



Threat Assessment

GAZA Conflict

No Classification

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- **Score: 105**
 - **Threat Level: Catastrophic**
 - **Major global impact, major geopolitical disruption, major economic and societal consequences.**
 - **Strategic Response: Coordinated military, economic, and diplomatic response required. Focus on containment and crisis management.**
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The war in Gaza is a high-intensity conflict that has been made infamous by extensive civilian casualties, widespread displacement, and significant humanitarian crises. With over 100,000 displaced persons and ongoing reports of war crimes, it ranks critically on the scale of modern conflicts. Geopolitically, it influences regional and global dynamics, with major powers providing direct and indirect support, raising the risk of broader escalation. Economically, the war has severely disrupted local infrastructure, exacerbated socioeconomic disparities, and strained global supply chains, particularly in energy and trade.

This report aims to analyze the current state of the conflict in Gaza, exploring its scale and intensity, geopolitical consequences, economic disruptions, and broader global effects.

Expanded Conflict Threat Matrix:

1. Scale & Intensity

Score: 4 (High)

Description: The ongoing conflict has resulted in over 30,000 casualties (as of early 2024), widespread displacement, and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Reports from the United Nations and humanitarian organizations indicate significant loss of life and potential war crimes.

2. Geopolitical Impact

Score: 4 (High)

Description: The conflict has reshaped Middle Eastern alliances, with Iran, Hezbollah, and other actors increasing involvement. U.S. and European responses have affected international relations, though direct superpower military confrontation has not occurred.



3. Economic Consequences

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Regional trade has been disrupted, with Israel facing economic pressure and Gaza experiencing a near-total economic collapse. Global commodity markets have seen fluctuations, but no major worldwide crisis has ensued.

4. Risk of Escalation & Spillover

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Hezbollah and Iran have increased involvement, and clashes along the Israel-Lebanon border have escalated. Regional war is possible but not yet inevitable.

5. Involvement of Major State & Non-State Actors

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Iran, Hezbollah, the U.S., Egypt, and other regional powers are involved, primarily through arms supplies, intelligence support, and diplomatic interventions.

6. Disruption of Critical Global Systems

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Energy markets have experienced short-term instability, and global supply chains have been affected by security concerns.

7. Use of Hybrid & Asymmetric Warfare

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Hamas employs tunnels, drones, and cyber warfare, while Israel utilizes AI-driven targeting and precision strikes.

8. Cultural Identity Conflicts



Score: 4 (High)

Description: Long-standing cultural divisions between Israelis and Palestinians have deepened, leading to widespread protests globally.

9. Religious Tensions

Score: 4 (High)

Description: The conflict has fueled religious extremism on both sides, with increased rhetoric of religious justification for military actions.

10. Socioeconomic Disparity

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Gaza faces extreme poverty, while economic disparities between Israelis and Palestinians have widened.

11. Political Instability

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Internal political divisions in both Israel and Palestine have been exacerbated, with rising extremism and weakening governance.

12. Technological Dependence

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Heavy reliance on surveillance, drones, and missile defense systems has shaped military strategies.

13. Cybersecurity Threats

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Frequent cyberattacks targeting military, infrastructure, and financial sectors.



14. Military Alliances

Score: 4 (High)

Description: U.S. and European support for Israel, and Iranian backing for Hamas and Hezbollah, have intensified.

15. Industry Collapse

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Gaza's industries have collapsed, while Israel faces economic strain in key sectors.

16. Environmental Crises

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Infrastructure destruction has led to water and air pollution, affecting public health.

17. Education & Knowledge Gaps

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Educational institutions in Gaza have been destroyed, worsening generational poverty and extremism.

18. Human Rights Violations

Score: 5 (Critical)

Description: Accusations of war crimes, collective punishment, and disproportionate attacks have been made against both sides.

19. Migration & Refugee Crises

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Massive internal displacement in Gaza, with regional refugee impacts.



20. Media & Information Warfare

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Disinformation campaigns are widespread, affecting global perception.

21. Resource Scarcity

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Water and food shortages in Gaza have worsened due to blockade and conflict.

22. Financial Instability

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Israel's economy is under pressure; Gaza's economy is near collapse.

23. Climate Change

Score: 2 (Low)

Description: Indirect climate effects due to infrastructure damage.

24. Trade Wars & Sanctions

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Economic sanctions impact involved parties.

25. Intellectual Property Theft

Score: 2 (Low)

Description: Minimal impact, though cyber espionage exists.

26. Energy Security



Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: Limited but noticeable effects on energy markets.

27. International Law & Governance

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Widespread disregard for international law by both sides.

28. Technological Innovation & AI

Score: 3 (Moderate)

Description: AI-driven warfare and surveillance play a growing role.

29. Nationalism & Populism

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Nationalist rhetoric is fueling the conflict further.

30. Public Health Crises

Score: 4 (High)

Description: Healthcare systems in Gaza are collapsing.