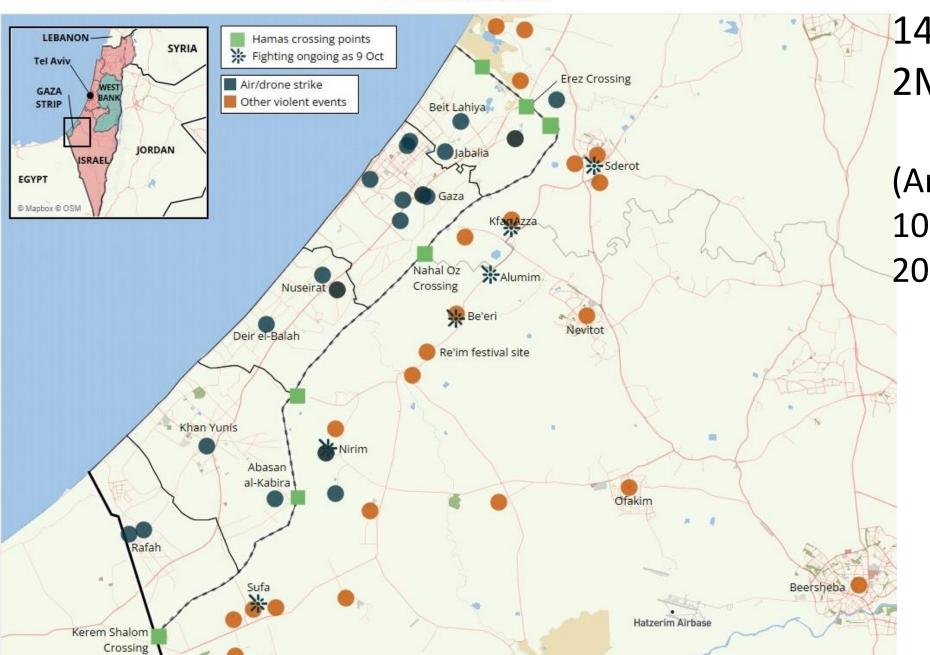
Israel-Hamas Conflict

7-9 October 2023



Gaza Strip 140 sq mi 2M pop

(Amarillo 102 sq mi 200K pop) 1,300 murdered, at least 27 were Americans (14 unaccounted), over 3,300 wounded, not certain of number of hostages – Israeli or American Israel faces fire from Gaza, Lebanon and Syria

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One Arab prisoner released to Gaza – Ali Qadhi, Sr. Hamas commander & planner of Oct 7th terror attacks

"We believe in what our Prophet Muhammad said:

"Allah drew the ends of the world near one another for my sake, and I have seen its eastern and western ends.

The dominion of my nation would reach those ends that have been drawn near me."

"The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity and no killings and crimes like those being committed against the Palestinians, and against the Arabs in all the Arab countries, in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and other countries."

"The entire planet will be under our law, there will be no more Jews or Christian traitors."

Hamas - Arabic = zeal

Hamas – Hebrew verb = to treat violently

Chamas -Hebrew noun = disruption of divinely established order

Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya (HAMAS)

The Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas)

18 August 1988

Preamble excerpt:

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it"

(The Martyr, Imam Hassan al-Banna, of blessed memory).

Hamas Charter Article 2

2. Palestine, which extends from the River Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean in the west and from Ras al-Naqurah in the north to Umm al-Rashrash in the south, is an integral territorial unit. It is the land and the home of the Palestinian people.



7. Palestine is at the heart of the Arab and Islamic Ummah [community] and enjoys a special status. Within Palestine there exists Jerusalem, whose precincts are blessed by Allah. Palestine is the Holy Land, which Allah has blessed for humanity. It is the Muslims' first Qiblah [direction of prayer] and the destination of the journey performed at night by Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. It is the location from where he ascended to the upper heavens. It is the birthplace of Jesus Christ, peace be upon him. Its soil contains the remains of thousands of prophets, companions and mujahidin [muslim fighters]. It is the land of people who are determined to defend the truth – within Jerusalem and its surroundings – who are not deterred or intimidated by those who oppose them and by those who betray them, and they will continue their mission until the Promise of Allah is fulfilled.

- 8. By virtue of its justly balanced middle way and moderate spirit, Islam for Hamas provides a comprehensive way of life and an order that is fit for purpose at all times and in all places. Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. It provides an umbrella for the followers of other creeds and religions who can practice their beliefs in security and safety. Hamas also believes that Palestine has always been and will always be a model of coexistence, tolerance and civilizational innovation.
- **9.** Hamas believes that the message of Islam upholds the values of truth, justice, freedom and dignity and prohibits all forms of injustice and incriminates oppressors irrespective of their religion, race, gender or nationality. Islam is against all forms of religious, ethnic or sectarian extremism and bigotry. It is the religion that inculcates in its followers the value of standing up to aggression and of supporting the oppressed; it motivates them to give generously and make sacrifices in defence of their dignity, their land, their peoples and their holy place

- **10.** Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. Its religious, historic and civilisational status is fundamental to the Arabs, Muslims and the world at large. Its Islamic and Christian holy places belong exclusively to the Palestinian people and to the Arab and Islamic Ummah. Not one stone of Jerusalem can be surrendered or relinquished.
- **25.** Resisting the occupation with all means and methods is a legitimate right guaranteed by divine laws and by international norms and laws. At the heart of these lies armed resistance, which is regarded as the strategic choice for protecting the principles and the rights of the Palestinian people.

God throws enemies into confusion

Exodus 14:24 – Egyptians

Exodus 23:27 – Canaanites

Joshua 10:10 - Amorites

Judges 7:22 - Midianites

I Samuel 14:20 – Philistines

Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked

King David Psalm 3:7

Psalm 83

Jesus – love your enemies, pray for them