



The Fall of Al Quds - 11-December-1917 -

Lloyd-George's Christmas Present to the British People

BLOGGING THEOLOGY

Abdul Wahid - December 2023

Lloyd-George's Christmas Present to the British People





What we will cover?

- What is the significance of the Fall of Jerusalem?
- How did it come about?
- Two overlapping/conflicting aims that play out until today
- The Aftermath of the Fall of Jerusalem
- How this affects our understanding today

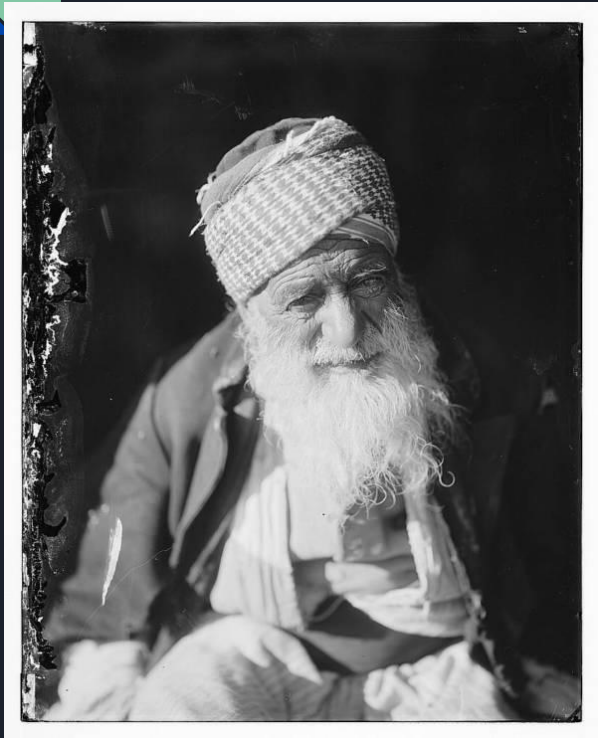


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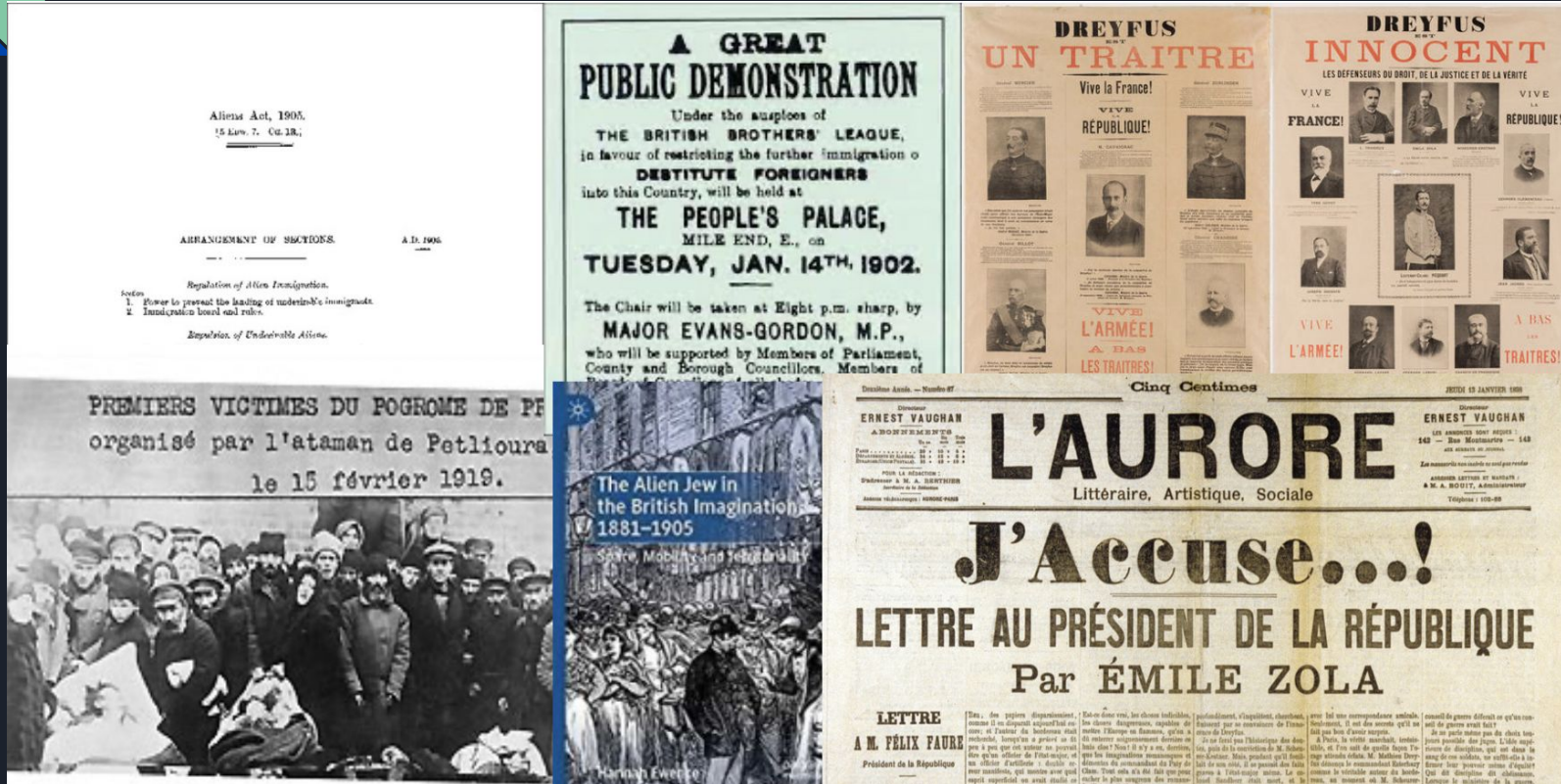
Ottoman Palestine 1517 - 1917



