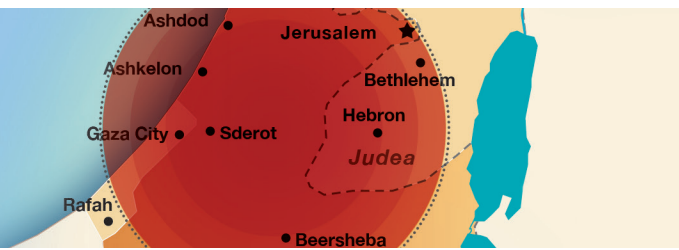


# THE CONFLICT IN GAZA



Operation Protective Edge has dramatically altered life for both Israeli and Palestinian civilians. While Hamas' incessant rocket attacks endanger more than six million Israelis, the terror group indiscriminately violates the rights of Gaza's civilian population. Israel, however, works to protect its citizens from terror and provide critical humanitarian aid to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

## ISRAEL: PROTECTING CIVILIANS

### DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID

- Since July 8, Israel has facilitated the transfer of more than 5,359\* truckloads of humanitarian supplies and goods into Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing.
- Israel has supplied more than 959\* tons of medicine and medical supplies to Gaza, along with millions of liters of fuel.
- Israel helped restore electrical power, sewage and water functionality to the Gaza Strip during the operation.

### PINPOINT STRIKES: TARGETING TERRORISTS, AVOIDING CIVILIANS

- In order to limit innocent civilian casualties, the IDF uses precision airstrikes on weapons caches, tunnels and other terror targets.
- The IDF frequently aborts operations when bystanders are near a target.

### EVACUATION WARNINGS

- The IDF warns civilians when they are in the vicinity of a military target through phone calls, leaflets, and non-lethal sound bombs.

### PROTECTING ISRAELI CIVILIANS

- Israel protects its civilians by sounding air raid sirens, building bomb shelters, and operating the Iron Dome missile defense system.

## HAMAS: EXPLOITING CIVILIANS

### TARGETING HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL AID

- Hamas uses hospitals as command centers and ambulances as getaway vehicles, in violation of international law.
- Hamas has prevented Palestinians from entering Israel via the Erez Crossing, where the IDF is operating a field hospital.
- Hamas has fired more than 75\* rockets at the Kerem Shalom crossing, intentionally hindering the transfer of aid to Palestinian civilians.

### HUMAN SHIELDS

- Hamas leaders have publicly instructed Gaza residents to ignore evacuation warnings and remain in their homes, deliberately placing them in the line of fire.
- Hamas intentionally fires rockets from residential neighborhoods.
- The terror group prevents civilians from evacuating areas where Israel has issued evacuation warnings.

### ROCKETS IN HOMES, SCHOOLS AND MOSQUES

- Hamas places weapons storage facilities, rocket launchers and rocket manufacturing centers in densely populated Palestinian neighborhoods.
- In July 2014, UNRWA uncovered three weapons caches stored in its Gaza schools in a span of two weeks.

### HAMAS HAS EXECUTED PALESTINIANS

- Hamas has executed more than 25\* Palestinian civilians in the summer of 2014 for allegedly collaborating with Israel.

\*Figures as of August 25, 2014.