

BBC captive timeline



■ **March 12:** BBC correspondent **Alan Johnston** is kidnapped by Islamist militants in Gaza

■ **May 9:** Little-known group, **Jaysh al Islam**, posts photograph of his BBC identification card on internet

■ **June 1:** Captors publish video on internet demanding that Britain free Muslim prisoners including al-Qaeda-linked cleric, **Abu Qatada**

■ **June 15:** Hamas fighters take control of Gaza Strip

■ **June 19:** Hamas threatens to free Johnston by force if necessary

■ **June 24:** Video of Johnston wearing explosives belt is posted on militant web site. **Johnston appeals to Hamas and UK government not to resort to force in effort to free him**