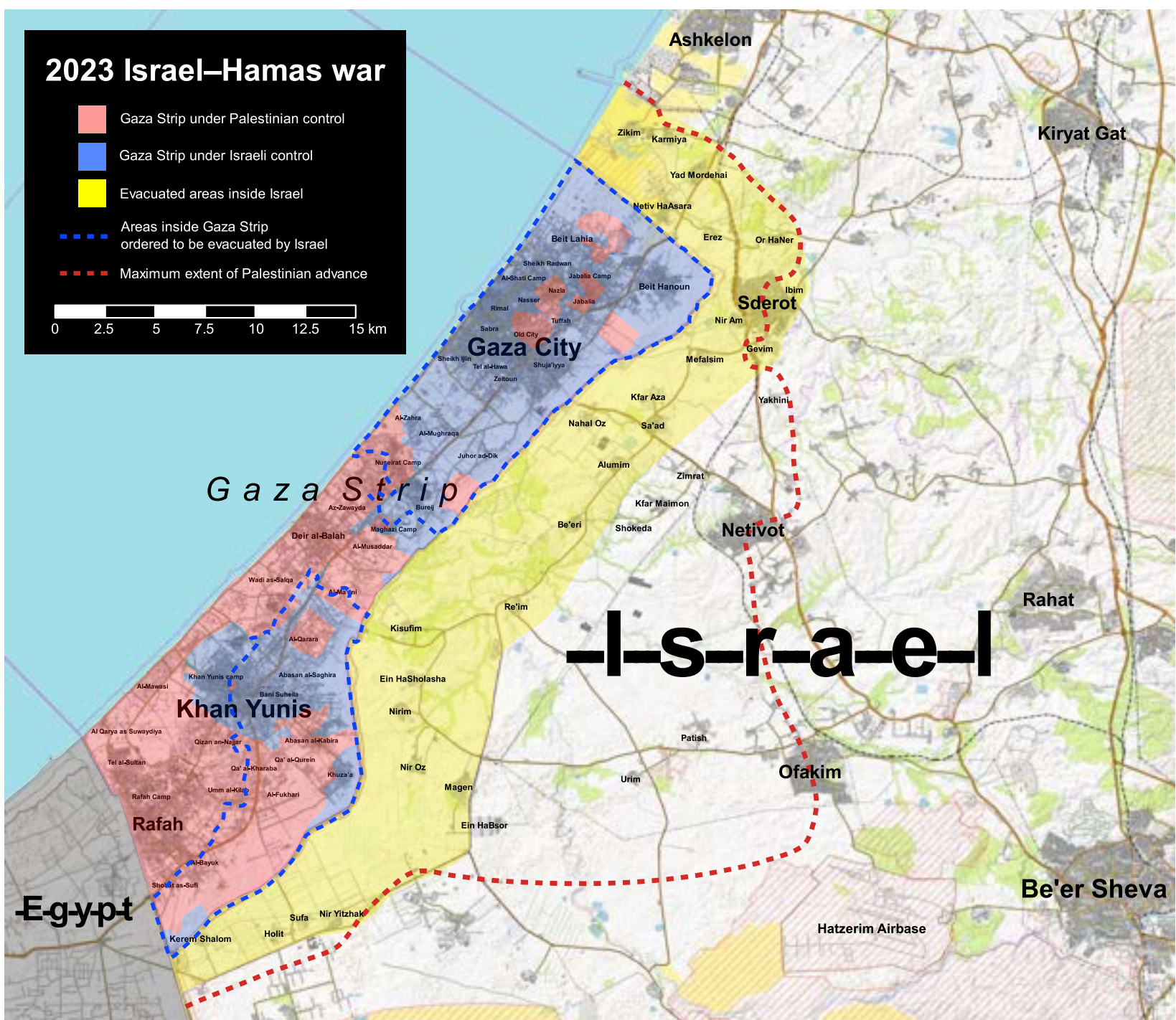
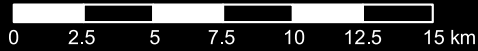


