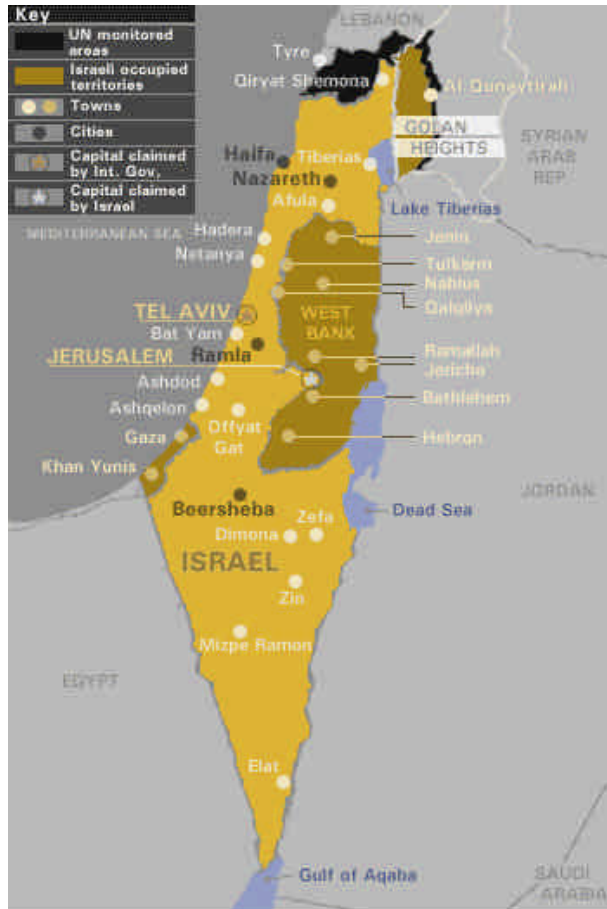




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Israeli - Palestinian Conflict

COUNTRIES INFORMATION:



Capital: Disputed. Israel claims Jerusalem as its capital, but most countries have embassies in Tel Aviv.

Area: 8,019 sq mi, slightly smaller than New Jersey. Hot and dry in southern and eastern desert areas. Negev desert in the south; low coastal plain; central mountains; Jordan Rift Valley.

Population: 5,938,093 (July 2001 est.).

Gaza Strip: Israeli occupied territory with limited Palestinian self-government.

Area: 139 sq mi, mostly limestone hills.

Population: 1,178,119 (2001 est.)

West Bank: Israeli occupied territory with areas of limited Palestinian self-government.

Area: 2,263 sq mi, flat to rolling sand- and dune-covered coastal plain.

Population: 2,090,713 (2001 est.)
note: 176,000 Israeli settlers in the West Bank, about 6,900 in the Gaza Strip, about 20,000 in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights (August 2000 est.).

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