

CONFLICT IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

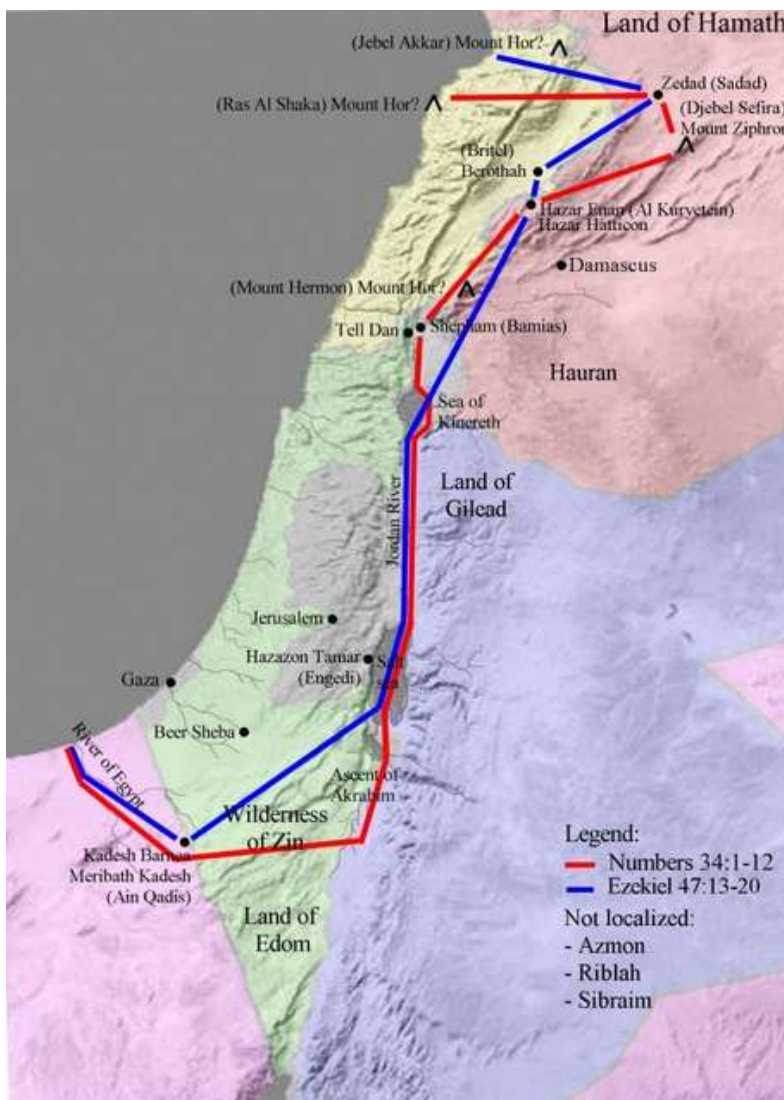
The Complete History

**WHICH GROUP HAS THE BETTER HISTORICAL CLAIM TO THE
LAND BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE JORDAN?**





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Source 1:
Map of Israel
according to
the biblical
Book of
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7th c.	Minority	Majority	—
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1914	94	70	525
1922	84	71	589
1931	175	89	760
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Source 2: Population data for Israel/Palestine dating back to the ancient period.

