

## ovd Gaza Strip

Type: Documentary

**Director:** James Longley

**Year:** 2002

Time: 74 minutes

Language: Arabic with English subtitles

## www.arabfilm.com:

"An unflinchingly honest portrayal of a population under siege. As a perspective that is largely excluded from American attention, it deserves the widest possible audience." - Washington Report on Middle East Affairs

American documentary filmmaker James Longley traveled to the Gaza Strip in January of 2001, planning to stay for two weeks and collect preliminary material for a film about the Palestinian intifada. He threw away his return ticket and stayed for another 3 months, shooting over 75 hours of material throughout the Gaza Strip.

GAZA STRIP follows a range of people and events following the election of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, including the first major armed incursion into "Area A" by IDF forces during this intifada. The film is filmed almost entirely in a verite style, presented without narration and with little explanation, focusing on ordinary Palestinians rather than politicians and pundits. More observation than political argument, GAZA STRIP offers a rare look inside the stark realities of Palestinian life and death under Israeli military occupation.

## **DVD Special Features**

- Director Commentary
- Info on director James Longley
- Gaza Strip Slide Show
- Map of the Gaza Strip
- Direct link to Gaza Strip Official Website