

# Key players in quest for Gaza peace



**Barack Obama:** U.S. president. Behind the scenes tensions are building with Israel's staunchest ally



**John Kerry:** U.S. Secretary of State criticised by Israel's security cabinet over his alleged pro-Hamas peace proposals



**Ban Ki-moon:** UN Secretary General has called Israel's attacks on UN school-shelters "a criminal act"



**Abdel Fattah al-Sisi:** Egypt's president supports offensive against Hamas – offshoot of Muslim Brotherhood



**Saeb Erekat:** Palestinian chief negotiator backed by Qatar



**Khaled Mashaal:** Qatar-based Hamas leader wants end to Israel's blockade of Gaza, in place since 2007



**Benjamin Netanyahu:** Israeli Prime Minister says current operation is just first phase of demilitarizing Gaza



**Tzipi Livni:** Israel's Justice Minister and lead negotiator



**Recep Tayyip Erdogan:** Turkish prime minister says he will push for Israel to be tried for war crimes



**Mahmoud Abbas:** Palestinian Authority president shuttling between Egypt, Turkey and Qatar in quest to find formula to end bloodshed



**Avigdor Lieberman:** Israel's Foreign Minister wants operations to continue until Hamas is destroyed