Mar 5, 2003 – Haifa: 17 people were killed and 53 wounded in a suicide bombing of an Egged bus in the Carmel neighborhood. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Apr 30, 2003 – Tel Aviv: Three people were killed and 60 wounded by a British Muslim suicide bomber, sent by Hamas, at a beachfront pub "Mike's Place."

May 17, 2003 – Hebron: A married couple from Kiryat Arba was killed by a terrorist. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

May 18, 2003 – Jerusalem: Seven people were killed and 20 wounded in a suicide bombing on Egged bus #6 near French Hill. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

May 19, 2003 – Afula: Three people were killed and 70 wounded in a suicide bombing at the entrance to a shopping mall. Islamic Jihad and Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility for the attack.

June 11, 2003 – Jerusalem: 17 people were killed and over 100 wounded in a suicide bombing on an Egged bus on Jaffa Road in the city center. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Aug 19, 2003 – Jerusalem: 23 people were killed and over 130 wounded when a suicide bomber detonated himself on Egged bus #2 in the Shmuel Hanavi neighborhood. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Sep 9, 2003 – Tzrifin: Eight IDF soldiers were killed and 30 people wounded in a suicide bombing at a soldier hitchhiking post outside the Tzrifin army base and Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Sep 9, 2003 – Jerusalem: Seven people were killed and over 50 wounded in a suicide bombing at Café Hillel, in the German Colony neighborhood.

Oct 4, 2003 – Haifa: 22 people were killed and 60 wounded in a devastating suicide bombing of the Maxim restaurant. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

Dec 25, 2003 – Geha Junction: Four Israelis were killed and 15 others were injured, when a suicide bomber detonated himself at a bus stop at an intersection of a main highway separating Bnei Brak and Petach Tikva. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility.

Jan 14, 2004 – Erez Crossing, Gaza: A female suicide bomber detonated herself at an inspection point at the entrance to the Erez industrial zone, killing 4 Israeli security personnel and injuring
several others. Hamas and Fatah claimed joint responsibility for the attack.

Jan 29, 2004 – Jerusalem: Eleven people were killed and over 40 were wounded when a suicide bomber blew up on a #19 bus on Gaza Road. The bomber was a Palestinian policeman from Bethlehem. Both Hamas and the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Feb 22, 2004 – Jerusalem: 8 people were killed and over 60 wounded (among the casualties were a number of school pupils) in a suicide bombing on bus #14A near the Liberty Bell Park. The Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Feb 26, 2004 – Erez Crossing, Gaza: A soldier was killed and two were wounded when two Palestinian terrorists opened fire. The Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Feb 27, 2004 – Lahav: A young couple was killed in a shooting attack on the road on their way to Ashkelon. The PFLP and the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Mar 14, 2004 – Ashdod: 10 people were killed and 16 wounded in a double suicide bombing at Ashdod Port. Hamas and Fatah claimed responsibility.

Mar 19, 2004 – Jerusalem: A Christian Arab was shot to death from a vehicle while jogging in the neighborhood of French Hill. The Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Apr 3, 2004 – Avnei Hefetz: A man was shot to death and his 14 year old daughter was wounded in an attack on their home. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Apr 17, 2004 – Erez Crossing, Gaza: A border policeman was killed and three others wounded when a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up. Hamas and the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

May 2, 2004 – Gush Katif: A mother and her four young daughters were killed, and another civilian and two soldiers were wounded, when two Palestinian terrorists opened fire on a car. Fatah and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

June 28, 2004 – Sderot: A man and a 4 year old boy were killed, and 7 others were wounded (including the boy’s mother) during a Kassam rocket attack on Sderot. Hamas claimed responsibility.

July 11, 2004 – Tel Aviv: A young woman was killed and 33 people were wounded in a bombing at a bus stop. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.
Aug 31, 2004 – Beer Sheba: Sixteen people were killed and 100 wounded in two nearly simultaneous suicide bombings aboard two city buses. Hamas in Hebron claimed responsibility.

Sep 22, 2004 – Jerusalem: 2 Border Policemen were killed and 17 Israelis wounded in a suicide bombing carried out by a female terrorist at the French Hill junction in northern Jerusalem. The Fatah al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Sep 24, 2004 – Gush Katif: A woman was killed in her home during a mortar attack launched by terrorists.

Sep 29, 2004 – Sderot: 2 toddlers were killed, while playing in the street, by a Kassam rocket fired from Gaza. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Oct 7, 2004 – Sinai: 32 people were killed, 12 of them Israelis, and over 120 were wounded during simultaneous terror bombings carried out at two Sinai holiday resorts.

Nov 1, 2004 – Tel Aviv: 3 people were killed and over 30 wounded in a suicide bombing at the Carmel Market in central Tel Aviv. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Nablus claimed responsibility.


Jan 15, 2005 – Sderot: A 17 year old girl was mortally wounded by shrapnel from a Kassam rocket and died several days later. She was struck while protecting her younger brother, who was lightly wounded.