Jewish citizens in Ottoman Palestine -



Meanwhile for Jewish People in Europe -

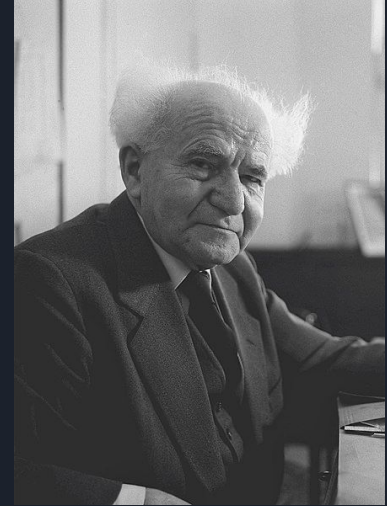




The Role of Zionism

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Zionist Movement - 1897



Secular Europeans who wanted a Nationalist Homeland for Jewish People

Palestine - Uganda - Argentina - Vietnam

Anti-Zionist Jews were the majority until 1947. They still exist today!



This position was adopted by the bulk of the Orthodox world ... well up until the United Nations voted to partition Palestine on November 29, 1947. <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/neturei-karta-2>

Jewish Virtual Library

Zionist Lobbying the Ottomans for Palestine 1896 & 1901

'I will not sell a single inch of the country, because it is not mine, it belongs to all the Muslims. They paid for this empire with their blood. And we will redeem it with our blood. Let the Jews keep their millions. If the empire is partitioned, they can get Palestine for free, but that will happen over our dead bodies.'





Zionists Lobbying the West

Zionists lobbied in Britain and France and the USA.

They seized a window of opportunity in WW1

After the war many did not believe the West would keep their part of the deal.

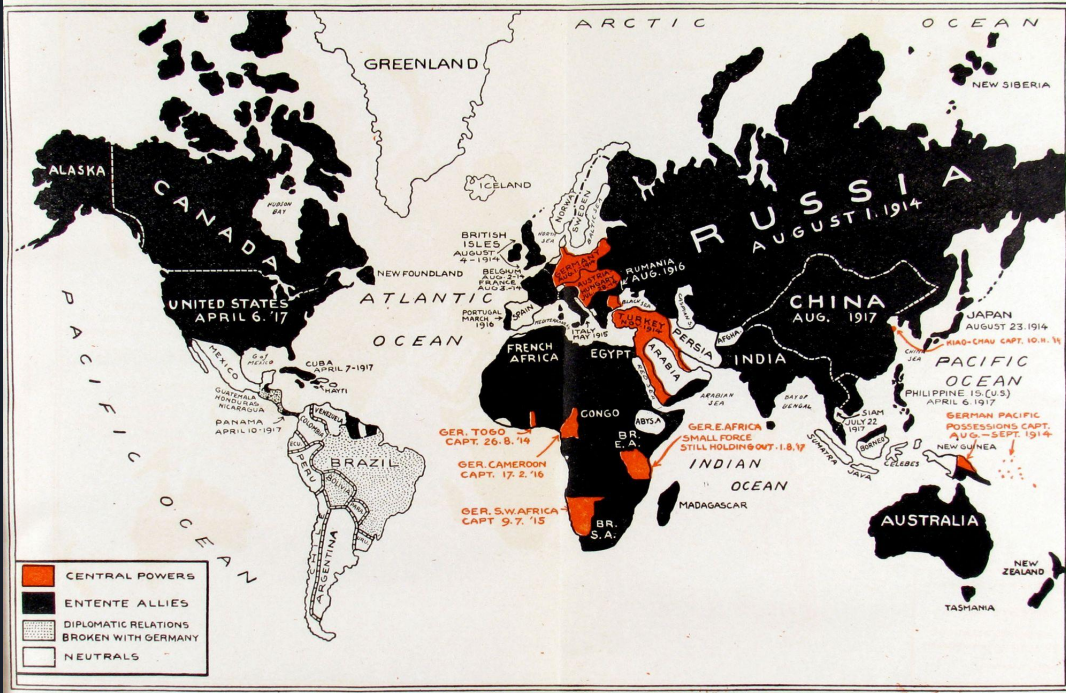
Some were 'gradualists' and some were 'radical'.

Some wanted an independent state in the whole of Palestine.

Some were willing to engage with the British (and later US) plans - to be a colony.



The Role of Colonialism



Lloyd George reportedly wanted to make the destruction of the Ottoman Empire a major British war aim, and two days after taking office told General Robertson that he wanted the capture of Jerusalem to impress British public opinion. *from Field Marshal Sir William Robertson: Chief of the Imperial General Staff in the Great War by David Woodward*

Betrayal of Sharif Hussain & his family (1915-16)



SIR,

Many references have been made in the Palestine Royal Commission Report and in the course of the recent debates in both Houses of Parliament to the 'McMahon Pledge', especially to that portion of the pledge which concerns Palestine and of which one interpretation has been claimed by the Jews and another by the Arabs.

It has been suggested to me that continued silence on the part of the giver of that pledge may itself be misunderstood.

I feel, therefore, called upon to make some statement on the subject, but I will confine myself in doing so to the point now at issue—i.e. whether that portion of Syria now known as Palestine was or was not intended to be included in the territories in which the independence of the Arabs was guaranteed in my pledge.

I feel it my duty to state, and I do so definitely and emphatically, that it was not intended by me in giving this pledge to King Hussein to include Palestine in the area in which Arab independence was promised.

I also had every reason to believe at the time that the fact that Palestine was not included in my pledge was well understood by King Hussein.

