



Global Hotspot
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Overview

- Location
- Characteristics
- US Actions
- US Interests



Location

- Israel





Characteristics

- Why is Israel a global hotspot?
 - Neighboring countries' instability and conflict
 - Territorial/ancestral claims to land
 - Historically in wars/conflicts
 - Prevalent military
 - Political instability



Characteristics (cont.)

- Notable Wars/Conflicts
 - 1948-49: Israel's War for Independence and the Palestinian Nakbah
 - 1956: Suez Crisis
 - 1967: Six-Day War
 - 1973: Yom Kippur War
 - 1982: Lebanon War
 - 2006: Second Lebanon War
 - 2008-9, 2014: Gaza War
 - 2012: Conflict with Gaza
 - 2021, present: Israeli-Palestine conflict



Characteristics (cont.)

- Recent Events
 - Political instability and riots due to elections
 - 5 prime ministers in less than 4 years
 - Air Strikes on Gaza in response to rocket fire
 - Tension with West Bank and Gaza
 - Casualties, refugees, Jerusalem
 - Concerns about Iran's nuclear capabilities
 - Israel's aid of Ukraine
 - Syria intercepted Israeli missiles



US Actions

- \$4+ billion for Foreign Military Financing, joint missile defense programs, and Iron Dome defense against Gaza and West Bank terrorist organizations
- F-35
 - Upgraded fuel capacity and weapons
 - 50 by 2024
- KC-46A
 - 4 by 2025-27
 - \$1 billion
- Train Israelis



US Actions (cont.)

- DIME
 - Diplomatic – attempting to reduce tension
 - Information – get current updates about surrounding nations
 - Military – weapons and funding
 - Economic – funding, imports, exports



US Interests

- Why do we care?
 - “Finally, the community of nations that **shares our vision for the future of international order** is broad and includes countries on every continent. We share in common a desire for relations among nations to be governed by the UN Charter; for the **universal rights of all individuals**— political, civil, economic, social and cultural—to be upheld; for our environment, air, oceans, space, cyberspace and arteries of international commerce to be protected and accessible for all; and for international institutions, including the United Nations, to be modernized and strengthened to better address global challenges and deliver more tangible benefits for our citizens.”



US Interests (cont.)

- Why do we care?
 - “More broadly we will combine diplomacy, economic aid, and security assistance to local partners to **alleviate suffering, reduce instability, and prevent the export of terrorism or mass migration** from Yemen, Syria, and Libya, while working with regional governments to manage the broader impact of these challenges. We will seek to extend and deepen Israel’s growing ties to its neighbors and other Arab states, including through the **Abraham Accords**, while maintaining our ironclad commitment to its security.”
 - 2022 National Security Strategy



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