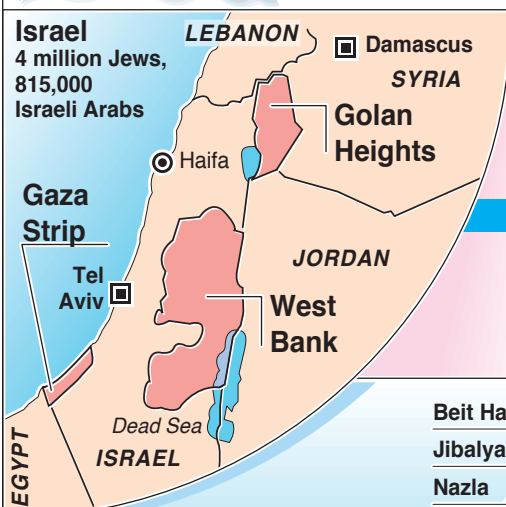


Israel's worst nightmare



Extremists among the 160 settlements of Gaza and the West Bank are threatening to tear apart Jewish and Arab communities within Israel itself. Israel must also contend with PLO demands for U.N. peacekeepers in the occupied territories and the total dismantling of radical settlements, particularly in Hebron and the Gaza Strip



Jewish extremist groups

Kach Several hundred active members – seeks expulsion of all Palestinians from Israel. Founded by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane
Kahane Chai Extreme radical splinter faction of Kach
Sword of David Claims responsibility for Hebron massacre
Road Safety Committee Founded 1993, ostensibly to secure roads within occupied territories – responsible for terrorising Arabs

Palestinian extremist groups

Islamic Jihad Several hundred fighters – opposes peace process, pledged to overthrow Jewish state
Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades Military wing of Hamas based in Gaza
Fatah Hawks About 300 fighters affiliated with Yasser Arafat's Fatah
Red Eagles/Red Star About 200 fighters operating in the West Bank

