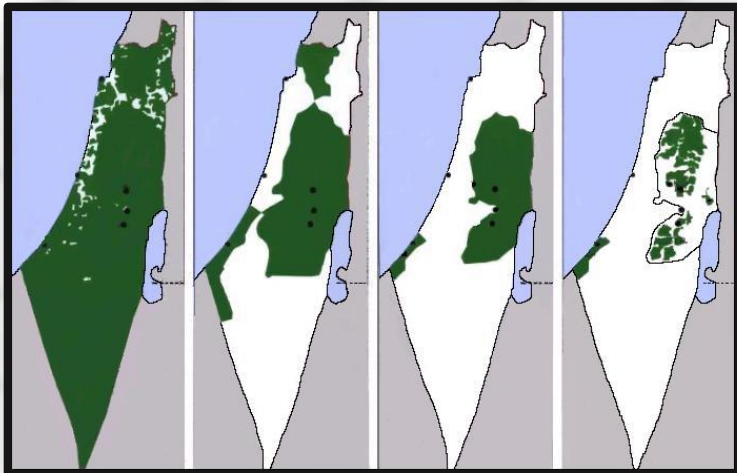




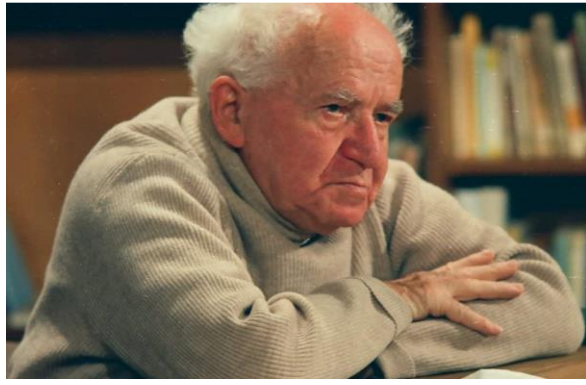
# HISTORY OF

# PALESTINE



# IN IMAGES

Super short version



**Ben Gurion 1886 - 1973**  
Prime Minister of Israel  
1948 - 1953 and 1955 - 1963

"We will drive out  
the Arabs and  
take their place."

**A classic case of  
settlement  
colonisation**

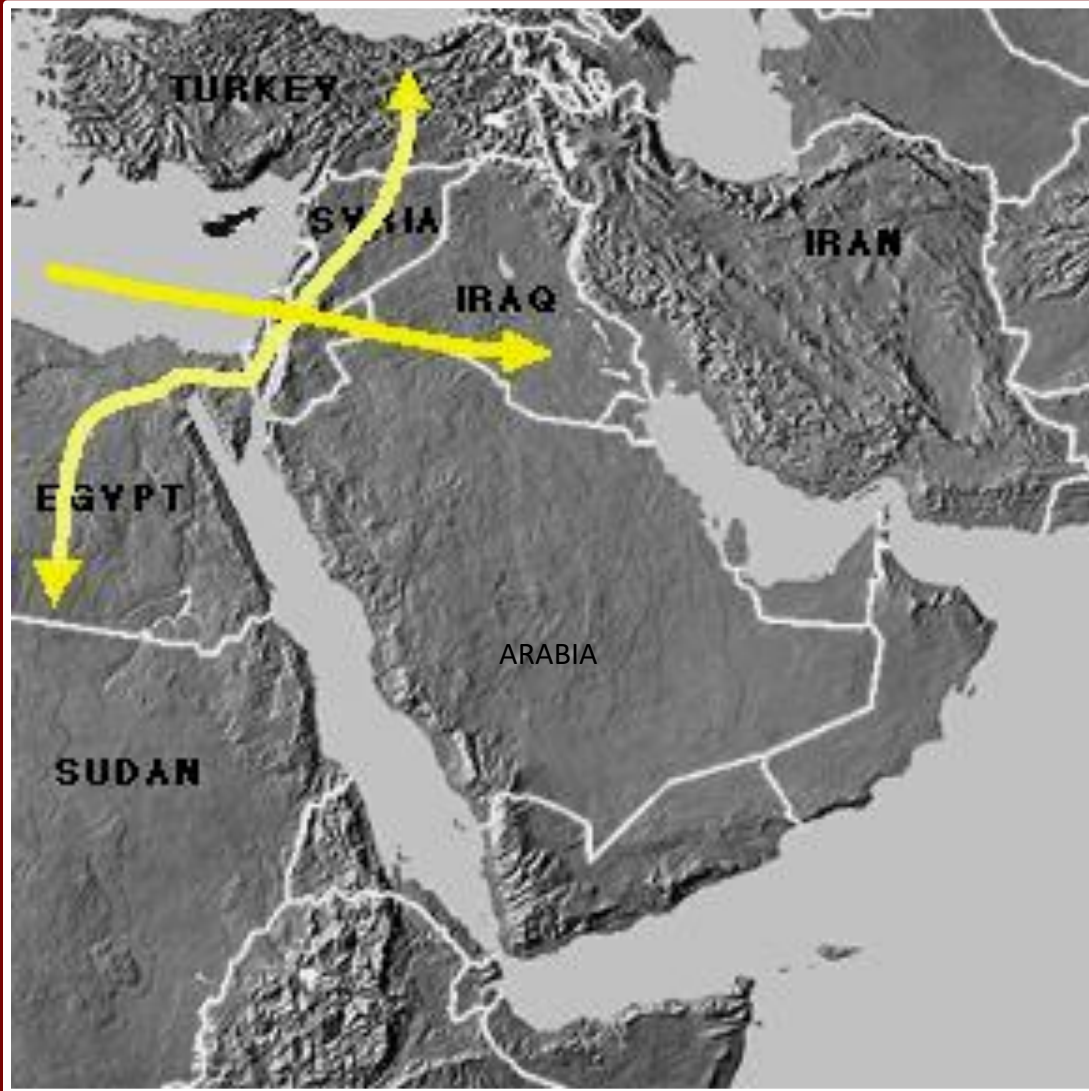
\*Ben Gurion's letter written in 1937 to his son.

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It is very important to study the history of Palestine for understand what happened and is happening in Palestine (Ilan Pappé). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug45Mv1eaL0>



**Palestine  
is part  
of the  
Middle  
East**



**Palestine**  
Obligatory passage between  
- Africa and Asia  
- Africa and Europe  
- The Mediterranean and the East



Palestine is part of the Fertile Crescent of the Middle East





Geography



**PALESTINE**



Topography





**Acres**

**PALESTINE**

**Haifa**

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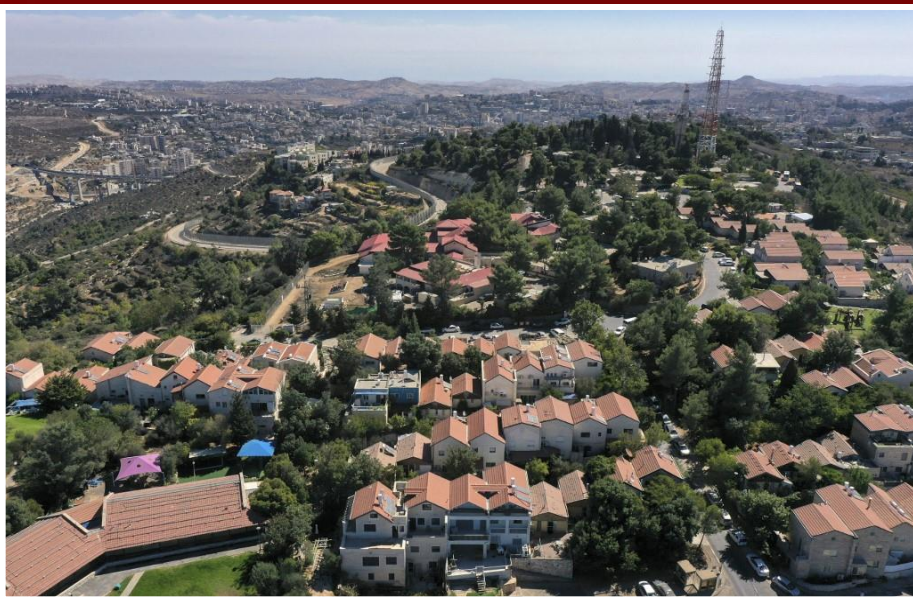






**The coast in the north of Palestine**





**The Israeli settlement of Har Gilo, Jerusalem district.**

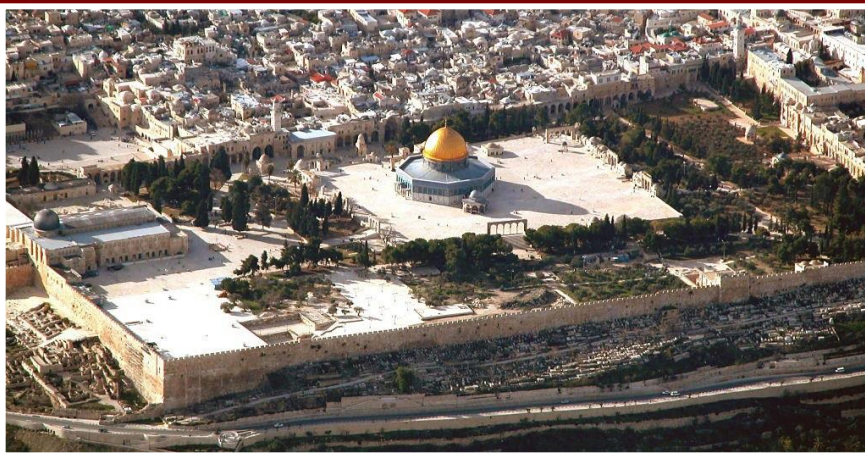


**Gerico**

**Palestine: a land where milk and honey flows**

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**Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, with the Al Aqsa mosque (left) and the Dome of the Rock (center).**



**Jezreel valley**





**The Jordan Valley, with on the background, the Jordanian plateau.**

The white spots are the greenhouses of the Israeli settlements



## Tel Aviv today



What remains of Jaffa

**Cananeans**

3000 BC

**Egyptians**

1488 BC

**Philistines**

1200 BC

**Israelites**

1000 BC

**Phoenicians**

925 BC

**Assyrians**

733 BC

**Babylonians**

597 BC

**Persians**

Ciro - 539 BC

**Macedonian**

Alexander the Great  
322 BC

**Romans**

70 BC

**The comings  
and goings in  
Palestine over  
the centuries**

**Arabs**

632 A.D.

**Christians**

1039 - Crusaders

**Mamluks**

1253 - Saladin

**Ottomans**

1516

**British**

1917

**Zionists**

1948





Muslims on the terrace at Al Aqsa



Christian - Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem



Jews at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem



**Palestine: the Holy Land for three important monotheistic religions**



Torah



Koran



Bible





Theodor Herzl



Basel



**1897**  
**Basel, the first Zionist congress.**  
**The Zionists want to create in Palestine**  
**a State for the Jews.**

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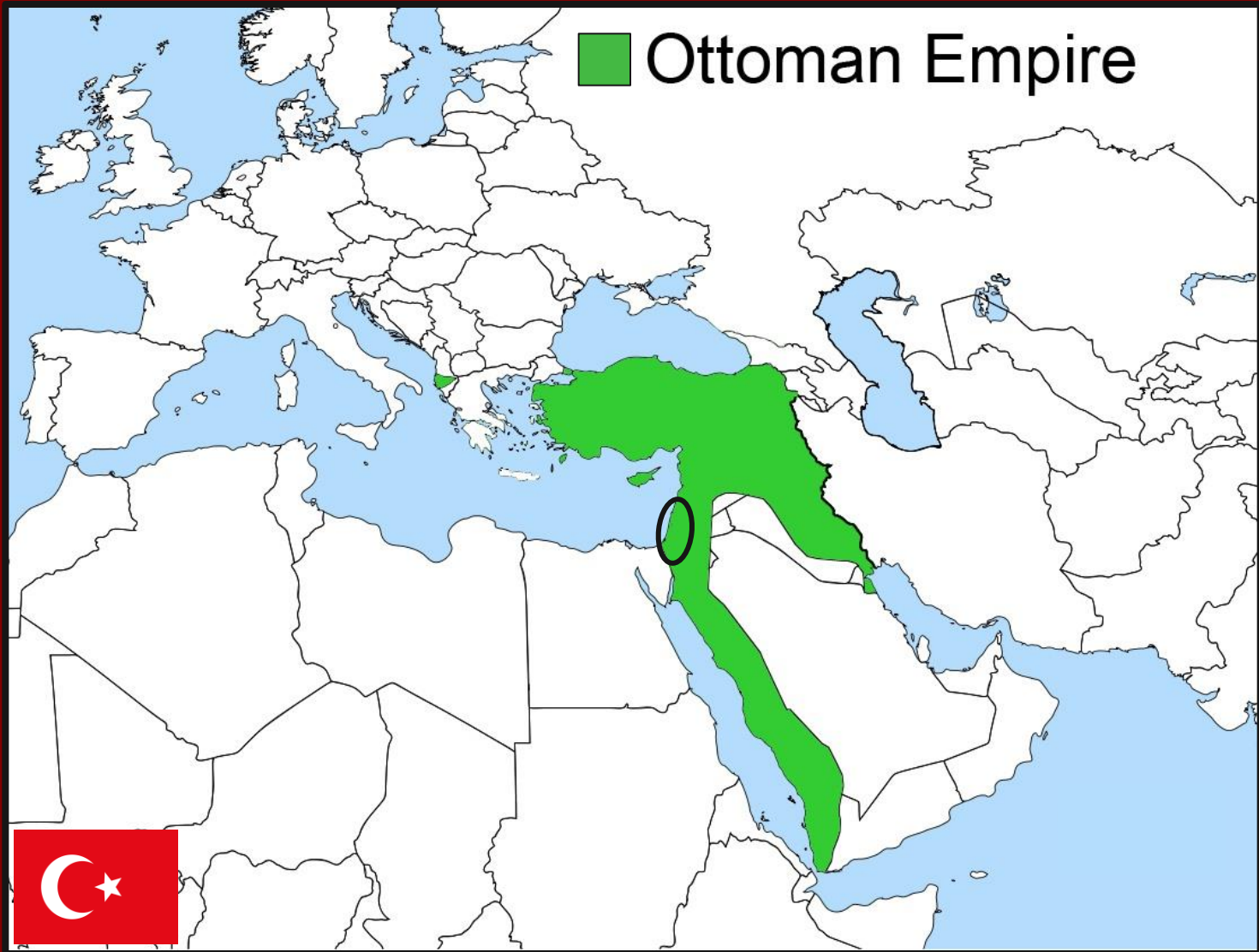
Basel



