Ceasefire takes effect to end Gaza war

Israel and Palestinian groups have agreed a 72-hour ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, setting the stage for talks in Cairo aimed at reaching a deal on a lasting truce and the rebuilding of the battered coastal territory



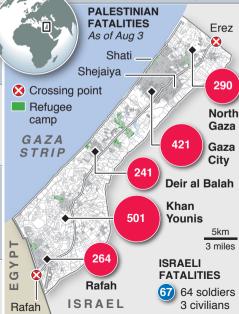
TIMELINE OF GAZA'S FAILED, FORGOTTEN CEASEFIRES

- Jul 15: Egypt-mediated ceasefire to end week of conflict accepted by Israel. Palestinian militant group Hamas refuses to stop fighting
- Jul 17: United Nations-led initiative for five-hour humanitarian ceasefire
- agreement is successful
- Jul 20: Fighting resumes in Shejaiya district of Gaza City less than one hour after agreement of humanitarian ceasefire to allow evacuation of wounded
- Jul 25: U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry proposes two-stage plan that includes week-long truce partnered by comprehensive talks. Israel rejects proposal
- Jul 26-28: Hamas and Israel agree 12-hour humanitarian ceasefire. Israel later extends truce for another day. Both sides resume fighting on afternoon of July 28
- Jul 31: Three-day truce brokered by UN Secretary-General *Ban Ki-moon* and Kerry lasts just 90 minutes

Aug 4: Israel breaks its own seven-hour ceasefire in most of Gaza Strip with air strike on Shati refugee camp in Gaza City

Aug 5: Israel and Hamas agree

three-day ceasefire as Israeli troops
withdraw from Gaza Strip



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