

Gaza crisis worst for over four decades

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is worse now than at any time since the beginning of the Israeli occupation in 1967, according to a report by eight British-based human rights organizations

■ Gaza population: 1.5 million

Population in refugee camps **478,272**

1. *Jabalia* 106,846
2. *Beach* 80,567
3. *Nuseirat* 58,727
4. *Bureij* 29,805
5. *Maghazi* 23,161
6. *Deir el-Balah* 20,215
7. *Khan Younis* 61,539
8. *Rafah* 97,412

■ Dependent on food aid: 1.1 million

■ National poverty line: \$2.3 per day

Number of households living on less than **\$1.2 per person** per day rose from **53%** to **70%** in three months following blockade

■ **Basic services:** As a result of fuel restrictions, hospitals experience power cuts for **8-12 hours** per day. Water and sewage infrastructure close to total collapse

Gazans now spend 62% of their income on food

Israel removed all 21 settlements and withdrew its forces from Gaza in 2005. After Hamas leader **Ismail Haniyeh** seized control of Gaza in June 2007,

Israel closed its border crossings

■ Unemployment: Close to 40%

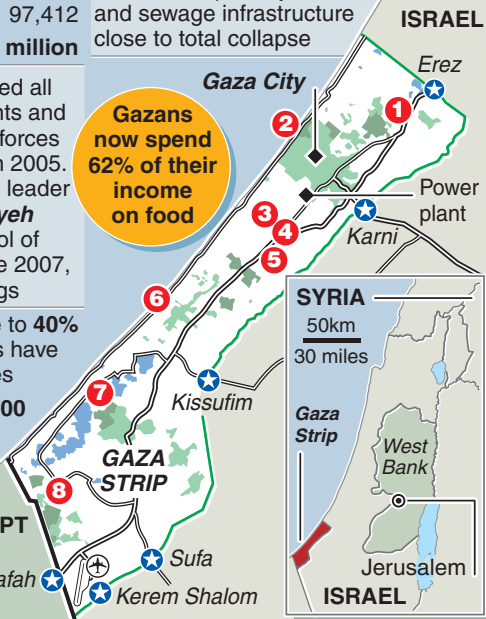
Seven in 10 private sector jobs have been lost due to border closures

Factories prior to closures: **3,900**

Factories after closures: **197**

Factory jobs lost: **33,250**

Gazan jobs in Israel lost since start of blockade: **24,000**



★ Border crossings closed ● Refugee camps ■ Former Israeli settlements