Netanyahu orders Israeli forces to expand Gaza control

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that he directed the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to take more of Gaza, initially by seizing 70% of the Palestinian territory

Expansion in control would contradict terms of ceasefire agreed between Israel and Hamas in Oct 2025 after two years of war

5km
3 miles

North Gaza

Gaza City

GAZA STRIP

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Deir al-Balah

Khan Younis

Rafah

EGYPT

ISRAEL

Israeli troops meant to stay in area between Israel and "Yellow Line"

Salah al-Din Road



■ **May 28:** Statement by ***Benjamin Netanyahu*** comes as negotiations on future of Palestinian enclave have stalled over Hamas' refusal to disarm and Israel's near-daily strikes in Gaza

— Yellow Line – IDF withdrawal line as of Oct 2025

— Expansion of IDF control as of May 2026 (determined by construction of berms and movement of concrete blocks marking Yellow Line)

Sources: Forensic Architecture, Reuters

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