The contribution certificate



The invitation to the first congress (with Wailing wall)



**1917 - Palestine is part of the Ottoman Turkish Empire**



Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

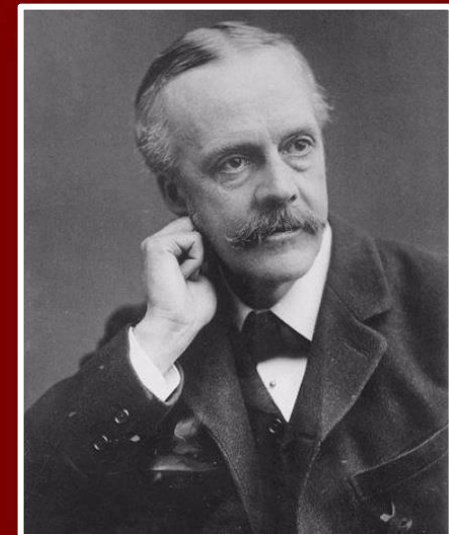
I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

*Y. v. v.*  
Arthur James Balfour



## 1917 The Balfour Declaration

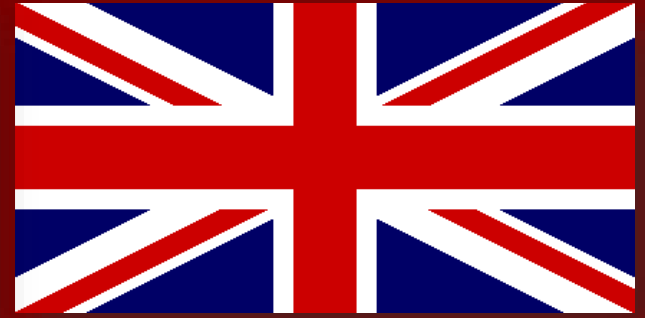
The British government declares itself favourable to the establishment in Palestine of a «national home» for the Jews.



Lord Balfour



Arrival of  
British  
troops



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# 1917 - 1918 British troops conquer Palestine



December  
1917  
The city of  
Jerusalem  
surrenders

British troops  
led by General  
Allenby enter  
Jerusalem





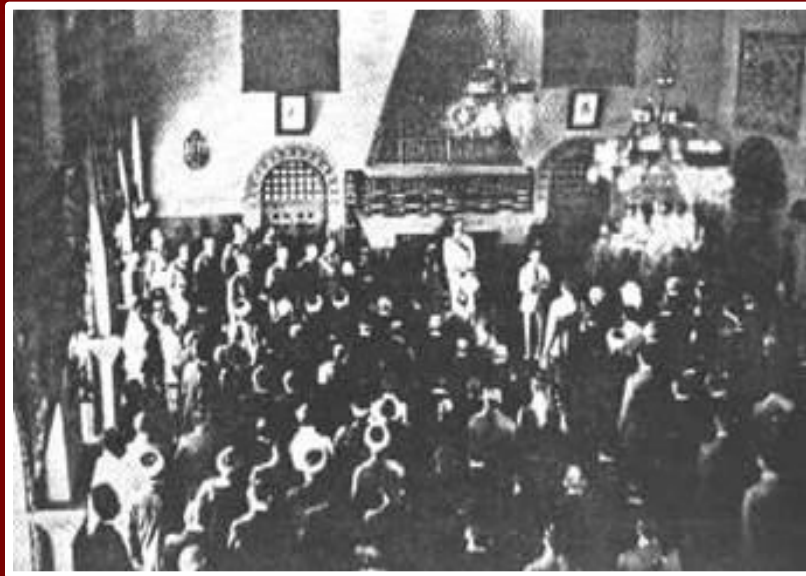
# 1922

**The League of Nations entrusts the  
administration of Palestine to Great Britain**

**First Commissioner is the Zionist  
Samuel Herbert**

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1920 Appointment of Samuel Herbert  
Commissioner for Palestine



1919 1. session of the League of Nations







Kibbutz Dalia  
1930s

1934 Kibbutz  
Degania Alef

Mobile  
dental  
care



1928 Kibbutz  
Beit Hashita

**In Palestine  
kibbutz  
grow like  
mushrooms**



Kibbutz Bet Alfa 1921



GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
-2-  
8 NOV. 1935  
TIBERIAS  
SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT



GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
8 NOV. 1935  
TIBERIAS  
SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

إسمه محمد الزرعاني -3-

Certified that Sulaiman Muhammad  
Certifié que Surani

Is an inhabitant of the village of  
Est un habitant du village de

Sauakh situated in  
situé dans

the sub-district of Tiberias  
le Caza de تبريا

Date 8/11/35

٢٥ / ١١ / ٣٥

Sae G...  
District Officer  
Le Conseiller Administratif

Office Stamp  
Sceau

Palestinian identity document from 1935





Some Palestinian notes and coins from the British Mandate period

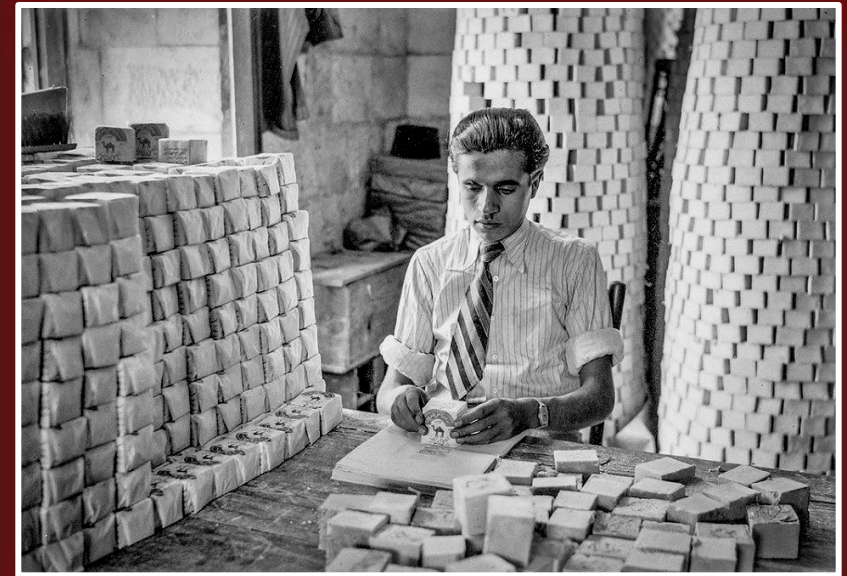
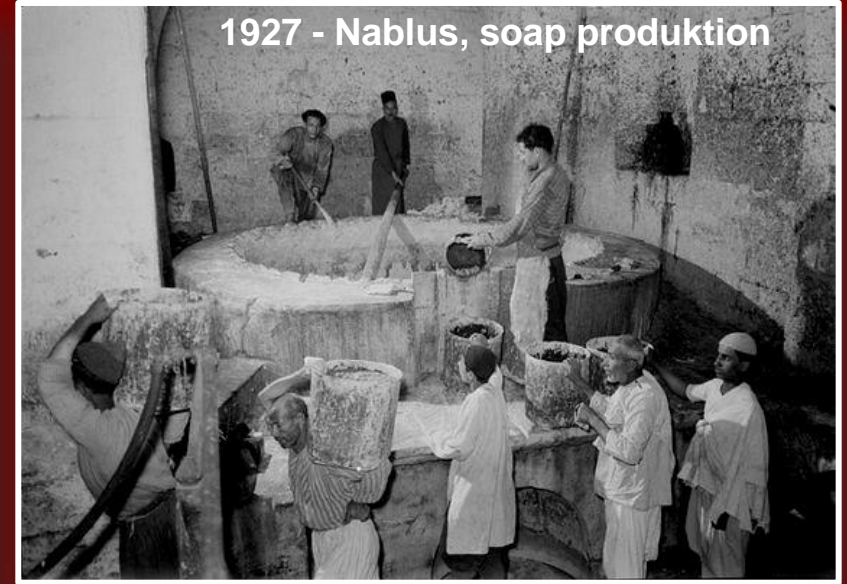


In Palestine, these means of payment were put out of circulation by the Zionists in 1948.

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1936 - Olive, oil and soap industry in Palestine





General view of the citrus groves of Jaffa before 1914



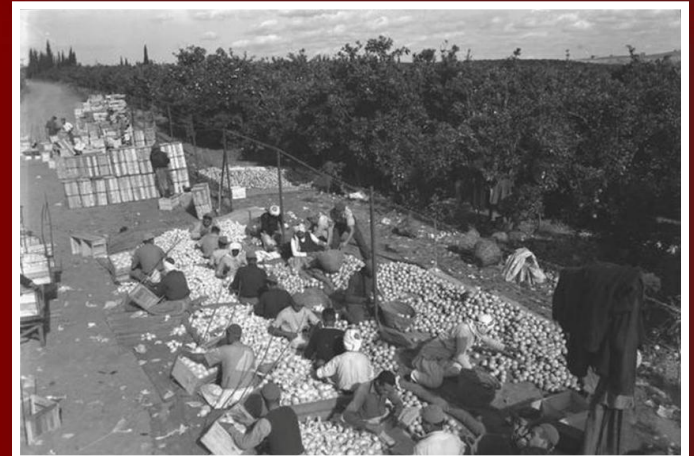
## The Palestinians citrus groves



In Palestine, the Arabs developed citrus cultivation.

Later it was almost all confiscated by the Zionist Jews.

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**1933 The  
British  
repression**

**1930 The  
Palestinian  
Committee  
of  
Salvation**



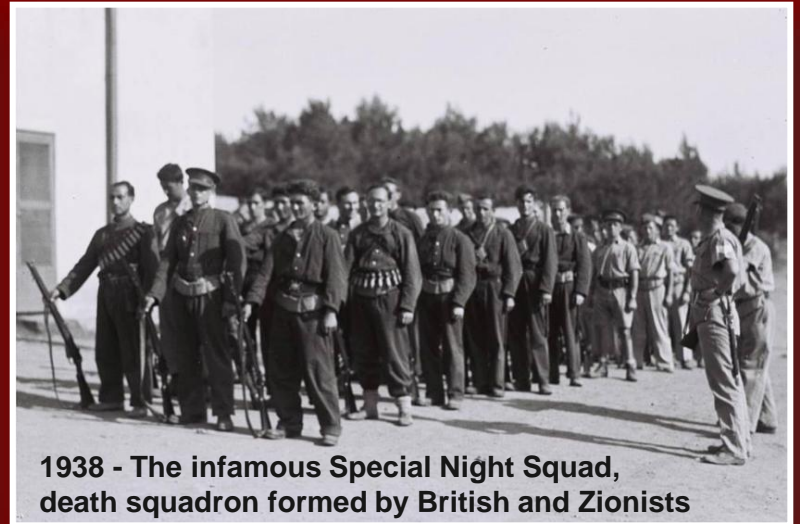
## **1929 - 1939 Great Arab revolt**

(repressed by the British helped by the jewish militias)

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**1929 Arab protest  
demonstration**