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2023 Israel– Hamas war

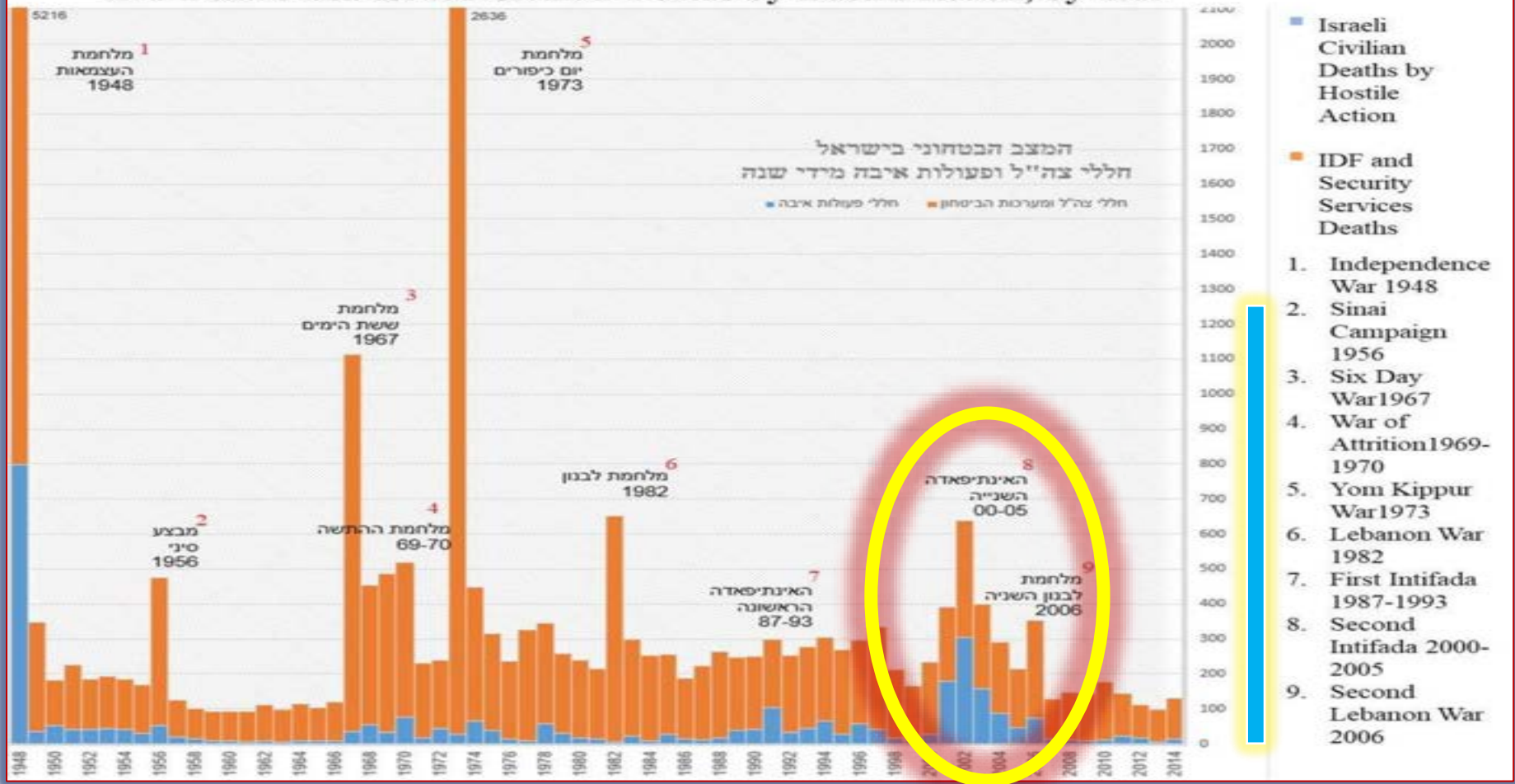
- Gaza Strip under Palestinian control
- Gaza Strip under Israeli control
- Evacuated areas inside Israel
- Areas inside Gaza Strip ordered to be evacuated by Israel
- Maximum extent of Palestinian advance



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The Security Situation in Israel

