

Israel-Hamas war

The Israel-Hamas war in maps: latest updates

A visual guide to the war



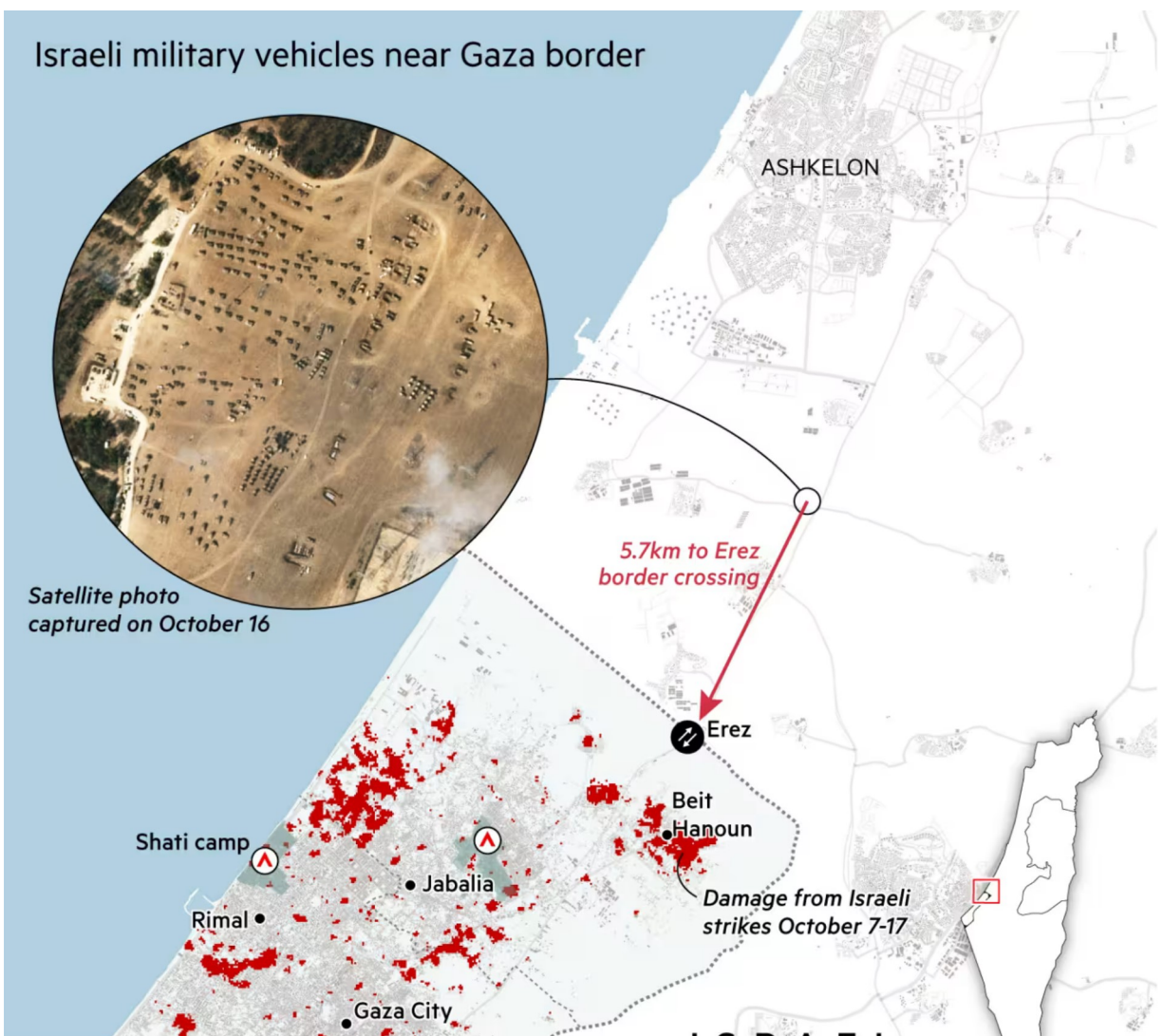
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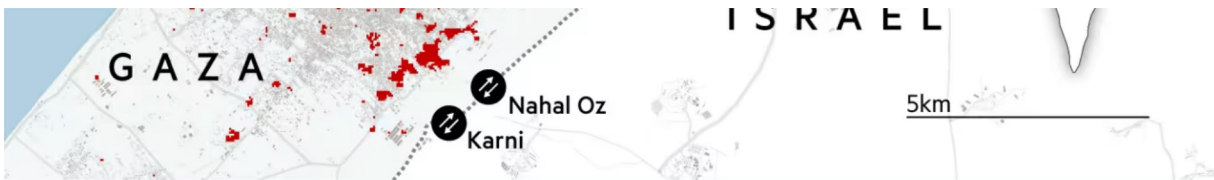
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Latest situation

