# Israeli Palestinian Conflict Timeline

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This timeline of the [Israeli–Palestinian conflict](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict) lists events from 1948 to the present. The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians emerged from [intercommunal violence in Mandatory Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercommunal_violence_in_Mandatory_Palestine) between Palestinian Jews and Arabs, often described as the background to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. The conflict in its modern phase evolved since the declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 and consequent intervention of Arab armies on behalf of the Palestinian Arabs.

## Background

Main article: [Timeline of intercommunal violence in Mandatory Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_intercommunal_violence_in_Mandatory_Palestine)

## 1948–1949: Arab–Israeli War

Main article: [1948 Arab–Israeli War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1948_Arab%E2%80%93Israeli_War)

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| **Month, Day** | **Event(s)** |
| 1948 |
| May 14 | The [Jewish People's Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_People%27s_Council) gathered at the Tel Aviv Museum, and approved a proclamation declaring "the [establishment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_the_Establishment_of_the_State_of_Israel) of a Jewish state in [Eretz Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eretz_Israel), to be known as the [State of Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Israel)". |
| Haganah took control of [Jaffa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaffa). Its 1947 population of 70,000 was reduced to 4,000. |
| At midnight the British Mandate over Palestine terminated.  |
| May 15 | Following a letter from the Agent of the new Provisional Government to President Truman that the *state of Israel has been proclaimed as an independent republic within frontiers approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations*, the United States recognized the provisional government as the de facto authority of the new State of Israel.  |
| Members of the Arab League – Syria, [Iraq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq), Egypt, [Transjordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transjordan), the [Holy War Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_War_Army) and the [Arab Liberation Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_Liberation_Army), marched their forces into what had the previous day ceased to be the British Mandate for Palestine. The League of Arab States sent a cablegram to the Secretary-General of the United Nations saying, *On the occasion of the intervention of Arab States in Palestine to restore law and order and to prevent disturbances prevailing in Palestine from spreading into their territories and to check further bloodshed,*.  |
| May 23 | [Thomas C. Wasson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_C._Wasson), US Consul General, assassinated in Jerusalem. |
| June | Violent confrontation between the [Israel Defense Forces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Defense_Forces) (IDF) under the command of [David Ben-Gurion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ben-Gurion), and the paramilitary Jewish group [Irgun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irgun) known as The [Altalena Affair](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altalena_Affair) resulted in the dismantlement of the Irgun, Lehi, and all Israeli paramilitary organizations operating outside the IDF. Infiltration by Palestinian [fedayeen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fedayeen) began from Egypt, resulting in many minor skirmishes, raids and counter-raids, causing hundreds of casualties on both sides, including many civilians. One thousand three hundred Israelis killed or wounded in paramilitary attacks. |
| September 19 | [Folke Bernadotte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folke_Bernadotte), United Nations Peace Envoy, assassinated in Jerusalem. |
| September 22 | The [All-Palestine Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-Palestine_Government) assembled in the Egyptian-controlled Gaza Strip and was recognized by all members of the Arab League except Jordan. |
| October 28 | Israeli army killed at least 70 villagers at [Al-Dawayima](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Dawayima). |
| 1949 |
| February – July | Israel concluded the [Armistice Agreements](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1949_Armistice_Agreements) with neighbouring countries. The territory of the [Mandatory Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandatory_Palestine) was divided between the State of Israel, the [Transjordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transjordan) and the [All-Palestine Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-Palestine_Government) in Gaza, under prefecture of [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt). During and after the war about 711,000 Palestinian Arabs became displaced and refugees. 800,000-1,000,000 [Jews living in Muslim countries left or were expelled](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_exodus_from_Arab_and_Muslim_countries) during or after the war. |
| February 24 | [Armistice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1949_Armistice_Agreements) signed with [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt). |
| February | 148 infiltrators killed by the Israeli army during February in area around [Majdal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Majdal%2C_Askalan)/[Ashkelon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashkelon).  |
| March 23 | [Armistice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1949_Armistice_Agreements) signed with [Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon). |
| April 3 | [Armistice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1949_Armistice_Agreements) signed with [Transjordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transjordan). |
| June | Israeli army killed 93 infiltrators along Southern Jordan and Gaza Strip borders.  |
| July 30 | [Armistice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1949_Armistice_Agreements) signed with [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria). |
| July | 59 infiltrators killed by Israeli army. It is estimated that at least 1000 were killed during 1949.  |

## 1948–1966

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| Between 1949 and 1953, there were 99 complaints made by Israel about the infiltration of armed groups or individuals and 30 complaints of armed Jordanian units crossing into Israeli territory. Several hundred Israeli civilians were killed by infiltrators, and some were raped and mutilated. Israel launched numerous reprisal raids in response. Between 1949 and 1956, 286 Israeli civilians were killed. During the same period, excluding the [Suez War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suez_War), 258 Israeli soldiers were killed. Between 2,700 and 5,000 Arab infiltrators were killed. It is unclear whether these Arabs were really infiltrators or were simply unauthorized crossers, as many Palestinians were crossing into Israel for economic reasons. 1951The State of Israel was confronted by a wave of Palestinian infiltrations (fedayeen). In 1951, 118 Israelis, including 48 civilians, were killed by such infiltrators. According to Israeli army records, an average of 36 infiltrators were killed each month during 1951. Arabs were also being attacked by the Israelis, and the overall situation deteriorated. Israel began [Retribution Operations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reprisal_operations) as punishment and prevention measures. |
| February 6–7 | [Sharafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharafat%2C_East_Jerusalem), a village south-west of Jerusalem, attacked by Israeli army. Nine villagers killed.  |
| 195268 Israelis, including 42 civilians, were killed by Palestinian infiltrators. The Israeli army killed a monthly average of 33 people crossing the armistice lines, including 78 in March and 57 in April.  |
| January 6–7 | Israeli army attack [Bayt Jala](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayt_Jala) killed six, including 2 women and 2 girls.  |
| 195371 Israelis, including 44 civilians, killed by Palestinian infiltrators. |
| April 22 | At least six Jordanian soldiers killed by Israeli sniper fire from West Jerusalem.  |
| May 17–23 | Operation "Viper on the Track": seven [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) villages and a Bedouin camp in Israel attacked by Israeli army. |
| August 11–12 | Operation "Vengeance and Reprisal": four West Bank villages attacked by Israeli army, including [al-Khader](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Khader) and [Surif](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surif). Six people killed. |
| October 16 | [Qibya massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qibya_massacre). [Unit 101](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unit_101), commanded by [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon), carried out a raid on the village of Qibya. Over 60 Arabs killed, two-thirds of whom were women and children. |
| 195457 Israelis killed, including 33 civilians. Israeli Border Police record between May and December they killed 51 infiltrators.  |
| March 16–17 | [Ma'ale Akrabim massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ma%27ale_Akrabim_massacre): Arab gang attacked an Israeli civilian bus, killing 11.  |
| April 28–29 | Operation "Lion": [Nahhalin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nahhalin) village attacked by Israeli army. Nine people killed: four National Guardsmen, three Jordanian soldiers, the village [mukhtar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mukhtar) and a woman.  |
| July 10–12 | Operation "Eye for an Eye": An Israeli company led by [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) attacked a post on the Gaza border near [Kissufim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kissufim), killing 9 or 10 Palestinian gendarmes.  |
| July 23–24 | Start of the [Lavon Affair](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lavon_Affair). |
| 195574 Israelis killed, including 24 civilians. The Israeli army recorded 36 "hostile" infiltrators as killed.  |
| February 28 –March 1 | Operation "Black Arrow": Ariel Sharon led an Israeli attack on an Egyptian army base in the Gaza Strip, killing 38 soldiers and two civilians.  |
| August 31 –September 1 | Israeli army attacked outskirts of [Khan Yunis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khan_Yunis). 72 Egyptians and Palestinians killed.  |
| October 27–28 | Ariel Sharon led a force of 200 Israeli paratroopers on an attack on [Kuntilla](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kuntilla&action=edit&redlink=1). 12 Egyptian soldiers killed.  |
| November 2–3 | Operation "Volcano": the Israeli army attacked Egyptian army positions in [al Sabha](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Al_Sabha&action=edit&redlink=1) and [Wadi Siram](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wadi_Siram&action=edit&redlink=1), killing 81 Egyptian soldiers.  |
| December 11–12 | Operation "Olive Leaves": a large Israeli force commanded by Ariel Sharon attacked Syrian positions east of [Lake Tiberias](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Tiberias). 48 Syrian soldiers and six civilians killed.  |
| 1956117 Israelis killed, including 54 civilians (excluding soldiers killed during the attack on the Suez Canal).  |
| April 5 | [Moshe Dayan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moshe_Dayan) ordered the shelling of the center of [Gaza City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_City) with 120 mm mortars. 57 civilians and four Egyptian soldiers killed.  |
| October 9 | [Qalqilya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qalqilya) police station attacked by an Israeli battalion-sized force that included Armour and artillery. Between 70 and 90 Jordanians killed.  |
| October 29 –November | [Suez Crisis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suez_Crisis). Israel invaded [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt)'s [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula) with covert assent from France and Britain. The European nations had economic and trading interests in the Suez Canal, while Israel wanted to reopen the canal for Israeli shipping and end Egyptian-supported [fedayeen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fedayeen) incursions and attacks. Israel completely withdrew six months later when Egypt assured Israel unimpeded navigation and safety. |
| In the [Kafr Qasim massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafr_Qasim_massacre), 48 or 49 Arab civilians were killed by the [Israel Border Police](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Border_Police) as they returned to their village from work. |
| Egypt [expelled](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expulsion_of_Egyptian_Jews_%281956%29) [its Jewish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Egypt) and European population. |
| 1957 |
| March | Israel withdrew its forces from the [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula), ending the [Suez Crisis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suez_Crisis). |
| 1959The Cairo-born [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) formed [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) to conduct guerrilla warfare operations against Israel. |
| 1963In a new wave of [Arab socialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_socialism), the [Ba'ath Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ba%27ath_Party) took power in Iraq and Syria. Among the key Ba'ath aims was the support of the Palestinian cause.  |
| 1964 |
| February 3 | The [Palestine Liberation Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestine_Liberation_Organization) (PLO) was founded in [Cairo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo) by the [Arab League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_League). [Ahmad Shuqeiri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmad_Shuqeiri) was its first leader, although the organization was [*de facto*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_facto) controlled by the [Egyptian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) government. The PLO stated their goal as the destruction of the State of Israel through armed struggle and its replacement with an "independent Palestinian state" between the [Jordan River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan_River) and the [Mediterranean Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_Sea). |

