatic efforts to establish a ceasefire in Gaza seem to be gaining momentum. Despite more than a year of aggression and ongoing Israeli assaults on Gaza and southern Lebanon, attempts to bring the war to an end have been unsuccessful. However, a temporary ceasefire was brokered between Hamas and Israel from November 24 to 30, 2023, which included a prisoner exchange between the two sides. Since then, various proposals have been put forward, but Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu have refused to agree on a truce. Now, following the assassination of Hamas leaders, particularly Yahya Sinwar, the head of Hamas's military wing, Western countries and Israel's allies have expressed hope that Netanyahu will accept a proposed ceasefire. The families of Israeli prisoners have also increased pressure on Netanyahu to accept a lull in fighting and secure the release of their loved ones. However, many are skeptical about Netanyahu's willingness to accept a deal, especially given rumors that he hopes to continue his hardline policies and aggression if Donald Trump wins the US presidential election. Nevertheless, according to media reports, there are whispers of a newly-drafted proposal. Apparently, this proposal, dubbed a «minor deal,» has been put forward by Egypt and the US and is now on the negotiating table. Under this proposal, a number of Israeli prisoners held by Hamas would be released in exchange for a two-week ceasefire, with further negotiations to follow for a permanent ceasefire.

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# Israeli Strike on Lebanon Journos 'War Crime'

Lebanon accused Israel of targeting journalists in a "deliberate" attack that killed three media workers in the country's south on Friday, calling the incident a "war crime."

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A damaged car marked "Press" is seen at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted an area where a number of journalists were located in the southern Lebanese village of Hasbaya on October 25, 2024. **ALI HANKIR/AFP**