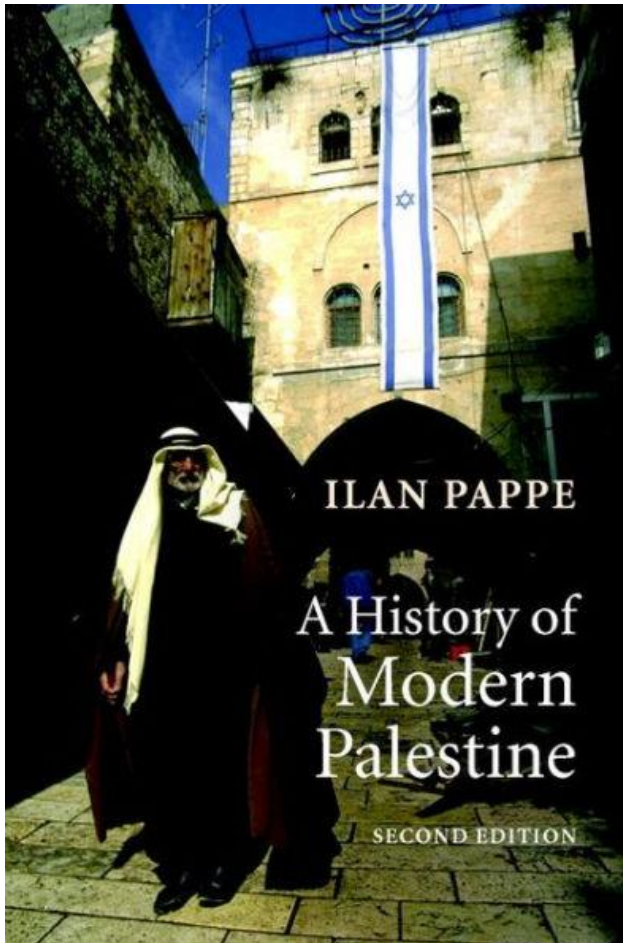




The ancient heritage of Palestine

Dr. Szilvia Toth

Ilan Pappé:



- **Ilan Pappé** (born 7 November 1954) is an **Israeli historian, political scientist, and former politician**.
- He is a professor with the College of Social Sciences and International Studies at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, director of the university's European Centre for Palestine Studies, and co-director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies.
- Pappé was also a board member of the Israeli political party Hadash,^[1] and was a candidate on the party list in the 1996^[2] and 1999^[3] Israeli legislative elections.
- Prior to coming to the United Kingdom, he was a senior lecturer in political science at the University of Haifa (1984–2007) and chair of the Emil Touma Institute for Palestinian and Israeli Studies in Haifa (2000–2008).^[6]
- He is the author of *Ten Myths About Israel* (2017), *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* (2006), *The Modern Middle East* (2005), *A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples* (2003), and *Britain and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (1988).^[7]
- With regard to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, Pappé supports the one-state solution, envisaging a unitary state for both Palestinians and Israelis.^[8]
- **According to Pappé, while national movements deserve a state of their own, this principle does not extend to Jews because they constitute a religious group rather than a nation.**
- He left Israel in 2008 after being condemned in the Knesset. A minister of education had called for him to be sacked, his photograph had appeared in a newspaper at the centre of a target, and he had received several death threats.^[10]
- In a 2004 interview, when asked to reflect on Israel's oppression and wall of separation, Pappé said "The aim [of Zionists] has always been, and it still remains, to have as much of Palestine as possible with as few Palestinians in it as possible."^[11]
- A strong critic of Zionism and the State of Israel, Pappé has called for an international boycott of Israeli academics



Definitions

- **Arab:**

- one whose native language is Arabic.
- any of the largely nomadic Semitic inhabitants of the Arabian Peninsula.
- In modern usage, it embraces any of the Arabic-speaking peoples living in the vast region from Mauritania, on the Atlantic coast of Africa, to southwestern Iran, including the entire Maghrib of North Africa, Egypt and Sudan, the Arabian Peninsula, and Syria and Iraq.

- **Islam:**

- an Abrahamic monotheistic religion centered on the Quran and the teachings of Muhammad, the religion's founder.
- Adherents of Islam are called **Muslims**, who are estimated to number approximately 1.9 billion worldwide and are the world's second-largest religious population after Christians

- **Hebrew**

- Hebrew is the language of Jewish people around the world

Judaism

- is an Abrahamic monotheistic religion
- **Jewish:** a member of a people whose traditional religion is Judaism (Cambridge)

Zionism

- a political movement that had as its original aim the creation of a country for Jewish people, and that now supports the state of Israel
- colonialist project motivated by national emotion

Language is never neutral

 Hostage

 Prisoner

 Military

 Terrorists

 Killed

 Dead

 Name

 Number

The Psychological basis

• Dehumanization

- Dehumanization takes place when people see others as less than fully human.
- Initially, it was conceptualized as an extreme phenomenon that occurs during major intergroup conflicts (e.g., mass shootings, the Syrian War, the Rwandan genocide). Over the past two decades, however, it has been expanded to encompass more subtle denials of humanness (e.g., [Leyens et al., 2000](#)).
- **Zimbardo: Stanford Prison Experiment**
- **Abu Ghraib:** The [George W. Bush administration](#) stated that the abuses at Abu Ghraib were isolated incidents and not indicative of U.S. policy. This was disputed by humanitarian organizations including the [Red Cross](#), [Amnesty International](#), and [Human Rights Watch](#), which stated that the abuses were part of a wider pattern of torture and brutal treatment at American overseas detention centers, including those in Iraq, in [Afghanistan](#), and at [Guantanamo Bay](#) (GTMO). There were also 36 prisoners killed at Abu Ghraib due to insurgent mortar attacks, which provoked further criticism due to the facility's location in a combat zone.¹
- **War on terror**
 - The war on terror, also known as the Global War on Terrorism, is an international military campaign launched by the [United States government](#) after the [September 11 attacks](#).^[14] U.S. President [George W. Bush](#) first used the [phrase](#) "war on terrorism" on September 16, 2001,^{[15][16]} and then used the phrase "war on terror" a few days later in a speech to Congress.^{[17][18]} In the latter speech, Bush stated, "Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government that supports them."

