



THE SIX DAY WAR (JUNE 5-10, 1967)

THE SIX DAY WAR: PRELUDE

- Absence of legitimacy
- Explaining defeat in 1948 & 1956
- Israeli-Arab conflict is enveloped into Cold War
- Fatah and Syrian-Israeli border skirmishes.



MISCALCULATIONS

- ***(May 14) Egyptian military sent to Sinai**
- *** (May 16) Nasser requests UN forces to be withdrawn from Sharm al-Shaykh but they withdraw from Gaza as well.**
- *** (May 22) Nasser closes Straits of Tiran (*casus belli*)**
- *** (May 30) Egypt & Jordan sign joint defense pact**
- *** Egyptian & Palestinian threats to destroy Israel**
- *** Noose around Israel is tightening**

Egypt

	International boundary		Expressway
	National capital		Road
	Railroad		

0 50 100 150 Kilometers

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection, SP 24N/29N



*The Golan Heights is Israeli-occupied Syria; the West Bank and Gaza Strip are Israeli occupied with current status subject to the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement—permanent status to be determined through further negotiation.

Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.



INTERNATIONAL & ISRAELI RESPONSES

- International convoy to open Tiran straights?
- Israeli trepidation & mobilization
- (May 27) Delay decision
- Government vacillation & pressure by the military
- (June 1) National Unity Government
- Mixed signals from US (No from State Dept to Eban; Yes from DOD & CIA to Amit)
- (June 4) Israeli decision to go to war











UNSC RESOLUTION 242 (NOVEMBER 22, 1967)

- Preamble: "*Emphasizing the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in which every State in the area can live in security.*"
- Par 1: (i) Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;
- (ii) Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."



ENGLISH V FRENCH TEXT?

The English version of Par 1 (i):
Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces
from territories occupied in the
recent conflict

is given in French as:

*Retrait des forces armées
israéliennes des territoires
occupés lors du récent conflit.*



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INTENTIONALITY?

- Relationship between miscalculation and long-term/structural processes.

