

The Problem with Gaza

This is an initial posting of the timeline of events in Gaza since early May, 2007. (PC: 06/19/07)

May	Israel	by Israel	Cross-border action	by Militants	Gaza
9	W		Israeli tank incursion nr Beit Lahiya		Pal. security forces deploy to reduce internal violence
10	T				
11	F				Fateh/Hamas clash-6 wounded
12	S				
13	S				Fateh security chief killed by Hamas
14	M				
15	T		Planes respond with strike on N Gaza 7 killed at Hamas militia command center.	Hamas fire 20 rockets at Sderot in 'reprisal' for killing of 10 .	Hamas kill 10 of Presidential Guard, blaming Israel for massacre. Israel permits 450 Fateh troops to enter Gaza in support of Abbas.
16	W	1600 Sderot residents leave for Eilat, financed by Israeli	30 injured in Sderot Israeli response kills 5 Hamas	Rockets fired from Gaza	Truce holds for short time. 5 Fateh abducted, Hamas man shot.
17	T	9 injured in Sderot Buses take 800 from Sderot	Israel air strike on Executive Force base – 1 killed Small ground force enters N Gaza Hamas security compound destroyed	Hamas fires 60 missiles at Sderot – 2 injured	Factional fighting kills 40+ over 3 days - inc. 7 of Abbas guard. Hamas threatens suicide bombs.
18	F	[International Peacekeeping Force proposed]	Overnight air strike on Hamas base nr border – 4 killed Hamas rocket crew hit by strike, 1 killed Air strike on Hamas van kills 2	10 missiles hit Sderot	4 killed in factional fighting. Fateh fire 3 grenades into Islamic Uni. 2 militants, 3 civilians die in fighting. Hamas cleric encourages militants to confront 'enemies of Hamas govt.'
19	S	Israel promises to seal off all Gaza crossings if suicide bombing resumes	Israel strikes Hamas fabrication plants Air strike hits militants firing rockets, 3 killed Youth killed in air strike	Rocket barrage hits near Gaza, no injuries Hamas grenade hits Israeli bulldozer in N Gaza	Fateh Deputy PM calls for Hamas' Executive Force to be disbanded. Hamas/Fateh ceasefire starts 12 noon. Gunmen shoot Fateh negotiator. 30 hostages are exchanged.
20	S	Israel decides to intensive action against rocket attacks Sderot residents protest rocket attacks, call for government action	Dawn raid hits Hamas van – 3 killed Hamas & Islamic Jihad workshops destroyed Air strike on home of Hamas politician (8 killed) Tank shell replies to rockets fired from home of Hamas militant (children wounded) Hamas man hit by aircraft fire while cycling Air strike disables power utility in Nuzeirat	Rockets hit Kibbutz (restaurant burned) & Sderot	Ceasefire called in Hamas/Fateh conflict (Egyptian mediation helped). Factions say that Israel's attacks have made them willing to negotiate with each other. 50 have been killed in the past month.
21	M	Nablus Hamas TV/radio closed Olmert is booed at Sderot Israeli politicians recommend targeting Hamas govt. leaders	Strike on rocket fabrication plant kills 1 Air strike on car kills 4 Islamic Jihad rocket launchers	Rockets hit Sderot, Woman killed	Abbas calls for militant to stop rockets "as not to give the Israelis the excuse they use to justify their attacks that have killed innocent victims"
22	T	Govt. members say Hamas PM may be target	Air strike targets Palestinian munitions store		Abbas/Haniyeh meeting postponed after Israeli threat
23	W		Hamas Education minister Al Shaer arrested		Abbas & Haniyeh meet
24	T		Strikes destroy Gaza City & Deir Balah bases Hamas officials taken into custody in WB & Gaza Air strike destroys metal workshop Air strike on Hamas vehicle (2 injured) Hamas money-changer office destroyed in strike	Rockets & mortar fired into Israel from Gaza	Hamas reject Abbas' call for halt to rockets. Envoy calls for UN peacekeepers in Gaza Strip. Hamas consider Gaza truce with Israel.
25	F		7 pre-dawn strikes on Hamas & I-J positions in Khan Younis, Gaza City, Jabaliya camp & Rafah Hamas EF base hit at Murghaqa, Gaza Strip	5 rockets fired towards Sderot & Ashkelon 2 mortars hit Erez crossing	Missiles fired from shelter of refugee camps.
26	S		Guardpost at Haniyeh home destroyed in strike Cabinet minister Wasfa Kabha arrested Air strike on Hamas posts, 5 Hamas EF killed	Rockets fired from southern Gaza Strip	Fateh militants participate in rocket attacks Abbas security chief resigns - refused
27	S	Olmert pledges unlimited action against Hamas	3 attacks on Hamas positions in Gaza Rocket crew targeted by air strike	Sderot: 2 injured by rocket 35-year old man killed	Hamas rejects Abbas efforts to establish truce with Israel
28	M		40 militants killed in Israeli air strikes Israeli strike in N Gaza destroys Hamas office	220 rockets since May 15 14 fired into Sderot today	Hamas gunmen fire at Fateh vehicle Funds arrive for PNA salaries
29	T	Sderot Schools reopen	Israeli troops kill 2 militants in central Gaza Hamas training base destroyed by air strike	3 I-J killed making bomb 3 rockets fired at Israel	Fateh forces discover tunnel nr base Abbas proposes ceasefire with Israel
30	W	Power out due to rocket strike	Militants hit by missile from drone, 2 killed	5 I-J rockets hit Sderot	Abbas & Olmert to meet June 7 40% of Al Aqsa Martyrs (Fateh) oppose Abbas, defect to Hamas
31	T		2 air strikes into Gaza at rocket launch crews	3 I-J rockets fired at Israel	

