

## Golan Heights

The Golan Heights, a strategic plateau in northern Israel, has been central to regional security and geopolitics. Captured from Syria during the Six-Day War in 1967 and fought over in the Yom Kippur War of 1973, it has served as a critical buffer zone against potential aggression.



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In 1981, Israel extended its law and administration to the Golan, effectively annexing the territory. This move, has been widely disputed internationally, with most countries not recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the area.

The Heights' elevated terrain provides a commanding view of northern Israel, the Sea of Galilee, and Syria's southern plains, making it vital for military defense and deterrence.

Additionally, its fertile soil supports agriculture, and its volcanic rock formations feed freshwater springs.

The Golan boasts a burgeoning world-renowned wine industry.

The Heights have been of critical importance during continuing conflicts with Islamic terror forces in Lebanon.

In 2019, U.S. President Donald Trump officially recognized the Golan as part of Israel, underscoring its importance to Israeli security and sovereignty.