

# What do you now call the half of Israel given up for peace in 1978?



## Egypt.



Israel returned the entire Sinai (well over half of geographic Israel) to Egypt for peace in 1978. More recently, Israel offered nearly the entire West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem to the Palestinian Authority in 2000, and again in 2007. Both were rejected without a counter offer.

After Israel left Gaza in 2005, instead of peace, Israelis received thousands of rocket attacks as thanks. Today, Gaza is controlled by Hamas, a group whose Founding Charter explicitly forbids peace – or even peace talks – with Israel.

Israel has continuously offered land for peace. One might consider the Arab countries' 1968 Khartoum Resolution ("No peace, no recognition, no negotiations" with Israel) to understand that perhaps the conflict has never really been about land.