

Egypt builds Gaza wall

Egypt has begun constructing a huge steel wall along its border with the Gaza Strip in an attempt to cut smuggling tunnels. The wall, expected to extend 18km below the ground, has been designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Philadelphi Corridor
Narrow strip of land
13km long, evacuated
by Israel in 2005

EGYPT

Approximate
area of tunnels

Existing barrier
11km long. Extends
3m below ground.
Barrier breached 2008

Rafah crossing

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GAZA
STRIP

Airport
(disused)

ISRAEL

Kerem
Shalom
crossing

1.5km
1 mile

Tunnels: Estimated 200
operational tunnels used
by Hamas to smuggle
Iranian-made rockets

New barrier: 20-metre long steel pipes
every four metres. Gaps filled with steel
sheet pile. Buried geophones – sensors
to detect tunnel activity

