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**Shiri, Yarden, Ariel and Kfir, we are all waiting for you to return home and for your orange light to illuminate the entire world.**

WE HOPE THIS STORY HAS A HAPPY ENDING

THE  
BIBAS  
FAMILY

YONA SHAKED

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# Introduction

The Bibas family has become a focal point in the news due to their kidnapping during the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

Given the ongoing nature of this situation, any updates would continue to be closely followed by the author. However, as of the latest available information, their fate remains unresolved, with all of us - the family and supporters, continuing to hope for their safe return.

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# Preface

I began writing this documentary book on the 416th day of the war in Gaza between Israel and the Hamas. That was also the 416th day of captivity for the Bibas family and all other hostages, being held captive by the Hamas terrorist organization in the tunnels in Gaza.

This documentary book is based on actual events and it follows the long period of captivity from the point of view of the people who care about the hostages and who worked in different ways to bring to their release - family, friends and all the other people whose hearts are touched by the fate of the hostages in general and the fate of the Bibas family in particular.

I hope that by the time this book is published, the entire hostages situation will be behind us, and that this story will have a happy ending.

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## Chapter One

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# KIBBUTZ NIR OZ

**N**ir Oz is a kibbutz in the Eshkol region, in the northern western Negev, about three kilometers west of Magen and about two kilometers from Nir.

Nir Oz was established in September 1955 opposite Khan Yunis, by a core group of the national kibbutz, as the 15th Nahal outpost and the 70th kibbutz of the national kibbutz. At the time of its establishment, its settlers lived in huts and a large tent was erected for a dining room.

The members faced great difficulty in continuing to maintain the farm due to a lack of

manpower. Therefore, in 1966 the veteran Kibbutz Ein HaShofet adopted the young Kibbutz Nir Oz and sent there a group of members of the Sh.S.S. (third year of service) to help and strengthen the workforce. The Sh.S.S. members continued to come to Nir Oz for six years, until the last batch left in 1966. Additional reinforcements to the workforce arrived in 1961 when they arrived at Kibbutz Garin Tzabar - Nir Oz's first completion.

In the following years, the kibbutz continued to develop, both economically and socially and culturally. In 1962, a new residential neighborhood was inaugurated on the kibbutz and the first kindergarten was established, and in 1963, several new buildings were built on the kibbutz, including a dining room (which replaced the large tent that had served as the dining room until then), a clinic and a commune, and the children's home underwent extensive renovation. A vegetable garden was established on the kibbutz, which for years has produced large crops for the kibbutz. And in culture - most kibbutz members participate in continuing education in a variety of fields, including music, dance, literacy, and speed reading.

One of the most prosperous industries in Kibbutz Nir Oz is the ornamental industry. Already in the early years of the kibbutz's existence, the members shared a vision that the kibbutz would be a green and blooming area in the heart of the desert, so much so that the roofs of the houses would not be



visible from above because of the number of trees. Ran Pauker, a member of the kibbutz, took on the task of gardening with the goal of achieving maximum results with minimal resources. Initially, acclimatization plots were established on the kibbutz to test the resistance of plants to dry conditions, and later these plots became the 'Green Dot' botanical garden, which is now one of a very limited number of botanical gardens in the country that are eligible for government funding, and comprehensive research is conducted there on growing plants in arid environments.



Hundreds of terrorists and Gazan civilians participated in the massacre, as well as in the widespread looting and burning of homes in the surprise attack on Israel on October 10, 2023, the Nir Oz massacre occurred, in which Hamas terrorists murdered 38 members of the kibbutz and kidnapped 77 members from the Gaza Strip (a total of about a third of the kibbutz mem-

bers). Shira and her husband Yarden, along with their two sons, were among the kidnapped.





## Chapter Two

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# THE HAMAS ATTACK

On Saturday morning, October 7th, 2023, at approximately 6:29 a.m., Hamas and other Islamic Jihad terrorists launched a surprise attack on the state of Israel. The surprise attack on Israel is also known as “Black Sabbath”, “October 7 massacre” and “Simchat Torah” massacre”; Hamas gave the attack the name “Operation al-Aqsa flood”.

A Hamas official asserted in an interview that the group planned for a severe Israeli retaliation. He cited recent events, such

as Jewish settler attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank and the storming of Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque by settlers, as fueling Palestinian rage.

The dramatic action by Hamas and the other Palestinian terrorist organizations was described in the world's media as a move that stunned the Israeli government and the security establishment: "It was launched in the middle of Shabbat and Simchat Torah, caught Israel off guard, and brought back memories of the Yom Kippur War, which almost ended in a catastrophic defeat."

The surprise attack by Hamas began by launching thousands of rockets at Israel, which were fired at Dimona, Yeruham and even Midrashat Ben-Gurion and the Negev Mountain region in the south, up to Wadi Aara and Baqqa al-Gharbiyya in the north and up to Arad and Jerusalem in the east, some of which caused damage to property and a number of casualties, most of them in the unprotected Bedouins diaspora.