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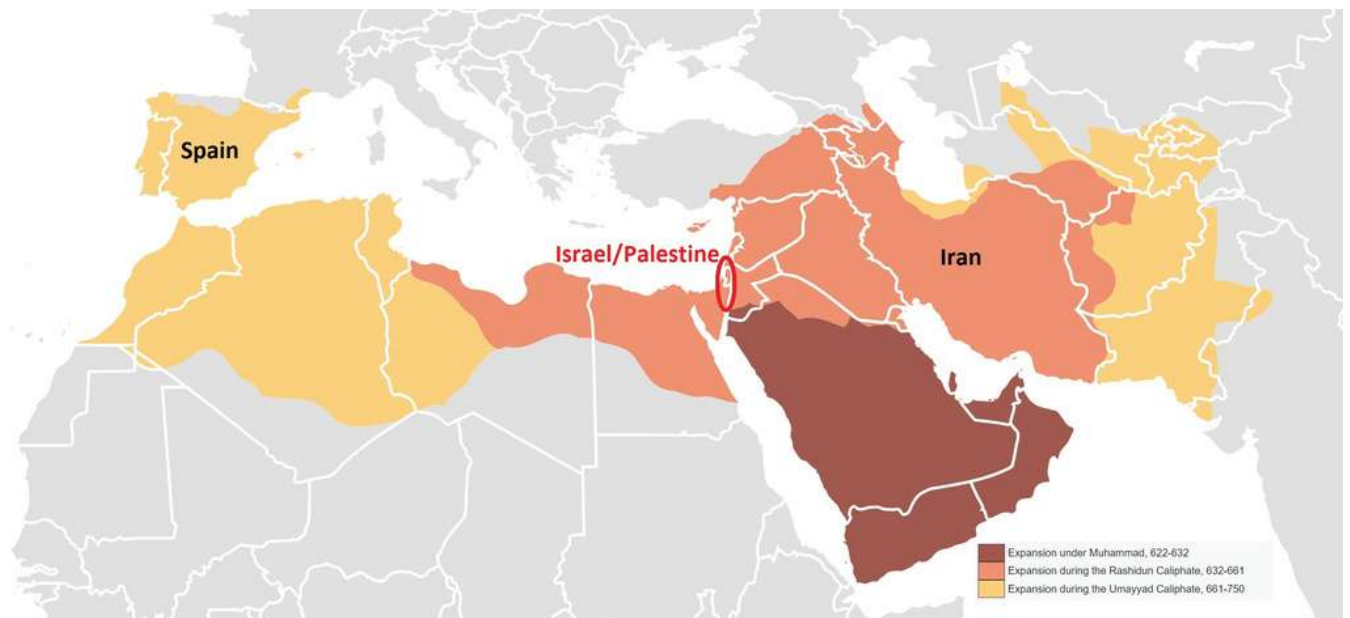
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Source 4: Map of expansion of the Islamic Caliphate, with Israel/Palestine highlighted





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Source 5: The Balfour Declaration, 1917

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 endeavors 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.

Yours,

Arthur James Balfour



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Source 6: A photograph of the First Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897





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Source 7: Promises and assurances made to the Arabs 1916-19

Date	Occasion	Substance
Running from 14th July 1915 to 30th Jan 1916	<u>McMahon-Hussein correspondence</u> Sir Henry McMahon was British High Commissioner in Egypt, and Sharif Hussein was the ruler of the Emirate of Mecca	The British Government promised support for an independent Arab state in areas then under the rule of the Ottoman Empire in return for an Arab rebellion against the Ottomans.
2nd November 1917	<u>Balfour Declaration</u> in the form of a letter from British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild, leader of the British Jewish community.	Mainly a promise to the Jews about a national home in Palestine but it contains the provision nothing shall be done which may prejudice the religious and civil rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.'
January 1918	Following the publication of the Balfour Declaration the British sent <u>Commander David George Hogarth</u> to see Hussein	He carried the message that the "political and economic freedom" of the Palestinian population was not in question. Hogarth reported that Hussein "would not accept an independent Jewish State in Palestine, nor was I instructed to warn him that such a state was contemplated by Great Britain".
16th June 1918	<u>The Declaration to the Seven</u> Read out by an officer of the Arab Bureau to a meeting of 7 Arab leaders.	The British government promised independence for Arabs under the principle of 'consent of the governed'.
7th November 1918	<u>Anglo French Declaration</u> copies were posted in all Arab towns and villages then occupied by Allied forces, including Palestine.	"The goal of [...] France and Great Britain in prosecuting [...] the war [...] is the complete and final liberation of the peoples who have so long been oppressed by the Turks, and the setting up of national governments and administrations deriving their authority from the free exercise [...] of the choice of the indigenous populations"