## 1967–1973

Main articles: [Six-Day War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six-Day_War) and [Yom Kippur War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_Kippur_War)

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| 1967 |
| June | The [Six-Day War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six-Day_War). Israel launched a strike on [Egyptian Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_Air_Force) (June 5), following [Egyptian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) [naval blockade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_blockade) of the [Straits of Tiran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Straits_of_Tiran) (May 22) and Egyptian military buildup in the [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula) (May 16), interpreted as acts of war. Attack quickly turned into a regional war, in which Israel defeated the combined forces of [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt), Syria, [Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan), Iraq and their supporters. It captured the [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula) and the [Gaza Strip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Strip) from Egypt, [East Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Jerusalem) and the [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) from [Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan), and the [Golan Heights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golan_Heights) from [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria). The number of war casualties estimated between 15,000 to 25,000. |
| September 1 | The [Khartoum Resolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khartoum_Resolution) issued at the Arab Summit with eight Arab countries adopted the "three "no"s": 1. No peace with Israel; 2. No recognition of Israel; 3. No negotiations with Israel. |
| 1968Between 1968 and 1970, Egypt waged a [War of Attrition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_of_Attrition) against Israel. |
| March 21 | Israel fought the [Battle of Karameh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Karameh) against [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) and Jordanian forces. |
| December 27–28 | Israeli army launched an attack on [Beirut airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968_Israeli_raid_on_Lebanon), destroying 13 aircraft valued at $43.8 million.  |
| 1969 |
| February 2 | [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat), head of the [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) party, appointed chairman of the [Palestine Liberation Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestine_Liberation_Organization), replacing Ahmad Shukeiri, after Fatah became the dominant force in the PLO. |
| August 21 | [Denis Michael Rohan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denis_Michael_Rohan), an Australian Christian working on an Israeli [kibbutz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kibbutz), set fire to the [Al Aqsa Mosque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Aqsa_Mosque) in Jerusalem, causing extensive damage and destroying the 12th century [minbar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minbar)  |
| September 22–25 | [King Faisal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Faisal_bin_Abdul_Aziz) of [Saudi Arabia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia) convened a conference in [Rabat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabat), [Morocco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morocco), to discuss the arson attack on the [Al Aqsa Mosque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Aqsa_Mosque). The leaders of 25 Muslim states attended and the conference called for Israel to give up territory conquered in 1967. The conference also set up the [Organization of Islamic Cooperation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organisation_of_Islamic_Cooperation) and pledged its support for the Palestinians.  |
| 1970 |
| May 8 | [Avivim school bus massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avivim_school_bus_massacre): Palestinian militants from Lebanon attacked an Israeli school bus, killing 12 (mostly children) and wounding another 19. |
| September | The [PLO was driven out of Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_September_in_Jordan), decamping to south [Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon). |
| 1971 |
| January 2 | [Murder of the Aroyo children](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_the_Aroyo_children). A Palestinian teenager threw a hand grenade into the moving car of the Aroyo family. The children, aged 4 and 7, were killed and the parents injured.  |
| 1972 |
| May 8 | A [Sabena](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabena) airplane flying from [Vienna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna) to [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv) was hijacked by four members of [Black September](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_September_%28group%29) and held at [Lod Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lod_Airport). The hijackers demanded the release of 100 Palestinian prisoners. Israeli paratroopers disguised as mechanics entered the aircraft, killed two of the hi-jackers and released 90 passengers. |
| May 30 | [Lod Airport massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lod_Airport_massacre). Acting on behalf of the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine), [Japanese Red Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Red_Army) members entered Lod Airport's waiting area and fired indiscriminately at staff, passengers and visitors. 24 people were killed and 78 injured. |
| July 9 | [PFLP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PFLP) spokesman and author [Ghassan Kanafani](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghassan_Kanafani) and his 17-year-old niece killed by an Israeli car bomb in [Beirut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beirut). |
| July 11 | A grenade thrown within Tel Aviv's bus terminal, claimed to be retaliation for Kanafani's killing, injures 11. |
| July 19 | [Anis al-Sayigh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anis_Sayigh), Director of the [Beirut Center for Palestinian Affairs](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Beirut_Center_for_Palestinian_Affairs&action=edit&redlink=1), injured by an Israeli letter bomb. |
| July 25 | [Bassam Abu Sharif](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bassam_Abu_Sharif), chief assistant to [George Habash](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Habash), badly injured by Israeli letter bomb delivered to PFLP offices in Beirut. |
| August 5 | [Ali Hasan Salameh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ali_Hassan_Salameh), a Black September commander, led an attack on an American-owned oil-storage facility at [Trieste](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trieste) in Italy. |
| September 6 | The [Munich massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_massacre) of Israeli Olympic athletes by Palestinian militant group, [Black September](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_September_%28group%29). The terrorists killed two of the athletes and took nine hostage, demanding the release of 250 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners held in Israel. They called their operation "[Ikrit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iqrit) and [Biram](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafr_Bir%27im)" after two villages in northern Israel. In an airport shoot-out with the West German police the remaining nine athletes and five of their captors were killed. This led Israel to launch reprisal assassinations known as [Operation Wrath of God](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Wrath_of_God). |
| September 11 | [Zadock Ophir](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Zadock_Ophir&action=edit&redlink=1), a [Mossad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) clerk at the Israeli embassy in [Brussels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brussels) shot and badly wounded by a Palestinian. |
| September 19 | [Ami Shchori](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ami_Shchori&action=edit&redlink=1), agricultural attaché at the Israeli embassy in London, killed by an Arab letter bomb. |
| October 17 | [Wa'el Zu'aiter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wael_Zwaiter), [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah)'s representative in Rome, shot dead by Israeli agents. |
| December 8 | [Mahmud al-Hamshari](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mahmud_al-Hamshari&action=edit&redlink=1), PLO representative in [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris), badly wounded by an Israeli bomb. He died a month later. |
| December 28 | Black September gunmen entered the Israeli embassy in [Bangkok](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangkok) and took six Israeli hostage. They demanded the release of 36 Palestinians. The hostages were released unharmed. |
| 1973 |
| January 24 | [Hussein Abu al-Khair](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Hussein_Abu_al-Khair&action=edit&redlink=1), [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) representative in [Cyprus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyprus), killed by an Israeli bomb in [Nicosia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicosia). |
| January 26 | [Baruch Cohen](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Baruch_Cohen&action=edit&redlink=1), Mossad director of operations against Palestinians in Europe, killed in [Madrid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrid) by a Fatah gunman. |
| February 22 | [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) jets shot down a [Libyan Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libyan_Airlines) Boeing over [Sinai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai), killing 104 passengers and crew. |
| March 6 | Black September gunmen attacked the [Saudi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia) embassy in [Khartoum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khartoum) demanding the release of [Abu Dawud](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Abu_Dawud_(PLO)&action=edit&redlink=1) held in [Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan). They murdered the American ambassador, [Cleo Noel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleo_Noel), the retiring American charge d'affairs, [George Moore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Curtis_Moore) and a [Belgian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium) diplomat, [Guy Eid](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guy_Eid&action=edit&redlink=1). |
| March 12 | [Simha Gilzer](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simha_Gilzer&action=edit&redlink=1), a Mossad agent, shot dead in [Nicosia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicosia) by Palestinian gunmen. |
| April 4 | [Basil al-Qubaisi](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Basil_al-Qubaisi&action=edit&redlink=1), a PFLP official, killed by Israeli agents in [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris). |
| April 9 | [Operation "Spring of Youth"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Spring_of_Youth): Israeli commandos raided [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO) targets in [Beirut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beirut). After [Muhammad Yusif Najjar](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Muhammad_Yusif_Najjar&action=edit&redlink=1), [Kamal Udwan](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kamal_Udwan&action=edit&redlink=1) and [Kamal Nasser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamal_Nasser) were killed at home, the resulting demonstrations brought down the Lebanese government. |
| April 27 | An Israeli [El Al](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Al) employee was murdered in [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) by a Palestinian gunman. |
| June 27 | [Muhammad Boudia](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Muhammad_Boudia&action=edit&redlink=1), an [Algerian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algeria) member of [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah), killed in [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris) by an Israeli bomb. |
| July 2 | [Yosef Alon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yosef_Alon), Israeli defense attaché, shot dead outside his home in [Washington, D.C.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington%2C_D.C.) |
| July 21 | Mossad gunmen mistook a Moroccan waiter in [Lillehammer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lillehammer), [Norway](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norway) for a perpetrator of the [Munich massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_massacre) and shot him dead. Six Israelis captured and put on trial. |
| October | [Yom Kippur War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_Kippur_War). [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) and [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) unleashed a surprise attack on Israeli forces in the [Golan Heights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golan_Heights) and the [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula) on the [holiest day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_Kippur) of the [Hebrew calendar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_calendar) and last day of [Ramadan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramadan). [Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan), Iraq, and other Arab nations joined in and/or supported the Arab war effort. Many Israeli prisoners of war were tortured and killed by Egypt and Syria while in captivity.  |
| October 19 | In a speech to the [US Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress), US President [Richard Nixon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Nixon) requested permission to deliver large amounts of weapons to Israel. In response, [King Faisal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faisal_of_Saudi_Arabia) announced that Saudi Arabia would stop all oil shipments to the United States. The [Netherlands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands) was also included in the embargo.  |