Under the auspices of the rocket fire, Hamas personnel began operations to cross the Smart fence along a 60-kilometer front. According to videos published by Hamas, observation and fire systems, including a sight-seeing system, were neutralized with the help of drones armed with RPG rockets that were converted to grenade launchers and by launching anti-tank missiles. Tractors blew up and destroyed the barrier fence at several points, and the terrorists of

the Noch'ba penetrated through the other fences on their way to the crossings.

After crossing the obstacles, Hamas terrorists, who were equipped with many weapons, raided eight IDF posts, including the headquarters of the Gaza Division in Camp Re'im. There they destroyed means of communication and observation in order to disrupt the IDF's ability to command and control the sector.

In the afternoon, a speech by Muhammad Def, the commander of the military arm of Hamas, was played in the mosques in Gaza, and informed the residents of Gaza that the Israeli army is not in the surrounding settlements and called on them to go out and conquer them.

Following the speech, many citizens from Gaza crossed the fence and went to the kibbutzim. "I brought a bag with clothes, because I was sure I was going to settle my family in Be'eri" said one Gaza resident to investigators.



## Chapter Three

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# THE MASSACRE

**T**he Nir Oz massacre was carried out by the terrorist organizations Hamas and Islamic Jihad on the morning of Saturday, October 7, 2023, Simchat Torah, in the kibbutz which is near the southern Gaza Strip, as part of a surprise attack on Israel. The massacre murdered at least 40 residents of the kibbutz and caused great destruction. Dozens of the kibbutz residents were kidnapped to the Gaza Strip, and some were released in several rounds in October and mainly in November 2023. On December 27, 2023, the IDF announced Operation Oz and Nir as part of the fighting in the Gaza Strip during the Iron Swords War, which was in-

tended to lead to the killing and arrest of the terrorists who were partners in the Nir Oz massacre.

Unlike other communities attacked that day, the terrorists left Nir Oz with dozens of hostages before army and police forces arrived on the scene, and they fought them on the way to the Gaza Strip.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., hundreds of terrorists from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations, accompanied by hundreds of Gazan civilians, entered the kibbutz. They entered the kibbutz simultaneously from several directions through several openings. They were armed with a large amount of ammunition, assault rifles, RPGs, grenades, and explosives.

The terrorists, who belonged to Hamas' Nuchbah forces, used large quantities of various types of ammunition. They stayed in the kibbutz for long hours, committed rapes and murdered entire families, including the elderly and children. The Islamic Jihad organization, which still holds hostages from the kibbutz, also participated in the massacre.

The terrorists arrived prepared with aerial photographs of the kibbutz and knew where everything was. Throughout the day, the families of the kibbutz fought the terrorists who tried to break down the doors of the command center rooms. Many held on to the handle with all their strength, while others were shot through the door while trying to defend it. Some of the kibbutz residents

fought the terrorists inside the houses and managed to stop them. After the initial invasion by the terrorists, Palestinian residents of the Gaza Strip also invaded the kibbutz, including women and children, and went from house to house with the aim of looting and stealing from everything they came across, shooting anyone who resisted, and burning some of the houses after they had finished looting.



It was not until around 1:30 p.m. that security forces, including IDF soldiers and police, arrived at the kibbutz. They began to gather the surviving residents in the children's home on the kibbutz.

After that, Air Force combat helicopters attacked the terrorists who were transporting hostages to the Gaza Strip. In one case, a terrorist squad transporting hostages was attacked, and most of the terrorists were killed - but one hostage was also killed,



and the rest were injured. An operational investigation was then conducted , and it turned out that the helicopter had been instructed to carry out the "Hannibal" procedure ("take everything down") and kill the terrorists even at the cost of harming the hostages.

38 dead and 75 kidnapped. This is an unimaginable number - entire families wiped out, and no one came to help them. There was no battle there, Kibbutz Nir Oz was deserted. "There is no place they didn't reach, take from or wander around," said Natalie. "They walked around the kibbutz as if it were theirs." Yael added: "The betrayal is on many levels, the crisis of trust is so deep. I've been on WhatsApp all this Shabbat begging for someone to come - and no one has come." The army arrived at the kibbutz only at noon, after the terrorists had already left - leaving behind destruction, death and friends who dream of their loved ones on the other side of the fence - longing for their return home.



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My second book, "Attack on Democracy," chronicles the events that unfolded following the announcement of the legal "reform" in Israel and the protests that arose in response.

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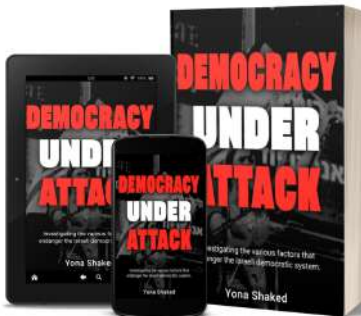
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