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What is known today as the Gaza Strip, originally a region in Mandatory Palestine, was created under Egyptian control, cut off from Israel as well as the West Bank, which was under Jordanian rule. In 1967, the connection was renewed when both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were occupied by Israel. The 1987 Oslo Accords between the Gaza and the West Bank as a single territorial unit within which freedom of movement would be permitted. However, starting in the early 1990s, Israel began a gradual process of shoring off the Strip, since 2007, it has enforced a full closure, forbidding exit and entry except in rare cases. Israel continues to control many aspects of life in Gaza, most of its land crossings, its territorial waters and airspace.

Legend

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