

# Israeli sovereignty over Golan Heights

Israel is pressing the Trump administration to recognise the disputed Golan Heights as Israeli territory – marking the first time since 1945 that the U.S. has acknowledged the validity of land taken by military force



Mediterranean Sea

Tyre

Mt Hermon

LEBANON

**UNDOF zone**  
United Nations  
Disengagement  
Observer Force

**Golan Heights:** Strategic plateau was part of Syria until Israel captured it in 1967 Middle East war.

Territory was annexed in 1981 – in move not recognised internationally

*Golan Heights*

**Population:**  
About 20,000  
Israeli settlers  
and some  
20,000 Druze  
Muslims

Haifa

Sea of Galilee

SYRIA

10 miles  
16km

ISRAEL

West Bank

JORDAN



**Yisrael Katz:** Israeli cabinet minister says Golan Heights is “topping the agenda” in talks with Trump administration