

Hamas-Israel Crisis



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- The events of October 7th
- Contextualize these events
- What has occurred since initial attacks
- Actions we are calling the US to take

October 7th

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1948 War
Israel Independence
Nakba or “Catastrophe”
Mass displacement
Gaza: location for refugees

Violent clashes between
Gazans and Israeli troops
First Intifada (“uprising”)

Negotiations stall
Second Intifada
2000-2005
Catalist: Sharon on
Al-Aqsa Compound

Year of greatest loss
of Palestinian life
since Second Intifada



Six-Day War
Naksa or “Setback”
Israel retakes Gaza Strip

Oslo Accords between
Israel and Palestinian
Liberation Organization

2005: Israel leaves Gaza

2006: Hamas Election due to dissatisfaction
with Fatah (previous Pal political leaders)

2007: Hamas sanctions result in Gaza
Blockade

What is Hamas?



- Political party originating from Gaza, formally established in 1987 during First Intifada
- Hamas narrowly wins political elections against Fatah in 2006
- No democratic elections since then
- Almost half of Gaza's population is currently under 18 (children)
- *Not* synonymous with Palestinian
- The US State Department designated HAMAS as a foreign terrorist organization in October 1997.
- Human rights abuses in Gaza

What is Occupation?

In international humanitarian law, a territory is considered occupied when it is actually placed under the authority of the adverse foreign armed forces....

Detailed rules set out the rights and duties of the occupying forces which are, generally speaking, bound to take the necessary steps to restore law and order and public life and maintain them as well as possible while respecting the laws in force, unless absolutely prevented from doing so.

-International Committee of the Red Cross



An Israeli soldier looks at ID of a Palestinian man at a checkpoint near the West Bank city of Nablus January 10, 2018 (photo credit: REUTERS/MOHAMAD TOROKMAN)



Bethlehem Checkpoint as people head to work in Jerusalem.
Linda Davidson, Washington Post



Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, patriarch of Jerusalem. (photo: Daniel Ibáñez / EWTN)

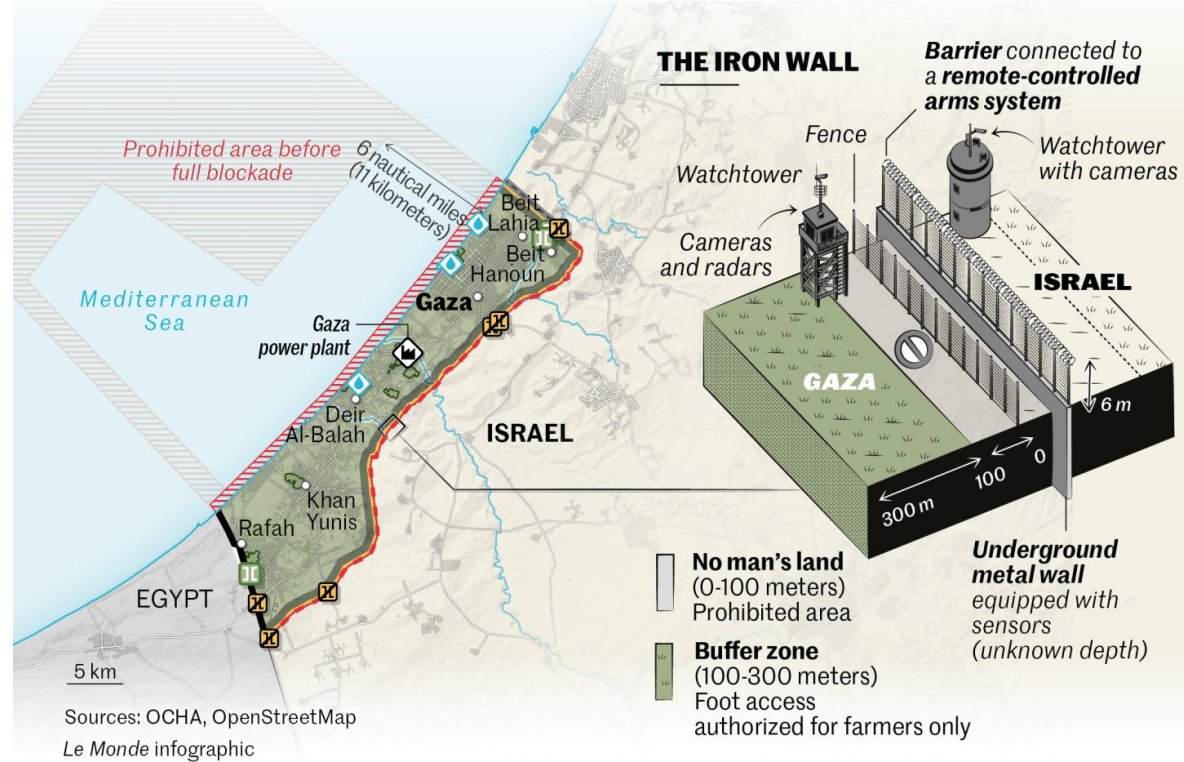
“Gaza is a prison, an open prison. Two million people packed inside there with a very difficult economic and social perspective for the future”