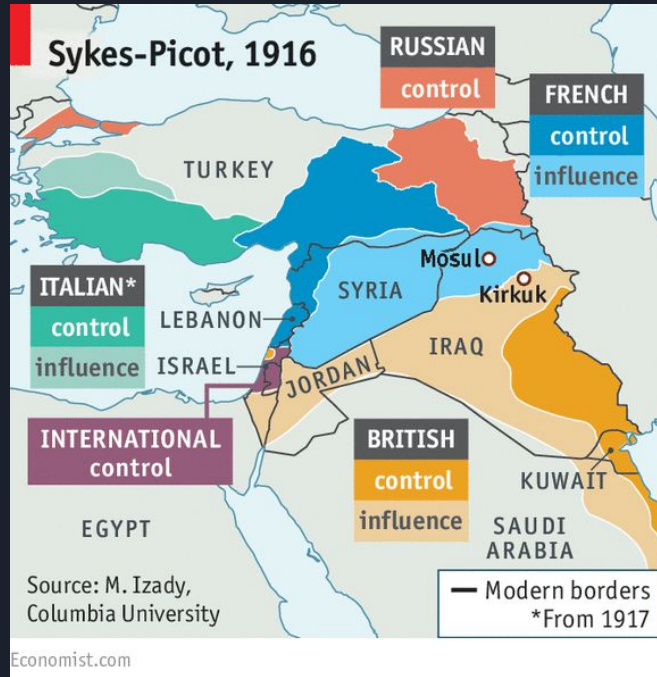
Yours faithfully,
A. HENRY MCMAHON.

5, Wilton Place, S.W.1.
July 22.

The Arab Revolt (1916-1918)

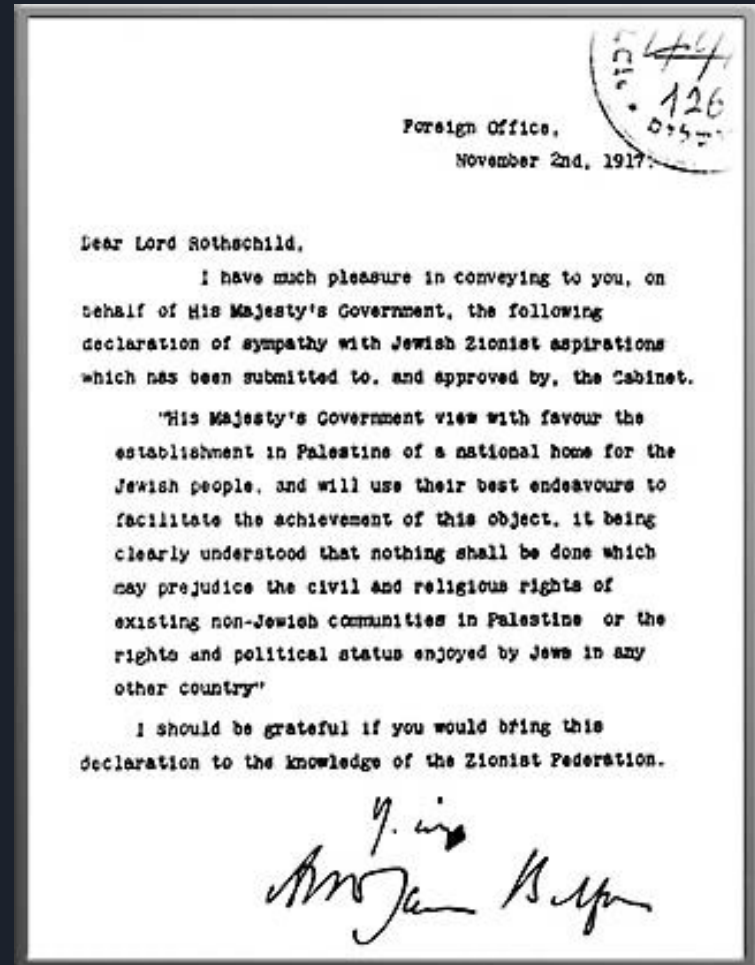


Sykes-Picot Accord (1916)

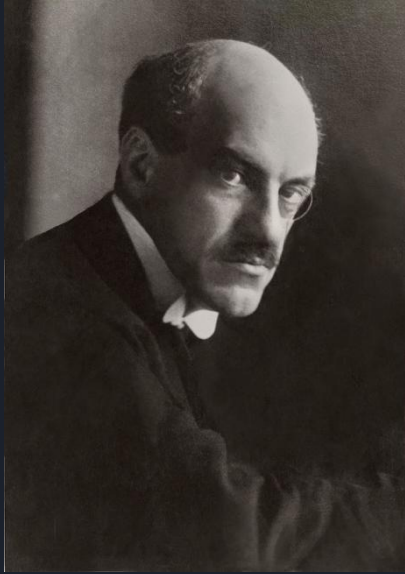


Geopolitical upheaval

Balfour Declaration (1917)



An 'Anti-Semitic' British Policy



When the Jews are told that Palestine is their national home, every country will immediately desire to get rid of its Jewish citizens, and you will find a population in Palestine driving out its present inhabitants.

Jews will hereafter be treated as foreigners in every country but Palestine.

Edwin S Montagu

An 'Anti-Semitic' British Policy

Circulated by the Secretary of State for India.

The Anti-Semitism of the Present Government.