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1	F				
2	S				Hamis official is appointed Interior Minister (should be a neutral post)
3	S				Abbas proposes truce, halting rockets - Hamas refuses.
4	M	IDF General orders 4 Hamas to be detained without trial			Hamis militia attempts to take over Fateh position at Karni crossing
5	T				
6	W		Air strike on militia planting explosives kills 1		
7	T			3 rockets fired into Israel	Hamis militia kill brother of Fateh official at home in Rafah, 12 injured
8	F				Gunmen fire at Hamas security force Hamis respond by attacking home Fateh security member abducted
9	S			Islamic Jihad & Al Aqsa Martyrs militants attack Kissufim border crossing Some militants infiltrate into Israel, 1 killed	Factional fighting in Rafah, 1 killed, 14 injured; Hamas destroy house holding Fateh fighters; ambulances unable to reach wounded.
10	S		Israeli aircraft bomb Islamic Jihad building & Fateh weapons facility		Gunmen take up positions on rooftops Fighting across Rafah, block by block; 6 dead, 59 wounded Fateh official thrown off building roof; Hamis cleric dragged from car, shot Some execution style killings 4 die in gun battle in Gaza hospital
11	M				Ceasefire announced for 11am Fighting in Gaza City during morning Militant checkpoints disrupt traffic Office of PM Haniyeh attacked Clashes in Beit Hanoun hospital kill 4 Gunmen storm mosque in Gaza City, damaging its library Hamis attack home of founder of Al Aqsa Martyrs, killing him & brother Palestinian representative Saeb Erekat warns of 'Mogadishu Syndrome' 14 killed in day's fighting
June	in West Bank	by Fateh	Factional fighting	by Hamas	
12	T	Fateh security force close Hamas TV station in Ramallah, seizing equipment	Haniyeh office hit by grenade Abbas accuses Hamas of plotting a coup Mortars fired at Abbas compound Hamis fighter abducted, killed Abbas calls for general cease-fire NSF forces called to defend Fateh bases - - - 16 Fateh killed - - -	7 12 13 14 15 16 19	Gunmen trade fire on Gaza City streets Hamis demand Fateh evacuate buildings Hamis attack Fateh security compound Hamis seize key north-South highway 3 Fateh transport vehicles held at checkpoint 2 Fateh/1 Hamis militants killed in clashes Fateh men given ½ hour to evacuate post PM Haniyeh calls for talks, end to fighting UNRWA worker killed in crossfire in Gaza - - - 9 Hamas killed in day's fighting - - -
13	W	3 Hamas members injured after being shot while leaving Mosque in Nablus	(Gunmen from both sides hijack ambulances and use them to shoot from) (Gaza City rally against factional - 14 fighting - 2 killed) (2 women killed trying to flee fighting by car)	11 14 16 20 21	Hamis attack Fateh bases across Gaza 4 killed in attack on Fateh security post in Khan Younis 11-Hamis militia kill Fateh fighter in Gaza City Bomb in tunnel destroys Fateh HQ in Khan Younis, 13 die 6 Fateh killed defending home of official Hamis set up prison camps for captured Fateh personell - inc. on Gush Katif settlement, evacuated by Israel Another UNRWA dies in factional crossfire 16-(18,000 police belonging to Hamas civilian force are sitting out the fighting. Most are Fateh supporters) Abbas & Haniyeh statement to end fighting in today's fighting)
			40 Fateh security men flee into Egypt (many others gather at border) Fateh security & militias run out of ammunition, desert their posts (At least 35 die		