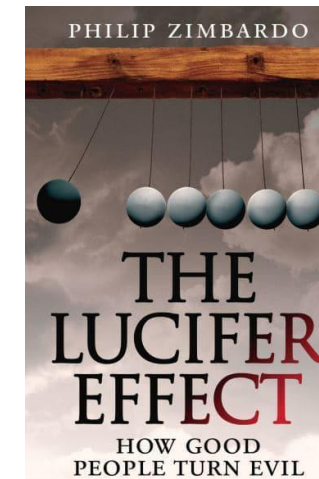
• Victim mentality:

- sometimes referred to as "victim syndrome" is a personality trait. Signs that someone has a victim mentality may include:
 - Consistently blaming others or outside situations for why they feel so miserable
 - Often blame, attack, and accuse the people they love
 - Have the mindset that the world is out to get them
 - Extremely cynical and pessimistic
 - Believe that others are intentionally trying to hurt them
 - Overly share their traumatic stories with others
 - Often putting themselves down
 - Often feel alone and powerless
 - Do not try to better themselves or look deeper into situations
 - Will find something wrong with any situation



• **Holocaust** is referred to in Israel as the 'OTHER PLANET', where incomprehensible acts were committed by human beings against other human beings. Any attempt to judge others morally and logically with hindsight seems futile, even inhuman.

• **Images of Holocaust would thereafter be exploited to justify Israel discrimination against Palestinian or second class Arab Jews. (Pappe, 2013)**



Questions to consider

- How would you define antisemitism?
- What does it mean semitic?
- What is the difference between Zionism and Judaism?
- When did dehumanisation start?
What were the tools to build it up?



Semitic: relating to, or constituting a subfamily of the Afro-Asiatic language family that includes Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, and Amharic

Jewish identity

ZIONISTS DECIDED TO IDENTIFY JUDAISM WITH NATIONALISM!

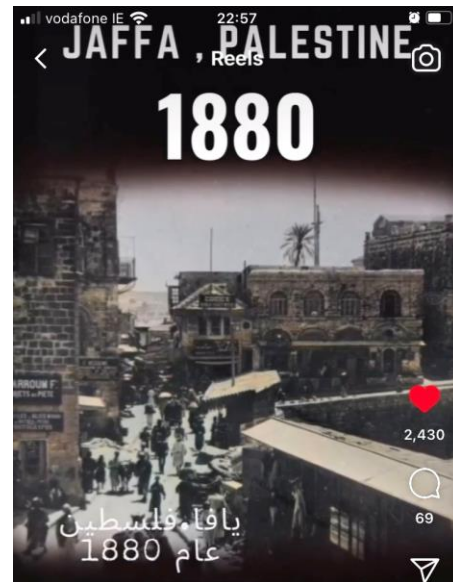
- 1948: After the Nakba, Ben Gurion authorized his government to **initiate all-encompassing religious laws** which applied to every Jews in Israel whether secular or religious: rabbinical courts were given absolute authority over matter of marriages/divorce.
- The new arrangement was the first step on the way to blurring the distinction between religion and nation.
- 1972: New legislation that Jews are those that local rabbinate consider to be Jews
- The question of Jewishness in Israel has been determined by the political balance of power in the government and the Knesset coalition.
 - 1989: Falsification of genealogical documents to invest a Jewish mother.
- **Ashkenazi:**
 - European Newcomer immigrants **arriving from 1905**, spreading racism against everyone even their own tribe by indoctrination and offering different kind of benefits.
- **Sepharadi:**
 - Old veteran Jewish Millet of Palestine: urban **indigenous population** and strictly religious. They resented newcomers and could not accept in articulate the secular way of life of the immigrants, who entered after 1905
 - **The veteran/orthodox jews saw Zionism as a HERESY, and a threat to the ethical code of Judaism: an immoral development, moral degradation.**
- **North African Jews:**
 - Mainly **unskilled workers** who were pushed into the development towns to be a human buffer against the infiltration of Palestinians.
- **Holocaust Jews**
 - were callously put in camps by the state of Israel and humiliated in many ways like mass spraying DMT etc.
- **Mizrachi: Arab jews**
 - When Arab Jewish immigrant arrived in Israel, they were greeted in a manner devised to show them that they had left a primitive traditional existence for the sake of a modern one and ought to be grateful **and locked them in small parcels** as cheap workers.
 - Even after many years, Mizrachi jews have never escaped the lower occupational stratum



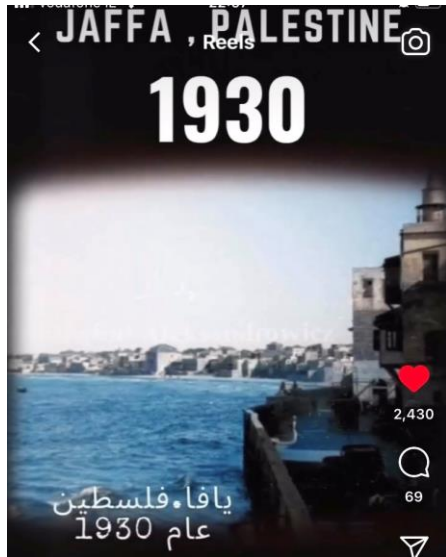


From the Beginning to Modernization

- 1299: Palestine established under Ottoman
- 1831-40: Mohamed Ali (Egyptian Ruler) **reforms**: TANZIMAT
 - Half a million mainly Muslim
 - 60t Christian
 - **20t Jews**
 - 50t Ottoman soldiers
 - 10t European
- **Adopting to European Lifestyle**
 - Merchants and bankers invited as they can not be Muslim
 - Constitutional reform was made by invited British judges to create British Council
 - Lower mortality rate accomplished
 - Opportunity to become rich – new colonists with the power of money and land the carved out a new beginning
- 1880: **Became dependent on World Economy**
 - The local agriculture become locked onto the market.
 - Private ownership forced small group of owners to sell their lands
- 1882-1903: 1. wave of Jewish immigration
 - Ottoman government at first **prohibited** Jewish immigration in 1882, but due to British pressure in 1888 the restriction was eased.









