

# Israel's 'Ground Invasion' Feint

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After four days of fighting, with more than 1,600 rockets fired at Israel by Hamas, and hundreds of attacks carried out by the IAF on Hamas sites, the IDF called up 9,000 reserve troops, who were deployed, along with tanks and other vehicles, along the border with Gaza. Israeli leaders – civilian and military – began publicly to discuss a possible ground invasion of Gaza. Hamas took this possibility to heart, and its fighters, so many of whom who had been hiding in the vast network of underground tunnels that crisscrossed the Strip, emerged to fight the expected Israeli invaders. But it was all an Israeli ruse. The story is here: “Did IDF deception lead to massive aerial assault on Hamas’s ‘Metro’?,” by Yaakov Katz, [Jihad Watch](#).