Feb 25, 2005 – Tel Aviv: 5 people were killed and 50 wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Stage Club on the Tel Aviv promenade. The Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

July 12, 2005 – Netanya: 3 people were killed and about 90 people were wounded when a suicide bomber struck at the Hasharon shopping mall. Two other people later succumbed to their wounds. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

July 14, 2005 – Netiv Ha’asara: A woman was killed by a Kassam rocket fired from the Gaza Strip. Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah all claimed responsibility.

July 23, 2005 – Kissufim Crossing: A married couple was killed in a terrorist attack. Islamic Jihad and the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.
Oct 16, 2005 – Gush Etzion Junction, south of Jerusalem: 3 people were killed and three were wounded in a Palestinian shooting attack. A teenager was shot and seriously wounded further north. The Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

Oct 26, 2005 – Hadera: 5 people were killed and 55 were wounded, six seriously (one person later died of her wounds) in a suicide bombing at the Hadera open-air market. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Dec 5, 2005 – Netanya: 5 people were killed and over 50 were wounded in a suicide bombing at the entrance to the Hasharon shopping mall. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.
Israel’s construction of the anti-terrorist security fence was undertaken due to the Palestinian Authority’s failure to fight terrorism. The fence is a defensive, temporary, and passive measure against terrorism: in those areas where the fence has already been completed, terrorism has dropped dramatically. About 97% of the fence consists of a chain-link early warning system against terrorist infiltrations: less than 3% of the fence consists of a concrete barrier. In keeping with the rulings of Israel’s Supreme Court, in order to avoid causing unnecessary hardship to Palestinian civilians while defending the lives of Israeli civilians, Jew and Arab alike, Israel’s government decided on February 20, 2005 on the current planned route of the fence.
REGIONAL THREATS TO ISRAEL

Saudi Arabia
Iraq
Jordan
Syria
Egypt

TABUG
H3 AIRBASE (The threats from Iraq existed until the U.S. led operation against Saddam Hussein’s regime).

FIGHTER PLANE: 15 min to Eilat
FIGHTER PLANE: 30 min to Haifa
SCUD: 6 min to Tel Aviv

Iran
Lebanon
Israel
Jordan

SHIHAB-3: 10 min to Israel/

SCUD: Can reach all parts of Israel in 1 min

THREATS & TOPOGRAPHY
SAMARIAN HIGHLANDS CROSS SECTION

- Sea of Galilee
- Jordan
- Nablus
- Herzliya
- Tel Aviv
- Jerusalem
- Kalkilya
- Mt. Eval: 940 m
- Jordan River
- Jordan - Israel armistice line 1949-1967

Radar coverage from the coastal area:
- Radar coverage from mountain ridge near Nablus:
Between the years 1949 and 1967, the Kingdom of Jordan ruled the Judea/Samaria highlands. Israel’s ‘waistline’ in the Sharon region was extremely narrow, totaling a mere 15 km. (9 mi.) in the area of Tulkarm and Netanya. These were cease-fire lines rather than permanent borders, and were considered to be indefensible, especially in light of the area’s topography, which left Israel in the plains while the Arab armies controlled the dominating high ground. The Israeli Foreign Minister at that time, Abba Eban, used to describe these lines as ‘Auschwitz boundaries’, in order to illustrate the dangers inherent in their continued use.
The Golan Heights are strategically important for several reasons:
(a) Israeli presence in the Golan Heights provides a defensible border against invasion by land;
(b) All of northern Israel is within range of direct artillery fire from the Golan Heights;
(c) The Heights control the main water sources of the State of Israel.
Israel is the only country in the world that lives under the shadow of an ongoing and publicly declared threat against its very existence – a threat which has warranted almost no international attention or reaction. The threat against Israel emanating from Iran comes in addition to Israel’s vulnerability to short-range artillery rockets, which have struck its territory in the past and continue to do so in the present. During the 70s-90s, Kiryat Shmona and other localities in northern Israel faced numerous Katyusha rocket attacks. The most tangible threats stem from the Katyusha rockets launched by terrorist groups from within Lebanon (Hizbullah and various Palestinian factions) capable of striking throughout northern Israel, and the Kassam rockets which are currently limited to the Gaza Strip and have a range of about 9 kilometers. Palestinian acquisition of Katyusha rockets would threaten Israel’s entire population.
The area of Israel (land area) in the maps includes the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.
**ISRAEL – CANADA**

Israel: 8,367 sq mi  
21,671 sq km

Canada: 3,851,809 sq mi  
9,976,140 sq km

**ISRAEL – CHINA**

Israel: 8,367 sq mi  
21,671 sq km

China: 3,705,406 sq mi  
9,596,960 sq km
The area of Israel (land area) in the maps includes the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.
**ISRAEL – INDIA**

Israel: 8,367 sq mi
21,671 sq km

India: 1,269,346 sq mi
3,287,590 sq km

**ISRAEL – ITALY**

Israel: 8,367 sq mi
21,671 sq km

Italy: 116,305 sq mi
301,230 sq km
The area of Israel (land area) in the maps includes the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.
Israel – Russia

Israel: 8,367 sq mi  
21,671 sq km

Russia: 6,562,115 sq mi  
16,995,800 sq km

Israel – Spain

Israel: 8,367 sq mi  
21,671 sq km

Spain: 194,897 sq mi  
504,782 sq km
The area of Israel (land area) in the maps includes the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.