

# The Gaza Crisis: Why Now? What Does it Mean? How Will It End?

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Israel and Hamas are locked in battle for the first time since 2012 as Israel attempts to eliminate the infrastructure that has enabled the terrorist organization to extend the range of its rockets to target at least sixty percent of the Israeli population.

**"The idea that you are trying to recreate the status quo ante is a prescription for ensuring you have to deal with this again in a few months time." - Dennis Ross**

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