

## Hamas leader, Turkey's intelligence chief discuss Gaza truce talks

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The head of the Turkish Intelligence Organization Ibrahim Kalin on Sunday met with Ismail

Haniyeh, the head of the Hamas Political Bureau, the state-run TRT broadcaster reported. They

discussed the latest status of the ceasefire negotiations, the necessary measures to secure a lasting

ceasefire, hostage exchange, and the delivery of humanitarian aid, the broadcaster reported.

Kalin expressed his condolences for the deaths of Haniyeh's sister, who was killed in a recent

Israeli attack, and the Palestinian people killed in the ongoing offensive, saying that Türkiye will

continue to stand by the Palestinian people, according to the report. The broadcaster did not

identify the venue of the meeting. Israel has been carrying out a massive offensive in the Gaza Strip

in retaliation for a Hamas rampage on Oct. 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed

and about 250 were taken hostage. The Israeli assault caused a severe humanitarian crisis in the

Palestinian enclave and killed more than 37,700 people, according to the health authorities in
Gaza.