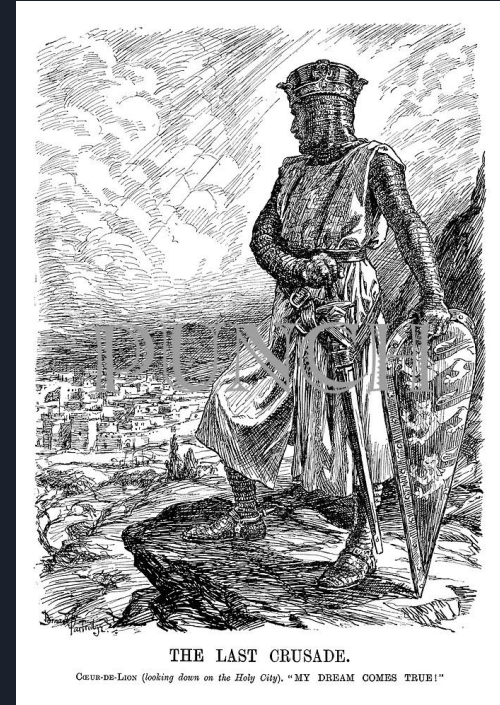
I have chosen the above title for this memorandum, not in any hostile sense, not by any means as quarrelling with an anti-Semitic view which may be held by my colleagues, not with a desire to deny that anti-Semitism can be held by rational men, not even with a view to suggest the Government is deliberately anti-Semitic; but I wish to place on record my view that the policy of His Majesty's Government is anti-Semitic in result and will prove a rallying ground for Anti-Semites in every country in the world.

Fig. NA CAB21/58 Letter from Montagu to the War Cabinet 'The Anti-Semitism of the Present Government'.



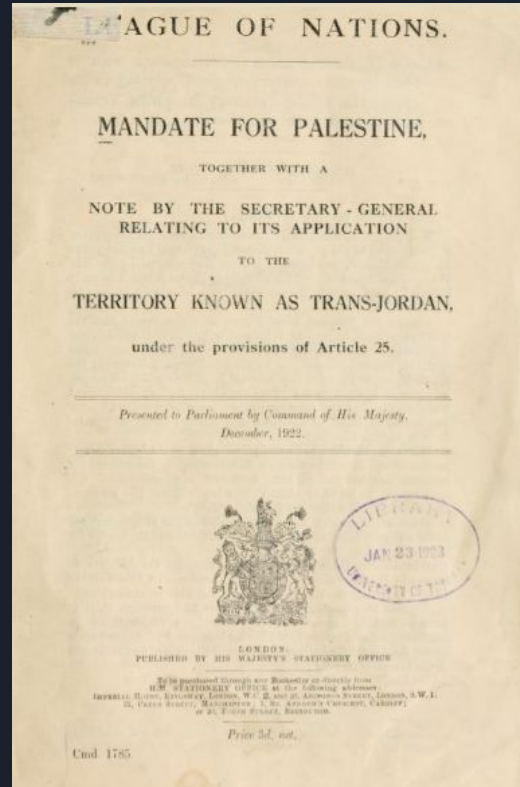
Lloyd-George's Christmas Present to the British People

- a *'dream come true'* - *'rescued'*.



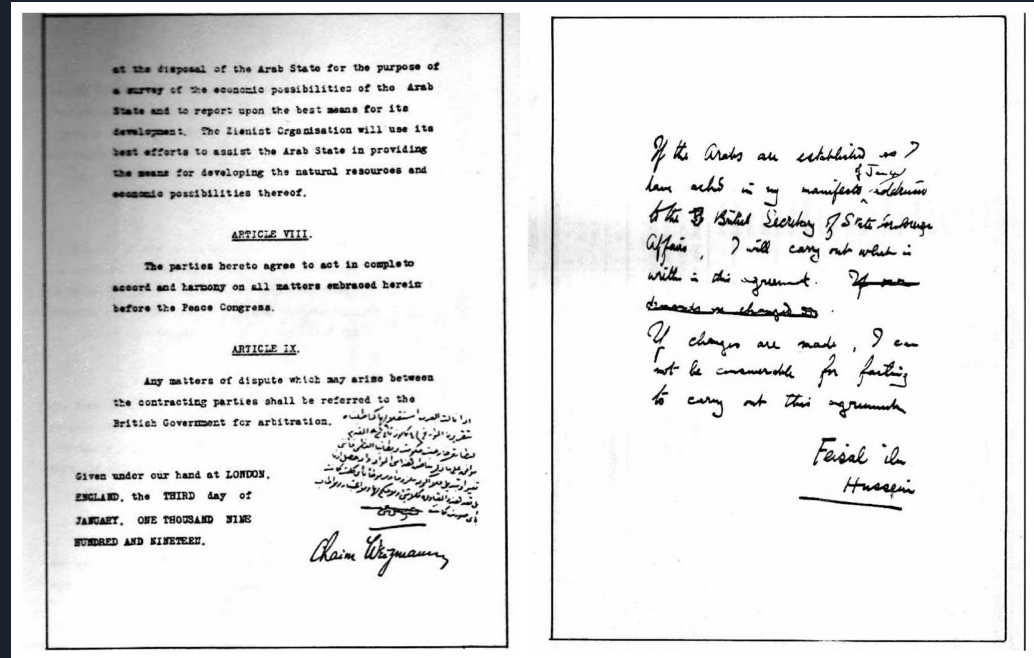
League of Nations Mandate (1920)

- Balfour and Sykes-Picot made official



Betrayal of Sharif Hussain's Family

- Faisal-Weizmann Agreement



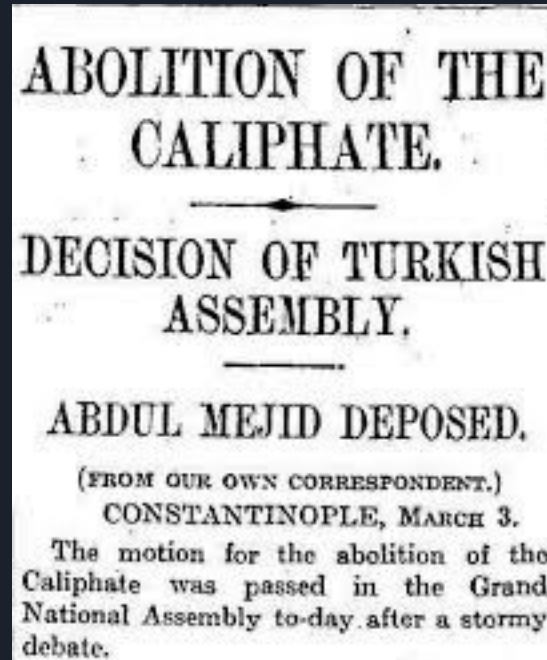


Faisal Weizmann Agreement -

All necessary measures shall be taken to encourage and stimulate immigration of Jews into Palestine on a large scale, and as quickly as possible to settle Jewish immigrants upon the land through closer settlement and intensive cultivation of the soil. In taking such measures the Arab peasant and tenant farmers shall be protected in their rights, and shall be assisted in forwarding their economic development.

