

# Palestinian timeline since Hamas seized Gaza

■ **Jun 14, 2007:** *Hamas* seizes Gaza Strip after ousting President *Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah* forces in bloody fighting – Gaza and West Bank split into two separately ruled Palestinian entities

■ **Nov 27:** U.S.-sponsored conference in Annapolis yields promises from Israel and Palestinians to try to forge two-state agreement by end of 2008

■ **Jan 9, 2008:** *George W Bush* tries to build momentum behind peace talks during first visit to Israel and West Bank as U.S. president

■ **Jan 17:** Israel closes all border crossings into Gaza, intensifying six-month blockade imposed on territory

■ **Jan 23:** Militants blow up border fence dividing Gaza from Egypt – thousands of Palestinians pour into Egypt to stock up on food and fuel

■ **Mar 3:** Five-day Israeli offensive into Gaza Strip kills over 120 Palestinians and prompts Abbas to briefly suspend contacts with Israel

■ **Mar 6:** Palestinian gunman kills eight students at Jewish seminary in Jerusalem in deadliest attack on Israelis in two years

■ **Mar 23:** Yemeni-sponsored dialogue between Fatah and Hamas falls apart amid differences over whether Hamas should cede control of Gaza



■ **May 18:** Abbas accuses Bush of bias towards Israel in Bush's speech marking Israel's 60th anniversary

■ **Jun 4:** Abbas calls for dialogue amid speculation he will drop demand that Hamas give up power in Gaza as precondition for talks

■ **Jun 7-8:** Hamas and Fatah say they have "restored trust" following talks in Senegalese capital Dakar

■ **Jun 12:** Israel joins new round of Egyptian-brokered talks on proposed truce in Gaza while preparing for military action if they fail. **Rockets from Gaza have killed three Israeli civilians so far this year. Israeli raids have killed over 360 Gazans**