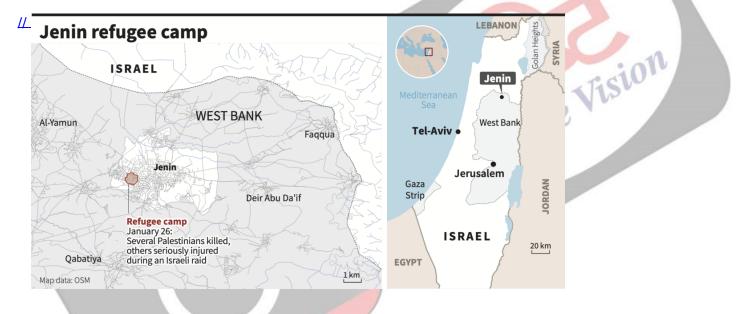
# Israeli Military Operation in Jenin Refugee Camp

# Why In News?

Recently, Israel launched a military operation in the **Jenin Refugee Camp** in the occupied West Bank, resembling **wide-scale operations carried out during the second** Palestinian uprising (2000-2005).

- The operation aimed to destroy and confiscate weapons and targeted specific militant groups. It involved around 2,000 soldiers and utilized military drones for strikes.
- The Jenin camp has historically been a stronghold for armed struggle against Israeli occupation and a focal point for violence.



# What are the Key Points related to Jenin Refugee Camp?

- Jenin Refugee Camp is a Palestinian refugee camp located in the northern West Bank, specifically in the city of Jenin.
- Established in 1953, the camp was created to accommodate Palestinian refugees who were displaced during the 1948 <u>Arab Israeli war</u>, also known as the Nakba ("catastrophe" in Arabic).
- The camp has also been a site of frequent clashes between Palestinian militants and Israeli forces over the years.
  - It gained particular attention during the second Palestinian uprising, also known as the Al-Aqsa Intifada (2000-2005), when it became a stronghold for armed resistance against Israeli occupation.
- Jenin Refugee Camp remains a symbol of the Palestinian refugee issue and the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

# What are the Other Important Places Linked to Israel Palestine Conflict?

Al Aqsa Mosque:

- It is one of the **holiest structures in the Islamic faith known by Muslims as Haram al-Sharif**, or the Noble Sanctuary, and by Jews as the Temple Mount.
- The site is part of the Old City of Jerusalem, sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims.
- Sheikh Jarrah:
  - Sheikh Jarrah is a neighborhood located north of the **Old City in East Jerusalem.** 
    - Hundreds of thousands of **Palestinians were forced out of their homes** when the **State of Israel was created** in historical Palestine in 1948.
  - Twenty-eight of those Palestinian families moved to Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem to settle there.
- West Bank:
  - West Bank is a **landlocked territory in West Asia.** It also contains a significant section of the **western** <u>Dead Sea.</u>
  - It was captured by Jordan after the <u>Arab-Israeli War (1948)</u> but Israel snatched it back **during the Six-Day War of 1967** and has occupied it ever since.
    - The West Bank is sandwiched between Israel and Jordan.
- Gaza Strip:
  - The Gaza Strip is located between Israel and Egypt. Israel occupied the strip after 1967, but relinquished control of Gaza City and day-to-day administration in most of the territory during the Oslo peace process.
  - In 2005, Israel unilaterally removed **Jewish settlements from the territory**, though it continues to control international access to it.
- Golan Heights:
  - The Golan Heights is a strategic plateau that Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 war. Israel effectively annexed the territory in 1981.
  - In 2017, the USA officially recognized Jerusalem and Golan Heights a part of Israel.

# **UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ):**

### Q1. Consider the following statements: (2023)

**Statement-I**: Israel has established diplomatic relations with some Arab States.

**Statement-II**: The 'Arab Peace Initiative' mediated by Saudi Arabia was signed by Israel and Arab League.

## Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

(c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect

(d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

Ans: (c)

Q2. The term "two-state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of (2018)

(a) China
(b) Israel
(c) Iraq
(d) Yemen

Ans: (b)

### Q3. Yom Kippur War was fought between which sides/countries? (2008)

(a) Turkey and Greece

- (b) Serbs and Croats
- (c) Israel, and Arab countries led by Egypt and Syria
- (d) Iran and Iraq

Ans: (c)

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