

# PRESIDENT FOR A DAY PALESTINE

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## ABOUT THE GAME

President for a Day: Palestine lets you dive into the Palestine conflict and view the situation from both sides. As Israeli prime minister you will be faced with internal pressure to protect the Israeli people from the threat of militants while still withholding UN guidelines. While as the Palestinian leader you face difficult choices regarding economy, the welfare of your people and the security threats that arises in the area.

With three different scenarios you will be able to play through different sides of the conflict and deal with the challenges of dilemmas that stem from recent events in the Palestine conflict. Can you resolve the conflict or will you simply be treading waters?

## GAME OVERVIEW

PFAD: Palestine can be played on either computers or android tablets and consists of three different scenarios and one tutorial scenario.

### SCENARIO 1: TUTORIAL

The tutorial scenario will teach you the basics of the game and the controls. It is highly recommended that you play this scenario before proceeding to the other scenarios in the game.

### SCENARIO 2: WELCOME TO THE GAZA STRIP!

In the first scenario you play as the Palestinian leader of the Gaza strip and have to deal with the constant security threats unique to this area, such as the rise of militants and terrorist groups, the imminence of Israeli attacks and the diplomatic situation with Egypt. At the same time the needs of the Palestinian population also has to be taken care of as well as International demands.

### SCENARIO 3: JUST ABOUT MADE IT...

You are the Israeli prime minister in this scenario which focuses on the relation-



ship between Israel and the West Bank rather than the Gaza Strip. As the Israeli prime minister you will be forced to make decisions regarding the growing number of settlements on the West Bank, settlements which are generally viewed as illegal by the International community and as a means of oppression of the Palestinian people. Furthermore you must deal with the security threats facing the Israeli people, the actions of fundamentalist Jews and the demands of the Palestinian people of the West Bank.

### SCENARIO 3: THE BARE NECESSITIES

The third scenario can be viewed as the flipside to the second scenario as it also concerns itself with the West Bank but this time you are playing as the Palestinian side. Here some of the pressing issues are access and mobility (partly caused by the presence of settlements), economy, access to basic resources such as power and water and employment. At the same time you will also have to deal with the presence of Israeli bulldozers dismantling your buildings that are viewed by the Israelis as illegal.



## ASSIGNMENTS

### SCENARIO 2: WELCOME TO THE GAZA STRIP!

#### DEBRIEFING

1. Name some of the challenges that the Palestinian civilians in Gaza face.
2. What are the reasons that life is so difficult in Gaza?
3. What do you think can be done to improve the lives of people in Gaza?
4. What is standing in the way of a peace process in Gaza?
5. What are the challenges facing the economy of the Gaza strip?

#### CHAIN OF DILEMMAS

1. In groups of 3-4 people, pick out one of the dilemmas in appendix C, write your own options to them and discuss what kind of new dilemmas would be created from your options and choices. (See appendix B for example of what to do.)
2. Present your new dilemma to another group and let them try and play your new dilemma.
3. What choices are they making?
4. Are there alternative choices than the ones you have made up?
5. Present your dilemma and the choices possible to your class.
6. Make a whole new chain of dilemmas for the Gaza strip based on your own research.



## SCENARIO 3: JUST ABOUT MADE IT...

### DEBRIEFING

1. What are the main challenges facing Israel in regards to the West Bank and what can be done towards solving them?
2. Though the West Bank settlements have long been considered a violation of international law by the UN amongst others. They are continuously being constructed both with and without Israeli government consent beyond the 1967 armistice lines.
3. What are the reasons for continuing to construct settlements?
4. What values do the settlements bring to their nearby areas?
5. Make a list of pros and cons of the settlements.
6. What is Israel's security situation?
7. What measures do Israel to secure itself?
8. How do these affect the Palestinian population?
9. Discuss the relationship between the Israeli government, the IDF and the Coalition of Settlers.
10. What are their attitudes and relationship towards settlements?
11. What do they do for the security situation on the West Bank?

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4. Are there alternative choices than the ones you have made up?
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6. Make a whole new chain of dilemmas for the West Bank (when you're playing as an Israeli PM) based on your own research.