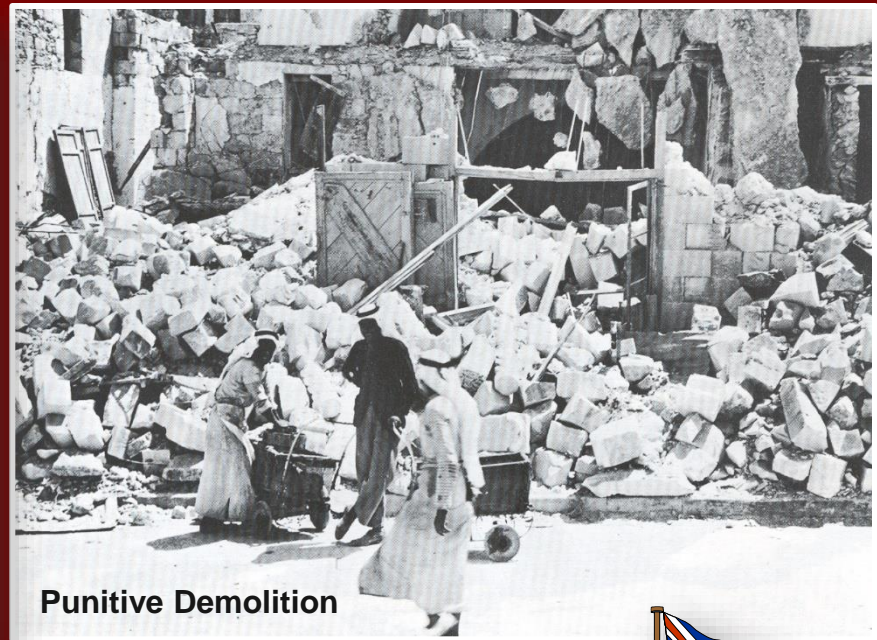


**1938 - The infamous Special Night Squad,  
death squadron formed by British and Zionists**





Collective arrest, Jerusalem, September 1938



Punitive Demolition



Imprisonments

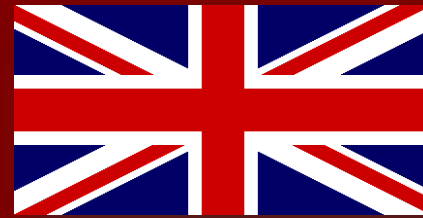
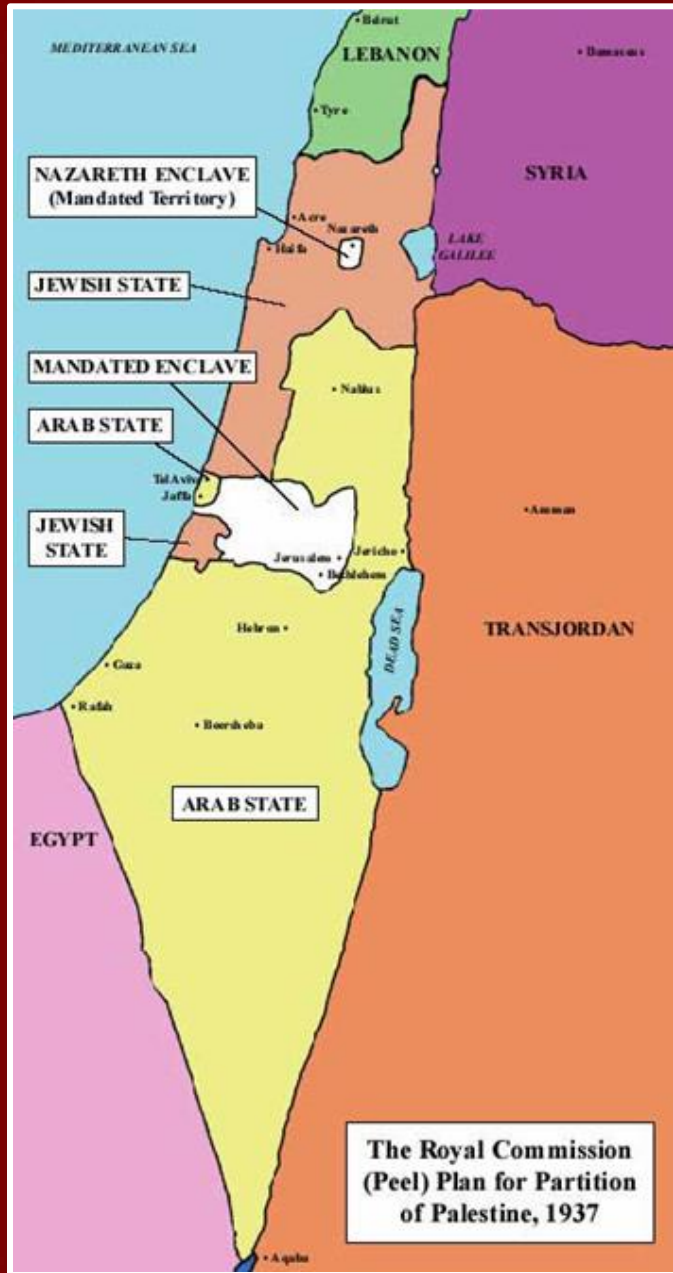
## THE REPRESSION

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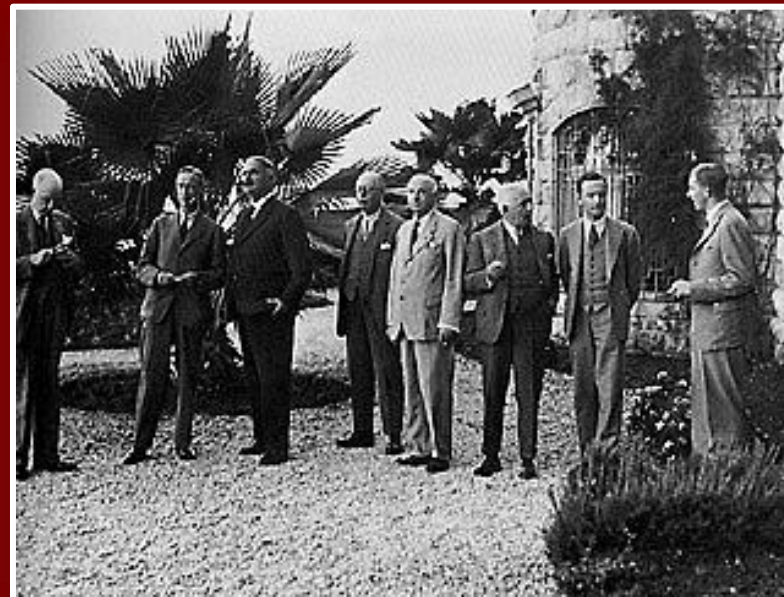


Checkpoint





**1937**  
**The investigations and proposals of the British**



November 1936 : the Peel Commission in Jerusalem



Traveling to Palestine



More European Zionist immigrants arrive

The Jewish agency



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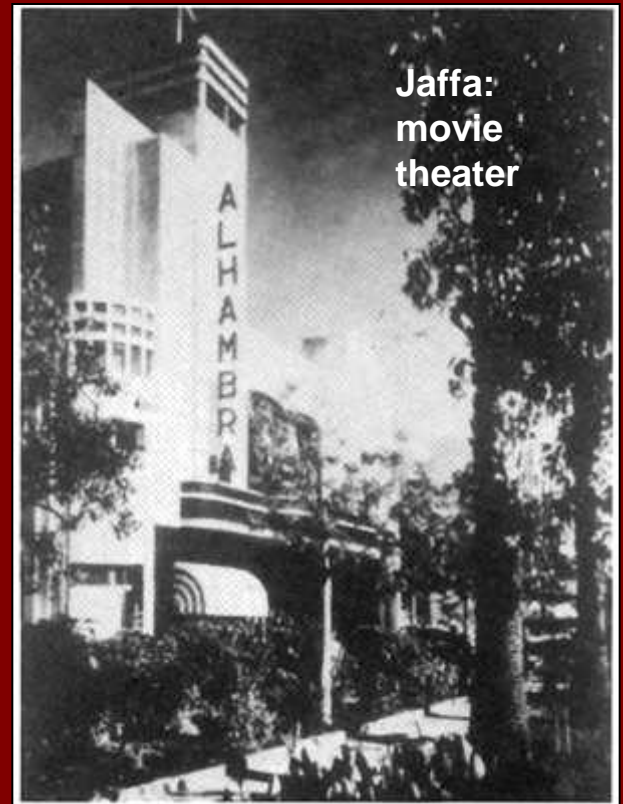
The illegal immigration



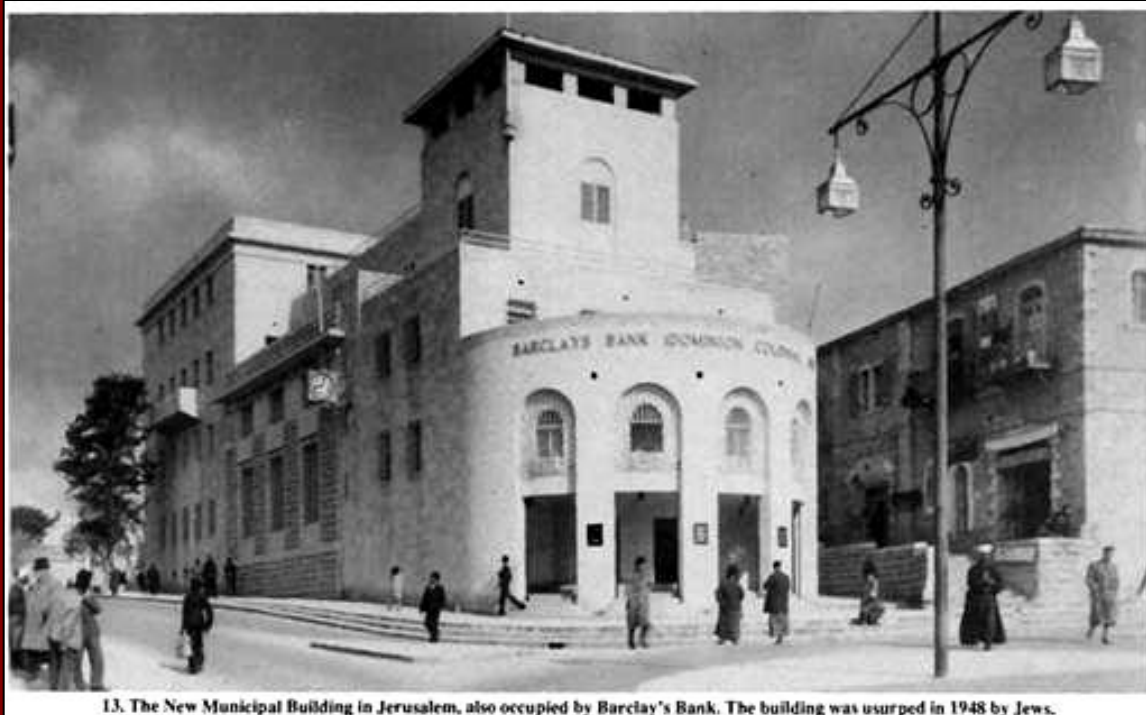


**1940  
Palestine  
on the way to  
urbanization**

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Jaffa:  
movie  
theater



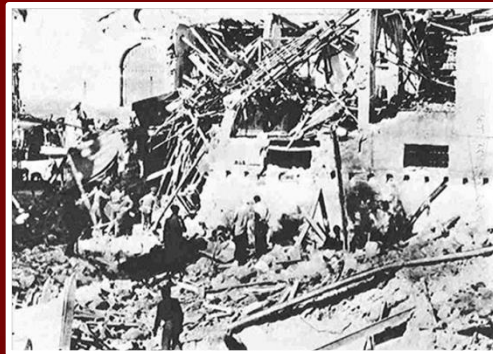
13. The New Municipal Building in Jerusalem, also occupied by Barclay's Bank. The building was usurped in 1948 by Jews.



11. Jaffa Road in Jerusalem. Its apartment houses were built by Arabs and usurped in 1948 by Jews.



**1946 - The attack on the King David hotel in Jerusalem killed 100 people.**



**January 4, 1948: the destruction of the city hall building in Jaffa killed 26 civilians**



**1946: attack on the Jaffa-Jerusalem train line**

## Zionist terrorism

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Since 1936 the Zionist militias Haganah, Irgun, the Stern gang, etc. systematically attack and kill British and Palestinians. Before 1948 there are already 60'000 Palestinian displaced persons.

**Attack on a bus, Jerusalem, December 29, 1947**

**1948, 6 January, Bombing of the hotel Semiramis in Jerusalem**







**1947**

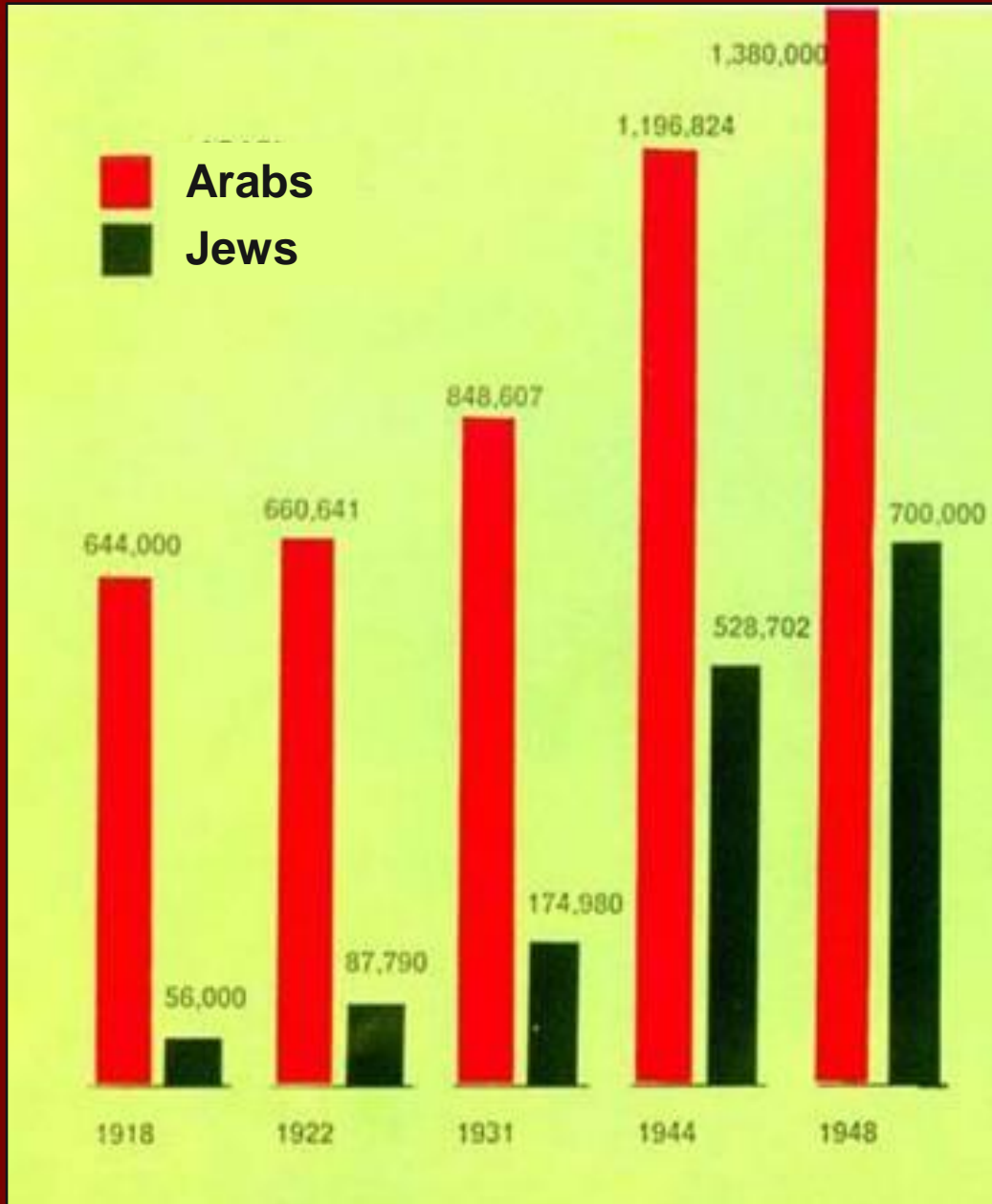
**The Zionist settlements**

Jewish National Found



About 6 % of the land is owned by Jews.  
In fact, the Zionists already occupied more.





# Palestine

## Demography 1918 - 1948





## 29th November 1947

The UN General Assembly adopts  
**Resolution 181** that provides for  
the partition of Palestine  
into two States:

A Jewish State and  
an Arab State

In reality, the Zionists only implemented the secret partition agreement of Palestine concluded between Golda Meir and Abdullah 1. King of Jordan on 17 November 1947, and implemented the Dalet ethnic cleansing plan in March 1948 by forcibly appropriating three quarters of Palestine.



