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Bring them home

Sagui Dekel-Chen, age 35, kidnapped from his home in Nir Oz

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Passover II

A New York state of mind



THE IMAGES released by Hamas on Saturday of hostages Keith Siegel (left) and Omri Miran.

Israel warns Hamas: Accept hostage deal or we'll invade Rafah

Terrorist group says its studying latest proposal • Blinken to arrive in region

• By TOVAH LAZAROFF

Israel warned Hamas it will carry out a major military operation in Rafah unless the terror group accepts a deal on the table for the release of some, but not all, of the remaining 133 hostages.

"If there is a deal, we will suspend the operation," Foreign Minister Israel Katz told Channel 12 as the IDF continued its preparations for the operation and Egypt renewed its push to secure a hostage deal, after weeks in which it seemed that such efforts had hit a dead end.

"The release of the hostages is a deep priority for us," Katz stressed. He spoke after an Egyptian delegation was in Israel on Friday for talks with Jerusalem on the possibility of a new deal.

"If there is an option to make a deal, we will do it," he said, although he stressed that this would not impact the overall goal of the war, which was to destroy Hamas.

Hamas said it had received on Saturday Israel's official

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DANNY MIRAN, father of hostage Omri, speaks at a rally last night in Tel Aviv calling for the release of all the captives held by Hamas terrorists in Gaza. (Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90)

Hamas releases video of two more hostages

• By YUVAL BARNEA

Hamas published another video of two of the hostages it is holding captive, Keith Samuel Siegel and Omri Miran, on Saturday.

In the footage, both hostages said that the video was filmed two days ago and talked about not being able to celebrate Passover this year.

They also said that they saw the demonstrations in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and called on the demonstrators to continue protesting.

Protesters in Tel Aviv called on the government to find alternative solutions, insisting that military pressure would not lead to the release of the hostages. "This concept has failed," demonstrators chanted in Tel Aviv on Saturday after the video's release.

Siegel, 64, was abducted from his home in Kfar Aza together with his partner, Aviva, who was released as part of a hostage deal in November.

Miran, 47, was abducted from

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Military pressure is only way

ANALYSIS

• By JACOB NAGEL

After over six months of fighting in Gaza and the North, direct attacks from Iran, and measured responses from Israel, the nation faces difficult decisions. Political

and military leadership must address four key, interrelated challenges, each involving external factors that include interests that are often misaligned with Israel's.

Following the barbaric attack on October 7, the IDF began its operation at full

strength, aiming to fulfill the cabinet's directives to "crush and eliminate Hamas in Gaza, strip it of its military, governmental, and organizational capabilities, and kill its leaders."

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Israel supporters rally outside Columbia University

• By HANNAH SARISOHN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

More than 1,000 demonstrators holding Israeli and American flags and posters of the remaining hostages lined



ISRAELI SUPPORTERS outside Columbia University on Friday draw attention to the fact that there can be no ceasefire without the release of 133 hostages in Gaza. (Liri Agami, Dani Tenenbaum)

the street outside Columbia University on Friday as a public reminder that 133 people from over two dozen

countries remain captive in Gaza.

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A punch in the gut

COMMENT

• By SARAH SCHACHNE
HIRSCHFELD

I was ecstatic when I got into Columbia Law School two decades ago. It had its issues,

but I got a very strong education and it opened many doors for me professionally. Now I am completely horrified and dismayed by what is happening on campus.

It's a disgrace and I am extremely troubled by the university's politics and its treatment of Jewish students. It saddens me that I paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for a law degree from an institution that can't engage in logical, critical thought. As a law student, I was taught that my peers would be the future leaders of a great country. Instead, Columbia is essentially supporting the proliferation of terror and extremism.

which I proudly received my law degree would not be open to me or my people now.

To speak in more colloquial terms: On Monday, as I went into the Passover festival, I felt like I had been punched in the gut. Looking back, however, I faced issues at my first event at Columbia - the welcome dinner.

One guy - self-hating because his father was Jewish - asked me how I felt about the "fact" that my people killed Jesus. It was like a slap in the face.

I didn't report it, because I didn't want to be "that girl" going forward. But it set a tone and it's a major regret

The beautiful campus on

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Jerusalem	6:37 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Tel Aviv	6:58 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Haifa	6:50 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Beersheba	6:58 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Eilat	6:45 p.m.	7:53 p.m.

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