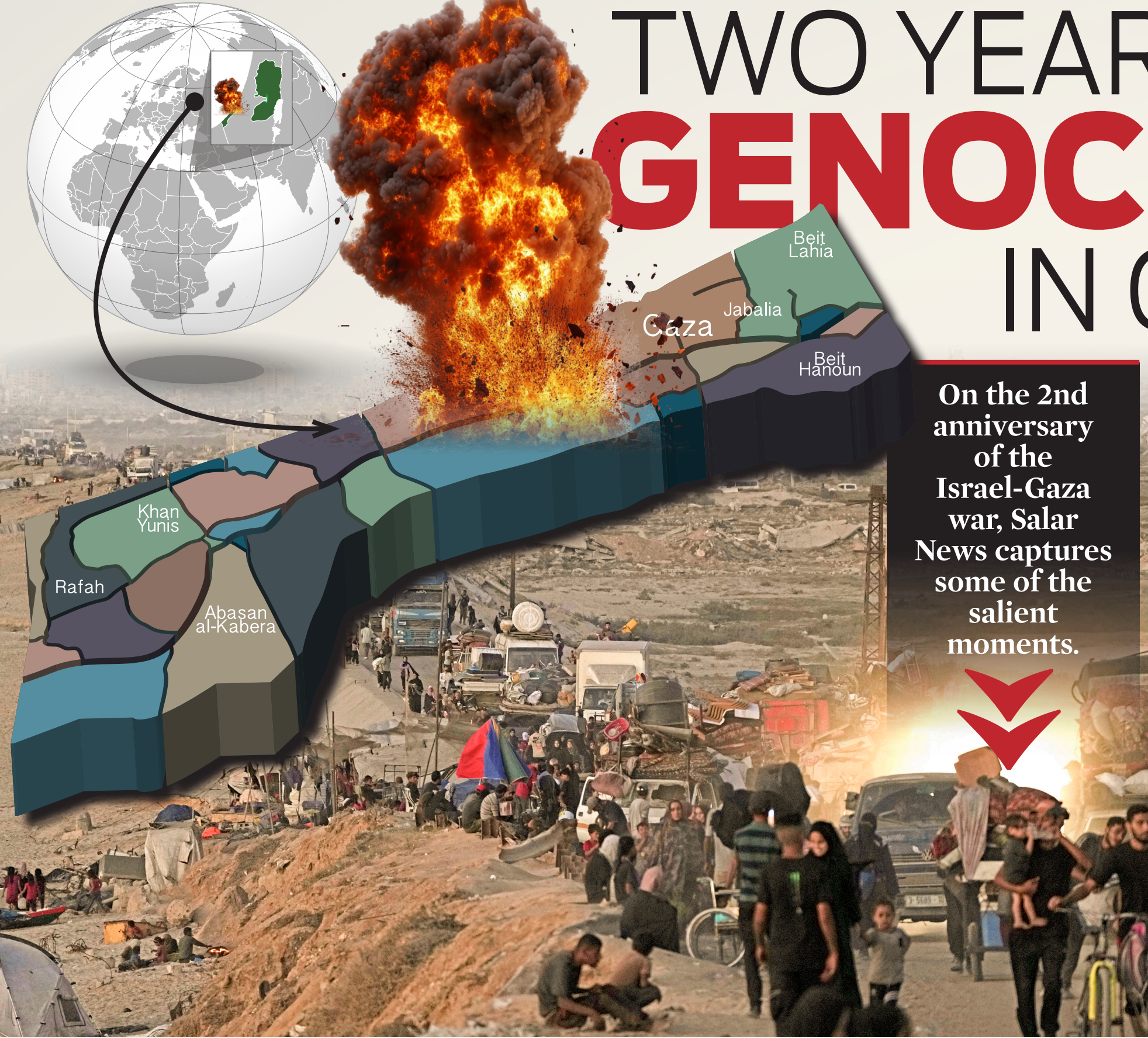


TWO YEARS OF GENOCIDE IN GAZA



On the 2nd anniversary of the Israel-Gaza war, Salar News captures some of the salient moments.



DEATH TOLL

80% of the deceased are civilians

GAZANS
66,317

ISRAELIS
1,983

JOURNALISTS
270

AID WORKERS
224

ISRAEL SAYS...



Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said that blocking humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip is “justified and moral” even if it causes two million Gazans to die of starvation.

WHO HAS RECOGNISED PALESTINIAN STATE?



156 of the 193-member states of the United Nations. These include India, the UK, Turkey, France, Spain.

ON 7 OCTOBER, 2023

- Hamas gunmen attacked southern Israel, killing 1,200.
- Some 250 people are taken back to Gaza and held captive. These hostages become a central issue.
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declares war and orders airstrikes and a total siege of Gaza.



ISRAEL GROUND OFFENSIVE INTO GAZA

On 13 October, Israel tells at least a million residents of Gaza to evacuate and move south. Israel Defence Force (IDF) troops move into the Gaza Strip, marking the invasion of the territory.



AL SHIFA HOSPITAL

On 15 November, Israeli troops enter Gaza's biggest hospital al Shifa. IDF claims the hospital is a Hamas headquarter but the hospital denies it. All hospitals stop functioning in the north in a few weeks. Newborns were among those who died due to lack of power and supplies.



US AND UK LAUNCH AIRSTRIKES ON YEMEN

11 January, 2024: Worried about attacks on the Red Sea shipping by Houthi rebels, the US and UK launch airstrikes on Yemen. Houthis vow to continue attacks.



GENOCIDE CHARGE

On 11 January, 2024, the International Court of Justice hears a case in which South Africa accuses Israel of committing genocide. Israel denies it. On 1 April, seven aid workers from World Central Kitchen are killed in Gaza. Meanwhile, the UN warns that famine is imminent in northern Gaza and says 1.1M are starving.



IRAN AND ISRAEL TRADE SALVOS

Tehran says Israeli strike on its embassy in Damascus killed Iranian officers. In retaliation, Iran launches missiles and drones at Israel on 13 April. Most are intercepted. Israel strikes targets in Iran, hitting its air defence radar. Thousands protest, asking Netanyahu to reach a ceasefire deal.



OUTCRY OVER RAFAH DEATHS

Israeli airstrike on Rafah camp kills 45 in May, killing mostly children and women. Netanyahu calls it a “tragic mistake”.

POLIO OUTBREAK

Gaza saw an outbreak of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. The region has been polio free for 25 years. The virus was detected in wastewater samples. 1,87,000 kids were vaccinated from 1-3 Sept.

NOVEMBER CEASEFIRE

Israel and Hamas announce first truce - they agree to pause fighting for four days to exchange hostages and to allow aid. The ceasefire lasted a week and hostages were freed. On 1 December, Israeli forces start attacking southern Gaza, the outskirts of Khan Yunis city. People are killed in refugee camps. On 8 December, the US vetoes a UN Security Council demand for humanitarian ceasefire. The UK abstains. Three Israeli hostages are 'mistakenly' killed by IDF on 15 December.

