

ISRAEL Hammas **conflict**



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- The Palestinian terrorist group Hamas has launched a planned attack on Israel.
- This attack was carried out under 'Operation Al Aqsa Storm' on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.
- Hamas fighters have been entering Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip, killing hundreds of residents and taking dozens hostage.
- Hamas has attacked Israel with more than 5,000 rockets, after which Israel has also declared war against Hamas.
- Armed Palestinian group 'Hamas';-
 - Hamas is a militant organization.
 - It politically controls the Gaza Strip.
 - This group does not recognize Israel as a nation.
- Hamas has been violently opposed to the Oslo Peace Accords (1993).
- Under this agreement, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) formally recognizes the Israeli state.
- PLO was formed in 1964. It represents Palestine, a non-member state, in the United Nations under the name 'Palestine'.
- Under this agreement, Israel has given Palestinians limited self-rule in some cases in Gaza and the West Bank.

● **Conflict between Arab-Palestinians and Jews:-**

- The origin of this conflict is linked to the First World War & the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire.
- Later, in the Balfour Declaration (1917), Britain resolved to establish Palestine as a national land for the Jews.
- In 1947, the United Nations voted to divide Palestine between Arabs and Jews.
- Jewish settlers accepted the agreement and declared Israel's

● **independence in 1948. The Arabs rejected this agreement. Because of this there were four wars between the two sides.**

● **The Yom Kippur or Ramadan War of 1973 was the fourth Arab-Israeli war. In this war, on one side was Israel and on the other side were Arab countries led by Egypt and Syria. This war was fought over the dispute over Palestinian territory.**

● **This war resulted in the Camp David Accords in 1978.**

● **Under this agreement, for the first time an Arab country recognized Israel as a 'state'.**

● **Under the agreement, Israel returned the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt.**

Link Project Link Project



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- Recently the Ken-Betwa link project has been approved by the Central Government.
- This project will irrigate 10 lakh 62 thousand hectare area and about 62 lakh people will get drinking water.
- This is the first river-linking project under the National Perspective Plan (NPP).
- KBLP is a project for the drought-prone Bundelkhand region.
- This region is spread across 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Under KBLP, surplus water from Ken River will be transferred to Betwa River (less quantity of water).
- Ken and Betwa are tributaries of Yamuna.
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- Phase 2 :- In this, Lower Orr Dam, Bina Complex Project & Kotha Barrage will be constructed.

- This project will overcome water shortage in Bundelkhand region by providing water for water supply & irrigation.
- It will also generate electricity (103 MW hydropower & 27 MW solar power).
- National Perspective Plan (NPP);-
 - NPP was planned by the then Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Jal Shakti).
 - Its main objective is to transfer water from a basin with surplus water to a basin with a water deficit.
 - Based on the NPP, the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 river-linking projects.
 - Of these, 16 are in the peninsular region (including KBLP) & 14 are in the Himalayan region.