

## Word of the Day - Casus belli

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- **Noun: Casus belli**

1. an event or action that justifies or allegedly justifies a war or conflict

- **Synonyms:**

1. affront
2. harassment
3. insult
4. cause
5. challenge
6. grounds
7. incentive
8. inducement
9. injury
10. instigation
11. justification
12. motivation
13. offense
14. provoking

- **Usage:**

1. “He hadn’t forgotten Ben-Gurion’s pledge at the end of the Suez Crisis that Israel would consider any blockade of its shipping a **casus belli**, an act justifying war. “

- **Encountered:**

1. While reading [\*Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted\*](#) by [Daniel Sokatch](#)

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