The main  
Zionist  
militia  
Haganah

The  
Palestinians  
are few and  
badly armed



**On March 10, 1948,  
Ben Gurion orders the  
expulsion of  
1 million Arabs**



The ethnic cleansing of Palestine by the Zionists officially began in March 1948 and practically to this day (2024) has never stopped.

Ben  
Gurion

The Irgun Zionist militia

**The Zionists are many and well armed**





Attack on the Palestinian village of Dayr Aban, district of Jerusalem



Deir Yassin after the massacre of 250 people

**1948 -1949 - To convince the Palestinians to leave, the Zionists kill about 15'000 Palestinians**

**Some 850,000 Palestinians are driven out or have to flee.**

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Bombing



Deir Yassin overrun by Zionist gangs



1948-1949  
Many  
Palestinians  
from Jaffa,  
Akko and  
Haifa have  
to flee by  
sea

Photo: Haifa



Zionist militias force  
Palestinians to leave

**The Zionists drive out the Palestinians**

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1947  
-  
1948





**1948  
Palestinians  
have to leave**



**The fugitives are almost only women and children because the men have been killed or enslaved.**



**14 May 1948**  
**Ben Gurion unilaterally declares the state of Israel**





1948

The kings of Southern Arabia and Egypt inspect Egyptian military forces before the war



Egypt



Lebanon



Syria



Trans-Jordan



Iraq

Arab columns enter Palestine



**May 1948**  
**The first Arab-Israeli war begins**



Israel

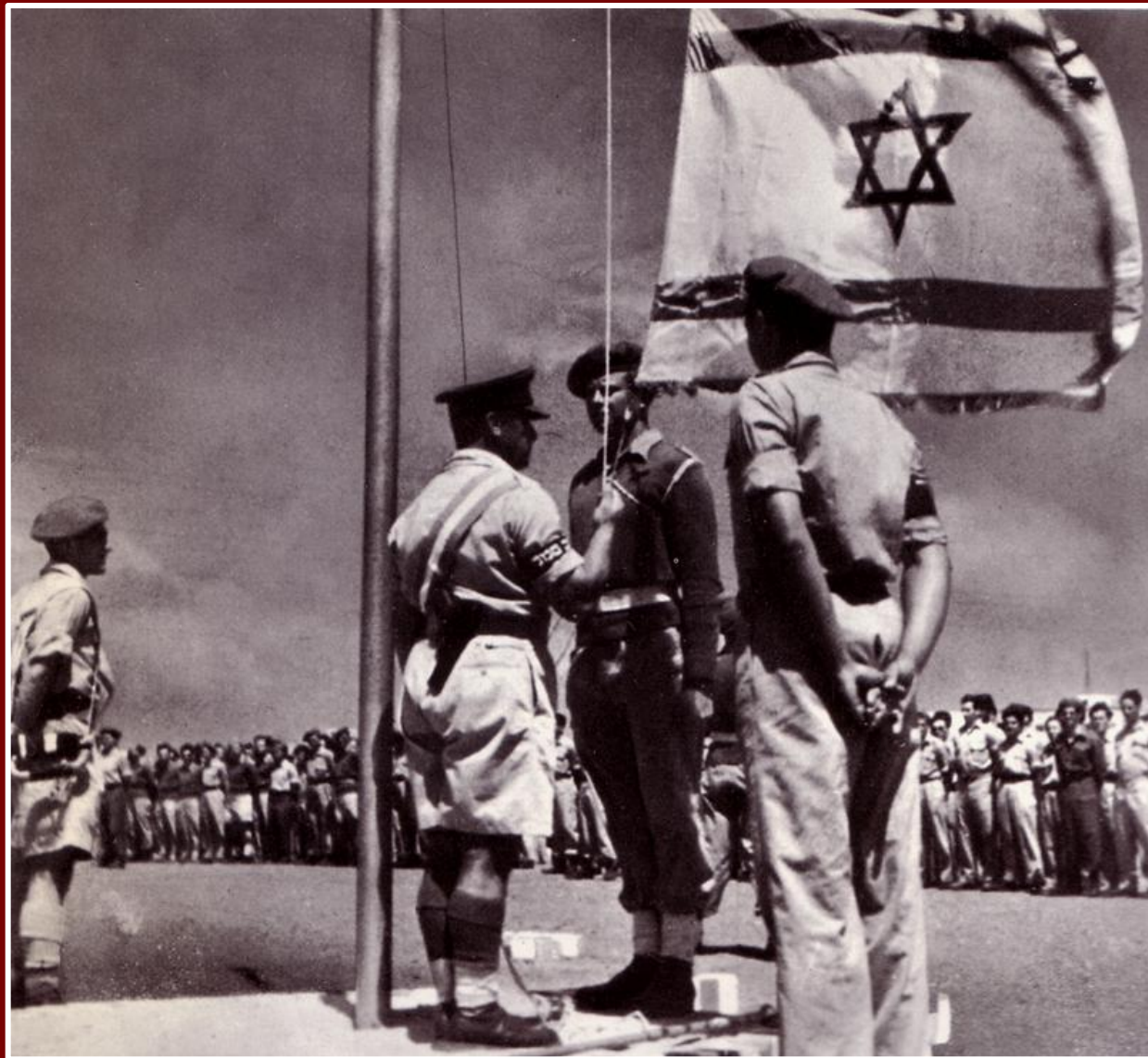
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**1948**

**June 28:  
Zionist  
terrorists of  
Haganah,  
Irgun, Stern  
gang  
become the  
official army of  
Israel:  
Zahal**



Later one after another the leaders of the Zionist gangs will become prime ministers of Israel. What used to be done during the night is now "officially" done during the day.



**Khisas**



**Khirbat al Umur**



**Kafr Bir'im**



**Qaddita**



**1948 - 1949**  
**The Zionists**  
**destroy about 500**  
**Palestinian villages**  
**and cities.**

**Majdal Yaba**



**Qaqun**



**Suba, destroyed in July 1948**





al-Tantura, about 1950 - the village is uninhabited. Today the village is a "kibbutz beach resort" called Nahsholim.



The Palestinians are forced to dig their own mass grave.



## The al-Tantura massacre 22-23 May 1948

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About 200-250 men were forcibly taken to beach and cemetery where they were killed and buried.

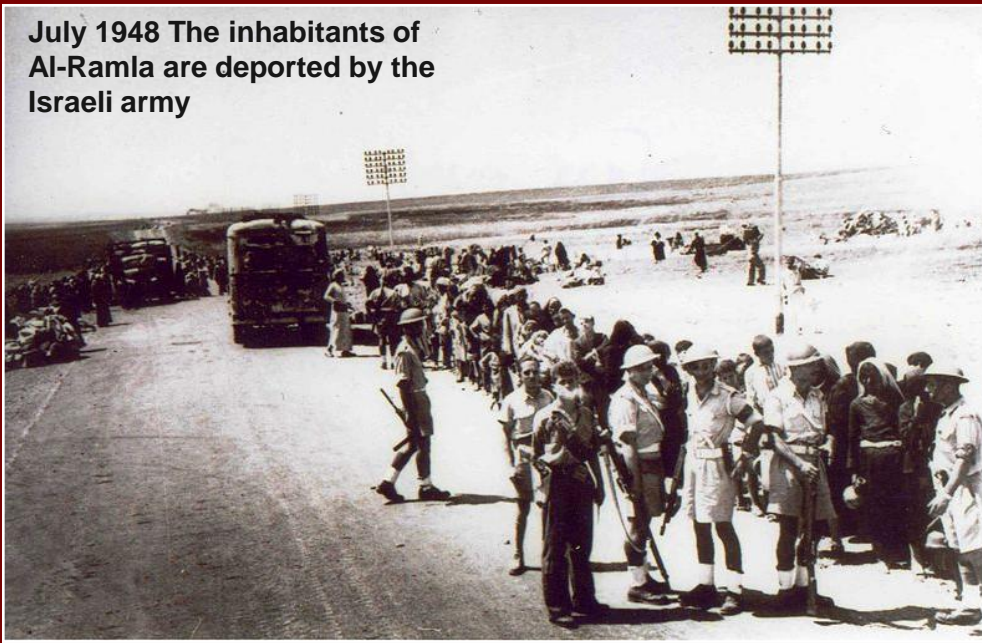


Women and children are forced to leave forever.





July 1948 The inhabitants of Al-Ramla are deported by the Israeli army



**1948 - 1949 Israelis deport Palestinians**

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**Towards exile**



1948 - 1949

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**Ethnic cleansing  
continues: more  
Palestinians  
fleeing**







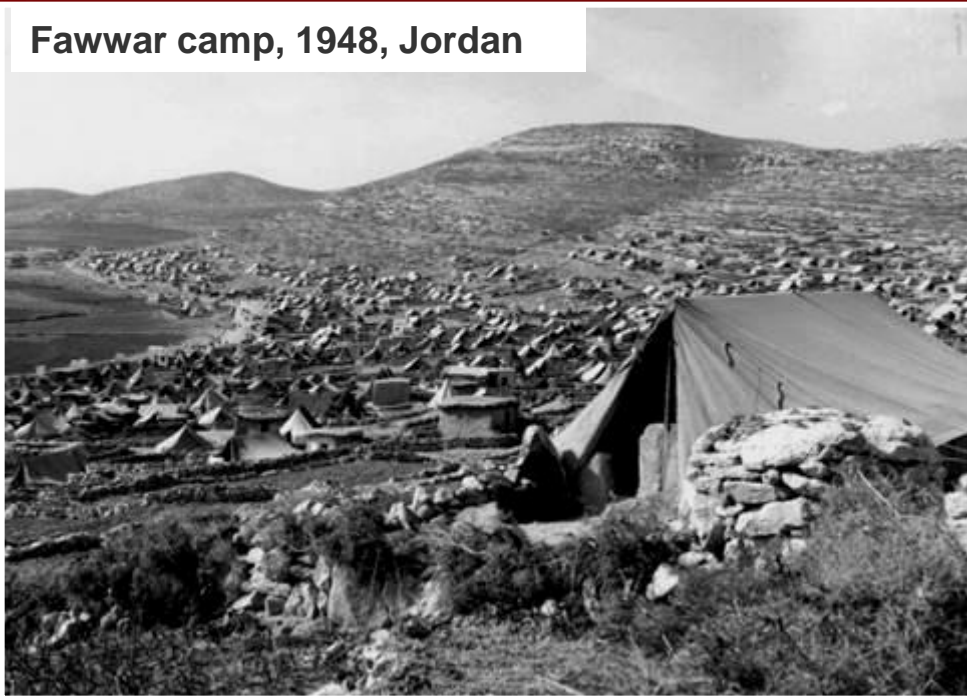
**Palestinian refugees must settle in the desert**



**1948 - Nahr El-Bared, Lebanon, the first camp for Palestinian refugees**



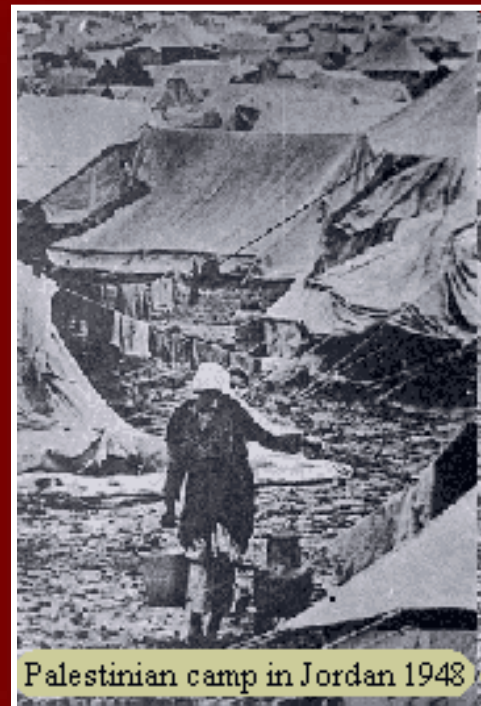
Fawwar camp, 1948, Jordan



1948

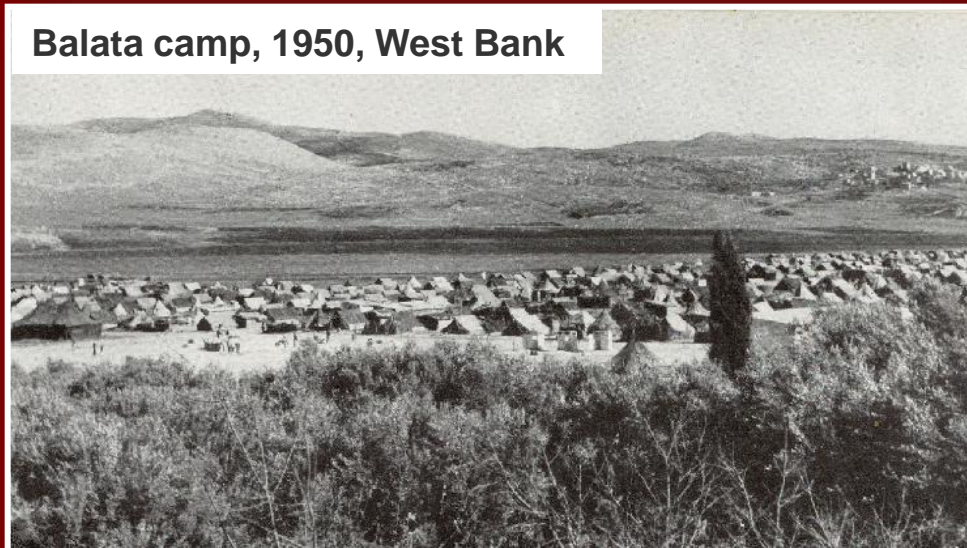
Camps for  
Palestinian  
refugees

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Palestinian camp in Jordan 1948

