

Israel accepts 'bridging proposal' for ceasefire deal - Blinken

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken says Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has agreed to an American "bridging proposal" for a ceasefire deal in Gaza.

It is now up to Hamas to agree, Mr Blinken added.

The pair met in Tel Aviv for talks that Mr Netanyahu has described as "positive", with his office adding that he had reiterated his commitment to an American proposal on the release of the hostages still held by Hamas, which took into account Israel's security needs.

Mr Blinken had earlier warned this was "maybe the last opportunity" to secure a ceasefire agreement, as the US hopes to push a deal over the finish line.

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