

Israel cabinet approves plan for Gaza conquest with expansion of military

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Context

- Israel's security Cabinet approved the expansion of military operations in **Gaza**, including the "conquest" of the Palestinian territory, an official said on Monday, after the Army called up tens of thousands of reservists for the offensive.
- It comes as the UN and aid organisations have repeatedly warned of the humanitarian catastrophe on the ground, with famine again looming after more than two months of a total Israeli blockade.
- The plan, approved by the Cabinet overnight, includes the holding of territories in the besieged Gaza Strip, the official said, and comes amid a push by Israel for Gaza's people to leave the territory.
- Israel resumed major operations across Gaza on March 18 amid deadlock over how to proceed with a two-month ceasefire that had largely halted the war with Hamas, which was sparked by the militants' October 2023 attack



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ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

The Israel-Palestine conflict is a long-standing geopolitical dispute over territory and self-determination in the Middle East.

BEGINNING

- UN adopted Resolution 181 the Partition Plan in 1947
- State of Israel created in 1948, sparking the first

 Arab-Israeli War (Israel won)
 - >> Palestinians displaced
 - Division of territory into State of Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip

INITIAL TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS (1956-1979)

- Suez Crisis and Israeli invasion of Sinai Peninsula in 1956
- Six-Day War (1967) Israel gained control over Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights

Controversy over Jerusalem as Capital

- Israel view: Complete and united Jerusalem
- Palestinians view: East Jerusalem future capital
- Yom Kippur War (1973) Surprise attack by Egypt and Syria
- Camp David Accords (1979) b/w Egypt and Israel

Intifada (Arabic for 'shake off')

■ First Intifada - 1987 to 1993

A Lad to the foundation of Homes (1007)

OSLO ACCORDS (MEDIATED BY US)

- First (1993)
 - Estd framework for Palestinian self-governance in West Bank and Gaza
 - > Enabled mutual recognition between Israel and Palestine

Second (1995)

- > Expanded on Oslo I Accords
- Mandated complete Israeli withdrawal from several cities and towns in West Bank

POST 2000 CONFLICT AND RESPONSES

- 2013 US-led peace process began
- 9 2014-18 Gaza Conflict (2014)
 - Palestine announced break from territorial divisions under Oslo Accords (2015)
- 2018-20 US Cancelled funding for Palestinian refugees under UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)
 - >> US proposed "Peace to Prosperity" plan
- 2020 Abraham Accords
- 2022-2023:
 - > Israel raids on Jenin refugee camp
 - Hamas launched "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood" and Israel launched "Operation Iron Swords" (both in 2023)
 - Israel declared a State of War
 - > India's Stand:
 - Supports a Two State solution for Israel and Palestine
 - · Condemned the recent attack by Hamas on Israel



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