FACT BOX

Background:
- Of the 1.5 million residents of Gaza, two thirds are refugees or descendants of refugees from 1948
- Israel invaded Gaza in 1967 and continues to control airspace, land and water resources to this day
- The Israeli blockade on Gaza has been ongoing since June 2007
- In 2007, 80 percent of households in Gaza lived below the poverty line

In attacks since Dec. 27, the Israeli army has:
- Targeted medical personnel, aid workers and media workers
- Used white phosphorus in military operations in densely populated areas of Gaza (absolutely prohibited according to IHL)
- Denied access to independent observers, including journalists and human rights monitors
- Blocked medical and humanitarian aid

Up until Jan. 18, no less than 1249 people were:
- no less than 1249 people were killed as a result of Israeli attacks

Sources: Amnesty International, BBC, B’Tselem, Economist, Guardian, Human Rights Watch, Jewish Virtual Library, Passia, PCBS, PCHR,

GAZA STRIP COMPARED TO METROPOLITAN AREAS

Population/km²:
- > 3500
- 2500-3500
- < 2500

Cities (area)
- New York (8683km²)
- Paris (7722km²)
- Greater Beirut (648km²)
- Gaza Strip (360km²)

There are no ‘safe’ places in Gaza for civilians to seek shelter [...] strikes are virtually sure to kill and injure civilians.”
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MAP OF BOMBING INTENSITY & CASUALTIES

Number of casualties - range samples:
- 1-50
- 50-100
- 200-300

from 27/12/2008 until 18/01/2009

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