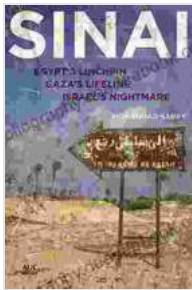


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Egypt's Support for Gaza

Egypt has a long history of supporting the Palestinian cause. In 1948, Egypt was one of the Arab states that invaded Israel in the wake of the United Nations partition plan. Egypt also fought against Israel in the 1956 Suez Crisis and the 1967 Six-Day War. In 1973, Egypt and Syria launched

the Yom Kippur War against Israel, which ended with a ceasefire and a UN-brokered peace agreement.

Since the 1973 war, Egypt has maintained a relatively stable relationship with Israel. However, Egypt has also continued to provide support to the Palestinians. In 1978, Egypt signed the Camp David Accords with Israel, which led to the return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt. As part of the accords, Egypt also agreed to open the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza. The Rafah crossing is the only land crossing between Gaza and the outside world that is not controlled by Israel.

Egypt has also provided financial support to the Palestinian Authority, which governs the West Bank and Gaza. In 2012, Egypt pledged \$500 million to the Palestinian Authority to help it rebuild after the Gaza War. Egypt has also donated food, fuel, and medicine to Gaza.

Egypt's Ties to Israel

Egypt's relationship with Israel is complex and has been characterized by both cooperation and conflict. Egypt was one of the first Arab states to recognize Israel, and the two countries signed a peace treaty in 1979. However, Egypt has also been critical of Israel's policies towards the Palestinians, and the two countries have been involved in a number of diplomatic disputes.

Egypt's close ties to Israel have led to accusations that Egypt is complicit in the blockade of Gaza. Israel has imposed a blockade on Gaza since 2007, which has severely restricted the flow of goods and people into and out of the territory. Egypt has been accused of cooperating with Israel in the blockade, and of preventing humanitarian aid from reaching Gaza.

Egypt has denied these accusations, and has said that it is committed to providing humanitarian assistance to Gaza. However, Egypt has also been accused of using the blockade to pressure Hamas, the Islamist group that controls Gaza. In 2013, Egypt closed the Rafah crossing after Hamas seized control of Gaza. The crossing was reopened in 2015, but it has been closed intermittently since then.

Egypt's Role in the Conflict

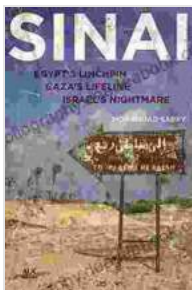
Egypt's role in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is a delicate one. Egypt is a key player in the region, and its actions can have a significant impact on the conflict. Egypt has been able to maintain a relatively stable relationship with Israel while also providing support to the Palestinians. However, this balancing act has become increasingly difficult in recent years, as the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has escalated.

Egypt has been involved in a number of diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict. In 2006, Egypt brokered a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. In 2012, Egypt hosted talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. However, these efforts have not been successful in resolving the conflict.

Egypt continues to play a key role in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Egypt is a linchpin of the Gaza lifeline, providing essential support to the besieged enclave. Egypt also maintains close ties with Israel, and has been involved in a number of diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict. However, Egypt's role is a difficult one, and it is unclear how the country will be able to continue to balance its support for the Palestinians with its relationship with Israel.

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Egypt's role in the conflict is likely to continue to be a difficult one. Egypt is a key player in the region, and its actions can have a significant impact on the conflict. However, Egypt's ability to balance its support for the Palestinians with its relationship with Israel is likely to be increasingly tested in the years to come.



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