The Abolition of the Caliphate 1924

- Sevres and Lausanne Treaties



Geopolitical upheaval

Britain's Colonial Plan for Palestine

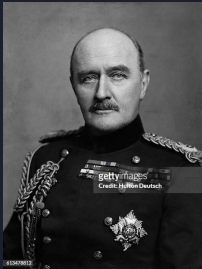
“For distinct military & strategic objectives” ... “India”.

Nathaniel Curzon to the House of Lords 1920



“Hence present frontier (of Egypt) is most unsatisfactory from a military point of view unless we obtain complete and permanent control of Palestine.”

Telegram from Allenby to Balfour - April 1919



“A little loyal Jewish Ulster”.

Sir Ronald Storrs - Orientations 1939

And later - America's Colonial Plan for Palestine



Israel is a bulwark for us... It's almost like having an aircraft carrier in the Middle East ... If Israel disappears, Russia, China, and BRICS+ countries will control 90% of the oil in the world and that would be cataclysmic for US.

Robert F Kennedy Jnr



Conclusion: British Colonialists USED Zionism for their own ends

- **A satellite colony for Britain (later US) to protect their interests**
- **A place that Jews could live outside of Europe**

ALSO

- **An attempt to influence Zionist lobby in World War One (contested)**
- **In line with the Christian-Zionist beliefs of a few of the leading politicians of the era (- not likely the basis of state policy)**



British Colonial Interests ≠ Zionist Interests

‘Weizmann (the leader of the World Zionist Movement) contemplates a Jewish state, a Jewish nation, a subordinate population of Arabs, [and that Weizmann was]...trying to effect this behind the screen and under the shelter of British trusteeship’.

Lord Curzon writing to Balfour in 1919



Creating the Colony ...



British Mandate Era - Rigging the System to build its colony



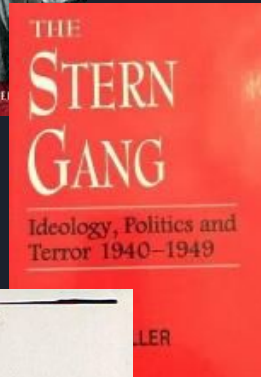
Mass demographic change creates tension

Year	Jews (core population)	% Jewish
1882	24,000	8.00%
1914	94,000	13.60%
1918	60,000	8.10%
1922	83,794	11%
1931	174,610	16.90%
1936	384,078	28.10%
1946	543,000	30.00%
1947	630,000	32.00%
1948	716,700	82.10%
1950	1,203,000	87.80%



Allowing Jews but NOT Palestinians to organise politically

- *David Ben-Gurion was Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency from 1935 to 1948.*
- *'We' must not allow such a thing as representative government to happen in Palestine. Lloyd George to Churchill in 1922*
- *The centrepiece of British policy, that Britain would withhold representative institutions to Palestine as long as there was an Arab majority.' Sir Martin Gilbert, 2011*



Jewish Nationalist
militias in
Mandate Era -

‘Terrorist’ groups



Colonialists didn't care about the injustice

“I do not admit that the dog in the manger (a reference to the Palestinian people) has the final right to the manger, even though he may have lain there for a very long time. I do not admit, for instance, that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America, or the black people of Australia. I do not think the Red Indians had any right to say, ‘The American Continent belongs to us and we are not going to have any of these European settlers coming in here’. They had not the right, nor had they the power.”

Winston Churchill, Addressing the Peel Commission in 1937.

To Churchill, the Palestinians were as expendable as the Indigenous Peoples of America or Australia.

Colonial 'President' - to save 'Western Civilisation'



Quds News Network @QudsNen · Dec 5

President of the occupation state Isaac Herzog on MSNBC: "This war is not only a war between Israel and Hamas, it's a war that is intended, really, truly, to save Western civilization. To save the values of Western civilization."



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UN Partition Plan 1947

Does this look workable?
More conflict likely or less?



Legitimising the Illegitimate -



- 15.5.1948 - British Mandate set to expire
- 14.5.1948 - Declaration of Zionist 'state' unilaterally
- 14.5.1948 - US Recognition
- 17.5.1948 - Soviet Recognition
- 11.5.1949 - Admitted to the United Nations

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Stories on page 2 and back page



1948- The Nakba & the 'War'



1948: THE NAKBA

The Israeli state was eventually created in 1948.

Between 750,000 and 900,000 Palestinian men, women and children were driven out of their homeland and an estimated 500 villages and towns were depopulated and demolished.





Testimonies of Zionists

“Most historians today – Zionists, post-Zionists and non-Zionists – agree that in at least 120 of 530 villages, the Palestinian inhabitants were expelled by Jewish military forces.”

