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Park Hotel bomb mastermind on Hamas list for swap

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Hamas has recently prepared a list of leading Palestinians held in Israeli prisons that the organization will demand in a possible deal for the exchange of abducted Israel Defense Force soldier Gilad Shalit.

So far, both sides have reached agreement through Egyptian mediation, over the framework of the deal; however they have not finalized the number and identities of the prisoners to be released. Among those whose release Hamas intends to demand is Abbas Sayed, the mastermind of the massacre at the Park Hotel in Netanya over Passover in 2002, in which 29 civilians were killed.

The military censor allowed the release yesterday of a report prepared by an IDF investigating team regarding the raid and abduction of two IDF reservists along the northern front by Hezbollah guerrillas in July. The report concluded, on the basis of physical evidence at the site of the attack, that Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser were seriously injured during the attack.

According to the assessments made in the report, one of the two suffered critical injuries, although the report left the identity of the individual ambiguous.

At this time, Israel and Hamas are holding indirect negotiations on the central details of the Shalit deal. Sources familiar with the developments say that if progress is achieved, it is likely that the first stage of the deal will take place in a few weeks.

The deal is intended to take place in three stages: In the first, Israel is expected to release about 400 prisoners, among them women, minors and prisoners suffering from health problems. A short while later, or parallel to the initial release, Shalit would be released to Israel.

In the second stage, following the release of Shalit, another large group of Palestinian prisoner would be released. In the third stage, another group of prisoners, considered "heavy duty" figures, would be freed. These include senior members of terrorist organizations, including individuals with "blood on their hands."

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has hinted recently that he would agree to the release of some prisoners who had been involved in attacks that claimed the lives of Israelis. Nonetheless, the identity of the prisoners who would be released is still unclear; there is some debate over the number and identity of the prisoners who would be freed.

For its part, Hamas is demanding that 400 prisoners be freed in the first part of the deal, and 500 each in the two subsequent parts of the exchange. Israel would like to limit that figure.

However, a senior Israeli source said this week that it is possible that Israel will agree to the release of as many as 1,000 Palestinians.

VOCABULARY

organization - אירגון	minors - קטינים
exchange - החלפה, המרה	parallel - מקביל
abducted - חטוף	initial - ראשוני (בהקשר אחר ראשי תיבות)
Israel Defense Force - צבא ההגנה לישראל (צה"ל)	senior - בכיר
reached agreement - הגיעו להסכמה	hinted - רמז
mediation - תיווך, פישור	recently - לאחרונה
framework - מסגרת	involved - מעורב
identities - זהויות	claimed - הרגו (מילולית תבעו חיים)
mastermind - מתכנן	Nonetheless - בכל זאת
massacre - טבח, השמדה	unclear - לא ברור
Passover - חג הפסח	debate - ויכוח, דיון
censor - צנזור, מי שעושה צנזורה	subsequent - עוקב, שלאחר מכן
investigating team - צוות חקירה	limit - להגביל
reservists - חיילי מילואים	figure - מספר (בהקשר אחר דמות, צורה, גיזרה)
front - גבול (בהקשר אחר חזית או חלק קדמי)	source - מקור
concluded - הסיק	
physical - גופני, גשמי, פיסי	
evidence - ראיות	
seriously injured - נפצע קשה	
assessments - הערכה	
critical injuries - פציעה אנושה	
ambiguous - מעורפל	
indirect - עקיף, לא ישיר	
negotiation - משא ומתן	
details - פרטים	
developments - התפתחויות, התקדמות	
achieve - להשיג	
stage - שלב (בהקשר אחר בימה, זירה)	
expected - מצופה, שמצפים ממנו	
among them - ביניהם	