The 3 Agreements after the War

• Husayn-McMohan Correspondence 1915-16

- The Arab Nation represented by Sharif Husayn – from **Hashemite family**, descendants of Prophet Mohammed asked British help against the Young Turks attacks
- British offered an alliance and **PROMISED** protection by British forces and support Hashemite rights to rule Mekka. But vaguely described areas in the ME which would become independent under his family's rule – **BRITISH BROKE THEIR PROMISE**
- T.E. Lawrence tried to gain back the lost areas for Husayn's son, Faysal at the expense of French sphere of influence. He attempted to enthrone Faysal – British betrayed them again for French interest, and expel Faysal.
- In 1919 Faysal signed an agreement with Weitzman to recognize Jewish homeland in return to remember to keep their promise – VOID OF political significance –betrayed again

• Sykes-Picot Agreement 1912-16

- As Palestine was seen as a **buffer-zone to protect Suez Canal**, British and French contemplated a different configurations for ME via the establishment of a new political unit in the place of the Ottoman provinces. So, they divided the territories among themselves under Anglo-French colonial rules above Palestine
- **This division BROKE the Promise made by British government to Sharif and removed a sizeable chunk from the area from the future Hashemite Kingdom.**
- Britain allowed French troops in accordance with the agreement to land in Lebanon and invade Syria from there and expel Faysal.

• Balfour Declaration 1917

- Since the British forces were already occupying Palestine, the establishment of a Jewish colony in Palestine was a superior British interest.
- Haim carried out the propaganda in building a stable lobby group of both Jewish and non-Jewish public figures, centered on the Rothschild family.
- In 1917 Balfour Declares British commitment to the establishment of a **Jewish homeland in Palestine**



Palestine's political future was determined without any local participation in the discussion.



The British Mandate

- On 9th Dec 1917 General Allenby, commander in chief of the British Expedition Force from Egypt **occupied Jerusalem**, and established a temporary political framework for administering Palestine.
 - 650t Muslim, 80t Christian, 60t Jews.
- The Urban Muslim elite constituted the country's leadership
- By 1918, Palestine was more **united administratively** than in the Ottoman period – cohesive geopolitical unit
- **1922: Promises to both sides:** Palestine and Zionists
 - Promise of Jewish homeland
 - Pledge of Palestine independence
- Since Jews paid twice as much tax as the Palestinian – British allowed to **Jews had gained authorization of a Zionist protectionist** policy, which allowed Jewish labor/industry/policy/agriculture to grow at the expense of The Palestinian Population – **BRITISH VIOLATED THE MANDATE**
- 1928: British attempt to bypass the question of solution and induce the 2 communities to concentrate on the joint construction of British protectionate is **FAILED**.
- 1930: **Shaw Commission** – Exclusion of Balfour declaration – **White paper** – **Zionist convinced PM Ramsey to scab the papers.**
- **1936: Revolt**
- 1937: Peel recommendation – maintain British present, Northern Palestine was annexed to Jordan
- 1937: Abd al- Quder Al- Husayn guerilla war – British arrest and exile nationalist notables
- **1942: Mass immigration**
- 1946: **Stern Gang, Jewish terrorist group** blowing up the British HQ
- 1947: **British Leave – Palestine entrusted to the UN**

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Jewish Immigration Campaign

- British plan and Zionism
 - While the British had looked to Palestine as a future British acquisition, Zionism produced a mixture of **NEW colonial perceptions of global reality** and **OLD theological concepts connecting the return of the Jews to Palestine with the second coming of the Messiah.**
- 1897: First Zionist Congress in Basle
 - Theodor Herzl: recruit Jewish elite in the West.
 - The Leaders of **Jewish Communities were disturbed by his call** for Jewish sovereignty in a foreign land with equal status to sovereign states in the world. It was considered a **provocative vision** till 2WW.
- 1903: 1. village of Zaboron, where Rupin, German Jew: using the Ottoman land law **acquired large part of Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem**
- 1907: The **Zionists antagonized the population** at large, a feeling that found expression in physical resistance by Palestinians. The settlers defended themselves and later discovered that **military force** could be employed to obtain important goals.
- 1907: Immigrant from Russia with craftsmanship: gave basis for independent economy, became a provider.
 - Strict communal and Jewish-centered colonies – started **to fire Arab workers** and import Arab Jews instead from Yemen (cheap workers)
- **1917: Balfour Declaration**
- 1919: **Jewish LAND PURCHASE** officers inspecting Palestinian lands - Jewish Agency fully exploited the mostly Ottoman ownership laws to take over lands
- 1920: **Nabi Musa Rally clashed** with the most aggressive of Zionist organization – **Palmerston Commission** recommended to the British **to revise Balfour Declaration.**
- The military life helped to shape the **military strength** of the Jewish community to grow in the 1920s into an impressive defense organization, independent from the British.
- 1929: **Jewish Agency** established with **the desire of ABSOLUTE CONTROL** extended even to non-Zionist, Ultra-Orthodox Jews. Jews coming from Central Europe with their own capital.
- **1929: Sporadic act of violence by Zionists** to expand the wailing wall area, which would undermine the holiest place for Islam in Jerusalem: Haram al-Sharif and Al-Aqsa Mosque – resulting 300 deaths in both sides.
- 1930: **Shaw Commission – exclude Balfour Declaration – became White Paper – Zionists achieved to convince PM Ramsay to scrap the white papers.**
- Zionists organized a paramilitary force: **HAGANA** (defense) and increased Jewish expansion: IDF
 - 1941: 700 members
 - 1948: 7000 well trained soldiers
- The Jewish settlement – Yishuv became a separate economic entity, and Jews had gained **authorization of a Zionist protectionist policy at the expense of the Palestinian population**
- 1940: **Stern gang: Zionist terrorist group, terrorizing British and Palestinian population**



