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Rome and Jerusalem

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Dear Friends,

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ELNET Activities This Month



Participants on ELNET Solidarity Mission at Sderot house directly hit by Hamas rocket



European MPs observe weapons and ammunition seized from Hamas



Pan-European Solidarity Mission meet with Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana



Families of hostages meet with European MPs to share their stories



Pan-European delegation sees incinerated cars from the Nova music festival



UK Ambassador Simon Walters speaks at solidarity event for MPs and diplomats



Italian journalist Francesco Giubilei visits Israel with ELNET



ELNET-Israel CEO addresses European parliamentarians and diplomats



ELNET-Israel CEO and ELNET-Italy CEO at launching of New ELNET office



Inauguration event at the Italian Senate for the official launching of ELNET-Italy



ELNET brings the family of hostage Mia Schem to France for high level meetings



Panel hosted by ELNET at the Chatham House Conference in Berlin



ELNET-Israel CEO Emmanuel Navon speaking with supporters in USA

ELNET continues to bring solidarity missions to Israel: In the wake of the Hamas massacre of October 7th, ELNET is continuing to bring solidarity missions to Israel. This month, ELNET organized four delegations for European policymakers and opinion leaders. Bringing a total of 44 delegates from 14 European countries, the participants hailed from Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, and the UK.

As Hamas continues to perpetrate horrors against Israel, now with its cruel psychological warfare surrounding the release of hostages, bringing Europeans to see the truth about what Israel is faced with is imperative.

Delegates visited an IDF base where many of the weapons seized from Hamas have been confiscated. Appallingly, these included bullets smuggled inside of bags of rice intended for humanitarian aid, as well as weapons manufactured in Iran, Russia, and North Korea. They also observed the 'car cemetery' holding the burnt and bullet-ridden shells of car remains from the Nova music festival. In an emotional moment of humanity, they escorted a family returning to their incinerated home in Kfar Aza for the first time. The European leaders also met with families of hostages, several of whom Hamas since released including Hannah Katzir while others remain held hostage, including her son Elad Katzir.

These were just some of the important meetings and on-site visits organized by ELNET, along with seeing the destroyed communities, speaking with victims, and having high-level meetings and briefings at the Knesset, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Israeli Police, and the IDF.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

New ELNET-Italy Office: ELNET officially launched the opening of its ELNET-Italy office. The opening event for kicking off the establishment of ELNET-Italy took place at the Italian Senate. President of Constitutional Affairs Senator Alberto Balboni hosted the event and introduced the new affiliate at the prestigious Sala Zuccari in the Italian Senate. The event was attended by Israeli Ambassador to Italy Alon Bar, President of the ruling party FDI Senator Lucio Mala, and ELNET-Israel CEO Dr. Emmanuel Navon.

Roberta Anati, CEO of ELNET-Italy, presented the office's mission to strengthen the friendship between the countries. ELNET-Italy will be an important new hub for deepening relations, with particular focus on energy, security, strategic bilateral business, and innovation. The trip to Italy also included speaking events for ELNET-Israel CEO Emmanuel Navon in Milan and Turin as well as media engagement in leading Italian news outlets.

Read more [here](#).

Chatham House Conference: ELNET was a partner in Chatham House's 9th annual Europe's Strategic Choices conference. ELNET hosted a panel titled "Europe and Israel: Strengthening strategic defence technology relations". ELNET also brought speakers Israeli Ambassador to Germany Jeremy Issacharoff and Former Senior Director for Foreign Policy at Israel's NSC Micky Aharonson to participate in two other panels, "The EU and UK Role in the Israeli Palestinian process" and "Iran and Russia: An axis of revisionist powers?".

Spotlight on activity in France: Earlier this month President of Israel Isaac Herzog was [interviewed](#) by TF1, the most popular domestic network in France, and aired on LCI prime time TV. During the interview, which was arranged by ELNET, President Herzog reiterated Israel's right and obligation to defend itself. He showed the copy of Hitler's Mein Kampf translated into Arabic found in a children's bedroom in Gaza that had been turned into a Hamas command center, underscoring the true intentions of Hamas to annihilate Jews. The interview took place several hours after President Macron called President Herzog to clarify his controversial statement on the death toll in Gaza and reiterate his support of Israel the military mission of eradicating Hamas.

ELNET brought the family of 21 year-old hostage Mia Schem, a dual French-Israeli citizen who was kidnapped by Hamas to Gaza to France for a series of meetings at the highest of levels. These included speaking to the French Parliament and meeting with parliamentarians, meeting with the First Lady Brigitte Macron, meeting former French President Hollande and former French President Sarkozy, meeting the Mayor of Paris and the Mayor of Nice, meeting the head of the Red Cross, meeting with the heads of the Jewish communities, and speaking with the press on prime time national television.

Germany-Israel Strategic Dialogue: Today, November 30, ELNET is hosting the eleventh Germany-Israel Strategic Dialogue in Berlin. Chair of the Forum of Strategic Dialogue Maj. Gen. (res) Amos Yadlin and ELNET-Israel CEO Emmanuel Navon will be speaking at the event. A more comprehensive summary will be included in the next newsletter.