## 1974–1980s: Palestinian insurgency in South Lebanon

Main article: [Palestinian insurgency in South Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_insurgency_in_South_Lebanon)

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| 1974 |
| April 11 | [Kiryat Shmona massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiryat_Shmona_massacre). The [PFLP–GC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine_%E2%80%93_General_Command) militia crossed the border into Israel from Lebanon, entered an apartment building and killed all 18 residents. Half were children. |
| May 15 | [Ma'alot massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ma%27alot_massacre). The [Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine) attacked a van killing two [Israeli Arab](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Arab) women, entered an apartment and killed a family, and took over a local school and held 115 students and teachers hostage. 25 Israelis were killed at the school, including 22 children, and 68 were wounded. |
| October 26–29 | The Arab League recognized the PLO as sole representative of the Palestinians. |
| November 13 | Yasser Arafat addressed the United Nations General Assembly. |
| 1975 |
| March 4 | [Savoy Operation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savoy_Operation). Eight Palestinian terrorists in two teams landed by boat in Tel Aviv. Shooting and throwing grenades, they captured the Savoy Hotel and took the guests as hostages. Five hostages were freed and eight killed. Three Israeli soldiers were also killed. |
| July 4 | A ["refrigerator bomb" in Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Yehuda_Street_bombings#1975) killed 15 Israelis and wounded 77. |
| November 10 | [United Nations General Assembly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_General_Assembly) [Resolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_UN_resolutions_concerning_Israel_and_Palestine) 3379, adopted by a vote of 72 to 35 with 32 abstentions, "determines that [Zionism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zionism) is a form of [racism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racism) and racial discrimination". The resolution was revoked by [Resolution 46/86](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UN_General_Assembly_Resolution_46/86) on December 16, 1991. |
| November 13 | An explosive charge went off near Cafe Naveh on Jaffa Road, near the pedestrian mall. Seven Israeli civilians killed and 45 injured. |
| 1976 |
| May 3 | [Ben Yehuda Street](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Yehuda_Street_bombings) in Jerusalem bombed by Palestinian terrorists. 33 civilians injured.  |
| July 4 | [Operation "Entebbe"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Entebbe). Air France Flight 139, originating in [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv), took off from [Athens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athens), Greece, heading for [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris). It was hijacked by four terrorists (two from the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine) and two from the radical German militant group [Revolutionary Cells](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutionary_Cells_%28German_group%29)). Israel performed a rescue mission to free the 248 passengers and 12 crew members held hostage at [Entebbe Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entebbe_Airport) in [Uganda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uganda). |
| 1977 |
| January 3 | [Mahmud Salih](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mahmud_Salih&action=edit&redlink=1), [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO) representative in [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris) and manager of an Arab bookshop, killed by Israeli agents. |
| 1978 |
| January 4 | [Sa'id Hammami](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Said_Hammami), [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO) representative in [London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London) and well-known [dove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_dove), killed by an [Abu Nidal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Nidal) gunman. |
| March 11 | [Coastal Road massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coastal_Road_massacre). [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) Palestinians killed an American photographer, hijacked a load bus and killed 38 more Israelis, including 13 children, and wounded 76. |
| March 14 | [Operation "Litani"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Litani). Israel, in alliance with the mostly Christian [South Lebanon Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Lebanon_Army), launched a limited-scope invasion of Lebanon and attempted to push Palestinian militant groups away from the Israel border. The seven-day offensive resulted in 100,000 to 285,000 refugees created and between 300 and 1,200 Lebanese and Palestinian militants and civilians killed. |
| June 15 | [Ali Yassin](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ali_Yassin&action=edit&redlink=1), PLO representative in [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait), killed by a member of the [Abu Nidal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Nidal) group. |
| August 5 | [Yizz al-Din Qalaq](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Yizz_al-Din_Qalaq&action=edit&redlink=1), PLO representative in [Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris) and well-known [dove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_dove), killed by an Abu Nidal gunman. |
| September 17 | Israeli Prime Minister [Menachem Begin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menachem_Begin) and Egyptian President [Anwar Sadat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anwar_Sadat) signed the [Camp David Accord](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_David_Accord), in which Israel agreed to withdraw from the [Sinai Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinai_Peninsula) in exchange for peace and a framework for future negotiation over the [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) and [Gaza Strip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Strip). |
| 1979 |
| January 22 | [Ali Hassan Salameh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ali_Hassan_Salameh), head of Yasser Arafat's security unit [Force 17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Force_17), killed by an Israeli car bomb in Beirut. |
| March 14 | An Israeli was killed and 13 people injured when an explosive charge blew up in a trash can in [Zion Square](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zion_Square), Jerusalem. |
| March 26 | [Israel–Egypt Peace Treaty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%E2%80%93Egypt_Peace_Treaty). Egypt became the first Arab country to recognize Israel officially. |
| April 22 | [Samir Kuntar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samir_Kuntar), a PLO operative, killed four Israelis in [Nahariya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nahariya), including two girls aged four and two. |
| 1981 |
| June 1 | [Na'im Khudr](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Na%27im_Khudr&action=edit&redlink=1), PLO representative in [Brussels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brussels) and well-known [dove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_dove), killed by an Abu Nidal gunman. |
| July 17 | Israel bombed the [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO) headquarters in a civilian area of [Beirut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beirut), causing over 300 civilian deaths. The United States brokered a fragile cease-fire. |
| August 29 | Abu Nidal terrorists [attacked Vienna's *Stadttempel*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1981_Vienna_synagogue_attack), the [Austrian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria) capital's principal synagogue. |
| October 9 | [Majid Abu Sharar](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Majid_Abu_Sharar&action=edit&redlink=1), a prominent member of [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah), killed by an Israeli bomb in [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome). |
| October 20 | A [truck bomb exploded in Antwerp, Belgium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1981_Antwerp_bombing) outside a Portuguese Jewish synagogue. |
| 1982 |
| May 15 | Israel, allied with Lebanese Christians, launched [Operation "Peace for Galilee"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Peace_for_Galilee), an invasion of southern [Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon) against PLO, Syrian and Muslim Lebanese forces, claiming its purpose was to remove PLO forces camped there after several PLO cease-fire violations. The most notable of these was the [Abu Nidal Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Nidal_Organization) attempt to assassinate [Shlomo Argov](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shlomo_Argov), Israel's ambassador to the United Kingdom. As a result, the PLO leadership relocated to [Tunis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunis). |
| September | [Sabra and Shatila massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabra_and_Shatila_massacre). Lebanese [Phalangists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phalangists) [massacred](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabra_and_Shatila_massacre) between 762 and 3,500 civilians, mostly [Palestinians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_people) and [Lebanese Shiites](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shia_Islam_in_Lebanon), in [Sabra and the Shatila refugee camp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shatila_refugee_camp). While no Israeli soldiers were present in the fighting, Israeli [Defense Minister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defense_Minister), [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon), was found to be indirectly responsible by negligence for the massacre by the [Kahan Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kahan_Commission), and was asked to resign his position. The commission's conclusions were controversial and remain a subject of debate.  |

## 1980s

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| 1983 |
| April 10 | [Isam Sartawi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isam_Sartawi), a close associate of [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) and prominent [dove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_dove), killed by an Abu Nidal gunman in [Lisbon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisbon). |
| August | The Israeli Army withdrew from most of [Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon) in August 1983, maintaining a self-proclaimed "Security Zone" in the south. |
| December 8 | [Murder of Danny Katz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Danny_Katz): the body of a 14-year-old Israeli was found mutilated with evidence of [strangulation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strangulation), [torture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torture), and [sexual assault](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_assault). Five Arabs were convicted of the murder.  |
| 1985 |
| April 9 | Sana'a Mouhadly of the [Syrian Social Nationalist Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian_Social_Nationalist_Party) detonated herself in an explosive-laden vehicle in Lebanon, killing two Israeli soldiers and injuring two more, becoming the first reported [female suicide bomber](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Female_suicide_bomber). |
| October 1 | After three Israeli civilians were killed on board a yacht off the coast of Cyprus by the PLO's [Force 17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Force_17), the [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) carried out [Operation "Wooden Leg"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Wooden_Leg), striking the PLO base in Tunis and killing 60 PLO members. |
| October 7 | The [Palestine Liberation Front](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestine_Liberation_Front) hijacked the [*Achille Lauro*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Achille_Lauro), redirecting the cruise ship to Syria and holding its passengers and crew hostage, demanding the release of 50 Palestinians in Israeli prisons. One man was murdered; [Leon Klinghoffer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leon_Klinghoffer), a Jewish American, who was celebrating his 36th wedding anniversary with his wife upon the *Achille Lauro*. He was shot in the forehead and chest while sitting in his wheelchair. |
| December 27 | Intending to hijack [El Al](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Al) jets and blow them up over [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv), [Fatah – Revolutionary Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah_%E2%80%93_Revolutionary_Council) gunmen [opened fire with rifles and grenades at the international airports in Rome and Vienna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome_and_Vienna_airport_attacks), killing 18 civilians and wounding 138. Six of the seven terrorists were either killed or captured. |

## 1987–1991: First Intifada

Main article: [First Intifada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Intifada)

Intifada began. Violence, riots, general strikes, and civil disobedience campaigns by Palestinians spread across the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli forces responded with tear gas, plastic bullets, and live ammunition. After the outbreak of the [First Intifada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Intifada), Shaikh Yassin created Hamas from the Gaza wing of the Egyptian Muslim. Until that point the Brotherhood in Gaza had enjoyed the support of the Israeli authorities and had refrained from violent attacks. However, Hamas quickly began attacks on Israeli military targets, and subsequently, Israeli civilians. The Israeli army killed more than 1,000 Palestinians in the first intifada whilst 164 Israelis were killed. Allegedly almost half (1,000) of the total Palestinian casualties were caused by internal fighting among Palestinian factions.

