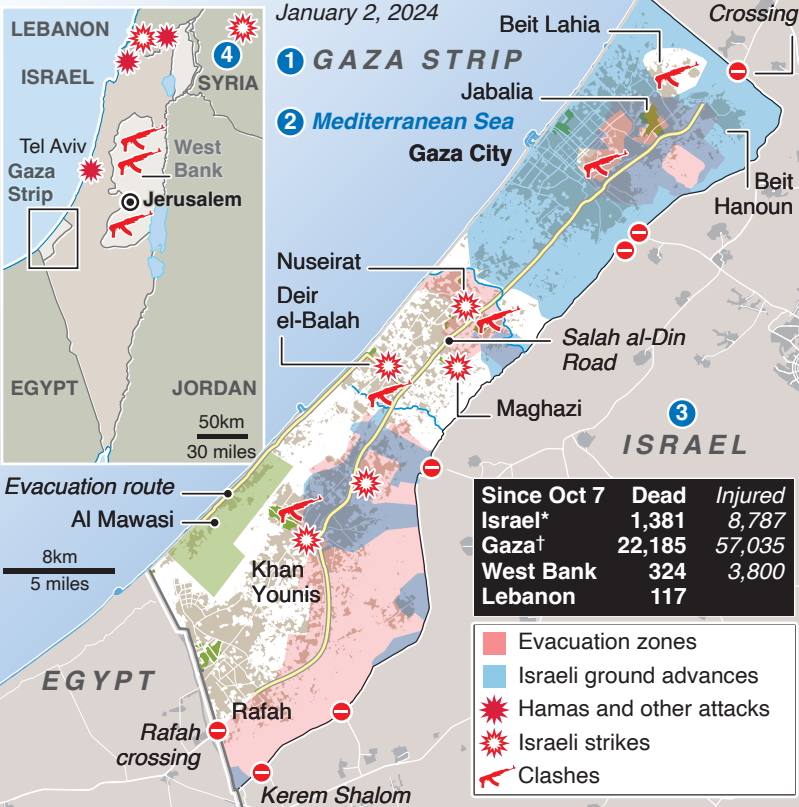


# Israel-Hamas war, day 88

January 2, 2024



**1 Gaza:** IDF withdraws five brigades, mainly reservists, in shift to more targeted operations against Hamas  
Some withdrawn troops to be redeployed to Lebanon border

**2 Mediterranean Sea:** Aircraft carrier USS Gerald Ford will return to U.S.

**3 Israel:** Evacuated communities 4-7km north of Gaza Strip will return  
Israel will defend itself against accusations of genocide brought by South Africa at international court

**4 Syria:** IDF strikes Syrian Army positions also manned by Hezbollah