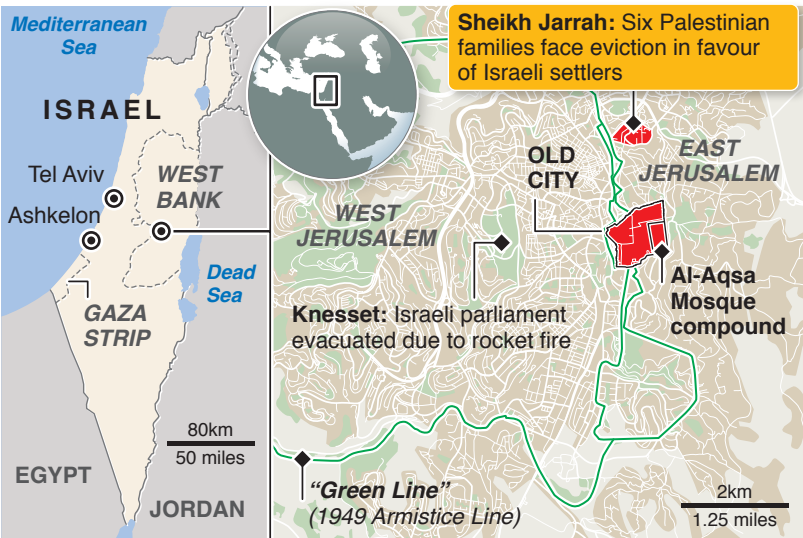


Jerusalem violence escalates

Israeli airstrikes have struck militant targets in the Gaza Strip after rockets were fired from the territory towards Jerusalem, as tensions between Israel and the Palestinians continue to spiral



■ **Mid-April:** Following start of holy month of Ramadan, clashes erupt between police and Palestinians protesting against barriers placed in Jerusalem's **Old City**

■ **Early May:** Violent clashes occur in **Sheikh Jarrah** district of East Jerusalem, where dozens of Palestinians are under threat of eviction by Jewish settlers

■ **May 7:** Confrontations erupt at **Al-Aqsa Mosque** compound – sacred site to both Jews and Muslims. Hundreds of Palestinians hurt as Israeli police fire rubber bullets and stun grenades

■ **May 9:** Israeli Supreme Court postpones ruling on whether to evict Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah

■ **May 10:** Organisers of pro-Israel march through Old City cancel event due to clashes. Barrage of rockets fired towards Israel from **Gaza Strip**, after expiry of ultimatum issued by Hamas militants for withdrawal of Israeli security forces from Al-Aqsa compound

■ **May 11:** Israel airstrikes hit Hamas targets in Gaza. More than 20 people killed, including nine children, according to Gaza health officials