



# Potential Israeli Invasion of Gaza

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(U) This infographic provides information on the potential Israeli invasion of Gaza. Israel has amassed a significant arsenal at the edge of Gaza as its war with terror group Hamas escalates. Israeli forces include 35 battalions containing 300,000 troops who will be supported by 300 tanks, scores of armored personnel carriers [APCs] and 100 fortified Bulldozers.

## PREPARING FOR INVASION

Israel dropped fliers over northern Gaza, warning residents to flee south ahead of a planned invasion by ground forces. The Israeli Defense Force wants to root out the terrorist organization Hamas.

**TROOPS**  
Israel has mobilized 360,000 reservists, and thousands of them are gathering at the Gaza border.

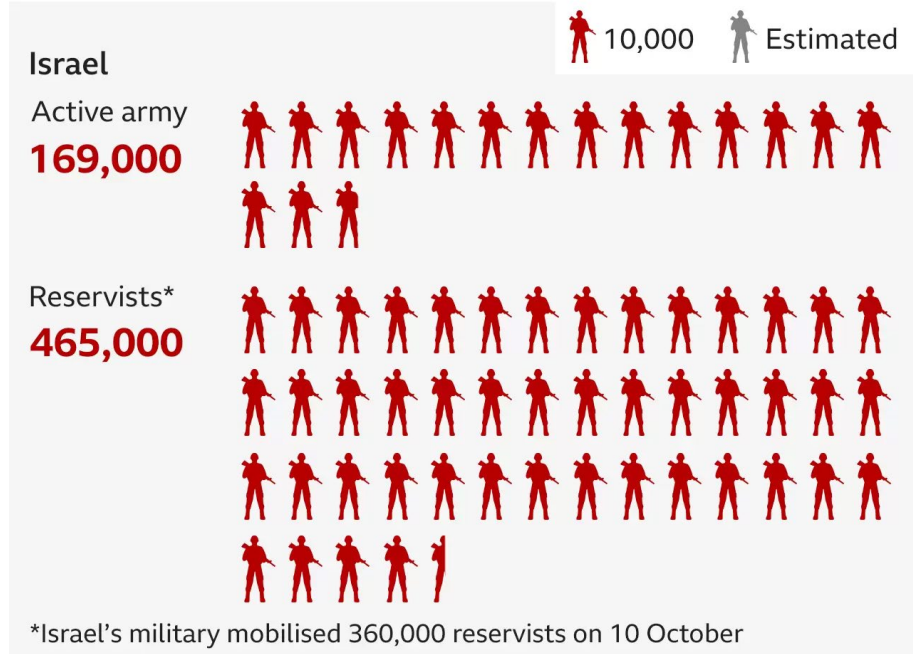
**AIR POWER**  
Besides fighter jets, Israel has a fleet of AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, which can cover ground troops with gun fire and Hellfire air-to-ground missiles.

**ARMORED VEHICLES**  
Israel uses the most heavily armored infantry vehicles in the world, called Namer. They have also rolled in Merkava IV tanks with shells and machine guns.

**THE 'TEDDY BEAR'**  
Israel uses a modified Caterpillar bulldozer nicknamed "Doobi" or "Teddy Bear." Heavily armored, it can clear landmines, walls and other Hamas traps, and comes equipped with machine guns.

**HAMAS**  
Has 15,000-30,000 troops, which can hide in an extensive, \$90 million network of tunnels.

## Israel and Hamas: How the numbers compare



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Source: UN Ocha, 2023, Israeli Defence Force

Israelis have been warned to prepare for a long war, and a record 360,000 reservists have reported for duty.