IDF Deaths and Israeli Civilian Deaths by Hostile Action, by Year



- Israeli Civilian Deaths by Hostile Action
 - IDF and Security Services Deaths
1. Independence War 1948
 2. Sinai Campaign 1956
 3. Six Day War 1967
 4. War of Attrition 1969-1970
 5. Yom Kippur War 1973
 6. Lebanon War 1982
 7. First Intifada 1987-1993
 8. Second Intifada 2000-2005
 9. Second Lebanon War 2006

ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

Latest figures | October 7-February 21, 10:00 GMT

ISRAEL

PALESTINE

GAZA

OCCUPIED WEST BANK

KILLED

AT LEAST

1,139

AT LEAST

29,313

including at least 12,300 children
More than 7,000 missing

AT LEAST

395

including 105 children

INJURED

AT LEAST

8,730

AT LEAST

69,333

including at least 8,663 children

MORE THAN

4,450



Source: Al Jazeera, Palestinian Ministry of Health, Palestine Red Crescent Society, Israeli army,
Israel's social security agency | February 21, 2024 | 10:00 GMT



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Character of this war....

Brutality + Coverage = Globalized conflict

**Armor + Space + Airpower = Overwhelming IDF
advantage on a battlefield HAMAS chose**

Int'l Organizations = Ineffective/De-legitimized

HAMAS = Vanguard Strategy



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GAZA'S UNDERGROUND: HAMAS'S ENTIRE POLITICO-MILITARY STRATEGY RESTS ON ITS TUNNELS

John Spencer | 01.18.24

IDF's top lawyer warns against 'cases of unacceptable conduct' by troops in Gaza

Military advocate general to evaluate incidents, some of which 'cross the criminal threshold,' including unjustified use of force, looting, destruction of civilian property

By **EMANUEL FABIAN**  [FOLLOW](#)

21 February 2024, 1:30 pm



IDF Military Advocate General Maj. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi in Jerusalem on February 8, 2022. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

The Israel Defense Forces' top lawyer, Maj. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi, issued a warning Wednesday to commanders against illegal actions carried out by troops in the Gaza Strip.

ISRAELI DEFENSE SHIELD



HAMAS DEFENSE SHIELD

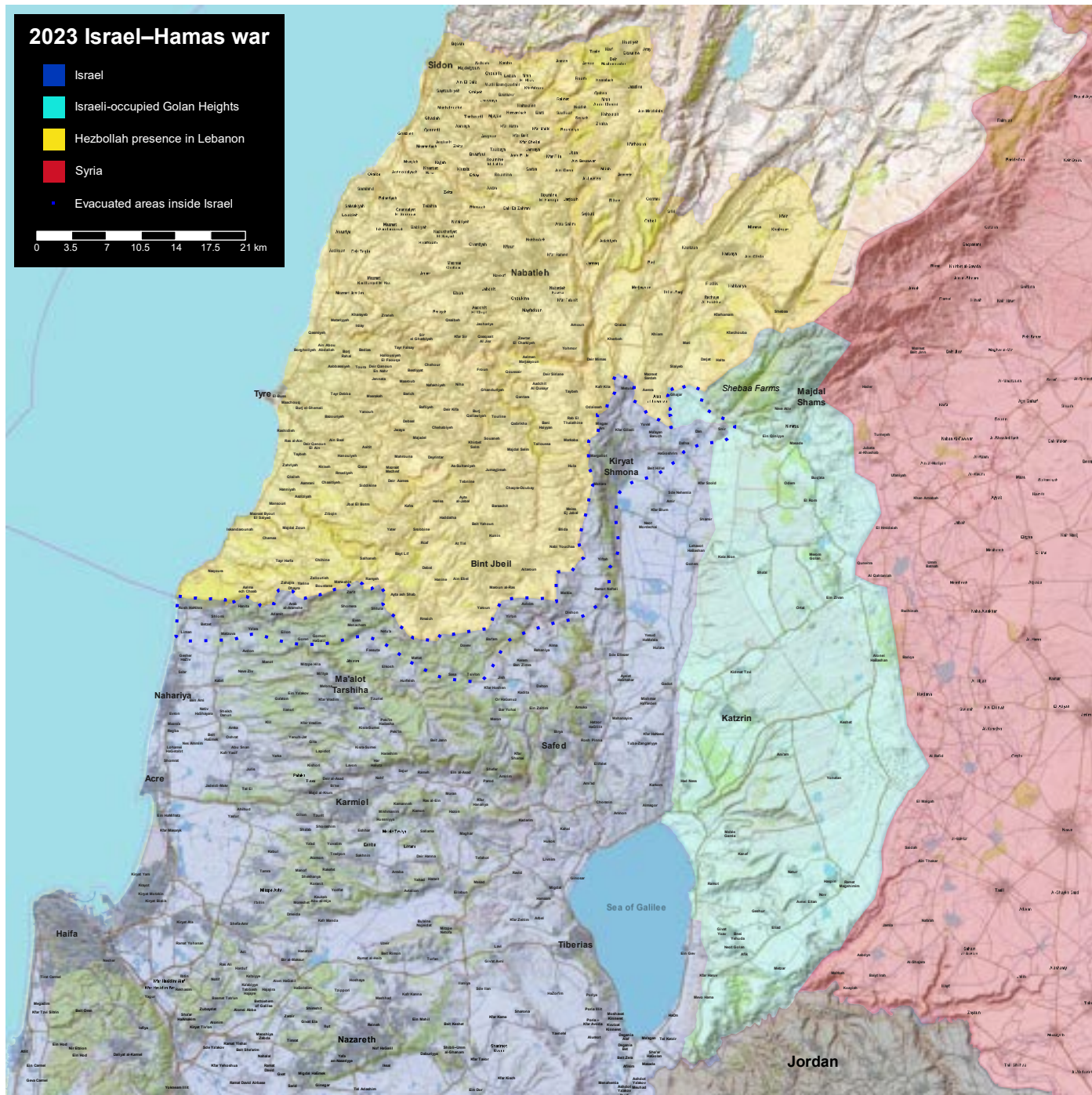
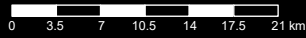


