

Hamas says will not accept new truce conditions from Israel

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Logo of Palestinian resistance movement of Hamas with Palestinian flag as backdrop

Beirut, August 17 (RHC)-- The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has reportedly said it would not accept new conditions from the Israeli regime as outlined in a new proposal put forward by mediators during truce negotiations in the Qatari capital Doha.

AFP issued the report on Friday, citing “officials” after the United States, Qatar, and Egypt, which have been mediating the talks, announced coming up with the proposal. The trio affirmed that the proposal “narrows the gaps between the parties,” referring to Hamas and the regime.

The new conditions featured in the scheme, however, involve the regime’s keeping its forces inside Gaza along the coastal sliver’s border with Egypt, the agency added, citing “an informed source.”

This is while the movement has repeatedly insisted on complete cessation of the Israeli war of aggression against Gaza, which began on October 7 following a retaliatory operation staged by the territory’s resistance groups, and the regime’s full withdrawal.

It has also demanded the return of the displaced people, an end to the siege that has been imposed by Tel Aviv on Gaza, and initiation of the territory’s reconstruction process. The group reiterated the conditions the last time in a statement that it issued on Thursday.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has, nevertheless, vowed to keep up the war until, what he has called, the “elimination” of Hamas, a prospect that has been ruled out as impossible by the group and even some Israeli officials and Tel Aviv’s allies.

The war has so far claimed the lives of more than 40,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children. Thousands more are buried under the rubble of building destroyed by the Zionist bombings and are not considered in the official count of dead.

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