

Israel's Extensive Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

Overview

- Gaza is controlled by Hamas, which is a US-designated terrorist organization.
- Hamas runs a corrupt and dictatorial regime and consistently abuses its people's basic human rights. It also commits the war crime of using its own civilians as human shields during combat.ⁱ
- Hamas has committed more than 19,000 war crimes by launching more than 19,000 rockets at Israeli *civilians*.
- Hamas leaders have been caught on many occasions stealing UN aid intended for the people of Gaza.ⁱⁱ

Hamas continuously launches rockets and other terrorist attacks against Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians. Most countries would never deliver aid to their enemies' territory. However, Israel still sends truckloads of humanitarian aid into Gaza on a daily basis.

- Israel provides the Palestinian-Arabs of Gaza with thousands of tons of aid to help **improve the lives of Gazans living under the dictatorial regime of Hamas**.
- During a massive winter storm in 2013, Israel provided Gaza with **1.2 million liters of fuel and four water pumps** to relieve the damage.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Israel supplies **more water to Gaza than it is obligated to** under the Oslo Agreement.^{iv}
- Prior to withdrawing all Israelis from Gaza in 2005, Israel built the Erez Crossing, which would have allowed for 40,000 Palestinian-Arab Gazans to cross per day to seek jobs in anticipation of continued economic and employment cooperation between Israel and Gaza.^v
 - Unfortunately, after Hamas took over Gaza and intensified its terrorist attacks against Israel (including attacks on the Erez Crossing), it never began to operate as intended.^{vi}
- Israel **invested roughly \$22 million** to expand a border crossing in order to accommodate up to **450 trucks of humanitarian supplies** to Gaza every day.^{vii}
- Israel continues to supply Gaza with 125MW of electricity, accounting for **63 percent of Gaza's electricity** (exact numbers as of 2013).^{viii} Egypt, which also borders Gaza, only provides it with 20 MW.^{ix}
- During Operation Protective Edge in 2014 (a war fought with Hamas to stop Hamas's continuous rocket fire on Israeli civilians), Israel delivered more than 1,800 truckloads of food and supplies to the enemy-controlled Gaza Strip.^x
 - **Israel delivered aid to enemy territory despite the enemy's continuous rocket-fire on Israeli civilians.**^{xi}
- Israel coordinated 93 percent of requests by the Palestinian Authority for Gazans to receive treatment in Israeli hospitals in 2011, according to the World Health Organization.^{xii}
- Even though he continuously calls for Israel's annihilation, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh sent his own granddaughter to receive **treatment in an Israeli hospital.**^{xiii}

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