

## **Philadelphi Corridor**

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The **Israeli Prime Minister** intends to control the **Philadelphi corridor**, including the **Rafah crossing** after its occupation in the **Israel-Hamas war**.

- The demand threatens to stall negotiations for a ceasefire with Hamas.
  - Both Egypt and Hamas reject Israeli military presence on the Philadelphi corridor.
- Philadelphi Corridor:
  - It is a **14 kilometres long strip** of land that represents the entirety of the border area between **Gaza** and **Egypt**.
  - It includes the Rafah crossing and runs from the <u>Mediterranean Sea</u> to the Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel.
  - Under the <u>Camp David peace treaty 1979</u>, a limited number of **Egyptian troops** were allowed, but **no heavy armour** was permitted.
  - After the 2005 Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, the corridor was designated a demilitarised border zone.
    - Since 2005, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority were responsible for managing the corridor.
  - It was the only link for Gaza with the outside world not controlled by Israel.
  - Hamas gained control of Gaza in 2007, which led to increased tension and ongoing cross-border smuggling activities.



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