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Ernst meets with Netanyahu, leads delegation visit to Israel

Iowa Republican: Hamas terrorist organization 'needs to be destroyed'



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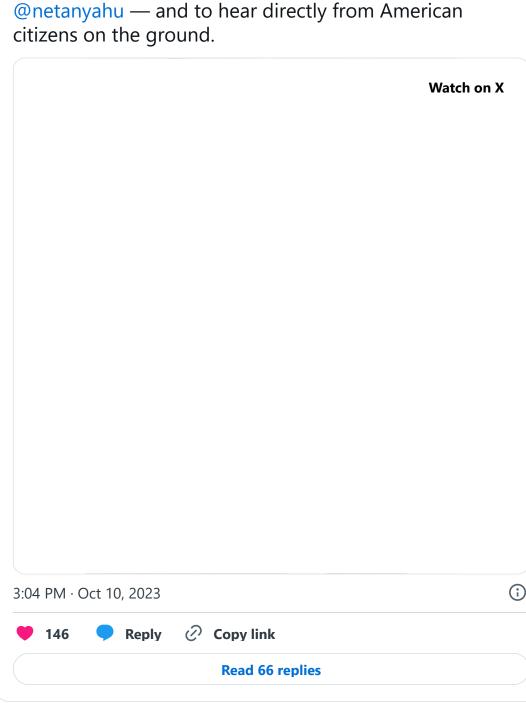
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Over the last week, I've led a bipartisan, bicameral CODEL to the Middle East.

I was in #Israel earlier today to show my unwavering commitment to our allies and friends — including PM @netanyahu — and to hear directly from American citizens on the ground.



Ernst, a retired Iowa National Guard officer who did a tour of duty in Iraq, said Hamas is a terrorist orgonal-Qaida that "needs to be destroyed."

"They are barbarians. They are savages, and the only way we move forward from this — the only way a two-state solution — is if Hamas is gone," Ernst said. "They need to eradicated from the face of the E United States needs to stand with our strongest partner and ally, Israel."

She said the "sadness and terror" in Israel is palpable, listening to stories of family members "that wer children that were burned alive."

Ernst also called for freezing \$6 billion of Iranian assets that are <u>part of a prisoner swap the Biden act</u> August between the United States and Iran.

"Congress needs to come in and lean in heavy on this and make sure that those assets are frozen onc cannot access that money," Ernst said. "We cannot continue to enable terrorism."

Ernst also told Radio Iowa the United States must provide Israel with additional intelligence as well as Dome missile-defense system, and that House Republicans must quickly select a new speaker so Conjunterests of the nation abroad."

Miller-Meeks has been in some of the overseas meetings with Ernst, including a visit Sunday to Saudi but was not part of the delegation that visited Israel on Tuesday.

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