-Cardinal-Designate Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, 28 September 2023

Gaza Blockade

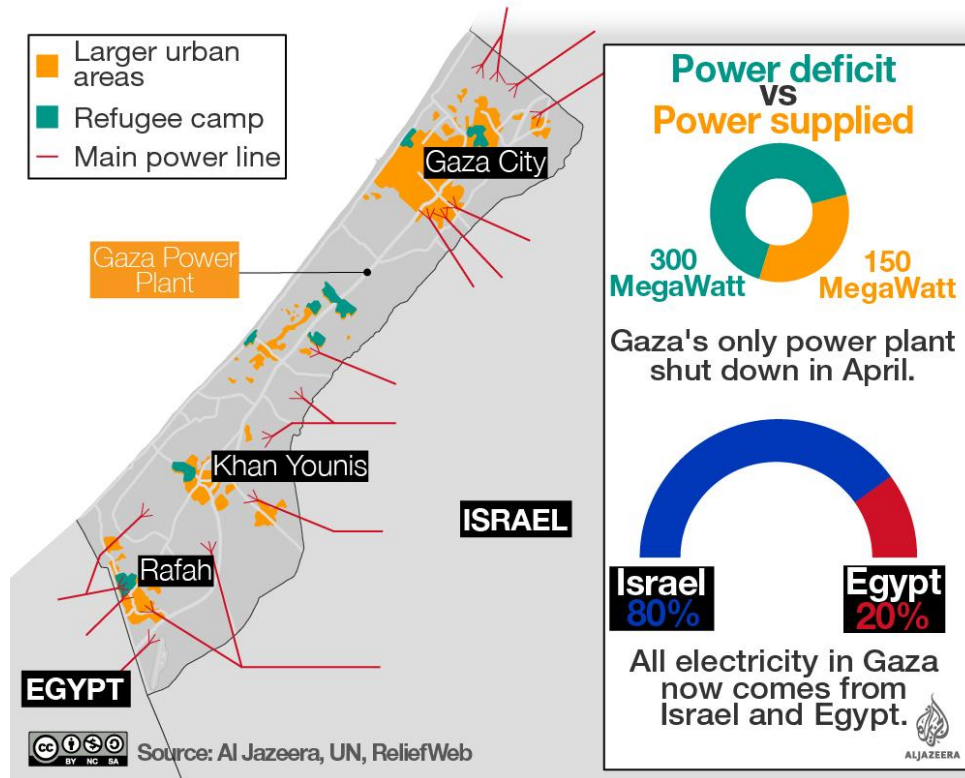


Palestinian workers from Gaza queuing at a checkpoint managed by Palestinian Authorities to cross to the Israeli-controlled Erez crossing before crossing to Israel for work. Source, OCHA oPt November 2022



Gaza's electricity crisis

For the two million people in the Gaza Strip, electricity is a luxury. Since Gaza's only power plant shut down in April, the besieged Strip has relied on feeder lines from Israel and Egypt.



Current Israeli Government

- Judicial Overhaul Protests all year
- Protests in Jerusalem over war response
- Right wing government that has defended settler incursions

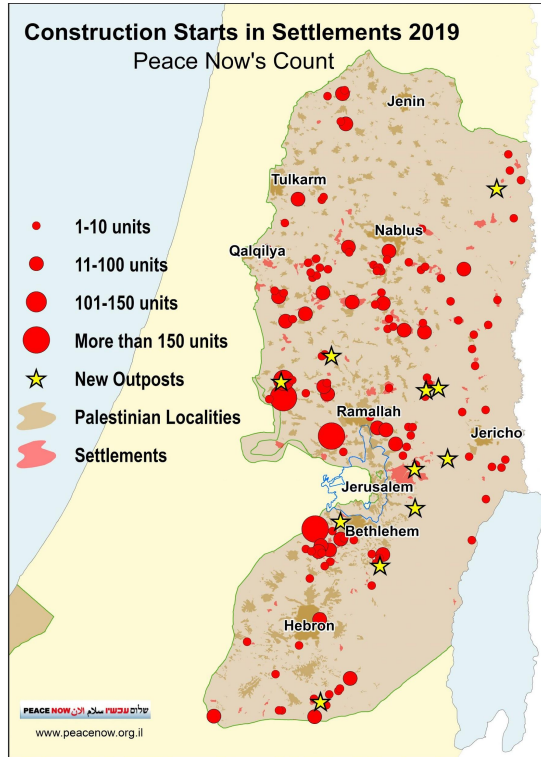


Israeli protesters take part in a demonstration against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his nationalist coalition government's judicial overhaul, in Tel Aviv, Israel July 15, 2023 [Oren Alon/ Reuters]



Security forces block a march by Israelis protesting the hard-right government's lack of preparedness for the October 7 attacks and its handling of the ensuing hostage crisis © FADEL SENNA / AFP