Balata camp, 1950, West Bank

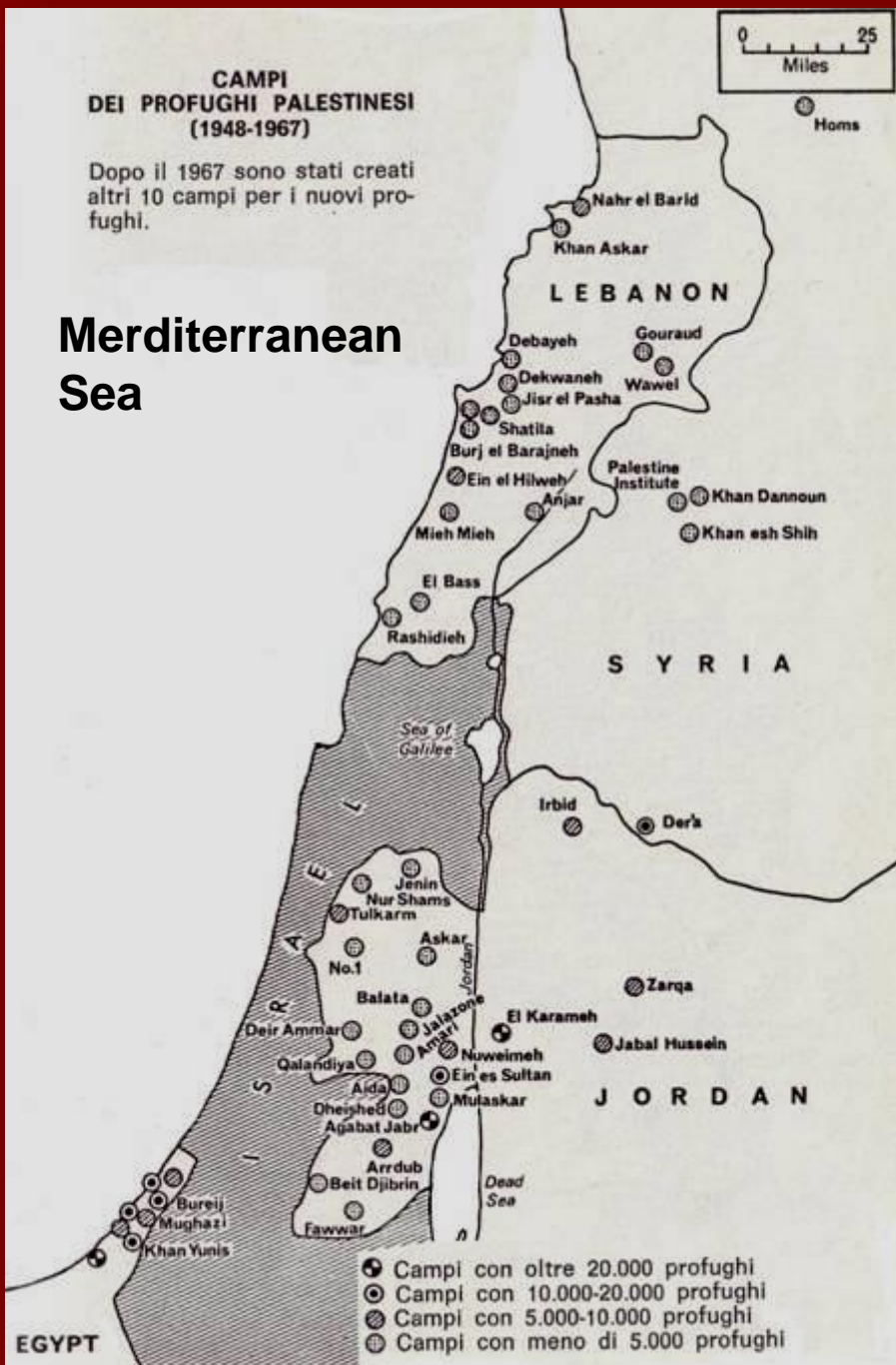


Camp in Syria, 1948



**Palestinian refugees are installed in makeshift camps set up by the Red Cross.**





**1948-1949**

The camps for Palestinian refugees

Refugees are 850'000

It is the **NAKBA** (the desaster)

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60,000 of them had already lost everything for the first time between 1920 and 1948

In subsequent years hundreds of thousands of Jews move from Arab countries to Israel.



Armistice line (green line)

**June 1949**

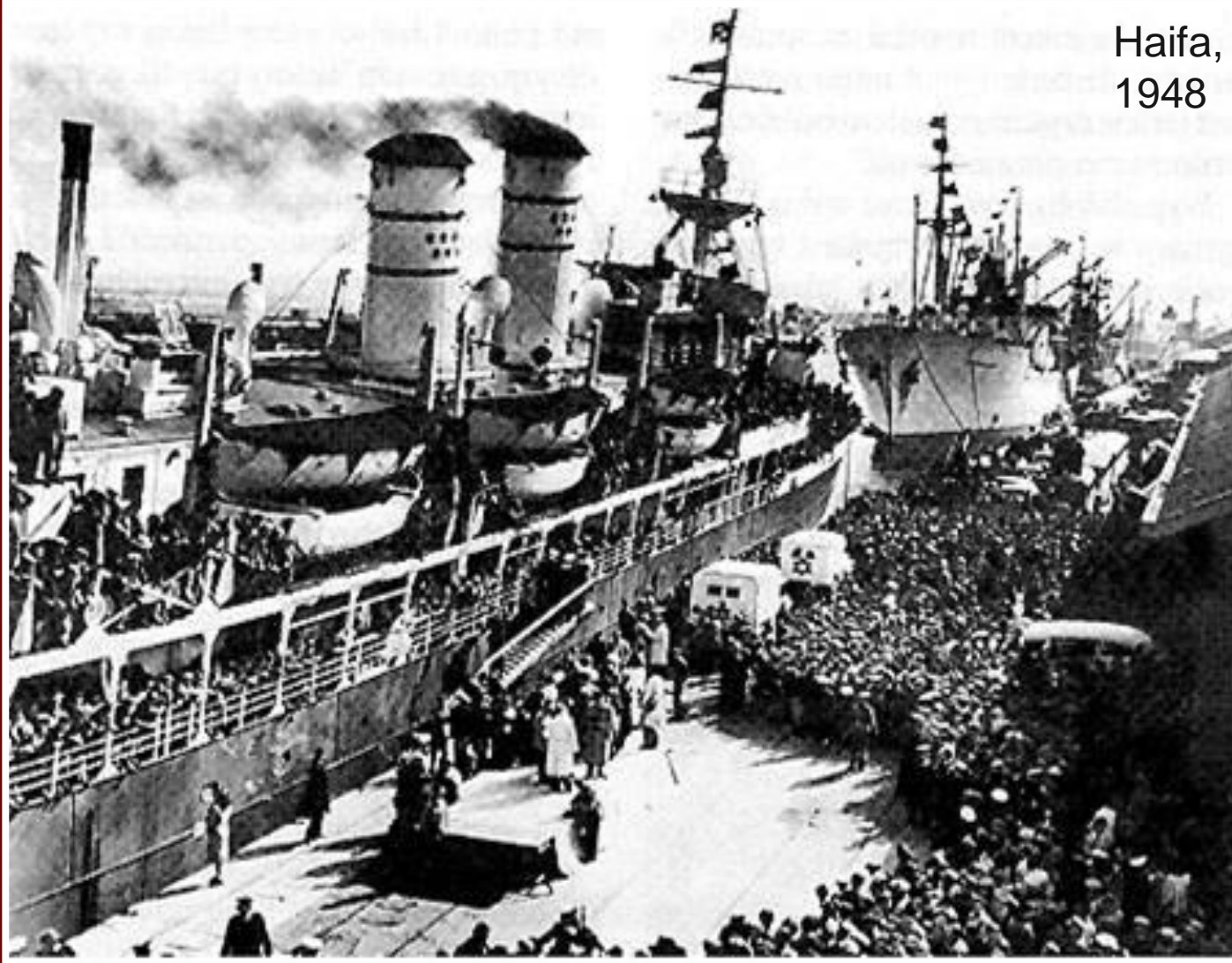
**The situation at the end of the First Arab-Israeli war**

**(Armistices of Rhodes)**





Haifa,  
1948



**Jewish immigrants arrive from Europe and Arab countries  
to hundreds of thousands**



1949 The Yemeni Jews arrive

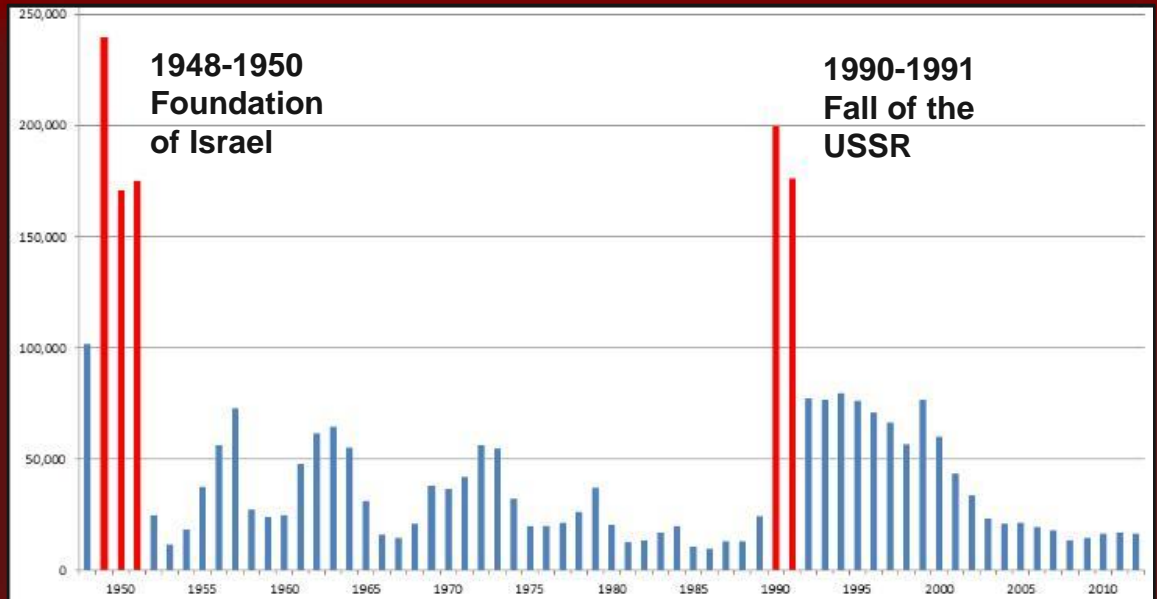
**Jewish immigration in Palestine / Israel**

1990 American Jews arrive

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1985 The Ethiopian Falascià arrive



Today, an average of 20'000 immigrants arrive a year





**Jewish immigrants take possession of properties confiscated from Palestinians**



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Katamon House in Jerusalem. Confiscated in 1948

Palestinian villa confiscated by the Zionists in 1948.

**1948-49  
The Zionists  
confiscate  
and occupy  
Palestinian  
properties**



Palestinian house confiscated



Today the houses of Deir Yassin are inhabited by Zionists



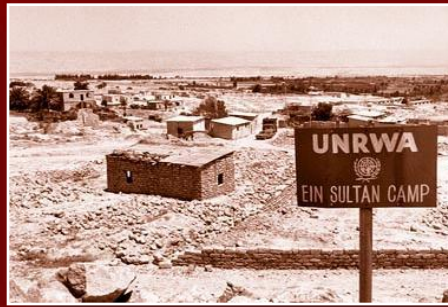




**1935 - Talbiya. This Jerusalem suburb of a wealthy Arab-Christian community was usurped by the Zionists in 1948**

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Zionist propaganda claims that Palestinians lived in tents.



**1949 - The UN  
creates UNRWA, an  
agency for aid to  
Palestinian refugees.**

**UNRWA began his activity in 1950**



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# Yasser Arafat

(charismatic Palestinian leader)

Founds the Fatah party

President of the PLO,  
Palestine Liberation  
Organization

First president of the  
Palestinian National Authority



**1950 - 1970 The Palestinian resistance. For Israel it is "terrorism".**





76. Home of a teacher in Qibya who was murdered with his family in the massacre perpetrated by Ariel Sharon and Israeli Commando Unit 101 in October 1953.

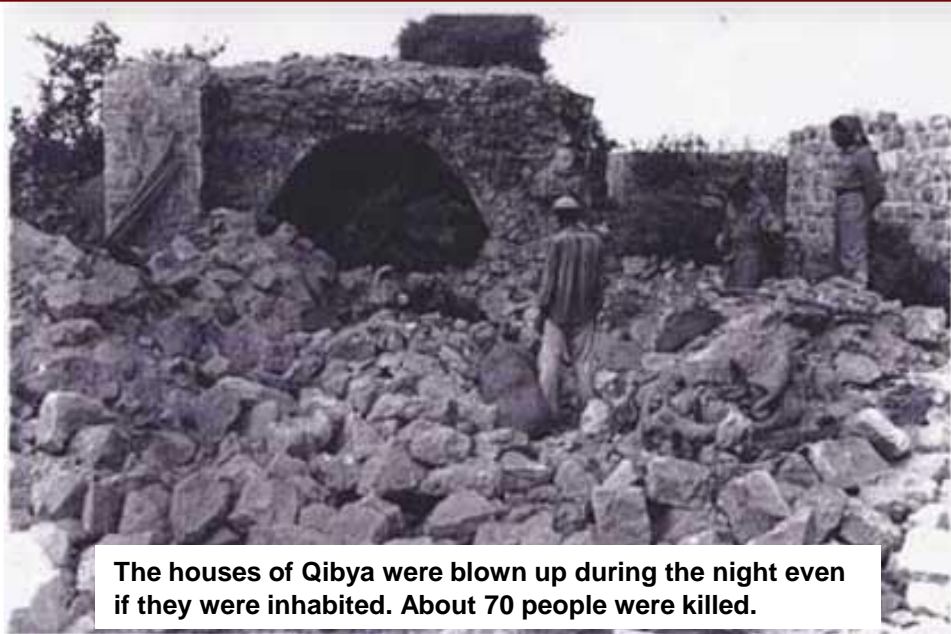


Members infamous Unit 101

**The Israel bloody  
retaliatory acts**

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The massacre of Qibya, West Bank  
14-15 October 1953.



The houses of Qibya were blown up during the night even if they were inhabited. About 70 people were killed.