WHAT'S
NEXT?



2023 Israel– Hamas war

- Israel
- Israeli-occupied Golan Heights
- Hezbollah presence in Lebanon
- Syria
- Evacuated areas inside Israel





Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L) meets with Defense Minister Yoav Gallant (C) and military chiefs at IDF headquarters in Tel Aviv for a security assessment on October 8, 2023. (GPO)



Protestors in Jerusalem hold up portraits of Israeli hostages held in Gaza at a rally on Jan. 22, 2024 to demand their release. Photo: Ahmad Gharabli/AFP via Getty Images

Where does
this leave
Israel?

Bottom Line: This *is* an
existential fight for Israel because
it's trapped. It can either
annihilate HAMAS and assume
control of Gaza *or*

It can stop the war, let HAMAS
survive, and have a Nazi regime
on its border, waiting for another
attack.

PM: IDF TO INDEFINITELY MAINTAIN FREEDOM TO OPERATE IN GAZA

Netanyahu presents post-war plan to cabinet, aims for 'local officials' to govern Gaza

'Day after Hamas' paper sees Egypt cooperation to end smuggling; Arab countries funding reconstruction; no unilateral Palestinian state; no UNRWA; Gaza 'de-radicalized,' demilitarized

By JACOB MAGID 

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West Bank: EU could sanction violent Israeli settlers

in Brussels

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European Union has expressed concern over an increase in clashes in the West Bank. Here, which...
ial sanctions on individuals known for "violent activities" could mean.

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Israeli Extremists

ed concern about mounting violence toward Palestinians in the occupied West Bank

Image: Marcoun Wenzel/ANSA Images



Are the
Palestinians
trapped?

- Further than ever from a
Palestinian state?
- Abandoned?
- Exploited by HAMAS
- More aligned with
extremists

What's Next?

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL ISRAEL AT WAR - DAY 68

LIVE UPDATE FROM THE LIVEBLOG OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

Palestinian poll: Support for Hamas has tripled in West Bank, 88% want Abbas to resign

By AGENCIES and TOI STAFF

Posted: 4:18 pm | 0 3



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, right, and then Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, left, speak as they head the first cabinet meeting of the new coalition government at Abbas' office in Gaza City, March 18, 2007. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

The poll shows 57% of respondents in Gaza and 82% in the West Bank believe Hamas was correct in launching its October 7 onslaught, in which some 1,200 people in Israel, mostly civilians, were murdered and over 240 were taken hostage. A large majority believes Hamas's claims that it acted to "defend" the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and win the release of Palestinian security prisoners. Only 10% say they believed Hamas has committed war crimes, with a large majority saying they did not see videos showing the terrorists committing atrocities.

