

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 CON

The Israel-Palestine conflict is a long-standing geopolitical dispute over territory and s

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

OSLO ACCORDS (MEDIATED BY US)

- 🕥 First (1993)
 - > Estd framework for Palestinian self-governance in
 - West Bank and Gaza

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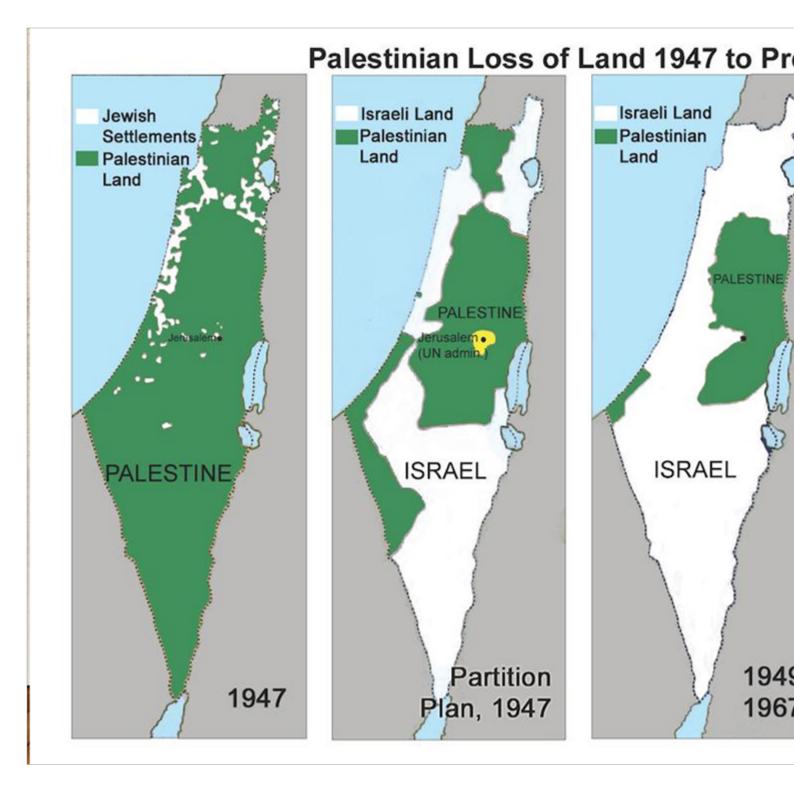
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