77. Victims of Qibya massacre, October 1953, in raid by Israeli Commando Unit led by Ariel Sharon.



Sinai

**1967**  
**Six days war**

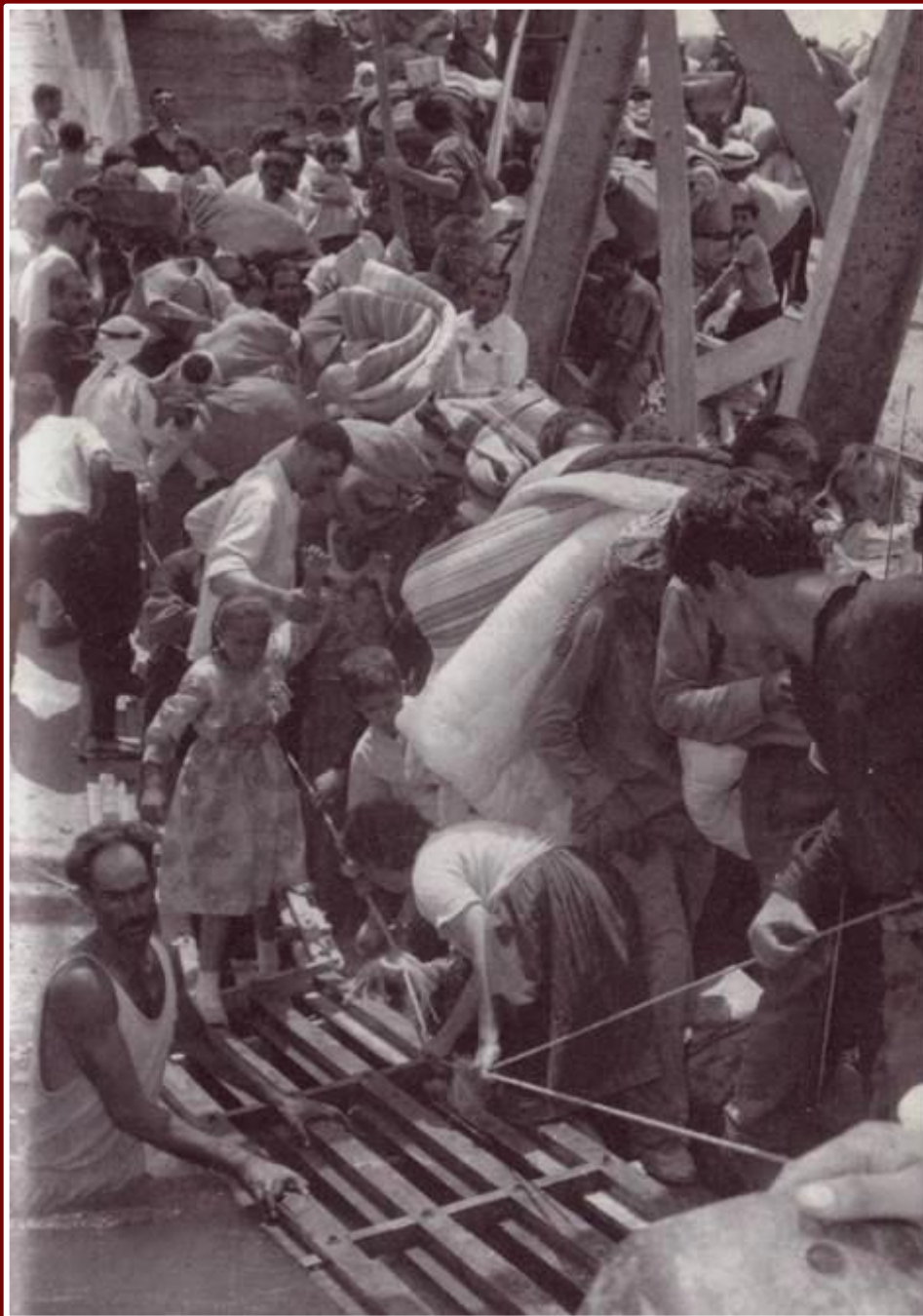


Israel conquers the Sinai, the West Bank with East Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip and part of the Golan Heights.

The dream of Nasser







Columns  
of  
Palestinian  
refugees



**1967**  
**The Israelis drive  
out another  
500'000  
Palestinians**

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Photo: to take refuge in Jordan, Palestinian refugees must abandon everything and cross the Jordan River on the semi-destroyed Allenby Bridge. For many of them it is the third exodus and the third time that they have lost everything.



Israelis mark Palestinian homes to be demolished



The "elimination" of the Palestinian village of Latrun

## The destruction of Palestinian villages after 1967

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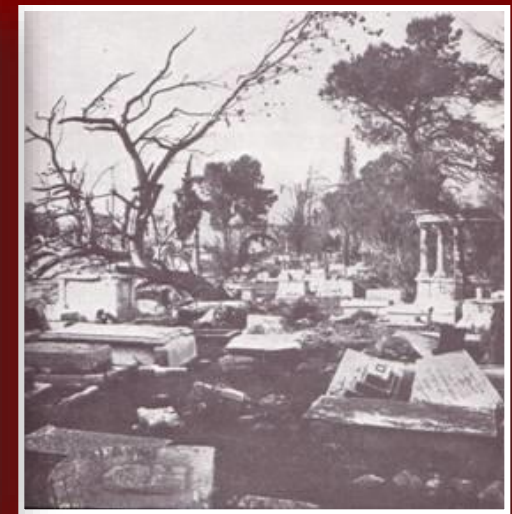
Ruins of the village of Halhul



Destruction of the Jabalia camp



Orthodox Christian cemetery in Jerusalem destroyed by the Israelis







## OCCUPATION

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## Illegal colonisation

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**A typical Israeli illegal outpost**, created on Palestinian land near As-Sawahira-ash-Sharqiya, southeast of Jerusalem established in september 2019. In 2023 Israel currently has 261 Jewish-only settlements and 'outposts' built on confiscated Palestinian land.





## The colonization of the occupied territories: Zionist outpost

Mitzpeh Kramim outpost near Ramallah. The supreme court confirmed that settlers can remain despite it being built on Palestinian land.



**In contrast to international conventions, the Israelis colonized the militarily conquered Palestinian territories**

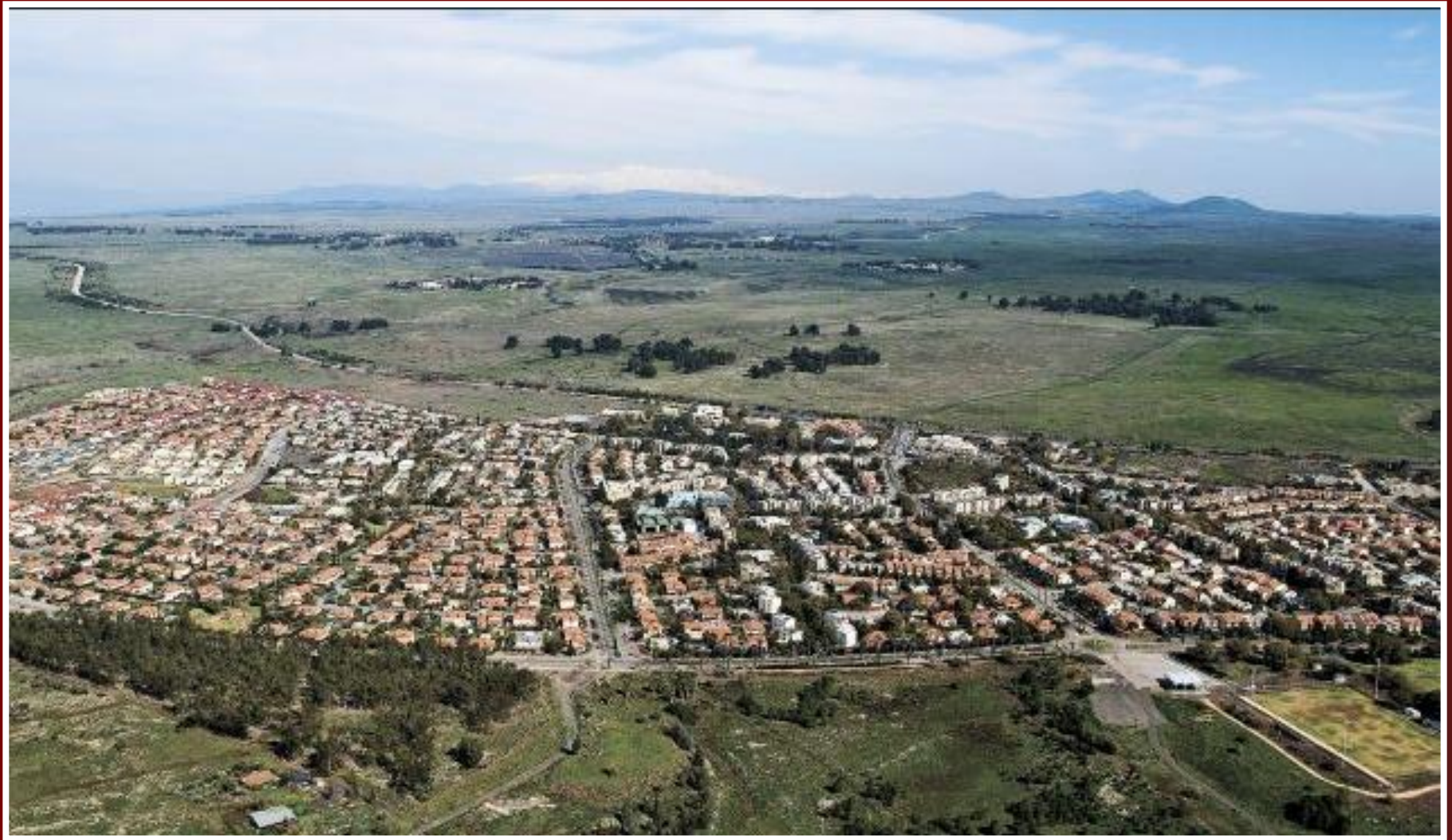




**40'000 settlers live in the Israeli settlement of Ariel**

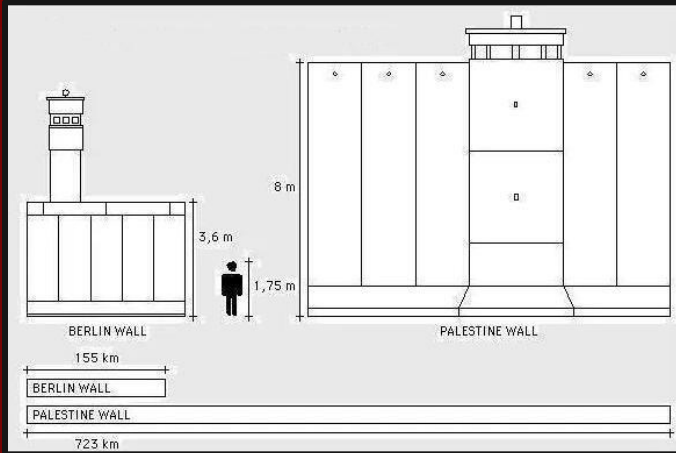
About 600'000 Israeli settlers have been settled in the West Bank





**The Israeli colony Katzrin Golan was founded in 1976, illegally on militarily conquered Syrian lands.**

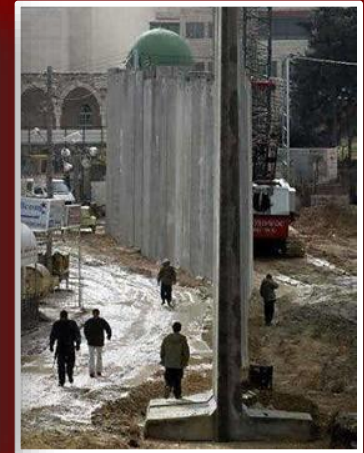




The Berlin wall and the Israeli wall



The wall



Wall construction

The Israelis have surrounded the Palestinian territories with an 8 m high apartheid wall. The International Court of Justice in The Hague has declared the construction of the wall illegal.

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The wall

Barrier







**Israeli checkpoints humiliate and dehumanize Palestinians**





Walaja, Dec. 2013



The UN has counted more than 700 road blocks



Israeli mobile checkpoint



**To create difficulties for the Palestinians, the Israelis block their roads**



Nahhalin, Jan. 2014



Hebron, West Bank, December 29, 2001







**Israelis arrest and imprison Palestinians for trivial reasons**

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Many Palestinian prisoners are tortured or detained for a long time and without trial



Ramle prison





**Israelis demolish Palestinian homes and infrastructure**





2018 - Gaza - Destruction of TV Studios

**The destruction of infrastructure**

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2014 - Destruction of the Gaza power plant

Israelis strangle the Palestinian economy





**2014 - Destruction of the Palestinian yoghurt factory in Hebron**

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With the related persons and activities, this factory made 6'000 Palestinians live





**East Jerusalem.**

**To make way for Jewish homes, entire Arab-Palestinian neighborhoods are demolished and the inhabitants are homeless and forced to leave.**



**After the demolition of their home, many Palestinians are homeless**





State property  
Access prohibited



Ownership  
certificate



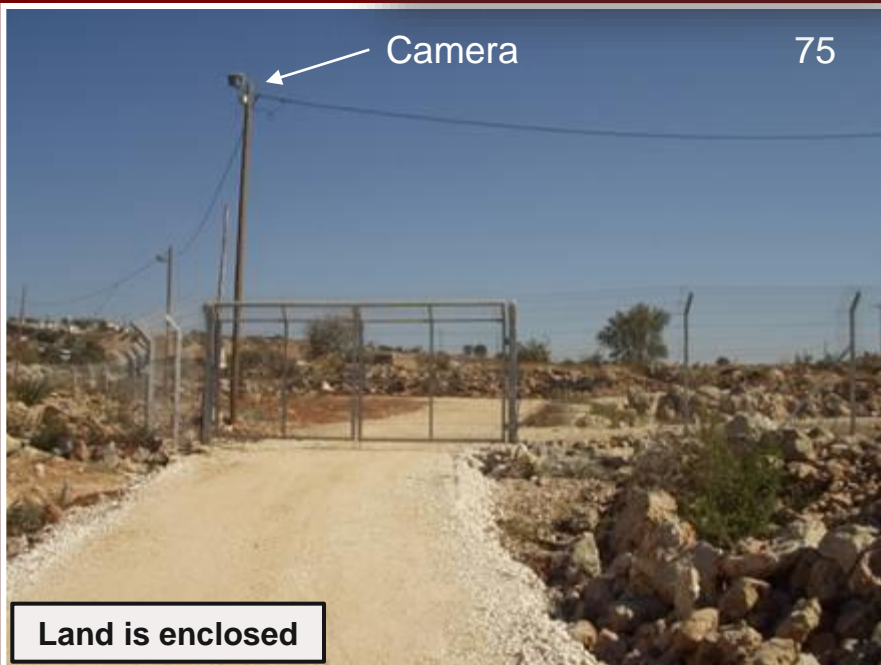
The land  
confiscation  
notice

Israelis  
confiscate  
Palestinian  
lands

Palestinian farmers have found the notice that their land is confiscated.



