

# Gilad Shalit timeline

■ **Jun 25, 2006:** Israeli soldier **Gilad Shalit**, 19, seized in cross-border raid by Palestinian militants

■ **Jun 28:** Israel invades Gaza Strip

■ **Sep 15:** Letter from Shalit reaches his family via Egyptian mediators

■ **Jun 14, 2007:** Hamas takes power in Gaza from Fatah forces loyal to President **Mahmoud Abbas**

■ **Jun 25:** Audio tape from Shalit's captors asks for medical treatment and release of Palestinians

■ **Jun 9, 2008:** Hand-written letter received by Shalit's family through former U.S. president **Jimmy Carter's** organization. Shalit says he suffers from "much depression"

■ **Jun 18:** Hamas and Israel agree truce

■ **Dec 2008-Jan 2009:** Truce breaks down. Israel launches 22-day offensive in Gaza Strip – 1,400 Palestinians and 13 Israelis are killed

■ **Mar 16:** Intensive push for deal by outgoing Israeli premier **Ehud Olmert** fails



■ **Jun 23:** Israel's new prime minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** says he is pushing for deal to release Shalit but denies reports that swap is imminent

■ **Aug:** Egypt reveals Germany is also involved in negotiations

■ **Oct 1:** Video delivered in exchange for release of 20 female prisoners gives conclusive proof that Shalit is alive and well

■ **Nov 24:** Hamas and Israel said to be close to agreement on list of hundreds of Palestinians who would be released in exchange for Shalit. List could include senior Fatah leader **Marwan Barghouti** (left)