Analysis of satellite imagery has revealed extensive damage across the coastal enclave, with a significant increase in southern Gaza over the past week. At least 42 per cent of all housing units in the Gaza Strip have been destroyed or damaged since October 7, according to Palestinian figures cited by the UN this week.

Satellite imagery has also captured Israeli military vehicles a short distance from the Gazan border.





Sources: FT research, Gisha, OpenStreetMap, damage analysis of Copernicus Sentinel-1 satellite data by Corey Scher of CUNY Graduate Center and Jamon Van Den Hoek of Oregon State University • Photo: PlanetLabs
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Israel's military has ordered the evacuation of 42 communities along its northern border, where six Israelis have died in cross-border fire from Lebanon that Israel blamed on Hizbollah or Lebanon-based Palestinian factions.

Gaza's sole power plant went offline on October 11 after it [ran out of fuel](#), the outage captured by night-time satellite imagery.

Lights go out in Gaza after power plant runs out of fuel

Figure 9:



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Source: Earth Observation Group

The death toll of Israeli civilians and troops already surpasses that of the second intifada that lasted for five years in the early 2000s. Palestinian casualties have also mounted rapidly since Israel began its retaliatory air strikes.

Saturday 7 October — how events unfolded

As much of Israel slept, Hamas militants launched an unprecedented, multipronged dawn assault on the country from the Gaza Strip. The Middle East's most powerful security force was caught off guard.

Launched on the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, the assault began in the early hours with thousands of rockets fired at Israeli towns and cities. The barrage set off warning sirens across the south and centre of the country, sending citizens fleeing to air-raid shelters.

Hamas-Israeli conflict detected by satellite





True colour satellite image composited with false colour image to highlight the fires

Source: Sentinel satellite data via EO Browser
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Israel's military said Gaza-based militants launched more than 4,500 rockets over the weekend. Many were intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome defence system, but satellite imagery showed fires and plumes of black smoke rising from some locations that had been hit.

Hundreds of Hamas fighters simultaneously attacked by land, air and sea, repeatedly breaching the fortified barrier between Gaza and [Israel](#).

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Armed militants on a captured Israeli tank near the Gaza-Israel border © Reuters

Images and videos showed motorbikes carrying armed militants riding through a hole in a wire fence along the border and a bulldozer destroying part of the barrier. Bombs, rockets and drones could also be seen blowing up the fence as well as defensive positions.

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Video shows armed militants breaking through a hole in a wire fence section of the border and a bulldozer destroying part of the barrier © Reuters

Militants used motorised paragliders to attack the Supernova music festival, not far from the Gaza border, flying in and turning the two-day rave into the site of a massacre.

Hamas attacks music festival in Israel



Gunmen chased young Israelis across the desert, shooting and snatching people to take back to Gaza as hostages. The Israeli military failed to respond for hours, apparently caught by surprise by the attack. Hundreds of bodies have been recovered from the site.



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Drone footage captures the aftermath of Hamas's attack on the Supernova music festival © Telegram

Attacks on Israeli cities

After breaching the Gaza fence, armed Hamas fighters began targeting Israeli communities at several locations, going door-to-door and taking hostages.

Images and video show people lying dead in the streets after execution-style killings and residents including women, children and the elderly being taken away.

The militants also attacked military sites.

More than 1,200 Israeli civilians and troops have died since Saturday with 2,700 wounded, the Israel Defense Forces said. It marked the deadliest attack on the country since its foundation in 1948.

Israel's response

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu imposed a [“complete siege”](#) on Gaza, calling up a record 300,000 reservists and ordering the strip to be pounded from the air.

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Scenes of devastation following Israeli air strikes in Gaza. © Reuters

The complexity of the assault by Hamas is unlike anything Israel has witnessed in decades. It raises serious questions about the security service's intelligence gathering and the military's preparedness for an attack.

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