

# The Case Against a Palestinian State: Part 2

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## **A Failed Trial Run in Gaza**

Facing refusal of the Palestinians to accept generous offers for independence, in 2005, Israel decided to unilaterally withdraw from the Gaza Strip, essentially creating a trial run for a Palestinian state. Israel wanted nothing more than to see the Strip prosper and become the 'Singapore of the Middle East' and Gaza had every opportunity to become one if its people so desired. But alas, you can unilaterally withdraw, but you cannot then dictate what kind of state the Gazan Palestinians will choose to build. It turns out that the best this society could come up with was a genocidal Islamist terror state.

If the Palestinian Arabs genuinely desired a state to coexist peacefully alongside the Jewish State, the hundred-year-long conflict would never have arisen, and various creative arrangements would have been made in order to live as neighbors and prosper. Israelis were so ecstatic at this prospect in the 1990s that they were willing to import their own terrorist arch-enemy, Yasser Arafat, and grant him everything possible to make the project succeed. But Palestinian Arabs have proven by their words and actions that they do not desire a state coexisting peacefully alongside the Jewish State, and no amount of hoping otherwise will make it so. The Palestinians have agency and must bear responsibility for their poor decisions.

## **An Existential Threat to Israel**

A Palestinian state would not only be a gross distortion of justice but would also constitute an intolerable and existential threat to Israel's existence. It would swiftly become a Hamas controlled terror state and it is for this reason the PA has not held elections since 2006, as it knows that Hamas has more support among the Arab population of Judea and Samaria than the supposedly moderate Fatah. Such that if elections were held in the PA, Hamas would likely come to control its institutions and we would witness a repeat of the Gaza experiment...

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