

# **Blinken slams Hamas for refusing cease-fire proposal, says terrorists could have ended Gaza bloodshed with one word**

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken condemned Hamas for refusing a UN-backed cease-fire proposal, saying the terror group could have halted the war in Gaza with a single word.

Speaking from Qatar on Wednesday, Blinken pointed out that the current proposal is nearly identical to the one Hamas itself proposed last month, accusing the terrorists of prolonging the war just to insert more demands that undermine the ongoing peace talks.

“It was a deal that Israel accepted and the world was behind. Hamas could have answered with a single word: ‘Yes,’” Blinken told reporters in Doha.

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