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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.

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

↳ Led to the foundation of Hamas (1987) - a

OSLO ACCORDS (MEDIATED BY US)

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

Second (1995)

- › Expanded framework for Palestinian self-governance
- › Mandated evacuation of Israeli settlements in West Bank cities and towns

POST 2000 CONFLICTS

- 2013** - US-led coalition launched military intervention in Syria
- 2014-18** - Gaza conflict
 - › Palestine attacked Israel
 - › Israel launched Operation Protective Edge under Oslo Accords
- 2018-20** - US-led coalition launched military intervention in Syria under UN Resolution 2254
 - › US proposed ceasefire
- 2020** - Abraham Accords signed between Israel and UAE
- 2022-2023** - Israel-Palestine conflict
 - › Israel raids Gaza
 - › Hamas launched attacks
 - › Israel launched "Operation Swords of Iron" launched "Operation Iron Swords" in response
 - ◆ Israel declared "unprecedented" level of military readiness
 - › India's Stance
 - ◆ Supports peaceful resolution
 - ◆ Condemns violence

Palestinian Loss of Land 1947 to Present