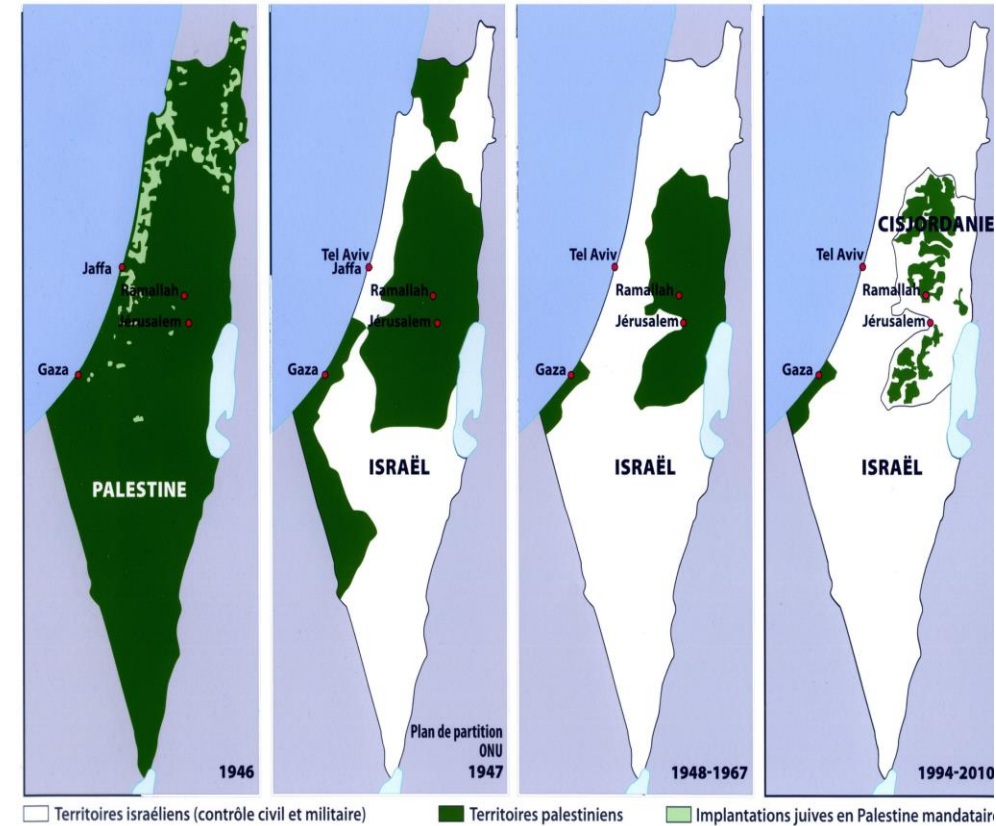
The Answer for the Immigration Campaign



- 1933: Izz-al-din Al-Qassam initiated a **guerilla war in the North**, recruiting fighters from Haifa, he killed and became martyr and provide example of a new kind of resistance in 1935.
- 1933: 500 representative of **Palestinian elite** rejecting the legitimacy of the mandate
- **1936 revolt**: declared general strike and organized nationwide demonstration. 3 weeks later the British opened fire on them.
- 1937: Peel recommendation
 - Annexation of most Palestine to Transjordan
 - Maintain British present
- Abd al-Qader Al-Husayni: the nephew of the Mufti began punitive **guerilla war against the British convoys** and installations, as a result British arrest and exiling nationalist notables – British used brutality
- 1940: **Stern gang**: Zionist terrorist organization, terrorizing British and Palestine population
- 1942: **Mass immigration**
 - After the 2WW, **many survivals wished to go to USA**. It took serious effort of persuasion to the point of intimidation by Zionist envoys together with strict US immigration policy to create at least the impression that the most wanted settlements are in Palestine.
 - Stopping the **Exodus** was a move which was condemned by the entire world, and it enforced the Zionist desire to provide the connection between the Holocaust and the Jewish project in Palestine.
 - Land purchase could not be stopped. They used the Ottoman Law of HOMA and MIGDAL (fence and guard): ,The erection of elementary infrastructure for a potential settlement produced a FAIT ACCOMPLI.
- Zionist has plan to evacuate British by successfully negotiating with Abdullah in Transjordan over the division of Palestine between Hashemites – Zionist.

Plan Dalet

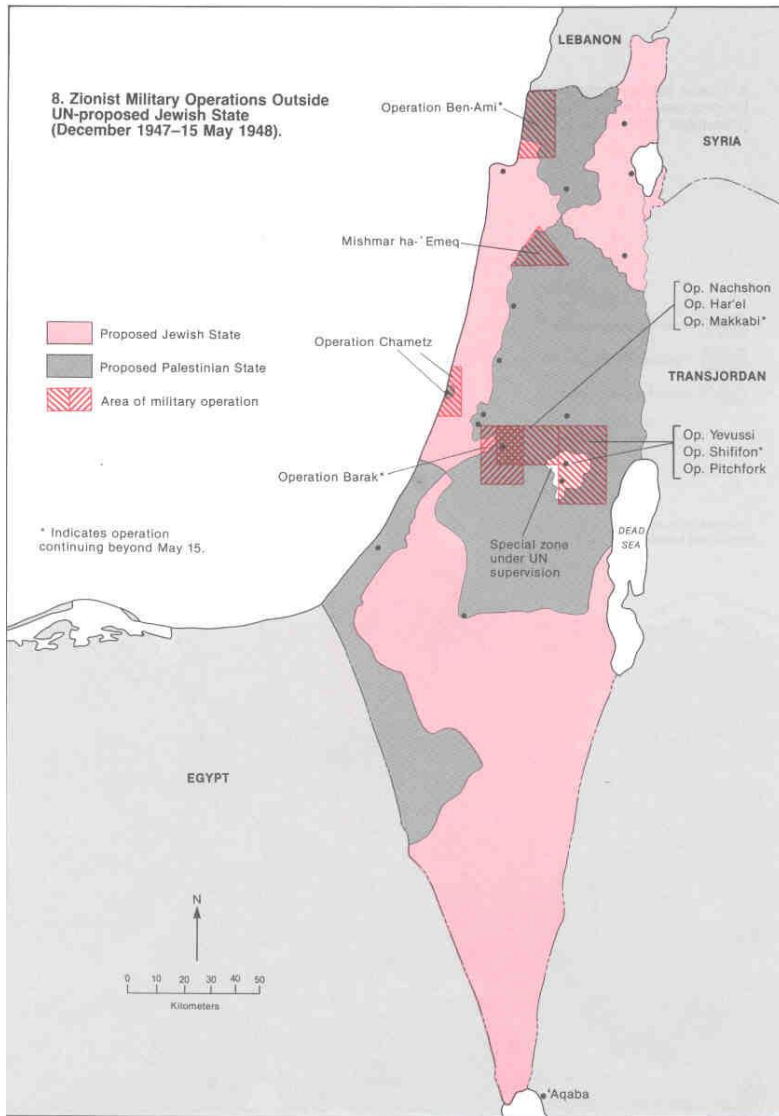
- Plan Dalet (also known as Plan D) was the blueprint used by the new Israeli army and its militia forerunner **to expel indigenous Palestinians from their homeland** during Israel's establishment in 1948. Today, this act of mass expulsion would be called ethnic cleansing.
- **Officially** adopted on March 10, 1948, Plan Dalet specified **which Palestinian cities and towns** would be targeted and gave instructions for **how to drive out** their inhabitants and destroy their communities.
- Three quarters of all Palestinians, about 750,000 people, were forced from their homes and made refugees during Israel's establishment. Their homes, land, and other belongings were systematically destroyed or taken over by Israelis, while they were denied the right to return or any sort of compensation. More than 400 Palestinian towns and villages, including vibrant urban centers, were destroyed or repopulated with Jewish Israelis.