Iran?



It is the mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to erase Israel from the map of the region.

— *Ali Khamenei* —

AZ QUOTES



Iran's stance has always been clear on this ugly phenomenon (Israel). We have repeatedly said that this cancerous tumor of a state should be removed from the region. No one will allow a bunch of thugs, lechers and outcasts from London, America and Moscow to rule over the Palestinians.

— *Ali Khamenei* —

AZ QUOTES

MAGAZINE

Arab States Are Giving Palestinians the Cold Shoulder. Here's Why.

Former U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker on why Arab states won't accept Palestinians fleeing war

By MICHAEL HIRSH
02/21/2024 05:00 AM EST



Michael Hirsh is the former foreign editor and chief diplomatic correspondent for Newsweek, and the former national editor for POLITICO Magazine.

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ANALYSIS

Why a Demilitarized Palestine Won't Work

There are precedents for successful unarmed states—but none apply to the Middle East.



By Anchal Vohra, a columnist at Foreign Policy

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ANALYSIS

Will Gaza Ever Have Elections Again?

Palestinian democracy is battered—but potentially resilient.

FEBRUARY 21, 2024, 10:03 AM

By Justin Sizemore, a journalist based in Toronto

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ARGUMENT **Rapid U.S. Action Could Break the Cycle of Violence in Gaza**

ARGUMENT *An expert's point of view on a current event.*

Rapid U.S. Action Could Break the Cycle of Violence in Gaza

Washington must take creative and daring steps to mitigate human suffering and plant the seeds for a post-Hamas future.

By Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib, a U.S. citizen from Gaza and a Middle East political analyst who writes extensively on Gaza's political and strategic affairs.

London, UK

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WORLD NEWS

Dutch official says Geert Wilders and 3 other party leaders should discuss forming a new coalition



1 of 4 | Geert Wilders, leader of the far-right party PVV, or Party for Freedom, talks to the media after a meeting with speaker of the House Hans Berghuis, two days after Wilders won the most votes in a general election, in The Hague, Netherlands, Friday Nov. 24, 2023. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

The image shows a screenshot of an AP news article. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AP logo and various news categories: WORLD, U.S., POLITICS, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, FACT CHECK, OODIES, HEALTH, VIDEO, and CLIMATE. Below this, there are several news tickers: 'Israel-Hamas war', 'Harvard president remains', 'Bronx building collapse', and 'Yemen attacked Norwegian ship'. The main headline is 'Dutch official says Geert Wilders and 3 other party leaders should discuss forming a new coalition'. Below the headline is a photograph of Geert Wilders, a man with blonde hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is looking down and speaking into several microphones. The microphones have logos for '6', 'TV', and 'NOS'. The background is dark and out of focus. At the bottom of the image, there is a caption: '1 of 4 | Geert Wilders, leader of the far-right party PVV, or Party for Freedom, talks to the media after a meeting with speaker of the House Hans Berghuis, two days after Wilders won the most votes in a general election, in The Hague, Netherlands, Friday Nov. 24, 2023. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)'.



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U.S. Domestic Context



Demonstrators march in support of the Palestinian people on October 8, 2023, in New York City. (Adam Gray/Getty Images)

