

IW Lessons from Gaza: Lawfare, Humanitarian Crises, and Urban Combat

Description

Episode 93 of the Irregular Warfare Podcast examines irregular warfare in the Gaza Strip and Israel.

Our guests begin by delving into Hamas and its hybrid strategy in Gaza before addressing Israel's traditional counterterrorism approach in the Middle East. They then discuss the risks associated with an invasion of Gaza, and the importance of addressing lawfare and humanitarian considerations head on. Finally, our guests conclude with recommendations about operating in urban terrain and navigating a complex geopolitical environment that may require the U.S. and its allies to relook its global force structure.

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