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Statement to the Public
On the Murders of Gilad Shaar, Naftali Frenkel, and Eyal Yifrach

Over the past three weeks, the nation of Israel, as well as people worldwide, have witnessed an unspeakable tragedy befall three boys, Gilad Shaar, Naftali Frenkel, and Eyal Yifrach. Abducted and eventually murdered at the hands of Hamas terrorists, these innocent teenagers endured a pain I cannot fathom.

In the midst of all this senseless suffering, the world came together to demand action and hope for a better tomorrow. As a father and grandfather, I could never imagine such heartbreak. I offer my most sincere condolences to the families of Gilad, Naftali, and Eyal. My thoughts and prayers are with them through this difficult time.

As we grieve for our boys, we must not lie still while the cowardly Hamas terrorists hide in the shadows. I call upon Mahmoud Abbas to, at once, condemn and oust the Hamas contingent within the Palestinian Authority. The consolidation of their government was a grave mistake, elevating murderous terrorists to the level of statesmen. I have full confidence in the IDF and their allies, to seek out and eradicate terrorism in the region. Our inaction is the enemies' gain, so I demand that swift and heavy justice meet the Hamas murderers responsible for this heinous crime.

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