"Destruction of villages (setting fire to, blowing up, and planting mines in the debris), especially those population centers which are difficult to control continuously..."

"Mounting search and control operations according to the following guidelines: encirclement of the village and conducting a search inside it. In the event of resistance, the armed force must be destroyed and the population must be expelled outside the borders of the state."

Planet Dalet



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- These operations were carried out by the same Jewish elements trained by the British Army in North Africa as an adjunct to their WWII effort against the Nazis. By 1939 this Jewish auxiliary force numbered 20,000 strong.
- This force, which was given the innocent-sounding name of '**The Jewish Settlement Force**', employed terrorist tactics against British troops supplemented by terrorist operations carried out by their underground brethren throwing bombs in bus stops, cafes and marketplaces. These bombs were hidden in milk cans, fruit baskets and similar daily objects. Parallel with these operations, terrorist innovations included the kidnapping of British officers, whipping them, hanging them and booby-trapping their hanging bodies which made for shocking headlines back home in the UK.
- **In the last year of the British Mandate**, the ratio of British officers dead to Jewish terrorists killed was 4 to 1 - a very high ratio even in today's standards. No wonder Britain wanted out of Palestine.
- Just before the UN voted to partition Palestine **in November 1947, Ben-Gurion secretly mobilized Jewish groups inside and outside Palestine and dispatched them to Europe to purchase massive quantities of arms** for the next phase: the military plan to conquer as many Palestinian villages as possible and to expel their inhabitants.
- Their plan was called Plan D better known as Plan Dalet, (Dalet being the fourth letter in the Hebrew alphabet) which **was launched nearly six weeks prior to the end of the British Mandate in Palestine**. It is worth noting that Plan D had been preceded by Plan A (February 1945), Plan B (May 1947) and Plan C (November 1947) - all with the single intention of the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.
- **March 1948: two months before the so-called Declaration of Independence**, the Zionist leadership gathered in Tel Aviv and **agreed to put Plan D** into action. Over 13 military underground operations were carried out (according to The History of the Palmach archives released in full in 1972) before the Arab forces entered the areas allotted to the Palestinians by the UN in their Partition Plan. Both Menachem Begin and David Ben-Gurion wrote extensively about their underground military campaigns to cleanse Palestinian villages of their indigenous inhabitants.
- As the execution of Plan Dalet proceeded with clockwork precision, the Haganah created a 'Committee for Arab Properties in Villages' the purpose of which was to **register and take possession** of all Palestinian properties in the villages the Zionist forces had conquered. Similar committees were established in major Palestinian cities like Haifa, Safad, Yafa and Tabariyah.
- Within 6 months, Zionist terrorist organizations went on a rampage expelling and murdering Palestinians and destroying their homes and villages. **They expelled 452,780 Palestinians men, women and children from the areas allocated to the Jews in the Partition Plan, and a further 347,220 were uprooted from areas beyond the allocated boundaries. All in all, a total of 800,000 Palestinians were expelled from their homes, 530 of their villages destroyed and 11 of their urban neighborhoods were emptied.** Massacres, such as at Deir Yaseen, spread fear and terror in the hearts of Palestinian families and forced them to take flight.
- All this was taking place BEFORE Israel was even born!

Palestinian and Zionist leadership



- **Palestinian Leaders:**

- **Semi-feudal** in the countryside, and **authoritarian** in the cities
- Only after the 2WW did the nationalist Palestinian notables make an **attempt to grant economic independence** to their communities, but it was **too late**, and even this attempt was divided along clan lines.
- After the 2WW the committees were less loyal to their communities and much more **in debt to their clans** or political group. It made them defendless before Zionist determination to take over Palestine.

- **Zionist Leaders:**

- **Concentrated** on the construction of the infrastructure of the Jewish state – homogenous predominately Eastern European
- The Jewish Agency was almost entirely **Eastern Holistic approach** invaded every single neglected space.
- This community aspired to be an integral part of Western culture and **looked for ways of eliminating any ME or Arab characteristics** in their society.
- Their **desire for ABSOLUTE CONTROL** stood in stark contrast to the readiness of Palestinian leaders
- Their greatest success was in extracting the Zionist community from Colonial state in significant sphere of life, **to the extent that even the non-Zionist Jews sections**, such as the ultra-orthodox Jews, were subject to the Zionist leadership’s executive and legislative bodies.
- Exploited the Ottoman land-laws and **purchased land** from absentee landlord and evicted the tenant
- They **contributed narrative of the people of Palestine that fitted the agendas** of their respected elites.

Cohabitation

- The urge among ordinary people on both sides to cohabit persisted even after the enclave. The segregation policy did not fulfill the needs of either side.
- By 1929 the Histadrut had succeeded in coercing most of the Jewish workers in the union to **put national interest above the class solidarity**.
- However, it was mainly among workers and employers that existentialist **instinct encouraged people to bond** on occupational rather than a national basis
- **Brit Shalom**: the most outspoken political body to endorse bi-nationalism.

Jews to Israel: NOT IN OUR NAMES





Can You See Me?