## SCENARIO 4: THE BARE NECESSITIES

### DEBRIEFING

1. Describe some of the main challenges facing the West Bank from the Palestinian point of view.
2. What are the factors that affect the stability in the West Bank?
3. Describe the West Bank economy.
4. What are the sources of income on the West Bank?
5. What can be done to improve the West Bank economy?
6. What effect does the separation barrier have on the Palestinian population?
7. Discuss the difficulty of Palestinians in obtaining building permits.

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## APPENDIX A (STAKEHOLDERS)

### SCENARIO 1 AND 2: WELCOME TO THE GAZA STRIP!



#### GAZA CITY REP

The representation of the two northern districts, Gaza City and North Gaza with Gaza city being the most populous city in the Gaza Strip.



#### KHAN YUNIS REP

The Khan Yunis and Deir al Balah districts are the second most populous areas after Gaza City with Khan Yunis serving as the trade center of south Gaza.



#### RAFAH REP

Rafah district shares a border with Egypt which means that it hosts a number of tunnels used to smuggle goods in and out of the Gaza Strip.



#### CHIEF OF POLICE

The man in charge of the Palestinian law enforcement. He is known to be in favor of coming down hard on anyone opposing the system. Though there have been rumors of corruption, no public charges has of yet been made.



#### HAMAS (POLITICAL)

The political wing of Hamas, which in more recent times has become more distanced from the military wing. They are in favor of a softer approach towards negotiations with Israel and have been instrumental in providing social services to Palestinians in Gaza.



#### PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

A man under pressure from both internal and external forces, the Prime Minister of Israel holds a powerful position and is more than capable of shutting down both the Gaza and the West Bank economies by controlling the borders.





### PRESIDENT OF EGYPT

The big neighbour to the south-west. Egypt has historically been supporting Gaza in their struggle against Israel, but recent political developments have turned Egypt into a potential adversary. Rebels, with base in Gaza, have also been known to attack Egyptian barracks in Sinai, which is detrimental to the relationship.



### THE EUROPEAN UNION

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### THE ARAB LEAGUE

The Arab League consists of 22 countries located in Northern Africa and the Middle East. The League is generally supportive of a Palestinian state, and have previously tried to mediate peace.



### THE UNITED NATIONS

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### IZZ AD-DIN AL-QASSAM BRIGADES

The Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades is known as the military "wing" of Hamas. They are in favor of a more confrontational approach to Israel and are listed as a terrorist organisation by many nations.





## SCENARIO 3: JUST ABOUT MADE IT...

**PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

The Palestinian National Authority (PNA or PA) is a selfgovernment body established to oversee the interests of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and parts of West Bank that aren't governed by Israel, though control of the Gaza Strip is limited due to Hamas' presence.

**JERUSALEM & RAMALLAH REP**

The representation of the Jerusalem and Ramallah districts which border with the Israeli part of Jerusalem as well as metropolitan area of Tel Aviv, the two most populous areas of Israel.

**JENIN & NABLUS REP**

The joint representation of the Northern districts of Nablus and Jenin. Jenin is the only district in the West Bank where the majority of land is under Palestinian control.

**HEBRON REP**

Hebron is the most populated district on the West Bank and has great historical significance to the three Abrahamic religions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

**COALITION OF ISRAELI SETTLERS**

This coalition of Israeli Settlers are a religious group of West Bank settlers who believe their right to live on the West Bank was granted by God. They do not represent the majority of the West Bank settlers however they are the most vocal.

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### USA

USA has long been a powerful ally to the Israeli and grants a huge amount of foreign military aid to Israel every year. In return Israel serves as the military foothold in the Middle East for the US.



### ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES (IDF)

The Israeli Defense Forces are the state-of-art military forces of Israel that has been designed specifically to suit Israel's unique security situation and is a prominent and influential institution within the Israeli society with mandatory conscription for both men and women.



## SCENARIO 4: THE BARE NECESSITIES



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### ISRAELI SETTLERS REP

The representation of the Israeli settlers whose mission is to ensure the sustenance of people living in the settlements, most of whom are peaceful citizens who live in the West Bank in order to maintain a life they would otherwise not be able to afford in Israel.



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## APPENDIX B (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - EXAMPLE)

**WE NEED MORE MONEY**

I just got this brilliant idea, which I wanted to share with you. We could impose a new sales tax on produce sold on markets in Gaza City. It's simple, I know, but that is what makes it so brilliant. Don't you agree?

Yes, that's a great idea! I think we should also put in another tax for people coming to the market

Hmm... I don't think that's such a great idea.