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| 1987 |
| July 22 | Cartoonist [Naji al-Ali](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naji_al-Ali) shot in the head whilst walking a [London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London) street. He died of his injuries on 21 August 1987. It was later revealed that those believed to be responsible were being managed by [Mossad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) agents. |
| November 25 | Six Israeli soldiers killed by infiltrators who flew over the Lebanese border on [hang gliders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_of_the_Gliders) |
| December 8 | Four Palestinian workers from [Jabalya refugee camp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jabalya_refugee_camp) killed when an Israeli army tank transporter ran into their mini-bus at the [Erez crossing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erez_crossing). |
| 1988During 1988, 289 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional 15 killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period six Israeli civilians and four members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| April 16 | [Abu Jihad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Jihad) (Khalil al-Wazir), head of [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO)'s military operations, killed in his home in [Tunis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunis) by a seaborne Israeli assassination squad. |  |
| August 1 | King Hussein of Jordan abandoned to the [PLO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLO) its claim for the West Bank.  |  |
| November 15 | An independent [State of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Palestine) was proclaimed by the [Palestinian National Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_National_Council) meeting in [Algiers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algiers), by a vote of 253 to 46. |  |
| 1989During 1989, 285 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional 17 killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period 19 Israeli civilians and six members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |  |
| July 16 | The [Tel Aviv Jerusalem bus 405 massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv_Jerusalem_bus_405_massacre): the first Palestinian [suicide attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suicide_attack) inside Israel's borders. |  |
| 1990During 1990, 125 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional nine killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period four Israeli civilians and three members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |  |
| 1991During 1991, 91 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional six killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period seven Israeli civilians and one member of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |  |
| January 14 | [Abu Iyad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salah_Khalaf), second in command of [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) and opposed to [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat)'s support of [Saddam Hussein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saddam_Hussein), was killed in [Tunis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunis) by [Abu Nidal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Nidal) recruit [Hamza Abu Zaid](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Hamza_Abu_Zaid&action=edit&redlink=1). |  |
| Gulf War | When the U.S.-led coalition fought to [get Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_War), Hussein attempted to draw Israel into the war and fired 39 [Scud missiles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scud_missile) into Israel. To avoid disrupting the U.S.-led coalition, Israel did not retaliate. |  |

## 1991–present: Peace process

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| Part of a series onthe [Israeli–Palestinian conflict](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict) |
| [**Israeli–Palestinianpeace process**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_peace_process) |
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| [Lausanne Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lausanne_Conference_of_1949) | 1949 |
| [Camp David Accords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_David_Accords) | 1978 |
| [Madrid Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrid_Conference_of_1991) | 1991 |
| [Oslo Accords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oslo_Accords) | 1993 / 95 |
| [Hebron Protocol](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protocol_Concerning_the_Redeployment_in_Hebron) | 1997 |
| [Wye River Memorandum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wye_River_Memorandum) | 1998 |
| [Sharm el-Sheikh Memorandum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharm_el-Sheikh_Memorandum) | 1999 |
| [Camp David Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_Camp_David_Summit) ([parameters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Clinton_Parameters)) | 2000 |
| [Taba Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taba_Summit) | 2001 |
| [Road Map](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_map_for_peace) | 2003 |
| [Agreement on Movement and Access](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agreement_on_Movement_and_Access) | 2005 |
| [Annapolis Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annapolis_Conference) | 2007 |

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	+ [Israeli settlements](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_settlement)
* [Palestinian refugees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_right_of_return)
* **Security concerns**
	+ [Status of Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Positions_on_Jerusalem)
	+ [Water](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_supply_and_sanitation_in_the_Palestinian_territories)
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| Secondary concerns* [Israeli West Bank barrier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_West_Bank_barrier)
* [Jewish state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeland_for_the_Jewish_people)
* [Palestinian political violence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_political_violence)
* [Places of worship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category%3APlaces_of_worship_in_Israel)
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| International brokers* [The "Quartet"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartet_on_the_Middle_East)
	+ ([United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations)
	+ [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)
	+ [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union)
	+ [Russia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia))
* [Arab League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_League)
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	+ [Jordan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan)
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	+ [France](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France)
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	+ [Arab Peace Initiative](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_Peace_Initiative)
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	+ [Lieberman Plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieberman_Plan)
* [*Three-state solution*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three-state_solution)
* *Israeli unilateral plans*
	+ [Disengagement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%27s_unilateral_disengagement_plan)
	+ [Realignment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Realignment_plan)
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	+ [Valley of Peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valley_of_Peace_initiative)
	+ [Middle East economic integration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_East_economic_integration)
	+ [Alliance for Middle East Peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alliance_for_Middle_East_Peace)
	+ [Peres Center for Peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peres_Center_for_Peace)
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| 1991 |
| October 30 | [Madrid Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrid_Conference). |
| December 16 | [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations) [General Assembly Resolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_General_Assembly_Resolution) 4686 revoked [Resolution 3379](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UN_General_Assembly_Resolution_3379) of November 10, 1975 (on Zionism and racism) by a vote of 111 to 25 and 13 abstentions. |
| 1992During 1992, 134 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli army. An additional two were killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period 11 Israeli civilians and 14 members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| May 24 | [Murder of Helena Rapp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Helena_Rapp): 15-year-old Israeli girl stabbed to death on the way to school by a Palestinian.  |
| June | [Labor Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Party_%28Israel%29) leader [Yitzhak Rabin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yitzhak_Rabin) elected [Prime Minister of Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Israel). |
| 1993During 1993, 154 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli army. An additional 13 were killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period 27 Israeli civilians and 18 members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| April | [Mehola Junction bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehola_Junction_bombing), the first suicide attack by Hamas. One Palestinian bystander was killed by the blast, and eight Israeli soldiers were slightly injured. |
| August 20 | [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) and [Yitzhak Rabin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yitzhak_Rabin) signed the [Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_Principles_on_Interim_Self-Government) in Oslo. This event is also seen by many people as the definitive end to the [First Intifada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Intifada) (although some argue it had effectively ended by 1991–1992). By 1993, the violence of the Intifada had claimed the lives of 1162 Palestinians and 160 Israelis. |
| 1994During 1994, 106 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional 38 killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period 11 Israeli civilians and 12 members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| February 25 | [Cave of the Patriarchs attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cave_of_the_Patriarchs_attack). [Baruch Goldstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Goldstein) opened fire on Palestinian Muslims worshipping at the [Ibrahimi Mosque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibrahimi_Mosque), killing 29 and injuring 125. He was subsequently overpowered and beaten to death by survivors. |
| April 6 | Hamas carried out their second [suicide bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suicide_bombing), in [Afula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afula), Israel, killing 8 people. |
| May 18 | Israeli forces withdrew from [Jericho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jericho) and [Gaza City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_City) in compliance with the [Oslo accords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oslo_accords). |
| July | Yasser Arafat returned from exile to head the [Palestinian National Authority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_National_Authority). |
| October 19 | 22 Israelis killed by a [Hamas suicide attack on a bus in Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dizengoff_Street_bus_bombing). This was the first major suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. |
| October 26 | With mediation provided by the United States, the [Israel–Jordan Treaty of Peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%E2%80%93Jordan_Treaty_of_Peace) was signed by Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein. |
| November 30 | [Afula axe attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afula_axe_attack): A Palestinian killed a 19-year-old female Israeli soldier with an axe.  |
| December 10 | [Yitzhak Rabin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yitzhak_Rabin), [Shimon Peres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Peres) and [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) awarded the [Nobel Peace Prize](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobel_Peace_Prize). |
| 1995During 1995, 42 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional two killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period seven Israeli civilians and nine members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| January 22 | [Beit Lid massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beit_Lid_massacre): a double suicide bombing by the [Palestinian Islamic Jihad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Islamic_Jihad) killed 21 in one of the biggest attacks which further divided the Israeli public over the peace process. |
| April 9 | [Kfar Darom bus attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kfar_Darom_bus_attack): eight Israelis were killed and 52 injured in an Islamic Jihad suicide bombing.  |
| July 24 | [Ramat Gan bus bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramat_Gan_bus_bombing): six Israelis killed and 33 wounded in a Hamas suicide bombing.  |
| August 21 | [Ramat Eshkol bus bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramat_Eshkol_bus_bombing): five Israelis killed in a Hamas suicide bombing and over 100 injured.  |
| September 28 | [Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interim_Agreement_on_the_West_Bank_and_the_Gaza_Strip), also known as [Oslo II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oslo_accords), signed in Washington, D.C. |
| November 4 | Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin assassinated in [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv) by Jewish extremist [Yigal Amir](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yigal_Amir). Shimon Peres assumed the position of acting Prime Minister. |
| 1996During 1996, 69 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional three killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period three Israeli civilians and 19 members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| January 5 | [Shin Bet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shin_Bet) kill [Yahya Ayyash](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yahya_Ayyash), commander of the [Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Izz_ad-Din_al-Qassam_Brigades), using a telephone bomb. |
| February 25 –March 4 | A series of [suicide attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suicide_attack) in Jerusalem ([Jerusalem bus 18 suicide bombings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem_bus_18_suicide_bombings) and in the [French Hill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Hill_attacks)), Tel Aviv and [Ashkelon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashkelon) left more than 60 Israelis dead. These events were said to have had a major impact on the Israeli elections in May. |
| April 11–27 | Operation "Grapes of Wrath" and the [shelling of Qana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_shelling_of_Qana). Operation "Grapes of Wrath" (Hebrew: מבצע ענבי זעם) was the Israeli Defense Force's code-name (Hezbollah calls it April War) for a sixteen-day campaign against Lebanon in 1996. Israel conducted more than 1,100 air raids and extensive shelling (some 25,000 shells). 639 Hezbollah cross-border rocket attacks targeted northern Israel, particularly the town of Kiryat Shemona. The conflict escalated on April 18 when Israeli artillery killed 106 civilians in a technical error and Israeli warplanes killed nine other civilians in the city of Nabatiyeh while sleeping in their two-story building. The conflict was de-escalated on 27 April by a ceasefire agreement banning attacks on civilians. |
| May | [Likud](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Likud)'s leader [Benjamin Netanyahu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Netanyahu) [elected Prime Minister of Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_prime_ministerial_election%2C_1996). |
| June 9 | [Murder of Yaron and Efrat Ungar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Yaron_and_Efrat_Ungar): Married Israeli couple shot dead by Palestinian gunmen while driving with their one-year-old son.  |
| 1997During 1997, 18 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and an additional four killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period six Israeli civilians were killed by Palestinians.  |
| January 15–17 | [Protocol Concerning the Redeployment in Hebron](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protocol_Concerning_the_Redeployment_in_Hebron) signed. The agreement called for an [IDF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Defense_Forces) withdrawal from 80% of Hebron, and initiation of withdrawal from rural areas in the West Bank, as well as remaining parts of the West Bank apart from settlements and military locations. Israel and the PA agreed to begin negotiations on the permanent status agreement to be completed by May 4, 1999. |
| March 13 | [Island of Peace massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Island_of_Peace_massacre): A Jordanian soldier opened fire on a large group of Israeli schoolgirls, killing 7 of them and injuring 6.  |
| March 21 | [Cafe Apropo bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cafe_Apropo_bombing): Palestinian suicide bomber killed 3 Israeli women and injured 48.  |
| July 30 | 16 Israelis killed in a double suicide attack in the major market of Jerusalem. This was the worst killing during Netanyahu's time which is regarded as a relatively quiet period. Netanyahu attributed this to his [tit-for-tat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tit-for-tat) policy and his objection to the [Palestinian revolving door policy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolving_door_policy_%28alleged_Palestinian_Authority_policy%29). |
| September 4 | A Hamas suicide bombing at a pedestrian mall in Jerusalem killed five Israelis, including three 14-year-old girls, and led to [Chicago's Persian heritage crisis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago%27s_Persian_heritage_crisis). |
| September 25 | [Mossad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) agents failed in an attempt to kill [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) member [Khaled Mashal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khaled_Mashal) in [Amman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amman). |
| 1998During 1998, 21 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, an additional six killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period eight Israeli civilians and three members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| October 23 | [Benjamin Netanyahu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Netanyahu) and [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) signed the [Wye River Memorandum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wye_River_Memorandum) at a summit in [Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maryland) hosted by [Bill Clinton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Clinton). The sides agreed on steps to facilitate implementation of the [Interim Agreement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interim_Agreement_on_the_West_Bank_and_the_Gaza_Strip) on the West Bank and Gaza Strip of September 28, 1995 and other related agreements including the [Hebron Protocol](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebron_Protocol) of January 17, 1997 so that the Israeli and Palestinian sides could more effectively carry out their reciprocal responsibilities, including those relating to further redeployments and security. |
| 1999During 1999, eight Palestinians were killed by the Israeli security forces, and one person killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period one Israeli civilian and two members of the Israeli armed forces were killed by Palestinians.  |
| May 17 | [Ehud Barak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ehud_Barak) of the [Labor Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Party_%28Israel%29) [elected Prime Minister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_prime_ministerial_election%2C_1999) under the [One Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Israel) banner. |
| 2000 |
| May 24 | The Israeli Army withdrew from southern [Lebanon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon), in compliance with [U.N. Resolution 425](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.N._Resolution_425). Syria and Lebanon insisted that the withdrawal was incomplete, claiming the [Shebaa Farms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shebaa_Farms) as Lebanese and still under occupation. The UN certified full Israeli withdrawal. |
| July | The [Camp David Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_David_2000_Summit) between Israeli Prime Minister [Ehud Barak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ehud_Barak) and Palestinian Authority Chairman [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) aimed at reaching a "final status" agreement. The summit concluded without an agreement. |

