

The Israeli Army Knew Gaza Was a 'Ticking Bomb' Before War Broke Out

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Hamas forced the longstanding blockade through its continued rejectionism, and it is now trying to violently extort the international community, the PA, and Israel to give it what it wants without offering anything in return.

Of all the reasons for the ongoing conflict in Gaza, the most important is arguably the most prosaic: money. Before Hamas started firing over a thousand rockets into Israel, before Israel responded with airstrikes (and now, ground forces), and before the brutal kidnappings and murders of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank and one Palestinian teenager in Jerusalem, there were the Gazan banks...

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