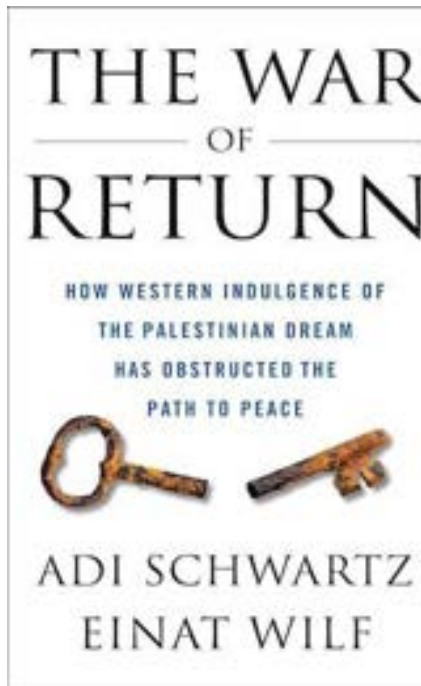
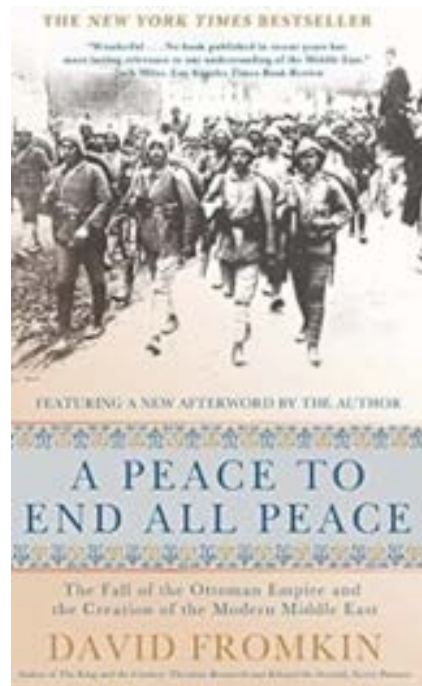
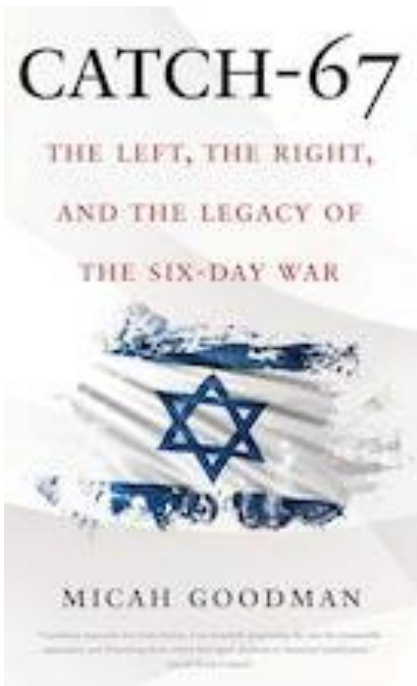
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The Strange Resurrection of the Two-State Solution

How an Unimaginable War Could Bring About
the Only Imaginable Peace

By [Martin Indyk](#) March/April 2024

Published on February 20, 2024



Suggested Readings



QUESTIONS
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BACK-UP SLIDES

Why is Israel Stuck?

The depraved barbarity of 7 OCT 23 revealed a level of hatred of Israel and commitment to its destruction not previously considered.

The barbarity is two-fold: the conduct on 7 OCT 23, and the destruction its perpetrators knew, and accepted, would follow.

- a. The motives are, like ISIS, defined/motivated by Holy War
- b. HAMAS sees itself as a vanguard movement; the people of Gaza are expendable