Nakba

- **UNSCOP:** UN Special Committee on Palestine takes over from British WITHOUT ANY KIND OF EXPERIENCE or knowledge about the Middle East and with a strict focus on Holocaust and Jewish-side voting for the partition
- **Limbo period:** British left WITHOUT ANY PROPER ARRANGEMENT for a transition period, which led to the systematic expulsion of the local population within the area allocated for a Jewish state.
- **Independent approach** from King Abdullah from Jordan with British blessing to annex Eastern Palestine to Hashemite Legion.
- A month before the UN Solution, Israel military force had ordered the concentration of the troops on the North and South of Palestine ready to attack
 - 12 days after the adoption of UN resolution, the Expulsion of Palestine began.
 - A month later the first Palestinian village was wiped out.
- 1948.Jan: Balad al Shaykh massacre
- 1948. April: Dir Yassin massacre
- March 1948: UN administration developed a **SECOND THOUGHTS** about partition plan: International Trusteeship over Palestine for 5 years – but it was too late
- By the time the British left, 1/3 of the Palestinians had already been evicted. Israel took all the British installation, military and bank account what British left.
 - 1. wave: Dec 1947- May 1948
 - 2. wave: May 1948- Jan 1949
- **Only at the end of April 1948 did the politician in the ARAB WORLD prepare a plan to save Palestine, which in practice was a scheme to ANNEX as much as possible.**
- The lack of ammunition, long supply lines and an absence of military experience left the Arab side unable to withstand the Jews.
- **10.06.1948: Truce signed**
 - Parts of South-Palestine is in Egypt's hand
 - West Bank and East- Jerusalem – Jordan

Maram from Yibna

- Maram, our young medical doctor, her graduation would have been this year, but the war came and destroyed her dreams and her home. She was forced to move and was displaced around 11 times. She was working as a volunteer in Kuwaiti hospital, European Hospital, and Nasser hospital, wherever she found place to help others. She is still out there saving lives in the field.
- She is from the village called Yibna. Her Grandfather's father was displaced from there.
- It is a historical site. Dated back to Iron Age and possible to the Bronze Age.
- In the history of the Crusades, it was the location of the House of Ibelin.
- Before 1948, the village of Yibna was one of the largest Arab villages in the Ramla district, its name appearing in many historical texts and annals, and referred to by numerous Arab chroniclers and geographers. It was situated on a hill on the Palestinian coastal plain in a strategically important position along the route of the old Gaza-Lydd (Lod) railway track, and its train station was 56km away from the old Gaza railway station.
- Yibna was an agricultural village; its main crops were olives, citrus fruits and cereals, and its population in 1948 was over 6,000.
- **During the Nakba** - the Catastrophe - of 1948 around three-quarters of the Palestinian population were **violently expelled from their homes and land by Zionist paramilitaries** and the new Israeli army in the course of the Israeli state's establishment.



Hamza from Bar Barah - Barbara

- Our nurse, Hamza is working relentlessly in the field saving life. He is married and has two beautiful sons, Hisham and Yousef (4 and 2 years old). His house, what he just bought 2 months before the war was destroyed in front of his eyes. He moved his family into the hospital where he works, as they want to be closed by. He is also working in the field in Rafah in the most dangerous zones.
- He is from the village called Bar Barah (Barbara), during Nakba his grandfather was expelled from there and **the village was completely destroyed**.
- Barbara received its modern name from the Romans. After the Roman rule the village was under the control of a number of empires and dynasties ranging from the Byzantines, various Islamic Arab dynasties, the Crusaders, the Turkish Mamluks and Ottomans and United Kingdom.
- Archeological building and pottery remains from the Late Roman and the Byzantine periods have been excavated here. Coins minted under Nero, Valentinian II, Theodosius I, Justin I and Justinian I were also found.^[2] A winepress, dating from the Byzantine period has been found.^[8]
- A coin, dating from the Umayyad era (697–750 CE) has also been found here.^[7]
- According to the Arab geographer Mujir al-Din (1456–1522), the village was home to the Muslim scholar sheikh Yusuf al-Barbarawi, a local sage and a student of renowned scholar Ahmad ibn Dawud, who died in 1323.
- When the Jewish armies approached Barbara, they initially came in tanks. There was a total of 5 tanks that came in. The villagers were prepared for the attack and when the Jewish column approached, they destroyed the bridge in order to trap them. The village elder then had the Palestinians fire on the Jewish Tanks in order to keep them occupied while he had several people went underneath the tanks and broke the gasoline lines. They disabled and destroyed the first and last tanks by lighting a homemade bomb underneath each tank using unspent artillery shells. After blocking all means of escape they continued to blow up the remaining three tanks. This was a major victory for the village as they had routed the Jewish armored column. The victory was short lived. The village elder was soon killed when they tried to prepare another bomb using the unspent artillery shells for another nearby village. With their death Barbara suffered a major loss in leadership. Barbara was eventually taken by another Jewish brigade.



Nakba second wave

- **64 out of 370 village were wiped out by Israel within the heart of rural Palestine, that led to the almost complete disappearance.** These villages lay in between TLV – Haifa.
- May 1948: **Tantura:**
 - The largest of 6 remaining villages was caught in the middle, rejected to surrender.
 - Israel opened fire from 4 sides
 - Children and women were expelled
 - 200 men (between the age of 13-30) were massacred
- Aug 1948: **Anti-repatriation policy:**
 - **Israel execute total destruction or full Jewish take over of every deserted Palestinian house and dwelling.**
- The systematic aspect was in the methods employed of first terrorizing the population by executing a few to induce the rest to leave and then inviting an official committee to assess the value of land and prosperity.
 - **Out of about 850t, only 160t remained.**
- By 1949 Spring: the countryside, the rural heart of Palestine with its colorful and picturesque villages was ruined. **Half of the villages had been destroyed**, flattened by Israeli bulldozers.
- **Names of the villages were hebraized** in an attempt to prevent future claims.
- **October 1948 Jews occupied Beersheba and threatened to enter West Bank.**
 - UN tried to deter Israel with sanctions
 - USA sent a sharp warning
 - British gave an ultimate
 - **Arab world did not get involved**
- Palestine became a new geopolitical entity of three units:
 - **West Bank:** Fully annexed to Jordan
 - **Gaza:** in limbo under military rules – grounded in the mandatory emergency regulation the British was issued in 1945
 - **Israel**



1948-49: UN Resolution 194



Unconditional
repatriation of
refugees

Internalization
of Jerusalem

Partitioning of
the land

Once the UN and the International Community lost interest in promoting repatriation, the Israeli government was able to proceed with the take over of more villages, unhindered by the world public opinion.