Expulsion of the owners



Land is enclosed

Camera





**Israeli settlements settle in the Jordan Valley. The Bedouins must abandon everything and leave. Their future is uncertain.**





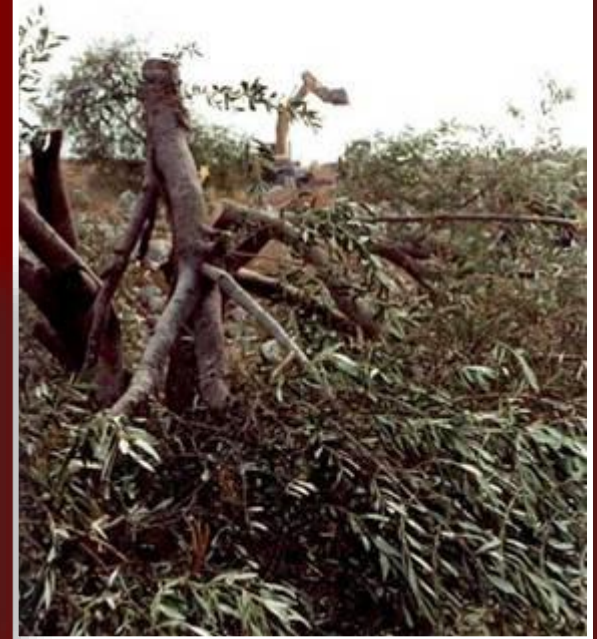
## Israelis destroy Palestinian olive trees

(since 1995 about 120'000 olive  
trees where destroyed)



Israel strangles the  
Palestinian economy

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Israeli settlers



The dangerous road of Palestinian schoolchildren

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Military accompaniment







In Palestine,  
water is  
managed by  
the Israelis

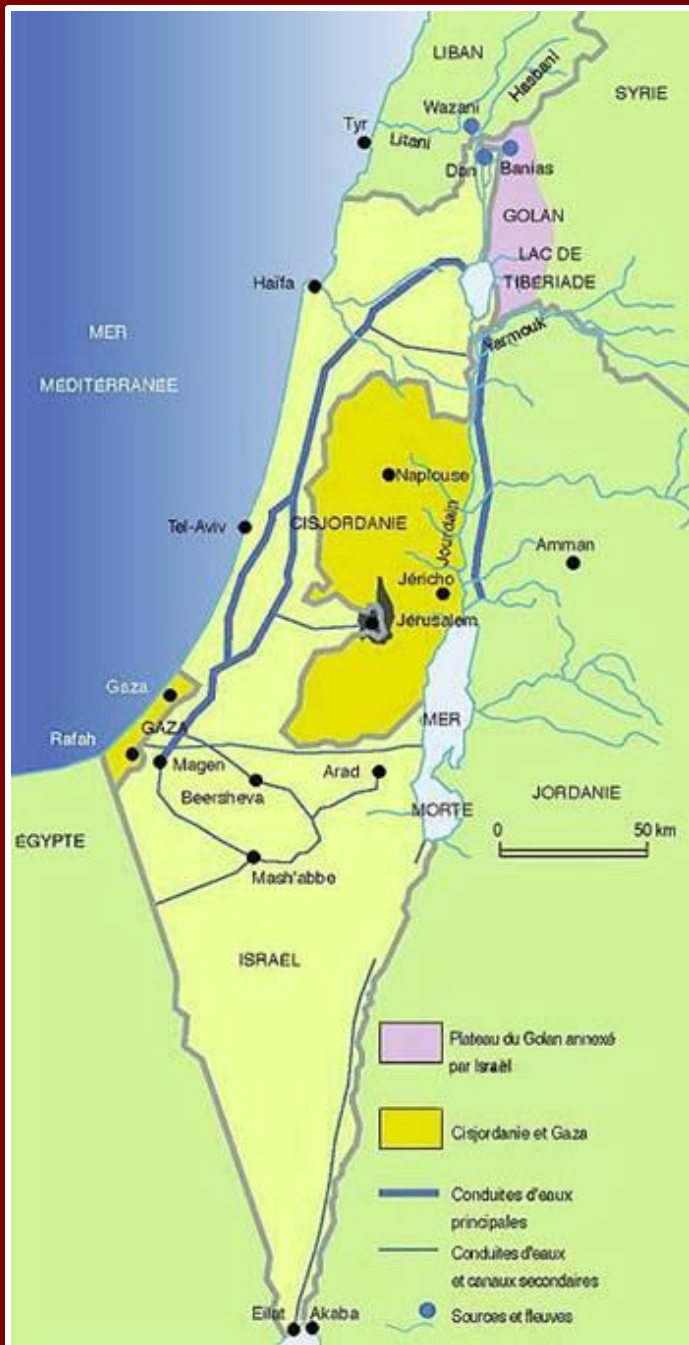


The water from the well is essential

# Water

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Water is inaccessible







**Demolition  
of an  
underground  
water tank  
03.09.2009**

**Destruction  
of a well**

**Israelis  
prevent  
Palestinians  
from getting  
water  
supplies**

**Destruction of  
water pipes**



**This  
Bedouin  
water tank  
is all  
riddled  
with  
Israeli  
bullets**

**Confisca-  
tion and  
destruc-  
tion of  
water  
tanks**

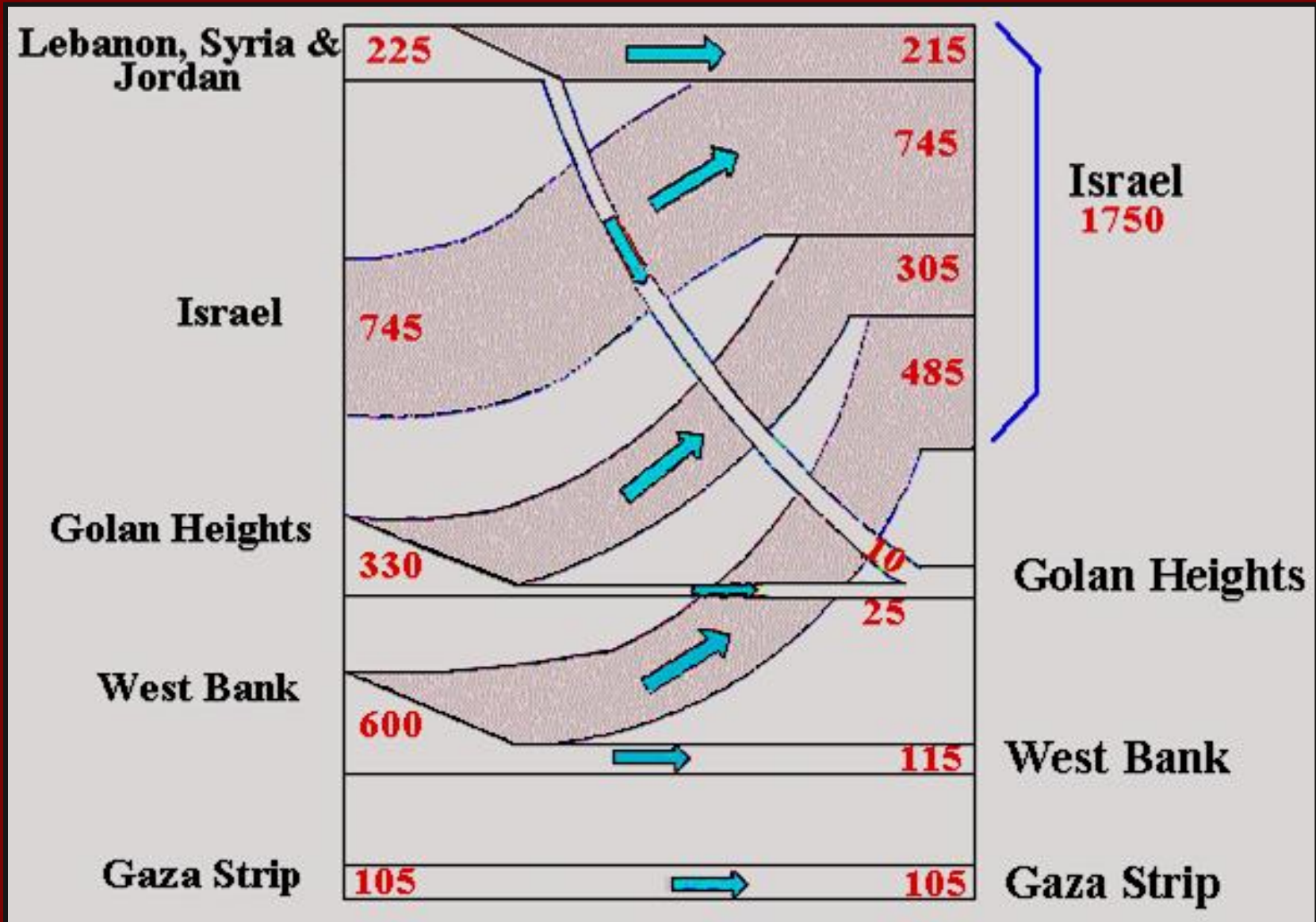




# Water

Coming from

Going to





**Homemade missile launch from Gaza**



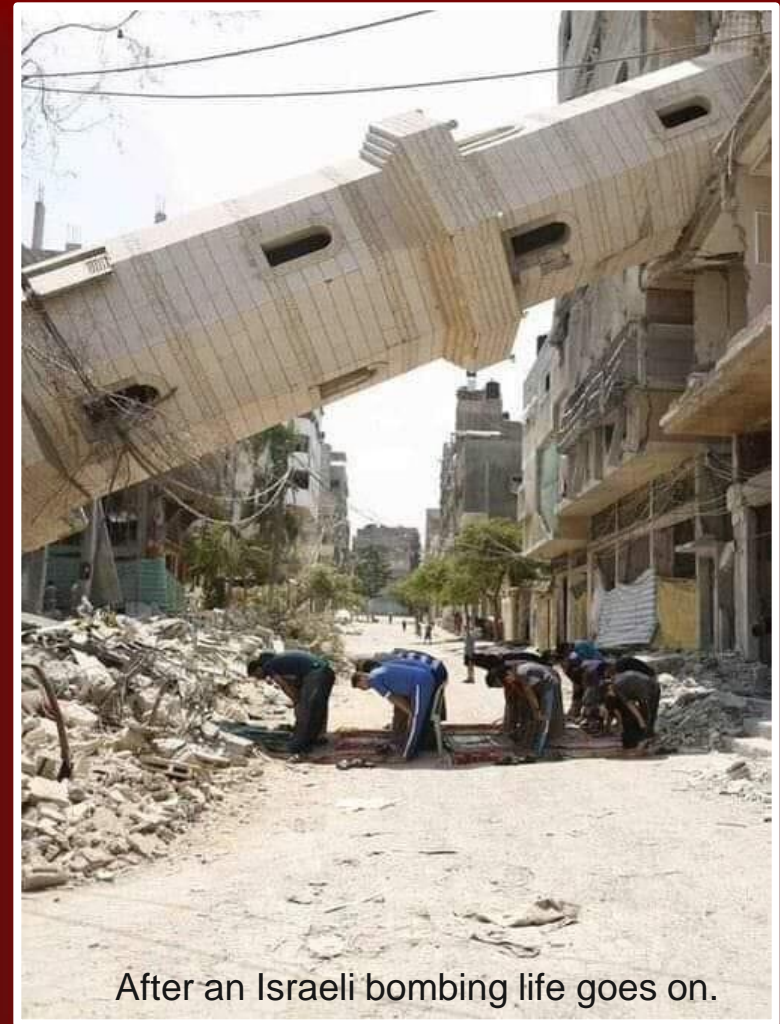
**Intifada  
Resistance to  
the occupier**



**Suicide bombings**







**The Gaza strip**

Since 2004, the Gaza Strip has been completely isolated, besieged and bombed.