## 2000–2005: Second Intifada

Main article: [Second Intifada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Intifada)

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| 2000Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2000](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2000) |
| September 28–29 | Right-wing Israeli [opposition leader](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leader_of_the_Opposition_%28Israel%29) [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) visited the [Temple Mount](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_Mount), which is administered by a [Waqf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waqf). (Under Israeli law, each religious group is granted administration of their holy sites.) The day after the visit, violent confrontations erupted between Muslims and Israeli Police. Arafat named the second intifada the [Al-Aqsa Intifada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Aqsa_Intifada) after Sharon's visit, for the [Al-Aqsa Mosque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Aqsa_Mosque) contained within the Temple Mount compound (holy also to Jews and Christians). This event is considered by some to be one of the possible catalysts of the second intifada. Palestinian leaders (including the Palestinian Minister of Communication, [Imhad Falouji](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Imhad_Falouji&action=edit&redlink=1)) later admitted publicly that the Intifada had been planned since the end of the Camp David negotiations. A campaign of suicide bombings and terrorist attacks began on September 29, 2000 and within five years left over 1,068 Israelis dead and over 7,000 injured—69 percent of them civilians. Approximately 3,000 Palestinians were also killed in this conflict. |
| October 1–9 | [October 2000 events](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October_2000_events) in Israel, solidarity demonstrations held by Palestinian citizens residing in Israel escalated into clashes with Israeli police and Israeli Jewish citizens. 13 Arab civilians (12 with Israeli citizenship) were shot and killed by Israeli police and one Jewish civilian killed by a Palestinian. In a [Hezbollah cross-border raid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_Hezbollah_cross-border_raid), 3 Israeli soldiers were killed and their bodies kidnapped and Northern Israel was shelled in an attempt to ignite the Israeli–Lebanese border too, but Israelis decided on limited response. |
| October 12 | [The lynching in Ramallah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_lynching_in_Ramallah), two Israeli reservists accidentally entered Ramallah, to be arrested by [Palestinian Security Forces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Security_Forces), later to be publicly lynched and videotaped inside the police station. |
| November 22 | Two Israeli women killed and 60 civilians wounded in a car bomb attack in [Hadera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadera). |
| December 10 | Prime Minister of Israel [Ehud Barak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ehud_Barak) resigned. |
| 2001Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2001](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2001) |
| January 21–27 | [Taba Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taba_Summit). Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority aimed to reach the "final status" of negotiations. [Ehud Barak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ehud_Barak) temporarily withdrew from negotiations during the Israeli elections, and subsequently [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) refused to continue negotiating in the face of the newly erupted violence. |
| February 6 | [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) of [Likud](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Likud) [elected Prime Minister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_prime_ministerial_election%2C_2001) and refused to continue negotiations with [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) at the [Taba Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taba_Summit). |
| March 26 | [Murder of Shalhevet Pass](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Shalhevet_Pass), a 10-month-old Israeli baby was shot dead by a Palestinian sniper. The Israeli public was shocked when the investigation concluded that the sniper deliberately aimed for the baby.  |
| June 1 | [Dolphinarium massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolphinarium_massacre). A Hamas suicide bomber exploded himself at the entrance of a club. 21 Israelis killed, over 100 injured, all youth. Five months prior to the bombing, there was a failed terrorist attempt at the same spot. |
| August 9 | [Sbarro restaurant massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sbarro_restaurant_massacre). A suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt weighing 5 to 10 kilograms, containing explosives, nails, nuts and bolts, detonated his bomb. In the blast 15 people (including 7 children and a pregnant woman) were killed, and 130 wounded. Both [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) and the [Islamic Jihad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Jihad_Movement_in_Palestine) initially claimed responsibility. |
| August 27 | [Abu Ali Mustafa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Ali_Mustafa), the General Secretary of the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine), was assassinated by an Israeli missile shot by an Apache helicopter through his office window in Ramallah.  |
| October 17 | Israeli Tourism Minister [Rehavam Zeevi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rehavam_Zeevi) assassinated in [Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem) by members of the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_Front_for_the_Liberation_of_Palestine). |
| December 1 | 11 Israeli civilians, nine of them teenagers, were killed and 188 injured in a Hamas suicide bombing attack.  |
| 2002Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2002](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2002) |
| March 25 | 9 Palestinians and 131 Israelis killed.  |
| March 13 | The United States pushed through the passage of [Resolution 1397](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council_Resolution_1397) by the Security Council, demanding an "immediate cessation of all acts of violence" and "affirming a vision of a region where two states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side within secure and recognized borders". |
| March 14 | Israeli forces continued the raid on [Ramallah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramallah) and other [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) towns. A helicopter attack near [Tulkarm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tulkarm) killed [Mutasen Hammad](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mutasen_Hammad&action=edit&redlink=1) and two bystanders. A bomb in [Gaza City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_City) destroyed an Israeli tank which was escorting settlers, killing 3 soldiers and wounding 2. A car bomb in [Tulkarm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tulkarm) exploded, killing 4 Palestinians. Palestinians executed two accused collaborators in [Bethlehem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethlehem), planning to hang one of the corpses near the [Church of the Nativity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Nativity) until Palestinian police stopped them. |
| March 27 | [Passover massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passover_massacre), the Park Hotel in Netanya held a big [Passover](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passover) dinner for its 250 guests. A Palestinian suicide bomber entered the hotel's dining room and detonated an explosive device, killing 30 people and injuring around 140, all civilians. [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) claims responsibility. |
| March 28 | The [Beirut Summit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beirut_Summit) approved the Saudi peace proposal. |
| March 29 | Israeli forces began [Operation "Defensive Shield"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Defensive_Shield), Israel's largest military operation in the [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) since the 1967 [Six-Day War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six-Day_War). |
| March 30 | A [suicide bomber](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suicide_bomber) exploded in a [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv) café at around 9:30 pm local time, wounding 32 people. President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell (USA) called on [Yasir Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) to condemn the wave of suicide bombings in Arabic, to his own people. Israeli spokespeople made similar demands. Arafat went on television and swore in Arabic that he would "die a martyr, a martyr, a martyr". Members of Arafat's personal Al-Aqsa brigade stated that they would refuse any form of cease-fire, and that they would continue suicide bombings of civilians in Israel. |
| March 31 | [Matza restaurant massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matza_restaurant_massacre), a Palestinian Hamas bomber blew himself up in an Arab-owned restaurant in Haifa, killing 15 and injuring over 40 people. |
| April | Israeli troops exchanged gunfire with guards of [Yasir Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) in [Ramallah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramallah). |
| April 2 | Israeli troops occupied [Bethlehem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethlehem). Dozens of armed Palestinian gunmen occupied the [Church of the Nativity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Nativity) and held the church and its clergy. |
| April 12 | [Battle of Jenin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Jenin) (part of [Operation "Defensive Shield"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Defensive_Shield)). Israeli forces entered a Palestinian [refugee camp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refugee_camp) in [Jenin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jenin), where about a quarter of [suicide bombings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suicide_bombing) since 2000 had been launched from. The battle resulted in the deaths of 23 Israeli soldiers and 52 Palestinians, of which 30-47 were militants and 5-22 were civilians (sources vary). This particular event sparked a great deal of controversy. |
| May 9 | [Muhammad al-Madani](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Muhammad_al-Madani&action=edit&redlink=1), governor of [Bethlehem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethlehem), left the [Church of the Nativity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Nativity). |
| May 18 | Israeli [Shin Bet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shin_Bet) officials announced they had arrested six Israelis for conspiring to bomb Palestinian schools in April, including [Noam Federman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noam_Federman), a leader of the illegal [Kach movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kach_movement) of the late Rabbi [Meir Kahane](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meir_Kahane), and [Menashe Levinger](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Menashe_Levinger&action=edit&redlink=1), son of Rabbi [Moshe Levinger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moshe_Levinger). |
| June | Israel began construction of the [Israeli West Bank barrier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_West_Bank_barrier) to prevent suicide bombers from entering Israel. |
| June 18 | [Patt junction massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patt_junction_massacre), a Palestinian Suicide bomber, an Islamic law student and member of Hamas, detonated a belt filled with metal balls for shrapnel on a bus in Jerusalem. 19 Israelis were killed, and over 74 wounded. |
| June 24 | U.S. President [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) called for an independent [Palestinian state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_state) living in peace with Israel. Bush stated that Palestinian leaders must take steps to produce democratic reforms, and fiscal accountability, in order to improve the negotiations with Israel. He also stated that as Palestinians show control over terrorism, Israel must end operations in the West Bank, and in areas which it entered under [Operation "Defensive Shield"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Defensive_Shield). |
| July 16 | [2002 Immanuel bus attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_Immanuel_bus_attack). Palestinian militants ambushed a bus and killed 9 Israeli civilians, including infants. The youngest victim of the Second Intifada was among them.  |
| July 22 | An Israeli warplane fired a missile at an apartment in Gaza City, killing the top of their most-wanted list, Salah Shehadeh, chief commander of Hamas' military wing, the [Izzadine el-Qassam](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Izzadine_el-Qassam&action=edit&redlink=1). The apartment building was flattened and 14 civilians were killed, including eight children.  |
| July 31 | [Hebrew University massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_University_massacre): nine students—four Israelis and five Americans—were killed by a suicide bomber at the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_University_of_Jerusalem), and over 100 injured.  |
| August 14 | [Marwan Barghouti](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marwan_Barghouti), captured April 15, was indicted by a civilian Israeli court for murdering civilians and membership in a terrorist organization. |
| October 21 | [Karkur junction suicide bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karkur_junction_suicide_bombing), 14 Israelis, including seven civilians, killed in an Islamic Jihad suicide bombing in Wadi Ara.  |
| November 21 | [Jerusalem bus 20 massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem_bus_20_massacre), a Hamas suicide bomber detonated himself on a crowded bus in Jerusalem, killing 11 people, and wounding over 50. |
| 2003Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2003) |
| January 5 | [Tel Aviv central bus station massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv_central_bus_station_massacre). 23 Israeli civilians killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.  |
| March 5 | [Haifa bus 37 suicide bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haifa_bus_37_suicide_bombing). 17 Israelis, including 16 civilians and nine children, killed by a Hamas suicide bomber.  |
| March 16 | [Rachel Corrie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Corrie), an American member of the [International Solidarity Movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Solidarity_Movement) was crushed by an IDF [bulldozer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulldozer), becoming the first ISM member to die in the conflict. Members of the group who witnessed her death alleged murder, while Israel called it a "regrettable accident". |
| March 19 | [Mahmoud Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_Abbas) appointed Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority. |
| March 24 | [Hilltop 26](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilltop_26), an illegal Israeli settlement near the city of [Hebron](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebron), was peacefully dismantled by the IDF. |
| April 30 | The [Quartet on the Middle East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartet_on_the_Middle_East) announced the [Road map for peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_map_for_peace). |
| May 27 | [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) stated that the "occupation" of Palestinian territories "can't continue endlessly." |
| June 2 | A two-day summit was held in Egypt. Arab leaders announced their support for the road map and promised to work on cutting off funding to terrorist groups. |
| June 11 | [Davidka Square bus bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Davidka_Square_bus_bombing). A Palestinian suicide bomber killed 17 Israeli civilians.  |
| June 29 | [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas), [Islamic Jihad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Islamic_Jihad) and [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) agreed to a three-month cease-fire. |
| July 9 | The [International Court of Justice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Court_of_Justice) ruled in a non-binding advisory opinion that the [Israeli West Bank barrier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_West_Bank_barrier) was illegal under international law, the United Nations had also condemned the construction of the wall as "an unlawful act of annexation". The United States and Australia defended the security fence saying the wall was a counter-terrorism protective measure and that the onus was on the Palestinian Authority to fight terrorism. The U.S., Canada, Israel and some 30 other democratic states objected to the ICJ consideration of the UN General Assembly request, finding the request loaded and prejudicial, and expressing concern of the ICJ's credibility.  |
| August 19 | [Jerusalem bus 2 massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem_bus_2_massacre). A Hamas Palestinian disguised as a [Haredi Jew](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haredi_Jew) detonated himself with a bomb spiked with ball-bearings on a bus crowded with children. 23 Israelis were killed and over 130 wounded, all civilians. |
| September 6 | Mahmoud Abbas resigned from the post of Prime Minister. |
| October 4 | [Maxim restaurant suicide bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxim_restaurant_suicide_bombing). A 28-year-old Palestinian [female suicide bomber](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Female_suicide_bomber), Hanadi Jaradat, exploded herself inside the Maxim restaurant in [Haifa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haifa). 21 Israelis (Jewish and Arab) were killed, and 51 others wounded. The restaurant was co-owned by Jewish and Christian Arab Israelis, and was a symbol of co-existence. |
| 2004Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2004) |
| January 29 | [Gaza Street bus bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Street_bus_bombing). Ali Yusuf Jaara, a 24-year-old [Palestinian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_people) policeman from [Bethlehem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethlehem), became a suicide bomber and killed 11 Israeli civilians in Jerusalem.  |
| March 14 | [2004 Ashdod Port bombings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_Ashdod_Port_bombings). 10 Israeli civilians killed in a suicide bombing. Hamas and Fatah claimed responsibility.  |
| March 22 | An [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) rocket killed [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) leader [Ahmed Yassin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmed_Yassin) and eleven others in [Gaza City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_City). |
| April 17 | An [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) rocket killed [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) leader [Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdel_Aziz_al-Rantissi) and two others in [Gaza City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_City). |
| May 2 | [Murder of Tali Hatuel and her four daughters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Tali_Hatuel_and_her_four_daughters). Eight-months pregnant woman and her four young daughters ambushed and killed by Palestinian militants.  |
| August 31 | [Beersheba bus bombings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beersheba_bus_bombings). 16 Israeli civilians killed in a suicide bombing. Hamas claims responsibility.  |
| October 16 | Israel officially ended a 17-day military operation, named [Operation "Days of Penitence"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Days_of_Penitence), in the northern [Gaza Strip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Strip). The operation was launched in response to a [Qassam rocket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qassam_rocket) that killed two children in [Sderot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sderot). About 108–133 Palestinians were killed during the operation, of whom one third were civilians. |
| November 11 | [Yasser Arafat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasser_Arafat) died at the age of 75 in a hospital near Paris, after undergoing urgent medical treatment since October 29, 2004. |
| 2005Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2005) |
| January 13 | [Karni border crossing attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karni_border_crossing_attack). Palestinian terrorists killed 6 Israeli civilians with 200 pound [Explosive device](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Explosive_device), [hand grenades](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand_grenade), and [AK-47](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AK-47) rifles.  |
| February 25 | [Stage Club bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stage_Club_bombing). Young Israelis arrived for a surprise birthday party at the Stage Club in Tel Aviv. A Palestinian teenage suicide bomber detonated himself at the entrance to the club. Five Israelis killed, and about 50 wounded. [Islamic Jihad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Jihad_Movement_in_Palestine) claims responsibility.  |
| July 12 | [HaSharon Mall suicide bombing (July 12, 2005)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HaSharon_Mall_suicide_bombing_%28July_12%2C_2005%29). Five Israeli civilians killed and over 90 injured in a suicide bombing.  |