Confiscation 1948-67

- 1950: Knesset gives **Legal foundation**: allowing the government to go confiscating Palestinian property and use it for Jewish public purposes.
- 1949-52: **40 Palestinian villages were depopulated** and erected new Jewish settlements on top of the 370 Palestinian Villages destroyed in the 1948 war.
- 1952: **Sophisticated French Airforce and nuclear capability** were developed with the help of German reparation.
 - In 1953: the army too was authorized to make use of Palestinian villages and fields.
 - The Army promoted militarization instead of acting as an agent of modernization or socialization and become a significant factor in shaping Israelis foreign relationship.
- This legislative campaign provided the constitutional basis for the continued depopulation of Palestinian villages in the name of security.
- **Memoricide: Delete Memory**
 - Ben Gurion personally supervised a large project **to give Hebrew names to all the places**, mountain etc. This act of Memoricide was completed in 1951
- **1956: Kfar Qassem village massacre**
 - Israel imposed a curfew on all Palestinians. This was inflicted on the population without notice. They decided to punish the breach by massacring 48 civilians: women, children, young men.
- **1966: SAMUA village** in West Bank attacked by Israel – damaged the Jordan contact
- West Bank confiscation raised
 - 1972: 28%
 - 2000: 42%
- **1953: Massacre in Qibyya**
 - They fought back with stones, Molotov cocktails. But Ariel used firepower of tanks and heavy guns employed indiscriminately against the local civil population and applied strict military rules and rubbed them off from all basic human and civil rights which was a systematic VIOLATION of International Law.

- 1) Haifa Massacre 1937
- 2) Jerusalem Massacre 1937
- 3) Haifa Massacre 1938
- 4) Balad al-Sheikh Massacre 1939
- 5) Haifa Massacre 1939
- 6) Haifa Massacre 1947
- 7) Abbasiya Massacre 1947
- 8) Al-Khisas Massacre 1947
- 9) Bab al-Amud Massacre 1947
- 10) Jerusalem Massacre 1947
- 11) Sheikh Bureik Massacre 1947
- 12) Jaffa Massacre 1948
- 13) Khan Yunis Massacre 1956
- 14) Jerusalem Massacre 1967
- 15) Sabra and Shatila Massacre 1982
- 16) Al-Aqsa Massacre 1990
- 17) Ibrahimi Mosque Massacre 1994
- 18) Jenin Refugee Camp April 2002
- 19) Gaza Massacre 2008-09
- 20) Gaza Massacre 2012
- 21) Gaza Massacre 2014
- 22) Gaza Massacre 2018-19
- 21) Gaza Massacre 2021
- 22) Gaza Genocide 2023 is still ongoing.

1967: 6-days War



- The Israeli campaign against political activity began in July 1967, with the expulsion from East Jerusalem of 4 notables, who called on the population to adopt Mahatma Gandhi's tactic of civil disobedience.
 - Any show of opposition to the occupation, such as a rally, a strike, distribution of petitions or the waving of the Palestinian flag was met with several brutality.
- **17Jun 1967: Jerusalem annexed East Jerusalem, robbed the city of its Palestinian identity and construct illegal settlements by evicting locals.**
 - **NO RIGHT TO RETURN** – Nazihun = uprooted
- July 1967: Qalqilya (West Bank) **massacre**
- 6 days war: Israel **occupied West Bank and controlled Gaza**, and Sinai Galan Height by applying the element of surprise and used its superior Western arms to great advantage to stretch from Suez to Northern tip of the Golan Height.
- Israel added new regulations **to allow the army to expel from anywhere anyone suspected of being a SECURITY RISK.**
- **ISRAEL VIOLATED ALMOST EVERY CLAUSE IN GENOVA CONVENTION AND THEY MONITORED THEMSELVES BY THEIR OWN SUPREME COURT.**
- Result: **TERRORISM**
 - Arafat plan: guerilla war
 - 1967: 100 attacks on military installations
 - 1970: 2000 attacks
 - 1968: Hijack EL-AL, 1969: blown empty aircraft in the dessert
 - Nasser stopped the bloodbath and obtained a ceasefire and transfer PLO to Lebanon.
- 1968: **PILOT PROJECT**
 - Jewish settlement on occupied territories: vast areas of East Jerusalem, third of which were private property, re-zoned them as Jewish
 - Military harassment and abuse
 - House searches
 - Curfew
 - Interrogation in checkpoints



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PAX AMERICAN (1973-77)

- 1969: American administration Lyndon B. Johnson sent sophisticated Phantom aircraft to Israel sponsored from American Taxpayers' money.
- America broadcasted itself as the PEACE-BROKER with William Rogers foreign secretary based on UN Resolution : (1967nov)
 - Israel withdrawal of all territorial occupied in 1967 in return for peace with its Arab countries.
 - Israel accepted to withdraw only from Sinai
 - Diplomatic jargon of 'PEACE PROCESS' is implemented assuming the terrorized and oppressed Palestinians EQUALS.
- 1973: Egypt President SADAT with the help of Syria execute a **surprise attack against Israel** and defeat it.
 - 1977: Egypt pledging full diplomatic peace with Israel in return for total withdrawal from the Egypt soil
 - Myths of Israel invincibility was shattered, 3000 death
 - 1979: **Egypt Promised** to Palestine that it would link the bilateral agreement to a settlement of the Palestin Question but never did. Gaza and West Bank case became sidelined. **Egypt BETRAYED Palestine again.**
- After 1975, with the legitimization of the PLO in the UN, finally the organization's Middle East resolution all focused on refugee question and were much more pro-Palestine.
- Golda Meir (Israeli PM): 'THERE WAS NO SUCH A THING AS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.'
- Fatah published its program: **Programme of Stages** with a pragmatic shift to two state solution
 - Political documents saying the liberation of the occupied territories had priority over the dream of redeeming Palestinian as a whole.
- Terrorism continued with cycle of violence
- 1975: Lebanese war: occupied S-Lebanon and destroy PLO
- Sabra and Shatilla **massacre** – 400 Israelis protested the massacre
- By the beginning of 1987, it was clear that **no outside factors would help extricate the people from their harsh situation.**
- The Palestinian issue **was the last priority of the Arab summit.**

