

# Israel and the Endless War with Gaza

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**Having been soundly defeated** in the May war with Israel, but delusional in its conviction that it had won that war merely by still standing, Hamas has this August embarked on a new round of hostilities, this time in the form of sending incendiary balloons into the Jewish state, which upon landing have started fires on farms and forests in southern Israel, and in a revival of the Great March of Return, in which thousands of Palestinians gathered to march up to, in an attempt to breach, Israel's security fence. The marchers threw explosives, including Molotov cocktails, at the IDF soldiers, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. This time, a Palestinian armed with a gun shot a border policeman in the head; he has since died.

More on the burden for Israelis of maintaining relative calm with Gaza, ever since Jerusalem's complete withdrawal from the Strip in 2005, is reported here: "Israel's withdrawal from Gaza echoes in US withdrawal of Afghanistan – opinion," by Benjamin Anthony, [Jihad Watch](#).