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Celebratory gunfire heard on streets of Gaza following truce deadline

A ceasefire deal has been reached between Hamas and Israel, aimed at ending the most intense fighting the area has s een in four years.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel Amr announced the truce in Cairo, hours before it came into effect at 9 p. m. local time (2 p.m. ET.)

Minutes after the deadline, celebratory gunfire, honking and cheering could be heard on some streets in Gaza City, the CBC's Sasa Petricic reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed the deal from Jerusalem, saying he had agreed after consulting wi th U.S. President Barack Obama.

In Cairo, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton welcomed the agreement to bring an end to eight days of fightin g which has killed more than 140 Palestinians and five Israelis.....