Israeli v. U.S. Interests

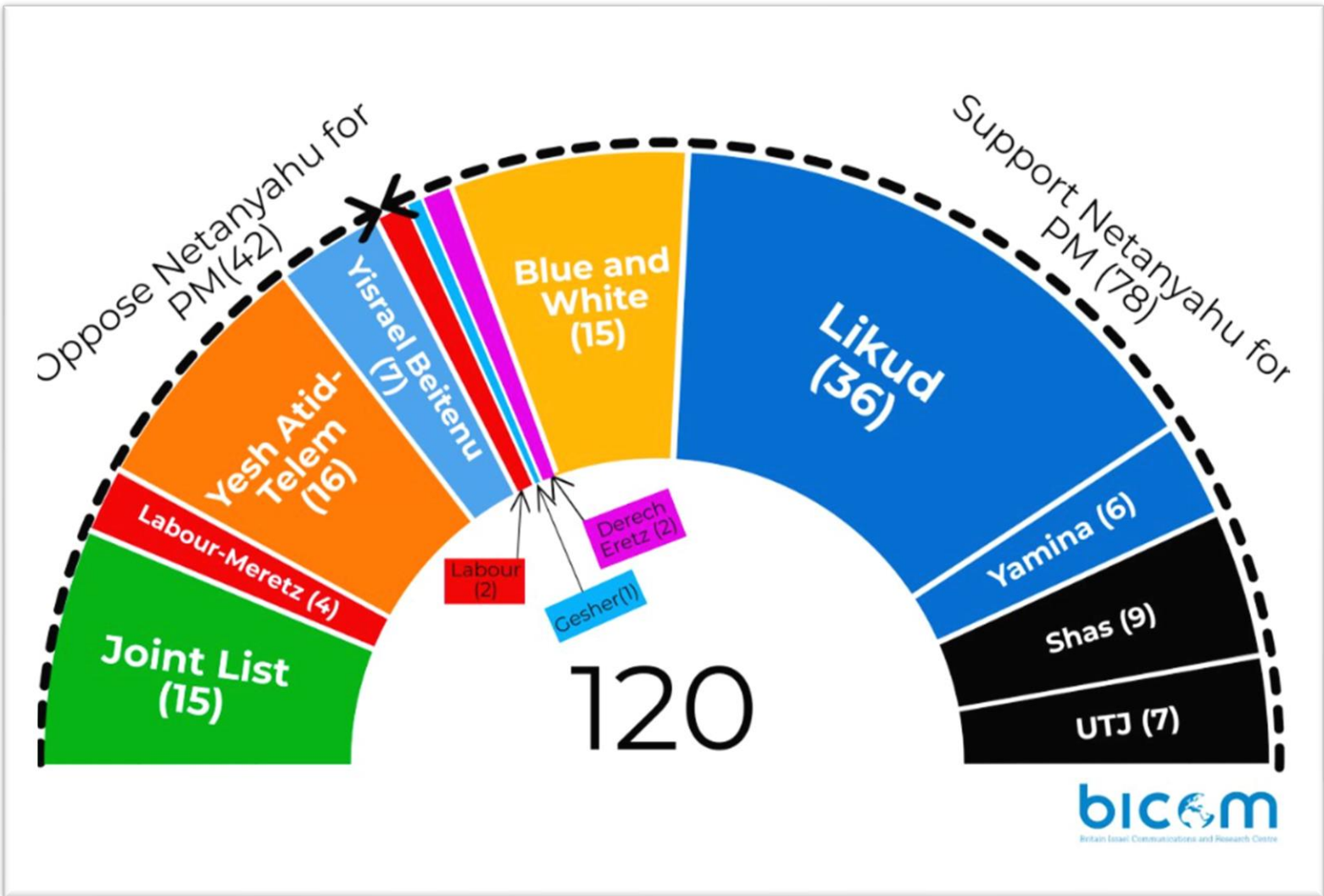
- **Israel:** Defeat Hamas in Gaza...Maximize Security in Territories...Hostages' Return.
- **U.S.** Avoiding theater-wide war where we're dragged in...Stability...Two-State solution.

Is Israel
Trapped?

There is no visible off-ramp right now. Israel plans to fight the war to its destination—annihilation of HAMAS in Gaza.

But...Israel doesn't know what to do when it gets there; *and*

HAMAS' ideology will be picked-up by someone else, likely just as committed to Israel's destruction.





WRAL BREAKING NEWS

GAZA CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION APPROVED BY DURHAM CITY COUNCIL

WRAL NEWS

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ITEM 46 | Resolution Supporting an End to the Violence Between Israel and Palestine

Here's what we know

Stage in Jerusalem

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THE US, ISRAEL, AND THE PALESTINIANS: THOUGHTS ON WHAT'S AHEAD 13DEC2023

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er the Hamas-led attack, Israel's military strategy in Gaza is slowly taking shape. (Getty)

Population demography (2017)

Group	Population	Proportion of total	Growth rate
<u>Jews:</u>	6,556,000	74.6%	1.7%
<u>Non-Haredi</u>	5,522,598	62.8%	1.2%
<u>Haredi</u>	1,033,000	11.8%	5.0%
<u>Arabs</u>	1,837,000	20.9%	2.1%
<u>Other</u>	400,000	4.5%	N/A
<u>Total</u>	8,793,000	100%	1.9%

WEST BANK: 2,949,246 (July 2021 est.) (note: approximately **432,000** Israeli settlers live in the West Bank (2019); approximately **227,100** Israeli settlers live in East Jerusalem (2019))

GAZA: 2 Million.