

Proposals: The Gaza Strip

Conditions in the Hamas-controlled territory remain dire and unfavorable to political reunification with the Palestinian Authority. Substantial humanitarian and civil-economic relief for Gazans is necessary to foster hope for a better future, help push off or avert the next round of violence, and weaken Hamas. Israel can initiate the following steps to improve the current status quo:



Increase Work Permits

Issue more exit permits for Gazans to work in Israel, subject to General Security Service vetting and approval.



Improve Electrical Infrastructure

Improve the grid's efficiency with new and upgraded transmission lines and increase the amount of power supplied by Israel by 30 megawatts immediately and 100 megawatts within one year.



Distinguish Between Hamas and Civilians

Distinguish between an uncompromising war against Hamas-sponsored terrorism and facilitating assistance to the Gazan populace.



Declare Single Political Entity

Declare that Israel considers Gaza and the West Bank a single political entity for the purposes of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and a final status agreement.