

Subject: Mediation expert from Qatar Foundation on Israel/Hamas war

Hi XXX,

As the war between Israel and Hamas becomes increasingly more complex and pressure to release the remaining hostages continues to grow, I wanted to offer a source from Qatar Foundation (QF), [Dr. Sultan Barakat](https://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/staff/dr-sultan-barakat). [https://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/staff/dr-sultan-barakat] Dr. Barakat is a leading expert and sought-after spokesperson surrounding the conflict and Qatar's role, as he was most recently featured in [Newsweek](https://www.newsweek.com/israel-gaza-hamas-invasion-ground-offensive-attack-military-southern-ceasefire-18490). [https://www.newsweek.com/israel-gaza-hamas-invasion-ground-offensive-attack-military-southern-ceasefire-18490]

As Qatar has played a key role in the mediation efforts to date, Dr. Barakat can speak to Qatar's role moving forward, especially as fighting between Israel and Hamas has resumed.

Additional talking points include:

- The impact of Israel's ground invasion into southern Gaza
- The relationships between Israel, Hamas, Qatar and the U.S. – and the degree to which U.S. influence contributes to the negotiations
- What it would take to see an end to the conflict

Dr. Barakat is Acting Director of the Global Institute for Strategic Research and Professor of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, located in QF's Education City. Please let me know if you would be interested in connecting with him.

Best,
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