

Soldier's captors set Israel deadline

Palestinian militants believed to be holding an Israeli soldier for more than a week have given Israel until 03:00GMT Tuesday to start releasing 1,500 Palestinian prisoners or "bear all the consequences". The Israeli government has said it will "not entertain blackmail"

KEY EVENTS

Jun 25 Two Israeli soldiers killed and *Corporal Gilad Shalit*, 19, seized in raid near *Kerem Shalom* crossing by militants including members of ruling *Hamas* movement

Jun 28 Israeli military takes control of Gaza's disused international airport after destroying bridges and main power plant in air strikes

Israeli planes "buzz" summer palace of Syrian President *Bashar al-Assad* – accused of harbouring exiled Hamas leaders

Jun 29 Israel detains dozens of Hamas officials in West Bank

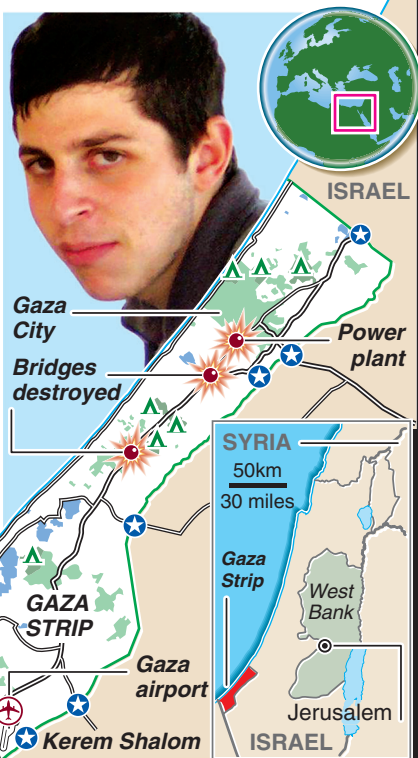
Jun 30 Israeli planes hit Gaza offices of Hamas' Interior Ministry

Jul 2 Israeli missiles slam into empty Gaza office of Hamas Prime Minister *Ismail Haniyeh*

Jul 3 Israeli tanks push into northern Gaza to locate tunnels near border

Captors issue ultimatum

4km
2.5 miles



★ Border checkpoints ▲ Refugee camps

■ Former Israeli settlements