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Gaza on the Brink: How to Forestall Another Conflict Between Hamas and Israel

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An ongoing electricity crisis is placing an inordinate amount of pressure on Gaza [1]. If not addressed, it could end with a political implosion, a full-blown humanitarian disaster, and yet another round of violence between Hamas [2] and Israel.

A dangerous combination of intra-Palestinian rivalry, the lack of a long-term Israeli strategy for dealing with Hamas, international inertia, and the absence of a political process heightens Gaza's dire predicament and the possibility of conflict. Even worse, these same factors are plunging the strip into the deepest humanitarian crisis it has seen in a decade. In short, Gaza is on the brink of a humanitarian, and possibly political, point of no return.

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