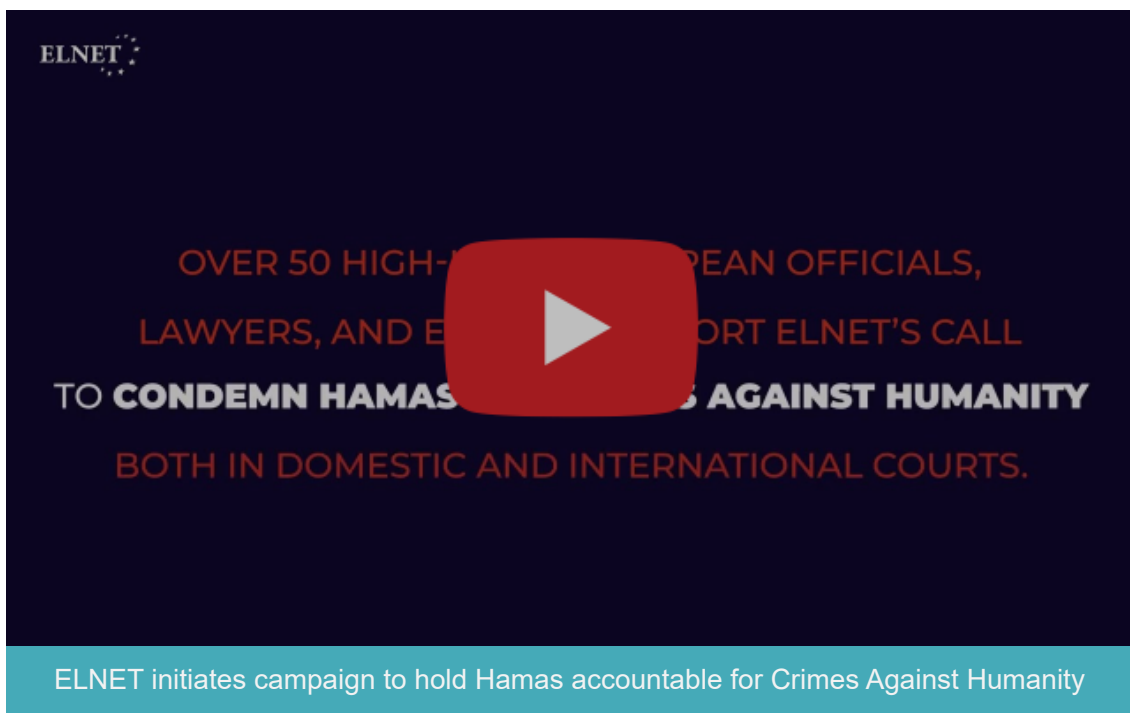
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Rome and Jerusalem are the two historical pillars of Western civilization. Today's Rome is the capital of an important European power, whose government is very well disposed toward Israel. The new ELNET office in Italy is an significant milestone in expanding our organization's impact. A major European country was missing in our network; it has now been added. After having spent a few days in Italy with the new CEO of ELNET-Italy Roberta Anati, I can attest that she is highly professional, very-well connected, and fully dedicated to ELNET's mission. Welcome on board, Roberta, and "in bocca al lupo"! (good luck!).

In my numerous presentations in Italy (including [one at the Senate](#)), and my press interviews (both on [Rai](#) and on [La7](#)), I spoke not only of the common struggle between Israel and Europe against radical Islam, but also of possible post-war scenarios. I insisted on three points: a. The countries involved in the future construction of Gaza should only include Israel's allies (including the EU and the UAE), and exclude Qatar; b. Any money invested in Gaza will have to be directed at civilian infrastructure and not at tunnels and weapons; c. The Gazan population will have to be "de-hamasized" the same way that post-war Germany was de-nazified, and the education system will have to be monitored to end hatred and incitement against Jews.

As I explained during my speaking tour in the US for FELNET earlier this month, future relations between Israel and the Palestinians will have to be built on realistic assessments, not on delusional theories. We must learn from past mistakes and not repeat them. The post-October 7 Israel is a different country, one that will seal its border with Gaza without forgoing the option of conducting military operations there. If Gaza is to have an open border, that border shall be the one with Egypt. The elimination of Hamas' threat, combined with economic incentives, will hopefully persuade Egyptian President El-Sisi to unlock his country's border with Gaza.

In the meantime, Israel must fight and win this war. ELNET-Israel is making its contribution to this victory on the diplomatic and media fronts.

ELNET-Israel has launched a new video briefing series on the Israel-Hamas war, meant to be broadcasted three times a week. I invite you to subscribe to [our new telegram channel](#) and follow us on social media; this will enable you to access our briefings as soon as they are online. In these briefings, I address the main war-related event of the day and I provide facts and arguments to counter the accusations of Israel's enemies; I also convey a central message directed at mainstream public opinion. ELNET-Israel's war briefings are sent by all our affiliates to their contacts throughout Europe (government officials, parliamentarians, journalists, and think tanks).

None of this would be possible without your support, for which we are most grateful. Together, we shall prevail.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- First Italian Delegation to Israel
- Pan-European Solidarity Delegation to Israel

- GINSUM Israel Solidarity Event of the German Economy
- Hamas Gender Violence Event
- French Delegation of MPs and Senators
- First Defense Delegation from the Baltic States
- United Kingdom Delegation
- Ukraine Solidarity delegation

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