

# Gaza blow to last hope for peace

Repeated Israeli military moves into areas of the Gaza Strip controlled by the Palestinians have outraged world opinion and breached the Oslo Accords – signed in 1994 to determine areas of authority and just about the only remaining basis for stability in the rapidly deteriorating Middle East situation

## Mortar attacks

Inspired by Hezbollah tactics in Lebanon, now adopted by Palestinian militants

Shock absorbers

Cross levelling gear

Elevating gear

Bipod

**Base plate:**  
Bedded into ground, hidden for future "hit-and-run" attacks

Neve Dekalim

Gush Katif bloc

Rafah

EGYPT

Khan Yunis

Rafah

Gaza Airport

Sufa

Kisufim

Netzarim

Gaza City

Gush Erez

Beit Hanoun

Karni

**Sderot**  
Subjected to Palestinian mortar attacks

ISRAEL

2.5 miles  
4km

**GAZA STRIP**

Divided by Israeli settlements and access roads



**Population:** Jews 6,500  
Palestinians 1.2 million  
(Refugees: 824,650)

**Palestinian towns**  
Refugee camps

**Israeli settlements**  
Checkpoints