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**Threats:** One Israeli defence official said that Gaza would be "razed to the ground".

**Can Israel truly win this war? Experts think Israel will soon invade Gaza in a bid to stop Hamas forever. It comes after Hamas killed hundreds of Israeli people.**

## What's happening?

The world is watching and waiting. It could happen at any moment. Experts think that Israel's army will soon invade the **Gaza Strip**. They are trying to end the rule of **Hamas** forever.

It comes less than a week after Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, attacked Israel and killed hundreds of people.

## Find out more

Israel has moved 100,000 troops to the border with the Gaza Strip, where many **Palestinians** live. As many as 360,000 people have been called up to fight in the army.

Since the weekend, Hamas has launched rockets at Israel, while Israel has been bombing Gaza. Israel has cut off electricity supplies and goods to the region.

Israel's army is very strong. It also has the support of the USA. It looks like it will be a much stronger force in this war than Hamas.

But others say that Hamas has some advantages too. Israel's army is not used to fighting in cramped cities. Hamas fighters can attack its tanks from the top of tall buildings. And Hamas also has lots of underground tunnels which Israel does not know about.

But some say that nobody can truly win this — or any — war. Already, 1,100 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli airstrikes, while 1,200 people were killed by Hamas. Thousands more will die if the crisis continues.

## Can Israel truly win this war?

### Some say

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Yes! Israel has a much stronger army. For every one Hamas fighter, they have 10 soldiers. Of course Israel will win.

### Some people say

*"An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come."*

**Victor Hugo (1802 – 1885), French Romantic writer and politician**

*What do you think?*

## Others think

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No! Hamas has been planning for this — and it knows the Gaza Strip very well. And Hamas has **allies** that could support it. It is not certain that Israel would win a war.

### Six steps to discovery

#### 1. Connect

**How do you feel about this story?** - How does it feel to watch and read the news right now?

#### 2. Wonder

**What questions do you have?** - For example: Why did the attack by Hamas happen now?

#### 3. Investigate

**What are the facts?** - Pick out one thing we know for certain and one thing we cannot say for sure from this story.

#### 4. Construct

**What is your point of view?** - Imagine an alien asks you why war happens. What would you say?

#### 5. Express

**What do others believe?** - Why is peace important? Discuss as a class.

#### 6. Reflect

**What might happen next?** - Make a poster calling for world peace.

### Glossary

**Gaza strip** - The smaller of two Palestinian territories, home to two million people. It is located on the Mediterranean coast, surrounded by Israel and Egypt.

**Hamas** - A militant Palestinian organisation, which has controlled the Gaza Strip since 2007. It is listed as a terrorist organisation in the UK.

**Palestinians** - People from Palestine, an area located in the Southern Levant region of Western Asia.

**allies** - An ally is someone that aligns with and supports a cause with another individual or group of people.