## 2005–present: Post-Intifada, Gaza conflict

*Further information:* [*Gaza–Israel conflict*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza%E2%80%93Israel_conflict)

After Israel completely withdrew from Gaza in 2005, Hamas and other terrorists unleashed a barrage of daily rocket attacks into Israel. The city of Sderot, for example, one mile away from Gaza, was hit by over 360 Qassam rockets within a six-month period after Israel's withdrawal. In June 2006, terrorists from Gaza tunneled into Israel, killing two soldiers and kidnapping one. Two weeks later, Hezbollah, supported by Iran and Syria, attacked Israel across the internationally recognized Israeli-Lebanese border, killing eight soldiers and kidnapping two, simultaneously launching a barrage of rockets against civilian towns in northern Israel. Israel responded with a military operation that lasted 34 days. After Hamas fired thousands of rockets at Israeli communities and refused to renew a six-month truce, Israel responded with a military operation against Hamas to protect Israeli citizens. The 22-day operation ended on January 18, 2009. In May 2010, Turkish activists with the Free Gaza flotilla tried to break Israel’s naval blockade of Hamas-controlled Gaza. In August 2010, Lebanese soldiers shot and killed an Israeli soldier during routine IDF maintenance on the border. Three Lebanese soldiers and one Lebanese journalist were killed in the exchange of gunfire.

