Israel & Palestine

A recurring subject of UN General Debate speeches for decades.

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Not enough data

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

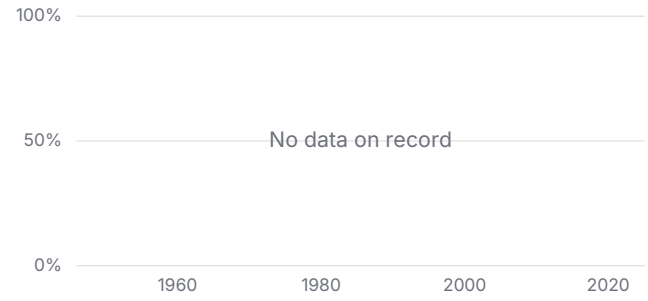
UN votes	**no data**
Trade	**no data**
Security	**no data**
Shared clubs	**0**

IN SHORT

- UCDP records armed conflict over the territory of Palestine between the government of Israel and armed groups in 69 years from 1949 to 2025.
- By 28 October 2026, the Ministry of Health in Gaza had reported 74,564 Palestinians killed since October 2023, according to the UN.
- In 2023, Palestine bought goods worth $4.4 billion from Israel and sold goods worth $1.3 billion to it, according to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics.
- Most Palestinian trade is with Israel because Israel controls the borders it passes through and its restrictions make trade with other countries costlier, according to UNCTAD.
- Palestine is a UN non-member observer State and cannot vote in the General Assembly, so the two have no shared votes.
- Since 1998, when Palestine first spoke in the General Debate, Israel has named Palestine in 311 sentences and Palestine has named Israel in 714.
- UN DESA counts 62,857 people living in Palestine who were born in what is now Israel (2024). The figure comes from Palestinian census data on people born abroad and has fallen since 1990 (98,290). It does not describe Israeli settlers: about 700,000 live in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, according to the UN human rights office, far more than this figure.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



THE FACTS

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Security UCDP records armed conflict over the territory of Palestine between the government of Israel and armed groups in 69 years from 1949 to 2025. It is not a war between two states, so the security score, which counts only those, leaves it out.

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HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**None**	No shared UN votes are on record for the years the headline covers. One of the two did not vote in them: an observer state, a country not yet a member, or a member that could not vote.
Trade	**None**	There is no trade series for one of the two, so there is no trade score.
Security	**None**	Not computable: one of the two is a UN non-member observer State, and UCDP's data records wars between states only.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**None**	No index is shown: it needs both a votes score and a trade score.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1948	First Arab–Israeli war; about 700,000 Palestinians flee or are expelled (the Nakba)
1967	Six-Day War: Israel occupies the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza
1974	The UN General Assembly invites the PLO to take part in its work as an observer (resolution 3237)
1987	First Intifada
1993	Oslo I Accord
2000	Second Intifada
2005	Israel withdraws its settlers and troops from Gaza
2007	Hamas takes control of Gaza; Israel and Egypt tighten the blockade
2012	Palestine becomes a non-member observer state at the UN
2023	7 October attack and the war in Gaza
2024	The International Court of Justice orders provisional measures in South Africa v. Israel
2025	A UN commission of inquiry concludes Israel has committed genocide in Gaza, which Israel rejects; ceasefire in October

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

UN votes, speeches, mentions and trade: Nations on Record (UN General Assembly voting data, UN General Debate Corpus, IMF International Trade in Goods). Armed conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program, version 26.1. Migration: UN DESA International Migrant Stock 2024. Refugees: UNHCR. Football: international results archive (CC0). Every score follows fixed rules written out on /method; AI never sets a score. Independent and non-commercial; not affiliated with the United Nations.

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