(Haaretz)

<https://www.haaretz.com/2013-05-16/ty-article/premium/ben-gurion-grasped-the-nakbas-importance/0000017f-e12d-d38f-a57f-e77fcfd0000>



April 9 - 1948 - Deir Yassin Massacre

- Zionist militias targeted this village near Al Quds
- Massacred Palestinian civilians - men, women, and children.
- They used mortars, guns, and grenades.
- There are also reports of rape and mutilation of bodies.
- 25 of the survivors were taken to Jerusalem as trophies - later killed
- *“Deir Yassin had a profound demographic and political effect: It was followed by mass flight of Arabs from their locales.”*
- **There is no Deir Yassin today.**



Deir Yassin 9-April 1948

- Letters from a Lehi (Stern Gang) operative/witnesses

“House after house ... we’re putting in explosives and they are running away. An explosion and move on, an explosion and move on and within a few hours, half the village isn’t there any more,”

“To me it looked a bit like a pogrom,”



Deir Yassin 9-April 1948

- Letters from a Lehi (Stern Gang) operative/witnesses

‘ I stood them (two Arab girls of 16 or 17) against a wall and blasted them with two rounds from the Tommy gun’

‘A young fellow tied to a tree and set on fire’.

‘ A woman and an old man shot in back’.

‘They Piled Bodies and Burned Them’

Deportation of Palestinians 1949





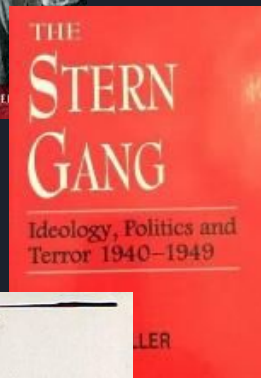
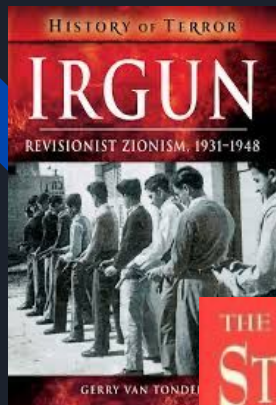
"The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine" -

"The ethnic cleansing of Palestine was a systematic and comprehensive process that began in 1948 and continues to this day" and "a continuation of a process of colonization that began in the late nineteenth century."

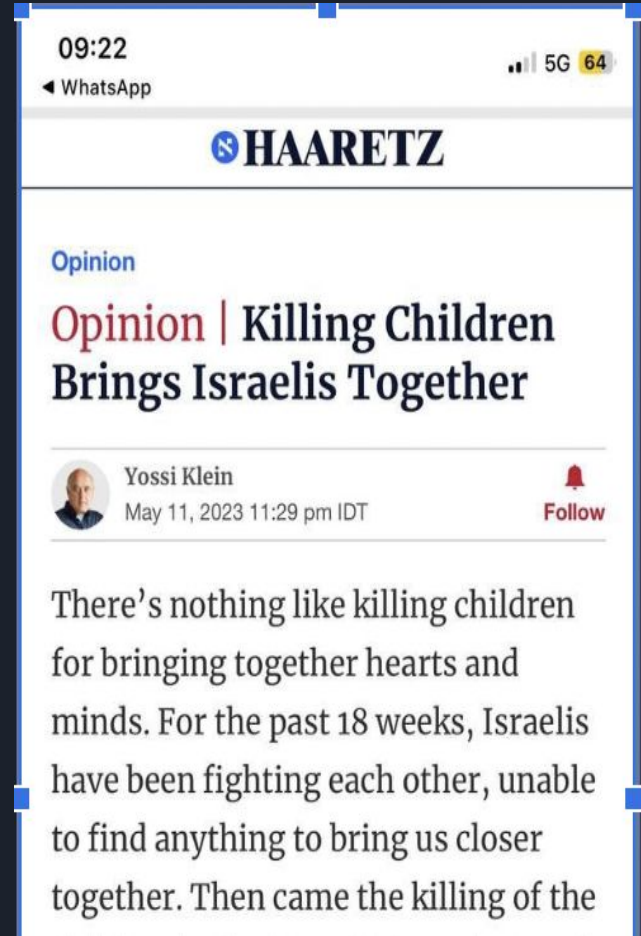
Professor Ilan Pappé



Zionist Endgame vs Colonial Endgame



The impact goes on today ...



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Israeli President Says There Are No Innocent Civilians In Gaza

“It is an entire nation out there that is responsible,” Isaac Herzog said as Israel ordered 1.1 million Palestinians to evacuate their homes.

By Paul Blumenthal

Oct 13, 2023, 11:43 AM EDT
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The New York Times

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U.S. Officials Fear American Guns Ordered by Israel Could Fuel West Bank Violence

Israel wants 24,000 assault rifles. Itamar Ben-Gvir, a far-right minister overseeing the police, has given rifles to civilians and is forming “security squads.”

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“Guns in the right hands save lives!” said Israel’s minister for national security, Itamar

ISRAEL, JORDAN, MIDDLE EAST, NEWS

Jordan King Hussein's extensive contact, intelligence sharing with Israel prior to 1973 war

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War then Peace

1967 - 1973 - 1979 - 1994



'Peace Process'

Efforts to end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians

Oslo Accords: recognition
Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation achieve mutual recognition



Camp David: setback
Talks stumble over the final status of Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees who lost their homes in 1948

Annapolis: 2nd chance
Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) pledge to seek peace by end 2008. The Initiative collapses



Gaza offensive
Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip, which is controlled by Hamas. The PA, controlled by Fatah, exits the Annapolis process

Nine months of talks
The US announces 9 months of direct talks. Israel suspends the process after a reconciliation accord between Fatah and Hamas



Israel Gaza withdrawal

Agreement on autonomy for Gaza and Jericho. Israel agrees to pull out of 70% of the Gaza Strip



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The Quartet

The Quartet (EU, US, Russia and the UN) issue a road map aimed at ending the Intifada, freezing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and creating a Palestinian state by 2005

