Nine Days after the 7th of October

A letter from Ramon, Tel Aviv

Thank you, your support means a lot.

I started writing on WhatsApp, but the story is long, so I'll email you. I hope it won't bore you.

In general we are fine, two or three times a day sirens sound in Tel Aviv, warning of the fall of rockets fired from Gaza. We have a system which recognizes the place where the rocket will hit and sirens sound only in those places.

We have 1'30" time to get into the safe room.

Those who live within 4-5 km. of the Gaza Strip, first feel the rocket fall and then hear the siren.

I don't know what information you have about what is happening here, but last Saturday, settlements along the Gaza Strip were attacked by about 1500 Hamas terrorists.

Terrorists entered homes, killed, mutilated, raped, cut up throats, beheaded (40 children, newborns a few months old) and burned alive children, women, elderly people.

At the same time, other terrorists attacked young people attending a music festival held in an open field in the same region.

They did the same with festival participants, murdering, mutilating, young girls raped and killed.

Corpses are scattered everywhere.

Over two hundred were taken hostage and taken to Gaza.

We are already 9 days after the terrorist attack and we still could not identify the bodies. (They're so mutilated, burned, or beheaded that you don't know who's who.)

For 9 days, Israel has been attacking the Gaza Strip with thousands of bombs.

Rockets fired at Israel are fired from schools, hospitals and other places that, in the past, Israel has not destroyed.

Residents are told to leave their homes and move to the South of the strip because everything will be destroyed.

Hamas prevents residents from leaving, confiscating any kind of transportation, calling Israel's announcements "fake news". Not this time.

Israel decided to eliminate Hamas.

We know that the Hamas attack has been well-planned and directed by Iran together with Lebanon's Hezbollah.

To eliminate Hamas, infantry also needs to step in action.

From the North, Hezbollah threatens that if Israel enters Gaza, it will also open the offensive against Israel.

Meanwhile, the Hezbollah from Lebanon is firing, still no rockets, only heavy artillery and Israel responds.

A kind of ping-pong that very quickly will turn into hard fights.

Residents living in northern and southern Israel are being asked to evacuate. This will make the fight much easier, as soldiers know their families are in a safe place.

My younger son, Eran, 49 years old, is a lieutenant colonel and was called up to the army. He lives in a village very close to the Lebanon border.

If you look through their kitchen window, you see Lebanon.

His family, wife and 4 children, left and went to his wife's brother in the center of the country.

The world press was on our side in the early days, but very quickly, seeing the heavy bombings on the Gaza Strip and the crowd trying to leave northern Gaza, forgot the atrocities committed by terrorists and accuse Israel of "committing war crimes".

That's the way the world is, hypocrites!

We are strong and at the end, will win. Big hug from us, with the hope that we will see better days.

Anath & Ramon