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Is UNRWA neutral in the conflict?

The [United Nations Relief and Works Association \(UNRWA\)](#) was established in 1949 by the [United Nations](#) to provide food, clothing, education, shelter, and work for the 472,000 Palestinians who the UN Mediator counted as refugees. From 1947-49 these Arabs fled their homes to avoid being caught in the crossfire of the war that started when irregular Arab forces began to attack the Jews following the [partition](#) decision and, later, when the surrounding [Arab states invaded](#) the nascent state of Israel. Most Palestinians fled for this reason; wealthy Palestinians left even earlier in anticipation of the fighting. In a few instances, Palestinians were expelled from their homes, usually because they were in areas where they posed a threat to the Jews fighting for their lives against the invaders.

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Myths &
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Dr. Bard in the News

Dr. Mitchell Bard Quoted in the National Journal:

The current crisis in Gaza has featured close collaboration between President Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a united front that is a triumph of national interest over personal pique and that is all the more remarkable given the six-year history of animosity between the two leaders.

These men really don't like each other and have done little to hide their enmity since Obama took office in 2009. In the past week, they seem to have put that on hold, conferred frequently, and allowed little daylight between the American and Israeli positions.

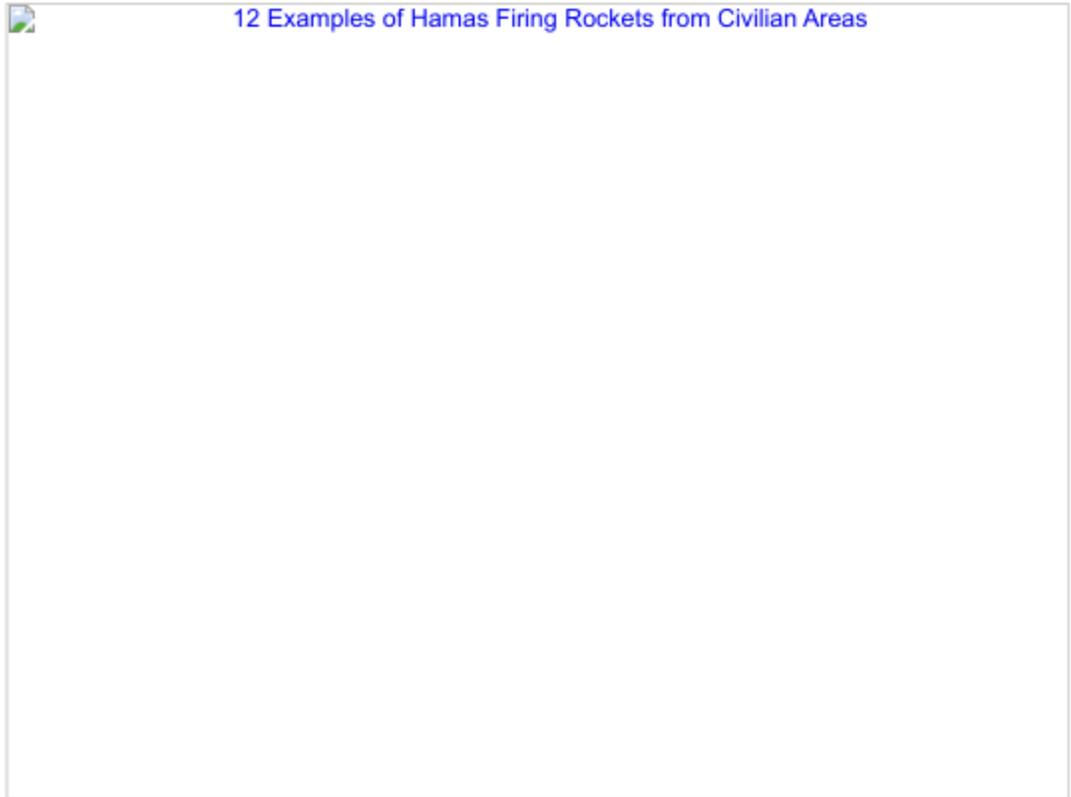
But don't think the hard feelings have gone away. This remains one of the most openly dysfunctional relationships between two major allies anywhere in the world. "Actually, I'm not sure 'dysfunction' is quite the right word," said Mitchell Bard, director of the nonprofit American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise. "They despise each other."