**The northern part of the city of Gaza (before October 2023)**

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The Gaza Strip has 2 million inhabitants on less than 360 Km<sup>2</sup>





**Israelis bomb Gaza**





**Israel bombs the Gaza Strip dozens of times, causing thousands of casualties and enormous damage.**



Prohibited white phosphorus







**Israelis bomb Gaza**

This was a shopping center



**Israelis bomb Gaza**





**Israelis bomb Gaza often**



**2014 - After a bombing in Gaza**





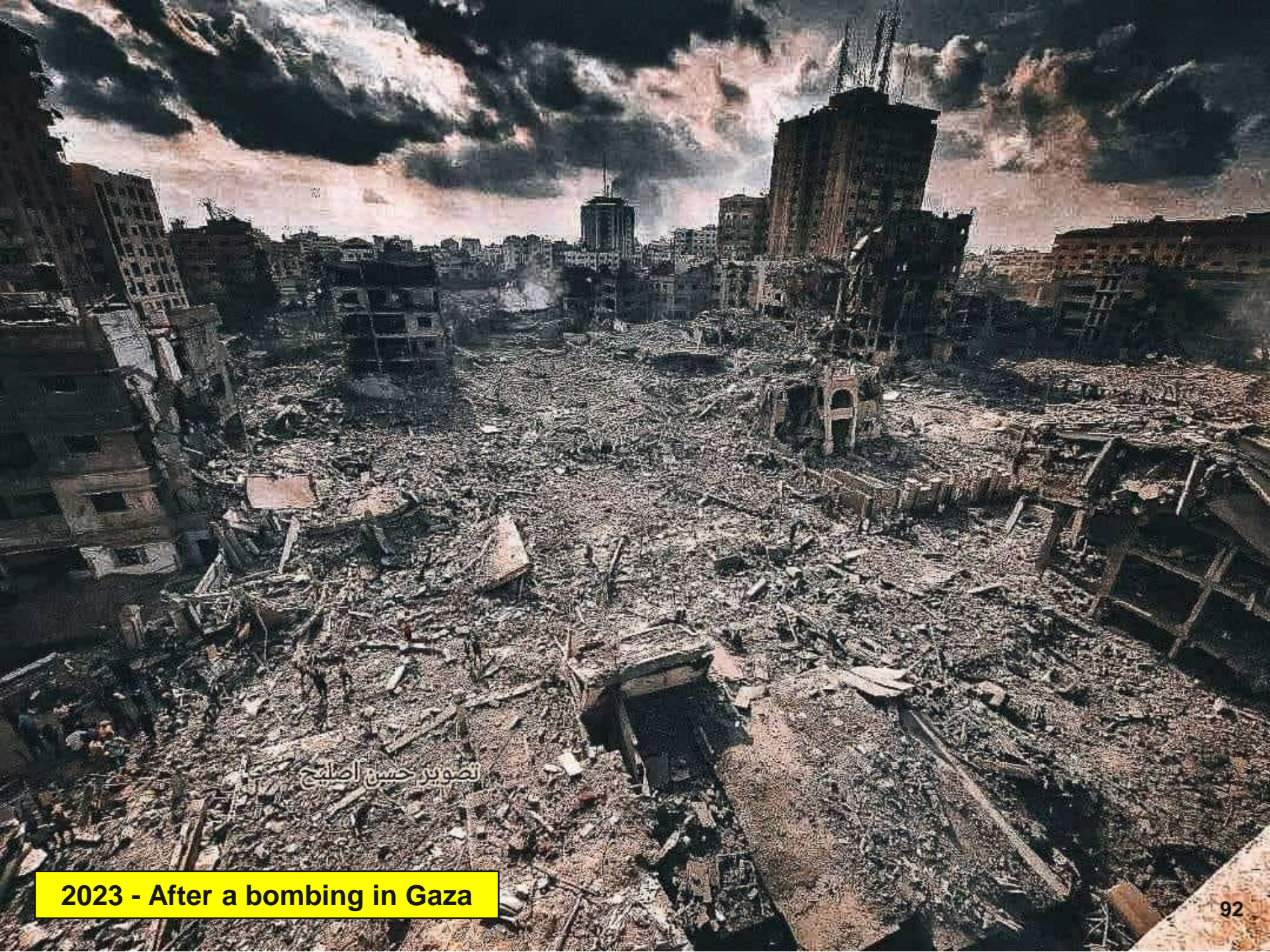
Gazans must flee: they loosed anything  
For them, life as refugees begins again



Israel forced 1.2 million people to flee to the southern Gaza Strip 91

**Autumn - winter 2023 Israel bombed the Gaza Strip for months**





تصوير حسن اصليح

2023 - After a bombing in Gaza





**The reality: the loss of Palestinian land since 1947**

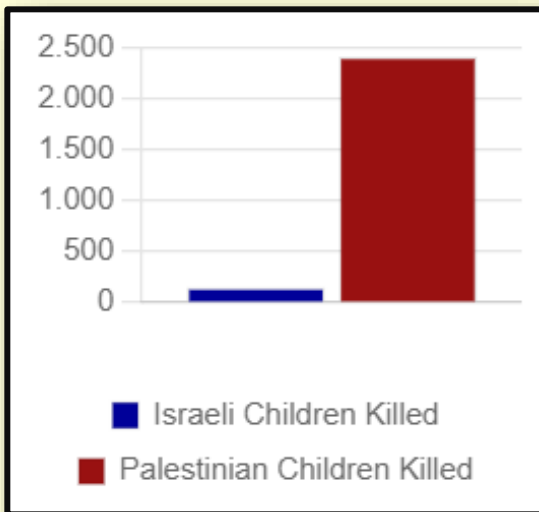
## Area and population of Israel and the occupied territories

Palestine 1948: 0.7 mio Jews / 1.7 mio Arabs  
 World: about 17 mio Jews / about 14 mio Palestinians

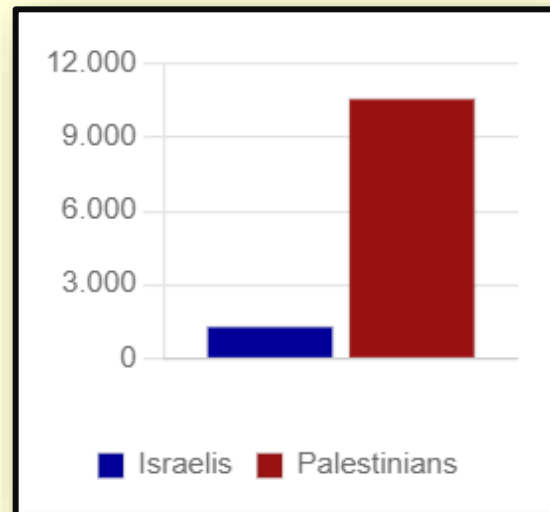
<u>Place</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Israeli</u>	<u>Arabs</u>
<u>Israel</u>	20'000 sq km	About 7 mio (Jews) + 0.5 mio non Jews	About 2 mio
<u>West Bank</u>	5'500 sq km	About 600'000	About 3 mio
<u>Gaza Strip</u>	378 sq km	–	About 2 mio
<u>Golan (Israel)</u>	1154 sq km	About 25'000	About 20'000 (Druzes)





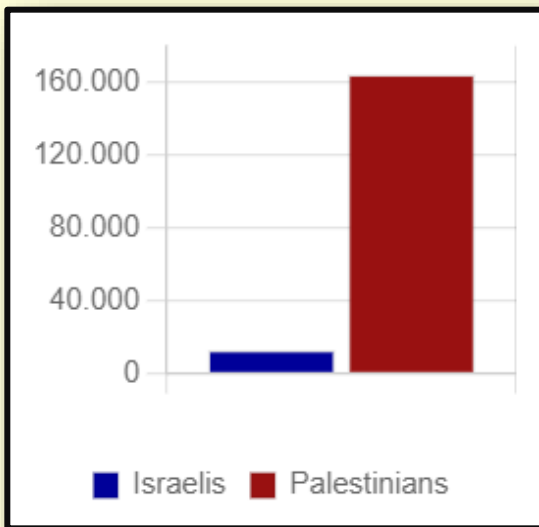


**Israeli and Palestinian children killed  
From September 2000 – 2023**

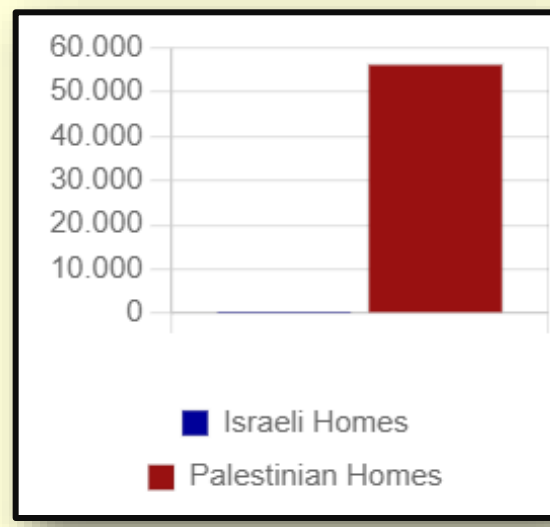


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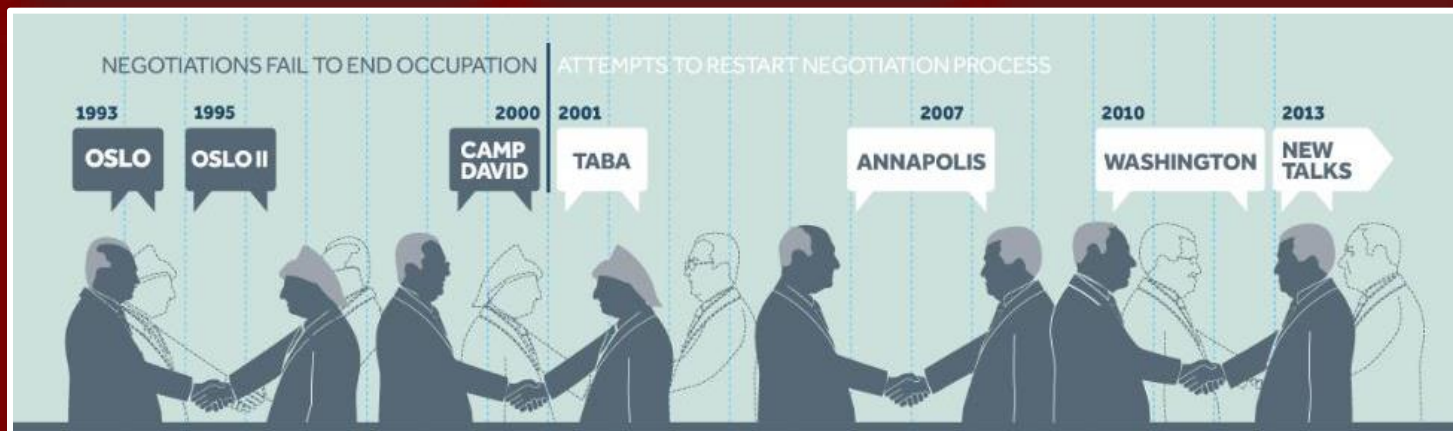
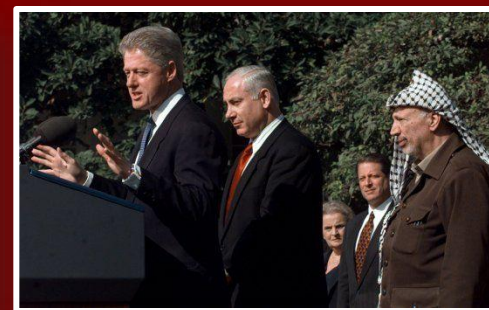
**Casualties and damages**



**Wounded Israelis and Palestinians  
From September 2000 – 2023**



**Demolition of Israeli and  
Palestinian homes, 1967–2023**



**The farce of the peace talks serves Israel to buy time and consolidate the occupation**



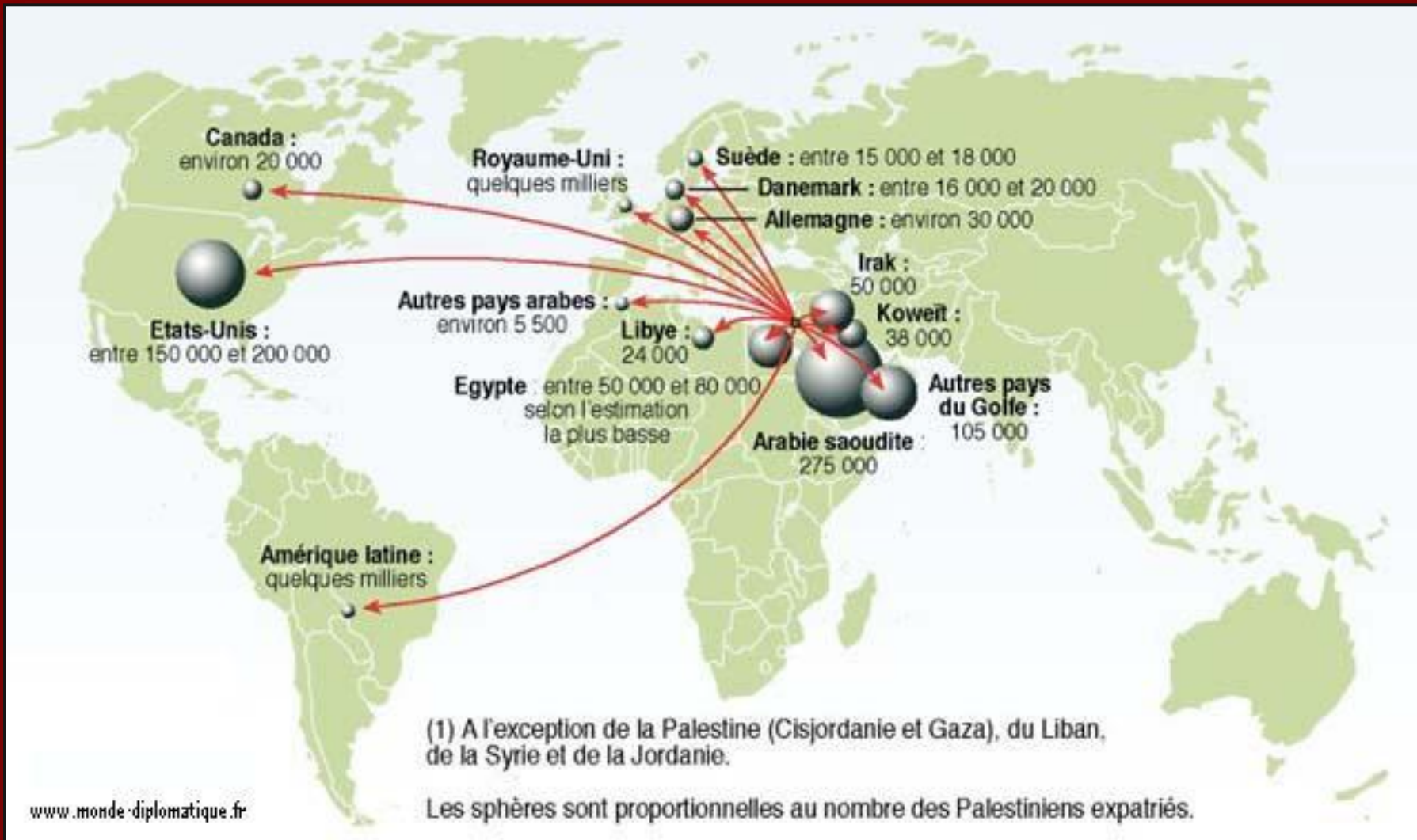


## The Palestinians must leave

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Due to the extremely difficult living conditions in the occupied territories, more than 100,000 Palestinians emigrate permanently every year





**The Palestinian diaspora  
(without refugee camps)**



The disaster

## Al-Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp, Syria



January 31, 2014. Palestinian refugees await an improbable distribution of food.





**Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan hosts 115,000 refugees**

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The disaster





**Palestine  
exists because  
it resists.**

**END**

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**I keep the keys to my house: one day I will return!**

**...and that no one says: "I didn't know".**