The Security Council,

Expressing its continuing concern with the grave situation in the Middle East,

Emphasizing the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in which every State in the area can live in security,

Emphasizing further that all Member States in their acceptance of the Charter of the United Nations have undertaken a commitment to act in accordance with Article 2 of the Charter,

1. *Affirms that the fulfilment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East which should include the application of both the following principles:*

- (i) *Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;*
- (ii) *Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;*

2. *Affirms further the necessity*

(a) *For guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area;*

(b) *For achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem;*

(c) *For guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every State in the area,*

¹¹ *Ibid.*



INTIFADA 1987

- The Courage to face almost unarmed a highly sophisticated army was drawn from several sources.
- Farmers were demonstrating, stoning, directing riots, raising flags from electricity poles, covering the walls with graffiti, erecting sand or garbage barricade, coordinating both side of green lines.
 - **Faced with brutality**
 - systematic beating by soldiers and border police
 - Mass arrest without trial
 - Torture during the interrogation
 - Cording off villages as ,secure military areas' preventing entry and exit for days
 - **Media first time presented the Palestinian Narrative.** The tragically high number of children killed helped to convey the Palestinian version through electronic media, providing visual proof of the brutal nature of Israel response.
 - House demolition
 - Erecting of high fences around occupied villages
 - Abuse and torture
 - Israel is a ,**Heritage of Cruelty**' – (Gideon Levy)
 - The uprising succeeded as long as the decentralized structure of the committees was left intact.
- Nov 1988: PLO: **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**
 - The documents clearly stated the old and new Palestinian concern, such as:
 - The fate of the refugees
 - The future of Jerusalem
 - The nature and borders of the future Palestinian state
 - It was the first document that referred openly to a commitment to adhere to the people equality between woman and man in the future state, a tribute to the leading role played by the women in the uprising.
 - This led to the inclusion of USA-based Palestinian of high international repute
 - As a result, the Declaration **recognized the Partitioning of Palestine as a CRIME against the Palestinian people and as a necessity for ending the conflict.**
- 1990: Israel encircled Gaza with a huge wall/electric fence with guard towers and sealed it off as a prison camp.

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must be sent to the company's (notoriously pro-Israel) Jerusalem bureau, where they are liberally edited to remove information and content that is bad for Israel



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Palestinian Women and Intifada

- In 1936 revolt: Rural Women took a central role boldly confronting the army
- In 1964: as a part of the overall structure of the PLO a general union of Palestinian women was established
- The Intifada proved a catharsis for Women's politics of identity in every walk in life. They were released from their frustration in the Patriarchal Society, where they were paid less and treated worse than a men in the labor market, while their incorporation in the outside world did not relieve them of any traditional domestic chores.
- They were allowed to vote in the 1976 municipal election (Jews hoped that the women will vote for conservative). They elected the radical and voting rights were cut off.



OSLO

- 1992: Oslo-plan in Washington, **Arafat's PLO is:**
 - Willing to accept the principles of Partition as the basis for a solution for the conflict
 - Retained its insistence on the Palestinian refugees' RIGHT TO RETURN
 - Insistence on the establishment of a fully independent Palestinian state free of Jewish settlements with Jerusalem as its capital
- 1993: OSLO AGREEMENT- **DECLARATION of PRINCIPLES (DoP)**
 - In the interim period
 - **Israel withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho to be followed by a gradual transfer of certain civil function from Israel to PLO**
 - **Israel withdrawal from all Palestinian town and population centers**
 - Agreed to deal with the following questions after the successful implementation of an interim agreement:
 - Question of Jerusalem
 - Fate of Palestinian refugees
 - Problem of Jewish settlements
- **1994: OSLO PROCESS:**
 - **Israel began constructing new settlements West Bank:48% Gaza 62%**
 - **Erecting border fences around WB**
 - **Massive land confiscation**
- Brutality of solders and policeman on the crossing points and roadblocks within Israel territory, able to inflict any kind of mental and physical abuse on those using the borders.
- **1988: HAMAS established** and got more attention since PLO lost some of their holds when they failed to provide protection against harassment and military control. Religion began to provide justification for the most extreme form of political activity.



Second INTIFADA

- **HARAM AL-SHARIF VIOLATION and massacre**

- In Sept 1996 Israel government decided to open a tunnel for tourists under the most holy place of Islam, Haram Al-Sharif. It considered the immediate provocation, and a violation of the sacredness of the Haram, in the form of uninvited visit by Ariel Sharon.
- Unarmed men went out to protest against Sharon visit in Haram and his humiliating offer he made in Camp David, and they were met by fully equipped Israeli border police.

- **Suicide bombing**

- 2002: **Massacre** of Jenin Refugee camp

- 2002: **Indiscriminate killing** of 30 jews at Passover meal in Netanya

- Israel reaction:


- Israel reoccupied most of the areas from which they had recently withdrawn
- Border closer
- Abuse at checkpoints
- House demolition
- Assassination of military
- Mass arrest without trial
- Construction of wall around West Bank 2002-2005
 - Despite International Condemnation and the denunciation of the wall as illegal by the ICJ
 - Cut off families from their home, olive groves, workplace and schools
 - Buffer zone with trenches
 - Barber wire and electrified fences
 - Watch-towers
 - Electronic sensors
 - Thermal imaginary
 - Video cameras
 - 600 roadblocks



Propaganda

- Censoring every single news source
- Shadow banning pro-Palestinian social media
- Deleting memory: rename ancient sites, places, food to Hebrew name
- Building settlement on UNESCO world heritage sites
- Burning down ancient libraries, evidences
- Destroying Systematically an entire indigenous tribe by Google project Nimbus specialized to Apartheid





**True courage
is like a kite;
a contrary wind
raises it higher**

Conclusion

- The history of Palestine is first of all, the story of an indigenous people who were joined by newcomers
- For any political peace initiative to succeed, the recognition of the very act of dispossession by accepting in principle the Palestinian people could be the crucial act that opens the gate to the road out of the conflict.
- As long as the local balance of power is kept, Israel can interfere anytime they wish and with whatever force they have, to impose their will whatever they want on West Bank and Gaza.
- The total absence of the refugees' RIGHT TO RETURN from the shambolic peace process distanced the PA not only from the people in the occupied territories but from the Diaspora Communities around the world.