

Low-Grade Conflict



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From Terrorism to Peace

Bi-lateral negotiations after Madrid

Track 2 talks in Oslo

Oslo Accords signed in Washington D.C.

PLO and UN Res. 242.

Israel and UN Res. 242.

Peace framework for 5 years.

From Peace to Terrorism

1995 Assassination of Israeli Prime Minister

Hamas and Hezbollah

1997 Hebron (Oslo II)

1998 Wye River Memorandum

2000 Camp David

2001 Intifada

2002-2007 High and Low terror acts

Status Quo

No large scale terror acts

Low-grade acts of terror and response

No large scale Israeli military operations

2006 vs. 2014 kidnappings

Civilian attacks (stabbing, vehicular terrorism)

“Trim the grass” strategy

Domestically popular, inexpensive, timely.

Status Quo

Fatah (party) weak and ineffective.

Palestinian Authority corrupt and aged.

Lack of new 'blood'

GOI threat assessments

Militarily and politically possible

PMO inter-party and domestic political dominance

Likud better at "game" than Centre-left

Conclusions

Oslo Peace Process “is dead”

Terrorism is REAL and Hamas and Islamic Jihad (Gaza Stripe) unwilling to negotiate for peace.

PA (Abbas) unwilling to stop funding terror families

GOI (Netanyahu) unwilling to make concessions out of domestic political fears and security considerations.

Ultra-Orthodox parties

Gaza 2019 vs. Gaza pre-2005