

Israel's Recent Wars on Gaza: 2006 to 2014

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2006 (January).	Hamas wins "free and fair" elections in Gaza.			Max Blumenthal, " The 51 Day War – Ruin and Resistance in Gaza ", Verso, 2015, pp. 5-6
2006 (June)	Hamas- Fatah battle for control of Gaza.	Al Qassam brigades rout Fatah forces.		Max Blumenthal, "The 51 Day War – Ruin and Resistance in Gaza", Verso, 2015, pp. 5-6
2006 (June) to present	Israeli siege of Gaza (which is an act of war)	Air, naval and land blockade, "restricting access to its border crossings, enforcing severe curbs on its exports, and devising complex mathematical formulas to regulate the caloric intake of each resident".	<p>A blockade is a military operation that blocks all maritime movement to or from a port or coast. Blockades may also be aerial. A military operation carried out on land that isolates or encircles an area is called a siege.</p> <p>A blockade is an act of war that is regulated by the 1856 Paris Declaration Respecting Maritime Law and by Articles 1–22 of the 1909 London Declaration Concerning the Laws of Naval War.</p> <p>Humanitarian law clearly requires that States are under the obligation to allow the free passage of relief that is of an exclusively humanitarian and impartial nature and is indispensable to the survival of the civilian population (GCIV Art. 23, API Art. 70, and APII Art. 18.2).</p>	http://guide-humanitarian-law.org/content/article/3/blockade/
2006.	2 nd Lebanese War.	Israel was defeated in Southern Lebanon in the summer of 2006 and withdrew.	Violates the principle of Distinction of International Humanitarian Law – killing of citizens resulted from fighting and air attacks in heavily populated	Illan Pappé, " the Biggest Prison on Earth ", One World, 2017, pg. 217

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			areas. An Israeli air attack on Beirut blew Dahiya (a Shiite quarter in Beirut) to smithereens.	
			4 million cluster bombs dropped, 1 million unexploded.	Jeff Halper, “War Against the People – Israel, the Palestinians and Global Pacification” , Pluto Press, 2015, pg. 119.
2006	Operation First Rain	Ground attack on parts of the Gaza Strip*	Violates the principle of Distinction of International Humanitarian Law – killing of citizens resulted from fighting in heavily populated areas. As part of a trend in activities by the Israeli army, in the context of the siege of Gaza, this also violated the UN Convention on Genocide.	Illan Pappé, “the Biggest Prison on Earth”, One World, 2017, pp. 217-229
2006 (September)	Operation Summer Rains	Ground attack on parts of the Gaza Strip.*		
2006 (November)	Operation Autumn Clouds	Ground attack on parts of the Gaza Strip.*		
2008.	Operation Cast Lead.	Air, Sea and Ground bombardment of Gaza.*	Violates the principles of Proportionality and Distinction of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), through disproportionate attacks, attacks on civilians and the wilful destruction of civilian infrastructure, and the killing of significant numbers of civilian men, women and children. 1500 killed, thousands wounded and tens of thousands lost their homes. Critical social and economic infrastructure was destroyed.	Adam Horowitz, Lizzy Ratner and Phillip Weiss (editors), “The Goldstone Report – The Legacy of the Landmark Investigation of the Gaza Conflict” , Nation Books, New York, 2011 (key summaries with references provided in supplementary document by Paul Hendlar).
			Violates the 1948 convention on genocide (through incremental genocide).	Illan Pappé, “the Biggest Prison on Earth”, One World, 2017, pp. 217-229
2012.	Operation Returning Echo (March).	Air strikes on Gaza and rockets fired into Israel.	24 civilians reported killed. A smaller scale violation of the principles of Proportionality and Distinction. As part	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_2012_Gaza-Israel_clashes

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	Months before Operation Pillar of Defence	Israeli military assassination of a few leaders of Gaza armed factions	Unprovoked attack on Gaza military factions.	Max Blumenthal, "The 51 Day War – Ruin and Resistance in Gaza", Verso, 2015, pg. 48
	Operation Pillar of Defence (July).	Air attack on Gaza.*	Violates the 1948 convention on genocide (through incremental genocide).	Illan Pappé, "the Biggest Prison on Earth", One World, 2017, pp. 217-229
	Operation Pillar of Defence (November)	Air attack on Gaza*, following killing of Hamas Military Commander by the IDF.	6 Israelis killed and 240 injured; 200 Palestinians killed, including 10 children. A smaller scale violation of the principles of Proportionality and Distinction. As part of an ongoing trend, also violates the 1948 convention on genocide (through incremental genocide).	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Pillar_of_Defense Illan Pappé, "the Biggest Prison on Earth", One World,
			"During the November 2012 military escalation, the Israeli military had bombed the same home (of the al-Dalou family in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood of Gaza City), killing ten family members"	Max Blumenthal, "The 51 Day War – Ruin and Resistance in Gaza", Verso, 2015, pg. 1442017, pp. 217-229
2014 (June)	Operation Brothers Keeper.	The IDF, assisted by PA security forces, swarmed through the West Bank arresting scores of Hamas operatives and supporters. The war was triggered by Israel reneging on a	Violates the principles of Proportionality and Distinction of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), through disproportionate attacks, attacks on civilians and the wilful destruction of civilian infrastructure, and the killing of significant numbers of civilian men, women and children.	Max Blumenthal, "The 51 Day War – Ruin and Resistance in Gaza", Verso, 2015, pg. 12

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		prisoner swap, a rogue Hamas cell kidnapping and killing three settler teenagers, and Nethanyahu exploiting the situation to disrupt the Hamas Fatah moves towards a unity government of the PA. The murder of the teens was followed by a gruesome murder and burning of the body of Palestinian Muhammad Abu Khdeir.	1500 killed, thousands wounded and tens of thousands lost their homes. Critical social and economic infrastructure was destroyed.	
2014 (July).	Operation Protective Edge.	Air and ground attack on Gaza.*	Violates the principles of Proportionality and Distinction of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), through disproportionate attacks, attacks on civilians and the wilful destruction of civilian infrastructure, and the killing of significant numbers of civilian men, women and children. Of the 2,200 people killed in Israel's 2014 assault on Gaza, two-thirds were civilians.	Jeff Halper. "War Against the People." Op.cit.
			Violates the 1948 convention on genocide (through incremental genocide).	Illan Pappé, "the Biggest Prison on Earth", One World, 2017, pp. 217-229
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			<p>and the killing of significant numbers of civilian men, women and children.</p> <p>Read Chris Hedge's review about Max Blumenthal's and Dan Cohen's movie, "Killing Gaza"</p> <p>Trailer 1, "Killing Gaza"</p> <p>Trailer 2, "Killing Gaza"</p> <p>Go to full movie "Killing Gaza"</p>	

*These attacks were related to rockets fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel, events which themselves were related to prior engagements with the IDF, often initiated by the IDF.