



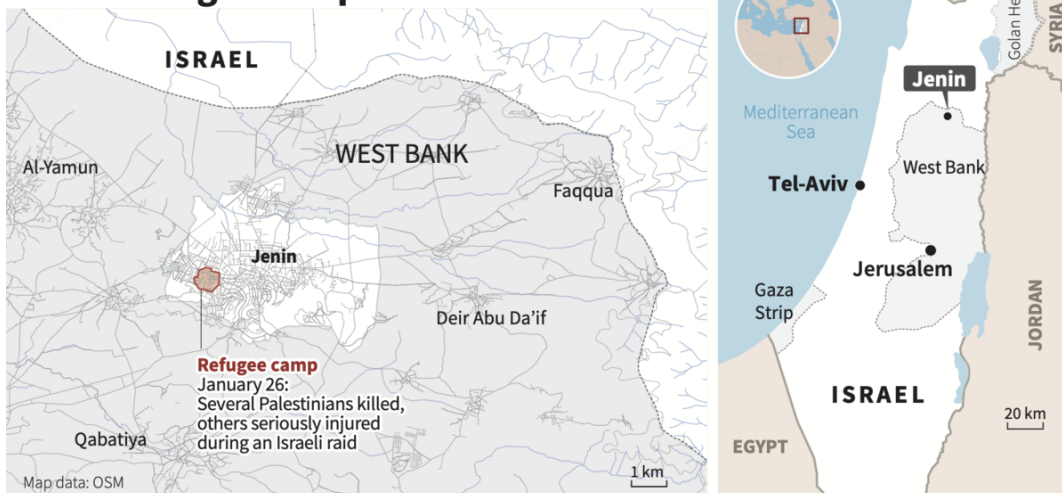
Israeli Military Operation in Jenin Refugee Camp

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.

Jenin refugee camp



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 Arab Israeli war**, 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 Dead Sea**.
 - It was captured by Jordan after the **Arab-Israeli War (1948)** 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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