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Tel Aviv, January 11 (RHC)-- After 15 months, the Israeli army has admitted to killing kibbutz settlers on October 7, 2023. Israeli military's fire killed Tomer Eliaz Arava and Dikla Arava, from Nahal Oz during the Hamas attacks on October 7, 2023, the Israeli army said on Friday following an investigation into the killings, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The Israeli military investigation concluded that Hamas fighters broke into Arava-Elyakim home and fired into the safe room where the family was taking shelter. Tomer managed to get out of the house but then he was then shot at by security forces on the kibbutz, according to the investigation.

Dikla was killed by Israeli army gunfire in a car, claiming that she was in that car with Hamas fighters.

Around 250 people were taken captive on October 7 last year during the Al-Aqsa Storm, a retaliatory operation by Gaza's resistance groups. Hamas released 105 of the captives during a week-long truce in November 2023.

Hamas says it will only release the captives if Israel completely halts its aggression on Gaza and agrees to release hundreds of Palestinians held in the regime's prisons.

Public and diplomatic pressure has been mounting on the Benjamin Netanyahu regime to do more to strike a deal for securing the release of captives still held in the besieged Gaza Strip.

The Israeli regime's prime minister has been obstructing mediation for a truce and a deal to release the 97 captives still held by Palestinian groups in Gaza. The Israeli military says 34 of them are dead.

Netanyahu has rejected a series of ceasefire proposals, including one from the US administration in May.

The Palestinian resistance groups have been seeking an end to Israeli aggression and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza.

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