Hamas releases 2 elderly Israeli hostages held captive in Gaza

Oct. 23 (UPI) — Hamas released two elderly Israeli hostages on Monday, international aid workers confirmed, while more than 200 abductees are still believed to be held captive by Islamic militants in Gaza.

"We facilitated the release of 2 more hostages, transporting them out of Gaza this evening," the International Committee of the Red Cross announced in a social media post. "Our role as a neutral intermediary makes this work possible & we are ready to facilitate any future release.

"We hope that they will soon be back with their loved ones," the aid group said.

The release came shortly after Israeli officials said the plight of the hostages will be highlighted during a meeting between Foreign Minister Eli Cohen and the United Nations Security Council planned for Tuesday in New York.

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