

Aim 12: How Did Israel Win the 6 Day War, and what were the results?



I. Build Up to War

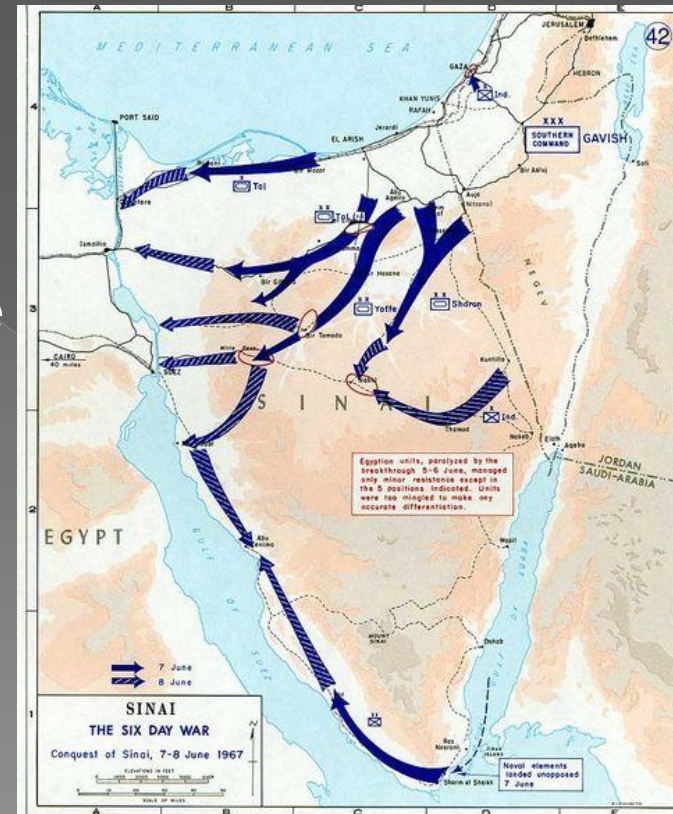
- ◉ Egypt occupies the Sinai and expels the UN.
- ◉ Egypt then closes the Strait of Tiran, again.
- ◉ They then tell the Syrians and Russians that Israel has moved troops to the Golan. The Arab rhetoric was matched by the mobilization of Arab forces.
- ◉ Approximately 465,000 troops, more than 2,800 tanks, and 800 aircraft ringed Israel.
- ◉ King Hussein of Jordan signed a defense pact with Egypt on May 30. Nasser then announced:

The armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are poised on the borders of Israel...to face the challenge, while standing behind us are the armies of Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan and the whole Arab nation. This act will astound the world. Today they will know that the Arabs are arranged for battle, the critical hour has arrived. We have reached the stage of serious action and not declarations. [\(13\)](#)

II. Three Front War

A. Egypt

1. June 5th Israel launched Operation Focus, and preemptively attacked and destroyed the Egyptian Air force.
2. Israel then sent their tanks against the Sinai and in three days took the entire peninsula.
3. Ariel Sharon led one of the battalions which was responsible for the victory.
4. Thousands of Egyptians were killed and most of their army destroyed.



B. Jordan

1. Jordan was asked by Israel to stay out of the war.
2. After the destruction of the Egyptian Air Force, Egypt claimed it had been victorious and that Jordan should join and crush Israel.
3. King Hussein sent in the Arab Legion on June 5th, by June 8th it was destroyed.



B. Jordan

1. On June 7th Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told Moshe Dayan to take the Old City before the U.N. could declare a cease fire. In 10 hours they took control.

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C. Syria

- Syria was led by Egypt to believe that Israel was on the defensive, so they entered the war.
- Israeli aircraft took out 2/3 of the Syrian air force by the end of June 5th.
- Syrian forces were repulsed by Israeli defenses.
- June 9th Israel attacked the Golan Heights.
- By June 10th the Golan was taken by the Israelis.

1. Israel captures West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza from Jordan and Egypt.
2. All of the former Palestine Mandate now under the control of Israel.
3. Israel begins military administration of Palestinians in these territories.
4. Yasser Arafat takes control of the PLO.



Israel's "Land for Peace" Initiative

Khartoum Conference



- No peace with Israel
- No recognition of Israel
- No negotiation with it

*Arab League Summit
(Sept. 1967)*



"This is the first war in history which has ended with the victors suing for peace and the vanquished calling for unconditional surrender."

*Abba Eban – Israel's First
Ambassador to the UN*

United Nations Resolution 242

- *Affirms* that the fulfillment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace ...
- Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;
- Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement 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;
- For achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem



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