The merchants of Gaza city are in an uproar over the new taxes and threatening to go on strike. What should we do?

Revoke the taxes immediately

Nothing, the taxes are necessary for the Gaza economy.

No, we will not do anything until it actually is violent.



There's a strike in Gaza City which looks like it could become violent. We should act before it does.

Yes, send in the police!

NEWS: Unrest in Gaza City spreads to the rest of Gaza as the police broke up the strike with violent means.

NEWS: Gaza economy in downwards spiral with no improvement in a foreseeable future.





## APPENDIX C (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - GAZA)



### INVESTIGATING THE POLICE

The police have been accused of unlawful arrests, physical violence against civilians, and even torture of prisoners while they were in police custody. These are outrageous accusations, and we need an investigation to ensure that there is no truth in this.



## APPENDIX C (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - GAZA)



### ISIS

ISIS is getting increased presence in all of Gaza. The people of Gaza are frustrated with living conditions, which makes it easy for fundamentalists to take advantage of. We need to uproot ISIS before the fire grows too strong.



## APPENDIX C (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - GAZA)



### UNDER FIRE!

Once again Israeli soldiers have fired shots at farmers that live near the wall that surrounds Gaza. Shooting at farmers?! You must demand that the Israelis prosecute the soldiers that did this.



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### TAKE A STAND

Gaza has become an open prison under Israeli oppression, and we have to make a stand, otherwise we will live the rest of our lives under Israeli rule. The least we can do is make a parade through Gaza, rallying all Gazans.



## APPENDIX D (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK ISRAEL)



### SKYROCKETING ESTATE PRICES

Estate prices in the metropolitan areas of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are skyrocketing disabling the common worker from affording housing there. You must encourage the building of settlements close to these areas for Israeli workers.





## APPENDIX D (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK ISRAEL)



## LABEL LIBEL

We are calling for a resolution to label goods that are made in Israeli-occupied West Bank. They are not made in Israel and should not benefit from preferential treatment.



## APPENDIX D (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK ISRAEL)

**BURNING BUSH**

More than 1000 olive trees belonging to several Palestinian villages in the Nablus district was recently set fire to. We are certain that it is a price-tag attack carried out by the radical right-wing Jews from a nearby settlement as they have threatened the villagers directly. You must do something about it before they strike again.



## APPENDIX D (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK ISRAEL)



### STICKS AND STONES

A diplomatic US convoy was just attacked by Jewish fundamentalists as they were passing a settlement. A thorough investigation and arrest orders must be made into the incident or else we will withdraw a substantial amount of military aid as punishment.



## APPENDIX D (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK ISRAEL)



### FEAR OF ATTACKS

The Palestinians are starting to show aggression in the streets and while a confrontation has not occurred yet, surely it's just a matter of time. More police on the streets and a curfew would help soothe our fears.



## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)



## WEEKLY WIND UP

The weekly protests close to Israeli settlements in the Ramallah and Jerusalem district are starting to pick up international coverage. We suggest you do something about the situation before the protests grow violent.





## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)



## HAMAS' INFLUENCE GROWS

We have been made aware of Hamas' increased presence in the West Bank. Though they are in control of Gaza, the military branch of Hamas is still questionable. You need to do something before their influence grows too strong.



## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)



## CLEAN WATER

A recent investigation into the water usage of the West Bank has shown disturbing levels of water pollution as a water treatment plant is not connected to the water grid. This severely weakens the health level of your population and we suggest making a long-term investment towards clean water.



## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)



## TOPPLED TOMBSTONES

The vandalism of Jewish gravesites are unacceptable and must be stopped. This is not a singular case which suggests a chronic problem. You need to do something about this.



## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)



## THE SIGNS

A Palestinian suicide bomber has damaged a border crossing and killed a tragic number of people. We have records of this person and listed him as a potential terrorist and warned your police multiple times. Your police needs to be investigated as to why they have not reacted on our warnings of this suicide bomber.



## APPENDIX E (CHAIN OF DILEMMAS - WEST BANK PALESTINE)

**MASS UNEMPLOYMENT**

The recent closure of settlements has meant that Palestinians have been barred from entering the workplace, which could turn into mass unemployment unless something is done to the situation. You must ensure that there will be a Palestinian presence when the settler leaders meet next week in order negotiate the Palestinian interests in this case.