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| 2005 |
| August 7 | An individual IDF deserter and member of the banned [Kach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kach_and_Kahane_Chai) group in Israel, [Eden Natan-Zada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden_Natan-Zada), opened fire on a crowded bus in the Arab town of [Shfaram](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shfaram), killing four Palestinians and wounding 22. When he ran out of bullets, the bus was stormed by Arab bystanders and Zaada was beaten to death. PM [Ariel Sharon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariel_Sharon) and several Israeli leaders condemned the attack and offered condolences to the families. |
| August 17 | Asher Weissgan shot and killed four Palestinians in the West Bank as a protest against the [disengagement plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disengagement_plan).  |
| September 12 | Completion of [Israel's unilateral disengagement plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%27s_unilateral_disengagement_plan). Israel removed all Jewish settlements, many [Bedouin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedouin) communities, and military equipment from the Gaza Strip. Although there was no permanent Israeli presence or jurisdiction in Gaza anymore, Israel retained control of certain elements (such as airspace, borders and ports), leading to an ongoing dispute as to whether Gaza is "occupied" or not. Since the disengagement, [Palestinian militant groups](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_militant_groups) have used the territory as a staging ground from which to launch rocket attacks and build underground tunnels into Israel. |
| 2006Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2006) |
| January 25 | Hamas won by landslide the majority of seats after the [Palestinian legislative election, 2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_legislative_election%2C_2006). Israel, the United States, [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union), and several European and Western countries cut off their aid to the Palestinians; as they viewed the Islamist political party who rejected Israel's right to exist as a [terrorist organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrorist_organization). |
| June 9 | Following the [Gaza beach blast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_beach_blast), in which seven members of one family and one other Palestinians were killed on a Gaza beach, the armed wing of Hamas called off its 16-month-old truce. Israel claimed it was shelling 250m away from the family's location; Palestinians claimed that the explosion was Israeli responsibility. Reports have concluded Israel had not been responsible for the blast. An Israeli internal investigation report claimed the blast was most likely caused by an unexploded munition buried in the sand and not by shelling. |
| June 13 | Israel killed 11 Palestinians in a missile strike on a van carrying Palestinian militants and rockets driving through a densely civilian populated area in Gaza. Nine among those killed are civilian bystanders. |
| June 25 | After crossing the border from the Gaza Strip into Israel, Palestinian militants attacked an Israeli army post. The militants kidnapped [Gilad Shalit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilad_Shalit), killed two IDF soldiers and wounded four others. Israel launched [Operation "Summer Rains"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Summer_Rains). |
| July 5 | First Qassam rocket of increased range was fired into the school yard in the Southern Israeli coastal city of [Ashkelon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashkelon). This was the first instance of an increased distance Qassam rockets could reach and the first time a significantly large city had been attacked. No one was injured in this attack.  |
| July 12 | [2006 Lebanon War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Lebanon_War): [Hezbollah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hezbollah) infiltrated Israel in a cross-border raid, kidnapped two soldiers and killed three others. Israel attempted to rescue the kidnapped, and five more soldiers were killed. Israel's military responded, and the [2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Israel-Lebanon_conflict) began. The conflict resulted in the deaths of 1,191 Lebanese people and 165 Israelis. Of the Israelis killed, 121 were soldiers and 44 were civilians. It is unclear how many of the Lebanese fatalities were combatants, though Israeli officials reported that an estimated 800 were Hezbollah militants. Approximately one million Lebanese and 300,000–500,000 Israelis were displaced.  |
| July 26 | Israel launched a counter-offensive to deprive cover to militants firing rockets into Israel from Gaza. 23 Palestinians killed, at least 16 were identified militants, 76 wounded. |
| August 14 | [2006 Fox journalists kidnapping](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Fox_journalists_kidnapping). Palestinian militants kidnapped [Fox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_News_Channel) journalists [Olaf Wiig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olaf_Wiig) and [Steve Centanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Centanni), demanding the U.S. to release all Muslims in prison. The two were eventually released on August 27, after stating they had converted to Islam. They both later said that they were forced to convert to Islam at gunpoint. |
| September | [Violence and rivalry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah%E2%80%93Hamas_conflict) erupted between [Fatah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatah) and [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) in the Gaza Strip. [Mahmoud Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_Abbas) tried to prevent civil war. President [Mahmoud Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_Abbas) and his moderate party advocate a Palestinian state alongside Israel, while Prime Minister [Ismail Haniya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ismail_Haniya) and his Islamist party reject Israel's right to exist.  |
| September 26 | A UN study declared the humanitarian situation in the [Gaza Strip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Strip) "intolerable", with 75% of the population dependent on food aid, and an estimated 80% of the population living below the poverty line. The Palestinian economy had largely relied on Western aid and revenues, which had been frozen since Hamas's victory. The situation can also be attributed to Israeli closures, for which Israel and the EU cited security concerns, specifically smuggling, possible weapons transfers and uninhibited return of exiled extremist leaders and terrorists; as well as an extremely high birth rate.  |
| October 11–14 | In the midst of an increase of rocket attacks against Israel, the Israeli Air Force fired into the Gaza Strip over a three-day period. 21 Palestinians were killed (17 Hamas militants, 1 al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades militant, and 3 civilians). The two dozen wounded included gunmen and passersby. Israel said the offensive was designed to track down the kidnapped soldier and to stop militants firing rockets into Israel. Spokesman Abu Ubaida for Hamas's military wing issued a statement vowing "we will bombard and strike everywhere" in response to the attacks. Makeshift rockets were immediately shot into Israel. |
| October 20 | Brokered by Egyptian mediators, Fatah reached a deal to end fighting between the Hamas and Fatah factions, both groups agreeing to refrain from acts that raise tensions and committing themselves to dialogue to resolve differences. Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas brushed off comments by President Mahmoud Abbas, head of Fatah, who indicated he could dismiss the Hamas-led cabinet. Abbas unsuccessfully urged Hamas to accept international calls to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist. |
| Palestinian gunmen (presumably of the Fatah faction) opened fire at the convoy of Prime Minister Haniyeh as it passed through a refugee camp in central Gaza.  |
| November 8 | [Beit Hanoun November 2006 incident](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beit_Hanoun_November_2006_incident). Amidst ongoing rocket fire, Israel shelled Beit Hanoun, killing 19 Palestinian civilians (seven children, four women) during the Gaza operations. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert apologized, saying the incident had been an accidental "technical failure" by the Israeli military. |
| 2007Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2007) |
| January 19 | Israel transferred $100 million in tax revenues to cover humanitarian needs to the office of the Palestinian Authority president, Mahmoud Abbas, as part of a plan to bolster him and keep money out of the hands of the Hamas government.  |
| February | Negotiations in [Mecca](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecca) produced agreement on a [Palestinian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_people) national unity government signed by Abbas on behalf of Fatah and [Khaled Mashal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khaled_Mashal) on behalf of Hamas.  |
| March | The [Palestinian Legislative Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Legislative_Council) established a national unity government, with 83 representatives voting in favor and three against. Government ministers were sworn in by [Abu Mazen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Mazen), the chairman on the [Palestinian Authority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_National_Authority), at a ceremony held simultaneously in Gaza and [Ramallah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramallah). |
| May 4 | The United States set a timetable for easing Palestinian travel and bolstering Israeli security, including steps like removing specific checkpoints in the West Bank and deploying better-trained Palestinian forces to try to halt the firing of rockets into Israel from Gaza and the smuggling of weapons, explosives and people into Gaza from Egypt. Israel was wary over certain proposals so long as Palestinian militants continued to fire rockets at Israel. The Hamas-led Palestinian government rejected the initiative.  |
| June 7 | [Battle of Gaza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_Battle_of_Gaza) began, resulting in Hamas taking control of the Gaza Strip from Fatah. |
| November 27 | [Annapolis Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annapolis_Conference), a peace conference marked the first time a [two-state solution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two-state_solution) was articulated as the mutually agreed-upon outline for addressing the [Israeli-Palestinian conflict](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli-Palestinian_conflict). The conference ended with the issuing of a joint statement from all parties. |
| 2008Main article: [Violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict 2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict_2008) |
