

Facts about Hamas's War on Israel

Now, more than ever, Israel's existence is vitally important to the safety and security of all. We empathize with the innocent people who have been impacted by the conflict.

For those seeking to understand the complexity of the situation, here are some facts and sources.

1. Jews have been indigenous to Israel for more than 4,000 years.

There have been Jews in Israel since Biblical times. They are not newcomers, occupiers, or colonizers.

(The Atlantic, [The Decolonization Narrative is Dangerous and False](#), 10/27/23)

2. Hamas is a terrorist organization that has had full control of Gaza since 2007. The October 7 terrorist attacks breached a ceasefire.

A ceasefire was in place before Hamas invaded Israel with barbaric, inhumane savagery. Women were brutally raped. Children were butchered.

(New York Times, [The 'Cease-Fire Now Imposture](#), 11/21/23 and [The Hill, Hamas Rejects Biden's Call for Short-Term Ceasefire](#), 2/28/2024 and [Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, The Road to October 7: Hamas' Long Game, Clarified](#), October/November 2023, Volume 10, Issue 16)

3. Currently, Israel is working with partners to try and deliver aid in Gaza. Historically, the international community has sent billions of dollars of aid to Gaza, which Hamas has not used to serve people.

"Since coming to power in the Gaza Strip 17 years ago, Hamas has filled its coffers with hundreds of millions in international aid, overt and covert injections of cash from Iran and other ideological partners, as well as cryptocurrency, taxes, extortion and smuggling, according to current and former U.S. officials and regional experts."

([The Battle to Deliver Humanitarian Aid](#), The Dispatch, 3/18/24 and [AP, A Look at the Billions of Dollars in Foreign Aid to Gaza](#), 12/20/21 and [NBC News, Gaza is Plagued by Poverty but Hamas has No Shortage of Cash. Where Does It Come From?](#), 10/25/23)

4. Israel has implemented more wartime measures to prevent civilian casualties than any other nation in history.

All loss of life is tragic. Israel has done more to minimize civilian deaths than "virtually any other nation that has fought an urban war."

(Newsweek, [Israel Implemented More Measures to Prevent Civilian Casualties than Any Other Nation in History](#), 1/31/24)

5. Civilian hostages are still being held by Hamas, including Americans, and continue to be tortured. Women held as hostages have been sexually assaulted while in captivity.

There are five American hostages still held by Hamas. Sexual violence was used as a weapon of war during the attack and has continued to be used as a weapon against those held hostage.

(UN Report, ['Clear and Convincing Information that Hostages Held in Gaza Subjected to Sexual Violence, Says UN Representative](#), 3/4/24 and [USA Today, Hamas Still Holds My American Son Hostage in Gaza. Every Day Has Been a Living Nightmare](#), 1/22/24)

6. Israel is a diverse country.

There are more than 2 million Arab-Israeli citizens in Israel (21% of the population). Mizrahi Jews - meaning Jews whose genetic heritage originates in the Middle East, including Israel, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and North Africa - make up 40-45% of Israel's population. Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. It is the only country where women have equal rights to men and that recognizes same-sex marriage.

(Council on Foreign Relations, [What to Know About the Arab Citizens of Israel](#), 10/26/23)

7. Hatred of Jews is up 400%.

Jews are being targeted on college campuses, at synagogues, at workplaces, and on the streets with acts of hate at an alarming rate since October 7.

(Reuters, [US antisemitic incidents up about 400% since Israel-Hamas war began, report says](#), 10/25/23)

8. United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff members participated in the horrific terrorist attack on October 7.

According to an intelligence dossier, "around 10% of UNRWA's 12,000 staff in Gaza have links to militants." A majority of the employees terminated for participation in the attacks were teachers. In schools run by the UN agency, educational materials were found to incite violence, glorify terrorists, and promote hatred of Israel and Jews.

(The Wall Street Journal, [Intelligence Reveals Details of U.N. Agency Staff's Links to Oct. 7 Attack](#), 1/29/24)

9. Israel has offered land for a Palestinian state multiple times since 1948 and been rejected each and every time.

After Yasser Arafat flat out rejected the proposal at Camp David from President Bill Clinton that could have formed a Palestinian state, President Clinton famously said to him, "You are leading your people and the region to a catastrophe." Palestinian leadership has repeatedly refused to accept Israel or a two-state solution.

(The Guardian, [Arafat Didn't Negotiate - He Just Kept Saying No](#), 5/22/2002)

10. The Gaza Ministry of Health is not a credible source for statistics.

The primary source for statistics in Gaza has been the Gaza Ministry of Health, a Hamas agency. A leading professor of statistics of data science at the Wharton School of Business has recently reported, "Here's the problem with this data: The numbers are not real. That much is obvious to anyone who understands how naturally occurring numbers work."

(Tablet, [How the Gaza Ministry of Health Fakes Casualty Numbers](#), 03/06/24)



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