

# How to End the War in Gaza for Good

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**The momentum created by phase one of the peace plan will eventually fade, so the Trump administration must work quickly with its partners to establish clarity on complex issues like disarming Hamas and securing Gaza, and on identifying the actors to implement them.**

If all goes to plan, by the beginning of Saturday, Israel and Hamas will start observing a cease-fire. Their weapons will fall silent, and Israeli troops will withdraw from their present positions to an agreed-on line further back in Gaza. Hamas, meanwhile, will release all the living hostages in exchange for 250 Palestinian prisoners serving life sentences and an additional 1,750 Gazans Israel has captured over the last two years. Humanitarian assistance will immediately flood into the area, and Palestinians will begin attempting to rehabilitate the enclave, remove the rubble, and resume limited commercial activity. But U.S. President Donald Trump's peace plan is essentially divided into two phases, and these steps are just phase one. And although such measures are obviously difficult (given how long it has taken for [Hamas \(https://www.foreignaffairs.com/tags/hamas\)](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/tags/hamas) and Israel to agree to them), they are far easier to implement than the proposed elements of phase two...

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