| February 27 | Hamas, the Popular Resistance Committees and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad fired a rocket barrage at the Israeli city of [Ashkelon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashkelon). |
| February 28 | [Operation "Hot Winter"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Hot_Winter) was launched in response to rockets fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel. The operation resulted in 112 Palestinians and three Israelis being killed. |
| May 14 | Tony Blair announced new plan for peace and for Palestinian rights, based heavily on the ideas of the [Peace Valley plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_Valley_plan).  |
| November 4 | Israeli troops made a raid on Gaza, in which they killed six members of Hamas. Hamas responded with rocket attacks on southern Israel.  |
| December | Israel launched [Operation "Cast Lead"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Cast_Lead) against the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, a full-scale invasion of the territory. |
| 2009[Operation "Cast Lead"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Cast_Lead), launched near the end of the previous year by Israel, continued until January 18. After 22 days of fighting, Israel and Hamas each declared separate unilateral ceasefires. [Casualties of the Gaza War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties_of_the_Gaza_War) are disputed. According to Hamas, they included as many as 1,417 Palestinians including as many as 926 civilians. According to the IDF, 1,166 Palestinians were killed, and 295 were non-combatants.  |
| April 2 | [Bat Ayin axe attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat_Ayin_axe_attack). A Palestinian terrorist attacked a group of Israeli children with an axe and a knife, killing one and injuring three.  |
| December 24 | [Killing of Rabbi Meir Hai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killing_of_Rabbi_Meir_Hai). Rabbi killed in a drive-by shooting. [Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Aqsa_Martyrs%27_Brigades) claimed responsibility.  |
| 2010 |
| January | Two airstrikes against weapons tunnels used to smuggle rockets and militants attempting to fire mortars into Israeli were carried out by the [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force), killing 3 militants and wounding another 7. The militants were members of [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas) and the [Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Jihad_Movement_in_Palestine). |
| February 10 | [Tapuah junction stabbing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tapuah_Junction_stabbing_%282010%29). A Palestinian Authority police officer stabbed an Israeli soldier to death.  |
| February 24 | [Murder of Neta Sorek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Neta_Sorek_and_Kristine_Luken). Israeli woman stabbed to death by Palestinian terrorists.  |
| May | [Gaza flotilla raid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_flotilla_raid). Turkish activists with the Free Gaza flotilla tried to break Israel's naval blockade of Hamas-controlled Gaza, but were intercepted by the IDF. When the IDF boarded the ship, the activists attacked them with knives and metal rods. Three Israeli soldiers were taken hostage, beaten, and abused. Nine Turks were shot dead by IDF gunfire.  |
| August 31 | Hamas terrorists shot dead four Israeli civilians near [Kiryat Arba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiryat_Arba), including a pregnant woman.  |
| September 2 | [2010 direct talks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Direct_negotiations_between_Israel_and_the_Palestinians_in_2010): U.S. launched direct negotiations between Israel and [The Palestinian Authority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Palestinian_Authority) in Washington D.C.  |
| September 14 | [2010 direct talks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Direct_negotiations_between_Israel_and_the_Palestinians_in_2010): A second round of Middle East peace talks between Israel and the [Palestinian Authority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Authority) concluded in [Sharm el-Sheikh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharm_el-Sheikh), Egypt.  |
| December 18 | [Murder of Kristine Luken](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Neta_Sorek_and_Kristine_Luken). American woman stabbed to death by Palestinian terrorists. Another woman was severely injured.  |
| 2011Main article: [List of violent incidents in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, 2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_violent_incidents_in_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict%2C_2011) |
| March 11 | [Itamar massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Itamar_massacre). Two Palestinians infiltrated the town of Itamar and murdered five members of the Fogel family in their beds. Among the victims were three young children, including an infant.  |
| March 23 | [2011 Jerusalem bus stop bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Jerusalem_bus_stop_bombing). Hamas bombed a bus station in Jerusalem and killed 1 civilian. 39 injured.  |
| April 7 | [Hamas school bus attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas_school_bus_attack). Hamas militants bombed an Israeli school bus and killed a teenager.  |
| August 18 | [2011 southern Israel cross-border attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_southern_Israel_cross-border_attacks). Egyptian and Palestinian militants attacked southern Israel and killed 8 Israelis, including six civilians. 40 injured. Five Egyptian soldiers are also killed.  |
| September | Palestine Authority moved a resolution in UN for recognition of Palestine statehood, calling it a 'Palestine Spring'.  |
| November | Palestine won membership of UNESCO while UN vote on statehood was put off amid no support from France and UK while US had threatened to veto it.  |
| 2012An annual survey by [Shin Bet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shin_Bet) or Israel Security Agency (ISA) concluded that in 2012, the number of terrorist attacks in the [West Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bank) had risen from 320 in 2011 to 578 in 2012, but it was accompanied by a decrease in the number of fatalities. During that same year, 282 attacks were carried out in [Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem), compared to 191 in 2011. The increase in attacks was due in part to a 68% rise of attacks using [Molotov cocktails](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Molotov_cocktails). However, the number of attacks involving [firearms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firearms) and [explosives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Explosives) also grew by 42%—37 compared to 26 in 2011.  |
| January 1 | Gaza fired two white-phosphorus-containing mortars into the area governed by the [Eshkol Regional Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eshkol_Regional_Council). The shells landed in an open field and caused no injuries or damage. A complaint about the white phosphorus was subsequently sent to the UN by Israel.  |
| March 9–15 | [March 2012 Gaza–Israel clashes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_2012_Gaza%E2%80%93Israel_clashes). Gaza militants launched over 300 rockets, Grad missiles, and mortar shells into southern Israel, wounding 23 Israeli civilians. Israel retaliated with air strikes on Gazan weapons storage facilities, rocket launching sites, weapon manufacturing facilities, training bases, posts, tunnels and terror operatives, killing 22 militants. 4 Palestinian civilians died during the clashes, though some of their deaths were found to be unrelated to Israeli actions.  |
| March 30 | It was revealed that the [Civil Administration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Civil_Administration), a unit of the [IDF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Defense_Forces), had over the years covertly earmarked 10% of the West Bank for further settlement.  |
| September 21 | [September 2012 Egypt-Israel border attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_2012_Egypt-Israel_border_attack). Militants opened fire on Israeli soldiers and civilian workers. 1 soldier was killed.  |
| November 14–21 | [Operation "Pillar of Defense"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Pillar_of_Defense). The [Israeli Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) killed [Ahmed Jabari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmed_Jabari), second-in-command of the military wing of [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas). Israel strikes 1500 sites in Gaza, including rocket launchpads, weapon depots, government facilities and apartment blocks. Gaza officials said 133 Palestinians had been killed in the conflict of whom 79 were militants, 53 civilians and 1 was a policeman and estimated that 840 Palestinians were wounded. Hamas fired over 1,456 rockets at southern Israel, killing 6, including a pregnant woman, and injuring hundreds. Rockets were fired at [Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem) for the first time and at [Tel Aviv](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tel_Aviv) for the first time since the [first Gulf War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Gulf_War). A bus was bombed in Tel Aviv on November 21, wounding 28 civilians. Israel retaliated by bombing hundreds of military sites in the Gaza Strip.  |
| November 29 | [United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_General_Assembly_resolution_67/19), upgrading Palestine to non-member observer state status in the United Nations, was adopted by the 67th session of the UN General Assembly, the date of the [International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Solidarity_with_the_Palestinian_People) and the 65th anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 181(II) on the Future Government of Palestine. Vote: For: 138; Abs.: 41 Against: 9. |
| November 30 | In response to the UN approving the Palestinian UN bid for non-member observer state status, the Israeli government inner cabinet announced that it approved the building of housing units in [the E1 area](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E1_Plan), connecting Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim.  |
| 2013 |
| January 15 | Four Palestinians were killed by IDF within a week.  |
| January 23 | A Palestinian woman was shot dead by an IDF soldier, another wounded.  |
| April 30 | An Israeli civilian was killed by a Palestinian; the attacker was wounded.  |
| August 26 | Three Palestinian civilians killed during clashes in Kalandia, West Bank.  |
| September 21 | An Israeli soldier was abducted and killed by Palestinian in Beit Amin.  |
| September 22 | An Israeli soldier was killed by Palestinian sniper in Hebron.  |
| October 1 | A Palestinian was killed on Israel–Gaza border by IDF in unclear circumstances.  |
| October 6 | A nine-year old Israeli girl was badly wounded in a Palestinian attack in Psagot.  |
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