

# Israel grapples with growing isolation

Israel Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is battling a diplomatic storm as once-stable relationships with Turkey and Egypt flounder and the Palestinians take their bid for statehood to the United Nations

**May 2010:** Gaza-bound aid flotilla intercepted by Israeli commandos. Nine Turkish activists killed

**Sep 2, 2011:** Turkey expels Israel's ambassador

**Sep 8:** Turkey says its warships will escort future aid ships to Gaza

**MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

50 miles

80km

 Territorial waters

 Israeli blockade

 UN security zone

**Cairo**

**Suez**

**Sep 10:**

Egyptian mob breaks into Israeli embassy in Cairo. Six embassy security staff rescued by Egyptian commandos only after U.S. President Obama intervenes

**E G Y P T**

**Recep Tayyip Erdogan:** Turkish Prime Minister is leading advocate of campaign to win UN recognition of Palestinian state

**LEBANON**

**Damascus**  
**SYRIA**

**GOLAN HEIGHTS**

**GAZA STRIP**

**WEST BANK**

**Amman**  
**JORDAN**

**Sep 15:** Israeli embassy staff evacuated ahead of mass protests

**Jerusalem**

**ISRAEL**

**Negev**

**Aug 2:** Militants sabotage pipeline that supplies 45% of Israel's gas

**Aug 18:** Eight Israelis killed in attacks by militants. Five Egyptian police killed by Israeli forces pursuing militants into Egypt

**Sinai**

**Eilat**

**July-Sep:** Hundreds of thousands of Israelis take part in unprecedented protests against soaring housing costs and declining living standards

**RED SEA**

**Binyamin Netanyahu:** Faces cuts in \$15.6 billion defence budget to boost social spending

