

# Israelis & Gazans can live in peace. But not under Hamas' rule.

In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew all of its citizens and soldiers from the Gaza Strip, hoping to live in peace and prosperity with her Palestinian neighbors.

In 2006, a democratic election in Gaza was followed by a violent takeover by Hamas.

Hamas is internationally recognized as a terrorist organization by the U.S., EU, Canada, and others. Its charter explicitly calls for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews.

Hamas and other terrorists in Gaza have fired more than 15,000 rockets and mortars at Israel, specifically targeting civilians.

Right now, six million Israelis are living under constant threat of rocket fire. They have as little as 15 seconds to find shelter.

Hamas has consistently violated cease fire arrangements. Israel ceases, Hamas fires.

Hamas forces Gazans to act as human shields, deliberately causing Palestinian civilian deaths to provoke international pressure on Israel.

Israel's blockade of Gaza was only enacted after thousands of rocket attacks. It is used primarily to prevent materials for building rockets and tunnels from entering into Gaza. All other goods enter Gaza daily on dozens of trucks. Egypt, on the other hand, has hermetically closed the passage between Egypt and Gaza.

Israel provides extensive humanitarian support for civilians in Gaza. Even as Hamas sends thousands of rockets into Israel, Israel sends water, electricity, and other humanitarian assistance into Gaza.

Hamas hijacks UN facilities in Gaza for terrorism. UN forces discovered Hamas rockets hidden in three UN schools.

## What world leaders have said about Israel's right to defend herself

“As I've said many times, Israel has a right to defend itself against rocket and tunnel attacks from Hamas.”

*U.S. President Barack Obama  
Statement at the White House  
7.21.2014*

“Canada is unequivocally behind Israel. We support its right to defend itself, by itself, against these terror attacks, and urge Hamas to immediately cease their indiscriminate attacks on innocent Israeli civilians.”

*Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper  
Press Statement  
7.13.2014*

“There is a new quality of Hamas arms — Tel Aviv, Jerusalem can be reached with rockets — so countries should be able to defend themselves from such attacks.”

*German Chancellor Angela Merkel  
Press Conference  
7.18.2014*

“I have been clear throughout this crisis that Israel has the right to defend itself. Those criticizing Israel's response must ask themselves how they would expect their own government to react if hundreds of rockets were raining down on British cities today.”

*UK Prime Minister David Cameron  
Statement to the UK Parliament  
7.21.2014*

“Now, we support Israel's right to exist, we support Israel's right to self-defence, we support the Palestinians' right to a state of their own, but that's got to go hand-in-hand with the recognition of Israel's right to exist behind secure borders. The problem in the Middle East is that in the end so many people are not prepared to accept Israel's right to exist.”

*Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbot  
Interview with Radio 3AW  
7.31.2014*

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