Dialogue in Washington

Direct negotiations between Mahmud Abbas and Benjamin Netanyahu

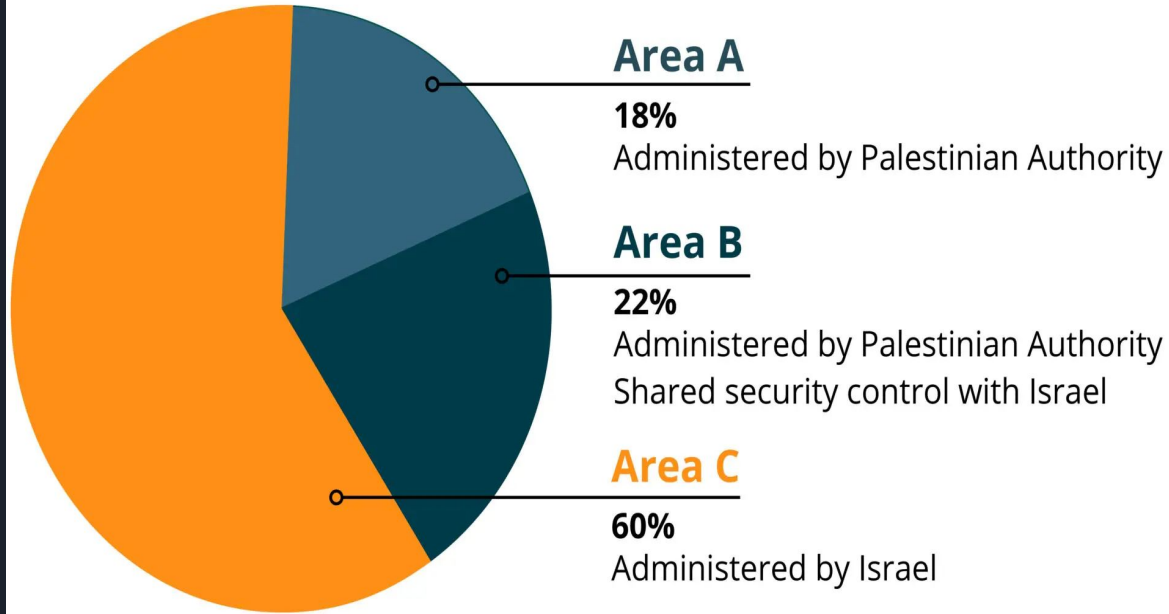


Settlements condemned

The UN Security Council demands Israel stop settlement activities in Palestinian territory. The US refrains from vetoing the resolution



Oslo 1993





Area A - Palestinian administrative & police. 18% of West Bank. Most densely populated.

Area B - Palestinian administration. Israeli security. 22% of West Bank.

Area C - Israeli administration and security. 60 % of West Bank.

- ~ 300,000 Palestinians live in 532 residential areas located part or fully in Area C
- ~ 400,000 Israeli settlers residing in approximately 230 settlements.
- ~ 30% of Area C is a designated “firing zone” for military training
 - 38 Palestinian communities are located within these training areas.
- ~ 60% made up of these firing zones, other military land, or state land & nature
 - Palestinians struggle to obtain land permits for housing/ farming in the 40%.
 - 30% Palestinian communities in Area C lack a primary school
 - 70% of communities in Area C are not connected to a water network

Abraham Accords

UAE

Bahrain

Morocco

Oman

Sudan



Future Betrayal?



From Palestine to ... Eretz Yisroel

LOSS OF LAND

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict has dragged on for more than 115 years, where both claim historic and religious ties to the land. The geopolitical disputed area stretches over a 100,000 square-miles landscape, sitting between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River with an unresolved conclusion and far-reaching implications. Over the period of the conflict, Israel's share of land has gradually expanded.

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Arabiya



1897

The World Zionist Organization Founded by Theodor Herzl in Basle during 1897; the Basle Program stated: "Zionism seeks to establish a home for the Jewish people in Palestine, secured under public law."

1917

Under the Balfour Declaration, United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour approves the establishment of a national home for Jews in Palestine.



1946

The illustrated map demonstrates that more than 90 percent of the land belongs to Palestinians.

During this period, Jewish settlers had paid for most of the land they occupied.



1947

The U.N. General Assembly initiates a plan to separate western Palestine into two states. While the Jewish leader accepts, the Palestinian leaders reject the plan, resulting in uprisings.



1948-1949

Arab-Israeli War: The Jewish community declares itself independent in the new state of Israel.

Neighboring Arab states then intervened militarily, precipitating the first Arab-Israeli war.

The war left historic Palestine divided into three parts. The 1949 armistice gave Israel control over 77 percent of the territory.



1967

Suez Crisis

Gaza

The Six-Day War involves Israel fighting against three Arab states (Egypt, Jordan and Syria). It results in Israel claiming control over Gaza and the strategic Sinai peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and East Jerusalem.



Present (2012)

Gaza Expulsion Plan: As part of unilateral disengagement initiative, Israeli defense forces leave the Gaza Strip and four settlements in the northern West Bank.

Israel launches a massive air campaign on Gaza, with the declared goal of deterring Hamas.

Palestinians submit a proposal for membership and statehood to the U.N.



