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Netanyahu Vows Action After Video of Emaciated Hostages Emerges

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reaffirmed his commitment to securing the release of hostages held by Hamas, following the circulation of harrowing footage showing visibly emaciated Israeli captives in Gaza. The video, released through Hamas-linked sources and shared by Reuters, has triggered widespread condemnation and intensified pressure on Israeli leadership to act decisively.

Among those shown in the video are hostages Evyatar David and Rom Braslavski. David is seen in particularly dire condition, at one point digging what he describes as his own grave. The footage has sparked outrage across Israel and beyond, with Netanyahu declaring, “I am filled with even stronger determination to free our kidnapped sons.” The

comments reflect growing national frustration and emotional strain as the hostage crisis continues unresolved.

International leaders have also weighed in. French President Emmanuel Macron issued a strong rebuke, describing Hamas's treatment of the hostages as "inhumanity without bounds." The remarks come as global attention increasingly focuses on the humanitarian toll of the ongoing conflict, particularly the status of civilians and non-combatants caught in the crossfire.

The hostage situation is unfolding against the backdrop of broader humanitarian and geopolitical tensions in Gaza. According to regional reports, Hamas has presented conditions for the release or sustained wellbeing of hostages, including demands for the creation of permanent humanitarian corridors and the cessation of Israeli air operations in designated zones. These demands, however, come amid worsening humanitarian conditions in Gaza itself.

Recent figures indicate that more than 170 Palestinians, including 93 children, have died as a result of malnutrition and inadequate access to food and medical supplies. The stark contrast between the suffering on both sides of the conflict further complicates ongoing negotiation efforts and has drawn international concern over the worsening humanitarian crisis.

Israeli authorities have not commented in detail on specific plans for future military or diplomatic action, but the release of the video has clearly intensified the urgency of the situation. Talks involving international mediators are reportedly ongoing, though progress has been slow amid rising tensions and mistrust.

As the conflict continues, the fate of the hostages remains a deeply emotional issue for Israelis, many of whom have family members still missing. The video has served to renew public attention and political resolve, but a comprehensive resolution remains elusive.