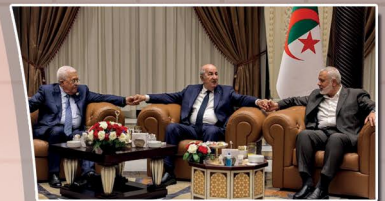


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List of Abbreviations

AGPS	Action Group for Palestinians of Syria
AIPAC	American Israel Public Affairs Committee
AKP	Justice and Development Party (<i>Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi</i>)
ARIJ	Applied Research Institute–Jerusalem
AU	African Union
Balad	National Democratic Assembly
BDS	Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Campaign
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
CBR	Crude Birth Rate
CBS	Israel Central Bureau of Statistics
CDR	Crude Death Rate
CEC	Central Elections Commission
CENTCOM	US Central Command
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CWRC	Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission
DFLP	Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine
EU	European Union
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIS	General Intelligence Service
GS	Gaza Strip
Hadash	Democratic Front for Peace and Equality
IAA	Israel Antiquities Authority
IAI	Israel Aerospace Industries
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICHR	Independent Commission for Human Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
INSS	Institute for National Security Studies
ISA	Israel Security Agency (<i>Shabak</i>)
KSA	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
LAS	League of Arab States
MoU	memorandum of understanding
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization

OCHA	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OCHA-oPt	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs – occupied Palestinian territory
OIC	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
PA	Palestinian Authority
PCBS	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
PCC	Palestinian Central Council
PCPA	Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad
PEA	Palestinian Engineers Association
PEGASE	Mecanisme Palestino-Européen de Gestion et d’Aide Socio-Economique
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
PIJ	Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine
PLC	Palestinian Legislative Council
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PNC	Palestine National Council
PNF	Palestine National Fund
PNI	Palestinian National Initiative
PPP	Palestinian People’s Party
RC	Refugee Camp
RP	Registered Person
STC	Southern Transitional Council
Ta’al	Arab Movement for Renewal
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
US	United States of America
WB	West Bank

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Introduction

Although Operation al-Aqsa Flood occurred in the final quarter of the period covered by this strategic report, it left a significant mark on the report, shaping its character. This war represents a pivotal moment in the history of Palestine, with profound effects, implications and connotations for the Palestine issue and its future.

The years 2022–2023 brought increased challenges and risks to the Palestinian front, particularly due to the presence of an Israeli government dominated by extreme right-wing and religious ideologies, determined to erase and liquidate the Palestine issue. This was further exacerbated by the weak leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Ramallah, whose cooperation with the occupation, suppression of resistance, and obstruction of efforts to reconcile internal Palestinian divisions, have compounded the crisis. Additionally, Arab normalization with Israel intensified during these two years, further weakening the Palestinian position on the international stage.

Operation al-Aqsa Flood has restored Arab and international focus on the Palestine issue, reaffirmed the impossibility of bypassing it, and strengthened the Palestinian people's support for the resistance. It further exposed the failure of the peace process. The operation dismantled the notion of Israeli security and deterrence, undermined the idea of Israel as a "safe haven" for Jews, and raised critical questions about Israel's functional role as a regional enforcer and tool of Western influence. Operation al-Aqsa Flood provided unprecedented inspiration to the *Ummah* (Muslim nation) and freedom seekers worldwide by showing that the Zionist project can be challenged. It has placed Israel in its most isolated global position since its inception, where it now faces growing international condemnation. Despite the heavy sacrifices, particularly in the Gaza Strip (GS), and the brutal display of Israeli violence, the Palestinian people's solidarity with the resistance became one of the defining features of this war.

This is the 13th volume in the Palestine Strategic Report (PSR) series, which has established itself as a key reference in Palestinian studies and has become indispensable for researchers, specialists and interested readers. PSR offers



extensive, accurate and well-documented information, presented within an objective and analytical framework that adheres to scientific research standards and methodologies, while also seeking to anticipate future developments. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the internal Palestinian situation, the Israeli scene, the paths of resistance and peace process, as well as the Arab, Islamic and international dimensions of the Palestine issue. Significant attention is also given to the land, Jerusalem, the holy sites, and the Palestinian demographic and economic conditions.

As per our established policy in previous editions of the report, the names of contributors, chapter titles and the titles of their research are listed at the beginning of the book, but not at the start of each chapter. This approach reflects the collective nature of the PSR and acknowledges that the editing of this report, as with all previous editions, goes beyond standard practices. Significant additions, revisions and updates have been made in certain chapters, making the responsibility for their final form a shared one.

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