

OCTOBER 7, 2023

WHAT HAPPENED?

On the morning of **October 7, 2023**, **Hamas launched a surprise attack against Israel**. 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.

THE NUMBERS



Approximately
1,200
people killed



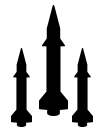
251
people taken
hostage



46
American citizens
were killed



12
American citizens
were taken hostage



THOUSANDS
of rockets fired into Israel



THE TARGETS

- 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 started the Israel-Hamas war. The attacks led to extensive hostage negotiations, military operations, a humanitarian crisis, 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. We acknowledge the suffering of those who were taken hostage and their families. We affirm the importance of remembering the human cost of terrorism and anti-Zionism.