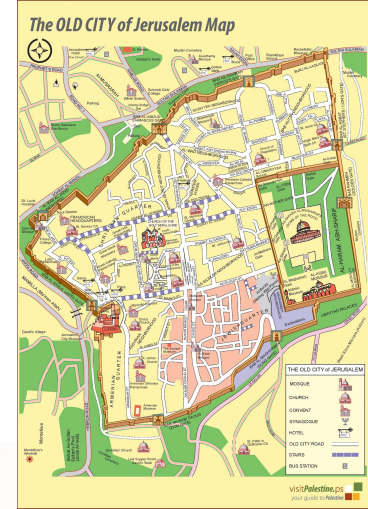
Settler Violence in the West Bank



- According to UN, there are than 700,000 settlers, nearly 10% of Israelis.
- Settler attacks on Palestinians was at 3 per day during 2023 now at 8 per day



Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound | Haram al-Sharif Temple Mount in Jerusalem



2023 Al Aqsa Mosque Compound Incursions



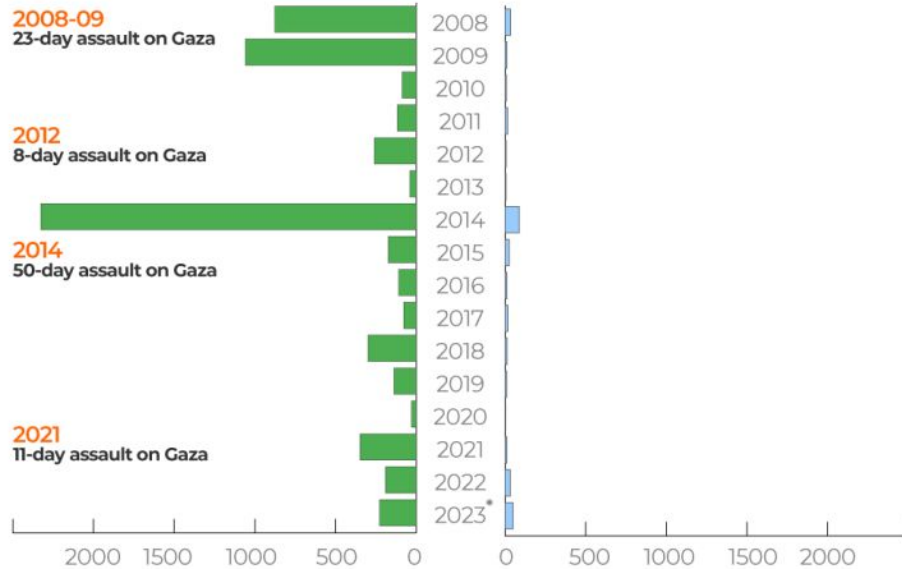
(Right) Oct. 4, 2023, Al Jazeera: Jewish worshippers pray next to one of the gates to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem [Ohad Zwigenberg/AP Photo]

ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

The human cost - from 2008 to 2023

Palestinian deaths
6,407

Israeli deaths
308



At least 152,560 Palestinians and 6,307 Israelis were injured

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The actions of Hamas and the Israeli response in Gaza in no way advance peace, but rather **cause loss of life and harm, grief, and devastation, not only to the individuals affected, but also to the legitimate cause of the Palestinian people in seeking an end to the decades long occupation and the blockade of the Gaza Strip.**

Throughout this year, CMEP and allies have urgently been calling attention to the evolving context, characterized by escalating levels of violence between settlers, soldiers, and Palestinians. The increased nationalism and radicalization within Israeli society have led to more frequent and numerous incidents of hatred, racialized tensions, settler attacks, and incursions onto Muslim and Christian holy sites such as Stella Maris Monastery in Haifa and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

These realities are not justifications but have long been ignored by the international community, including the longstanding frustration and desperation of the Palestinian people who seek an end to the oppression of the occupation and Israeli desires for lack of fear and for security. It is time for the US and the international community to strengthen efforts to de-escalate the systemic violence that has gone on for decades.

Events since October 7th:



- “The IDF's annual budget of around \$23.6 billion, as of 2023, surpasses the total military spending of Egypt, Iran, Lebanon and Jordan combined.” (Axios)
- “U.S. military assistance to Israel last fiscal year was worth \$3.8 billion... That accounted for roughly 16% of Israel's military budget.” (Axios)
- The Israeli government estimated the war with Gaza to cost \$246 million a day (Reuters)
- We cannot know how much Hamas has spent on this war.

Events since October 7th:



- Nearly **10,000** Palestinians have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank
- “3,195 children killed in three weeks surpasses annual number of children killed in conflict zones since 2019.” (Save the Children”
- Electricity, food, and most water still cut
- Total number of trucks entering since 21 October to 227 (OCHA, Nov. 2)
- 1.5 million internally displaced Gazans (out of 2 million)
- US has supported Israel, but stated it wants to protect civilians
- 200+ Israelis and Foreign Nationals taken hostage into Gaza

How you can act:

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