

Egypt did not warn Tel Aviv of Hamas attack: High-level sources

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High-level Egyptian sources denied on Wednesday Israeli media reports alleging Egyptian authorities gave prior warning to Israel of Hamas' planned attack.



Smoke rises during an Israeli strike on Gaza City on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. AP

"The Egyptian stance is widely known, which is adhering to the principles of the Palestinian cause," the high-level sources told Al-Qahera News.

The sources also indicated that, following the outbreak of the conflict, Egyptian authorities promptly initiated communication with both parties to de-escalate the violence.

On Monday, various Israeli news outlets, including the Times of Israel, reported that Egyptian intelligence had sent a direct note to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Israeli government has also rejected the claims.

The Israel PM Office stated on X (formerly known as Twitter) on Monday that "the report to the effect that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received a message in advance from Egypt is absolutely false."

"No message in advance has arrived from Egypt and the prime minister has neither spoken, nor met, with the head of Egyptian intelligence since the formation of the government, neither directly nor indirectly. This is totally fake news," the statement continued.

Later on Monday, Netanyahu categorically rejected the reports in a press conference, calling them "completely fabricated" and "entirely untrue."

[Israel has declared a state of war](#) Saturday in response to Hamas' surprise attack, Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, which resulted in the deaths of approximately 1,000 Israelis and the capture of tens of others.

On the other side, 1,055 Palestinians were killed and 5,184 injured by Israeli bombings by Wednesday afternoon, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

Since Monday, Israel has sealed Gaza of food, fuel, and essential supplies and launched heavy air strikes, the deadliest on the strip in 15 years.

On Wednesday, Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh [Shoukry warned against the repercussions of applying collective punishment, starvation, and blockade measures on the Gaza Strip](#) in violation of international humanitarian law, "due to their severe impact on the deterioration of the humanitarian conditions of civilians."