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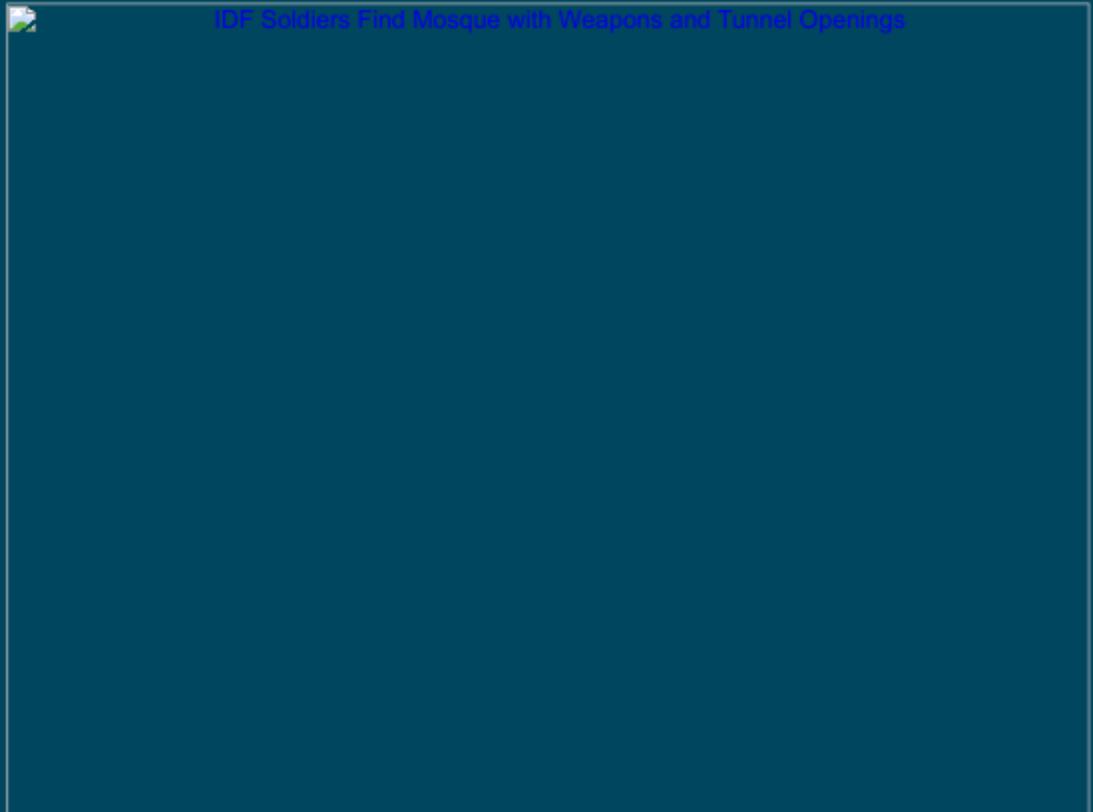
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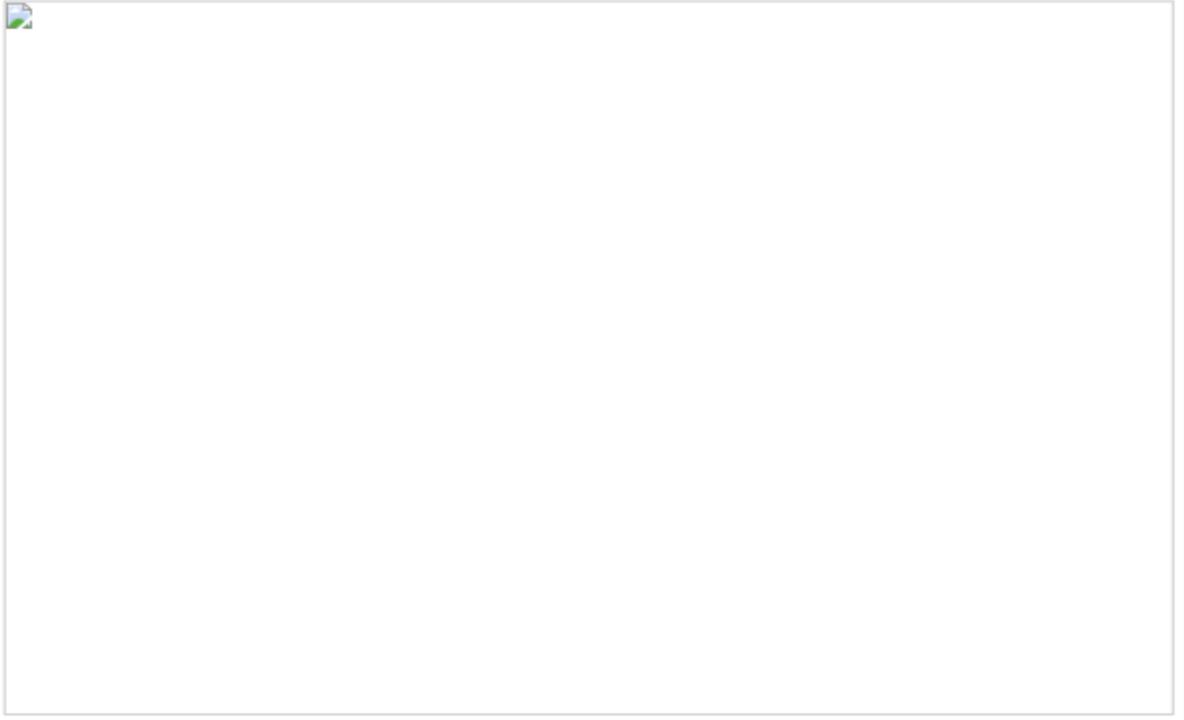
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