EU adopts Gaza cease-fire resolution requiring hostage release, Hamas dismantling

Jan. 18 (UPI) — The European Union Parliament Thursday adopted a resolution calling for a cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war if a pair of conditions are fulfilled.

The non-binding measure demanded that all hostages be released and that Hamas be dismantled to call for a cease-fire and a return to efforts to find a political solution to the conflict.

"While condemning in the strongest possible terms the despicable terrorist attacks committed by Hamas against Israel, they also denounce the disproportionate Israeli military response, which has caused a civilian death toll on an unprecedented scale," the parliament said.

The resolution also called for a European initiative that puts "the two-state solution back on track and emphasizes the absolute necessity of immediately relaunching the peace process."

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