Or a Two-State 'Solution'

In early 2023, OCHA documented 565 movement obstacles in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and excluding H2. These include 49 checkpoints constantly staffed by Israeli forces or private security companies, 139 occasionally staffed checkpoints, 304 roadblocks, earth-mounds and road gates, and 73 earth walls, road barriers and trenches.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/fact-sheet-movement-and-access-west-bank-august-2023#:~:text=These%20include%2049%20checkpoints%20constantly%20staffed%20by%20Israeli%20forces%20and%20private%20security%20companies,139%20occasionally%20staffed%20checkpoints,304%20roadblocks,earth-mounds%20and%20road%20gates,and%2073%20earth%20walls,road%20barriers%20and%20trenches.>



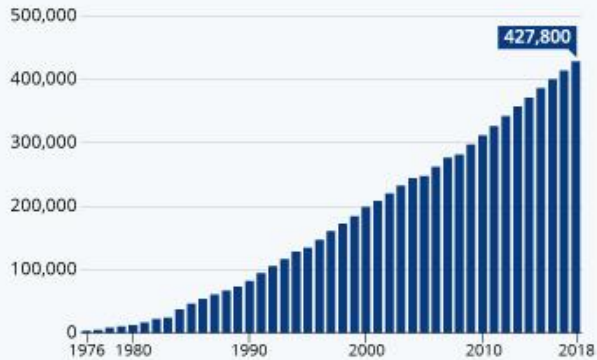
The Wall



'Settlements'

The Growth Of Israeli Settlements

Number of Israeli settlers living in the West Bank by year



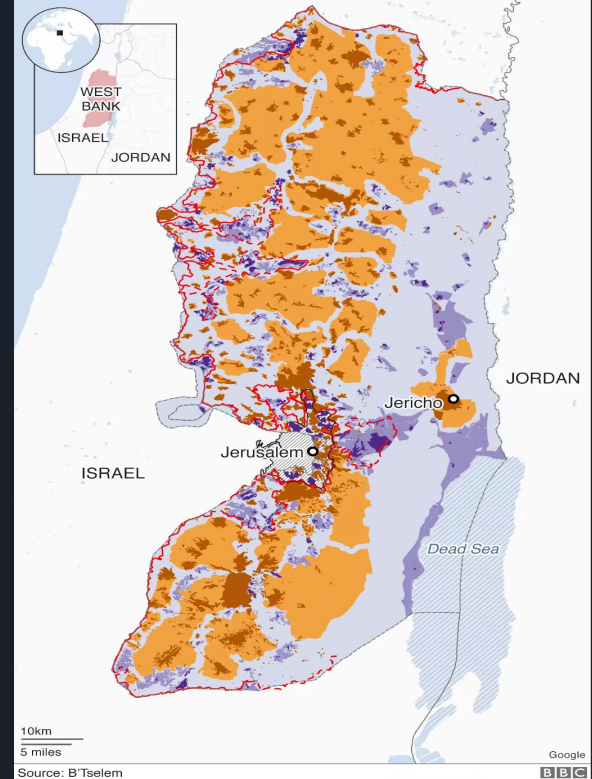
Source: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics via Peace Now



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West Bank settlements

- Palestinian civil control
- Built-up Palestinian area
- Israeli military and civil control
- Israeli settlements municipal boundary
- Israeli settlements
- Pre-1967 ceasefire line
- Jerusalem municipal boundary
- West Bank barrier
- Projected/Under construction



'Settlements'





Demolitions

- In 2019, at least 547 Palestinians lost their homes to demolitions
- Since 1967, Israeli authorities have demolished over 27,000 Palestinian homes
- Between 2000 - 2007, Israel rejected more than 94% of permit requests in Area C.

Al Quds



Israeli settlers attack Palestinians during iftar in Sheikh Jarrah |
Daily Sabah



Al Aqsa - Military Raids



Al Aqsa - Settler Invasions - Temple Mount Foundation



1,000 JEWS VISITED SITE IN YEAR 2000, SUNDAY SAW 2,600

Fighting rabbinic ban, Jewish activists push
Temple Mount prayer toward mainstream



Political Support for taking over Al Aqsa

Israeli ambassador to the UK Tzipi Hotovely has supported the movement and spoken at its events, and stated that it is her dream to see "the Israeli flag fly over the Temple Mount."

US billionaire Henry Sweica is a major funder of the Temple Mount Movement. Through his Sweica Family Foundation, he has pumped millions into The Temple Institute, the Friends of the IDF and the David Horowitz Centre, which employed British Islamophobe Tommy Robinson and the well-known US loudmouth Ben Shapiro.

Yisrael Ariel, chief rabbi of the Temple movement said if Muslims and Christians "raise the flag of [surrender] and say, 'From now on, there is no more Christianity and no more Islam,' and the mosques and Christian spires come down," then they would be allowed to live. "If not," he warned, "you kill all of their males by sword. You leave only the women. "We will conquer Iraq, Turkey [and] we will get to Iran too,"



Water

- Israel controls 90 %, about six times more, of the water resources
- Israeli settlers use ~6x more water than the 3.1 million Palestinians in the West Bank
- In East Jerusalem, 44% of Palestinians are connected to the water network.
- Only 10.5% of Palestinians in Gaza have access to safe drinking water.
- Over 96% of the water from Gaza's aquifers is unconsumable, forcing Palestinians to buy trucked water at inflated prices.



Christians face persecution by Israeli settlers in Jerusalem



World Council of Churches





The Siege of Gaza - 2007 till 6-October-2023

70% are refugees -

42% unemployment -

98% of ground water is undrinkable -

2-4 hours of continuous electrical power a day.

35% of arable land is unavailable

85% of the waters on the coast of Gaza are blocked due to Israeli security zones.

7% of the children suffer from stunted growth P

60 % of the children are anaemic.

Al Quds : The Capital City of the Islamic Khilafah



“This matter (Khilafah) will continue after me in Al-Madina, then (move to) Al-Shaam, then to the peninsula, then to Iraq, then to the city (Constantinople), then to Bait-ul-Maqdis. So if it reaches Bait-ul-Maqdis, then it would have reached it’s (natural resting place); and no people who remove it (i.e. the capital of the Khilafah) from their land will ever get it back again (for them to be the capital again).”

[Narrated by Ibn ‘Asaakir, from Maseerah b. Jaleese]

The ONLY Civilisation that allowed Muslims, Jews, Christians and others to live side by side in harmony, with justice and security for all!