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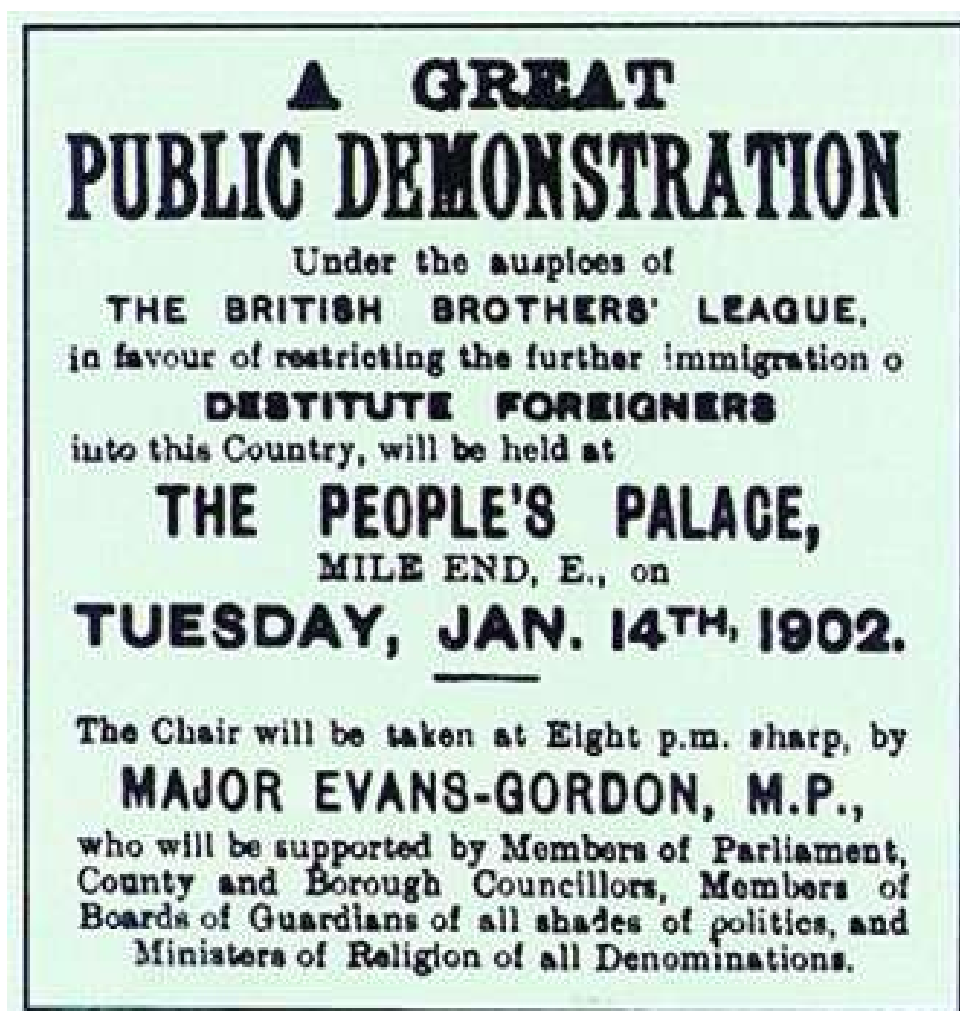
Source 8: Arab Fighters in Akaba Arabia (now Jordan), February 1918. In return for revolting against the Ottomans, the British assured they would have their own state





Jews needed safety after centuries of persecution

Source 9: A poster advertising a public meeting in London protesting Jewish immigration caused by pogroms in Russia





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Source 10: A photograph showing Storm Troopers (SA) blocking the entrance to a Jewish-owned shop. One of the signs says: "Germans! Defend yourselves! Don't buy from Jews!" Berlin, Germany, April 1933





Jews were persecuted in the West, but Arabs were forced to give up land

Source 11: Table showing the amount of Palestinian land held by Jewish organisations and corporations in 1945. A dunum is a measure of land similar to an acre

Table 2. CHAPTER VIII.

HOLDINGS OF LARGE JEWISH LAND OWNERS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1945.
(in metric dunums).

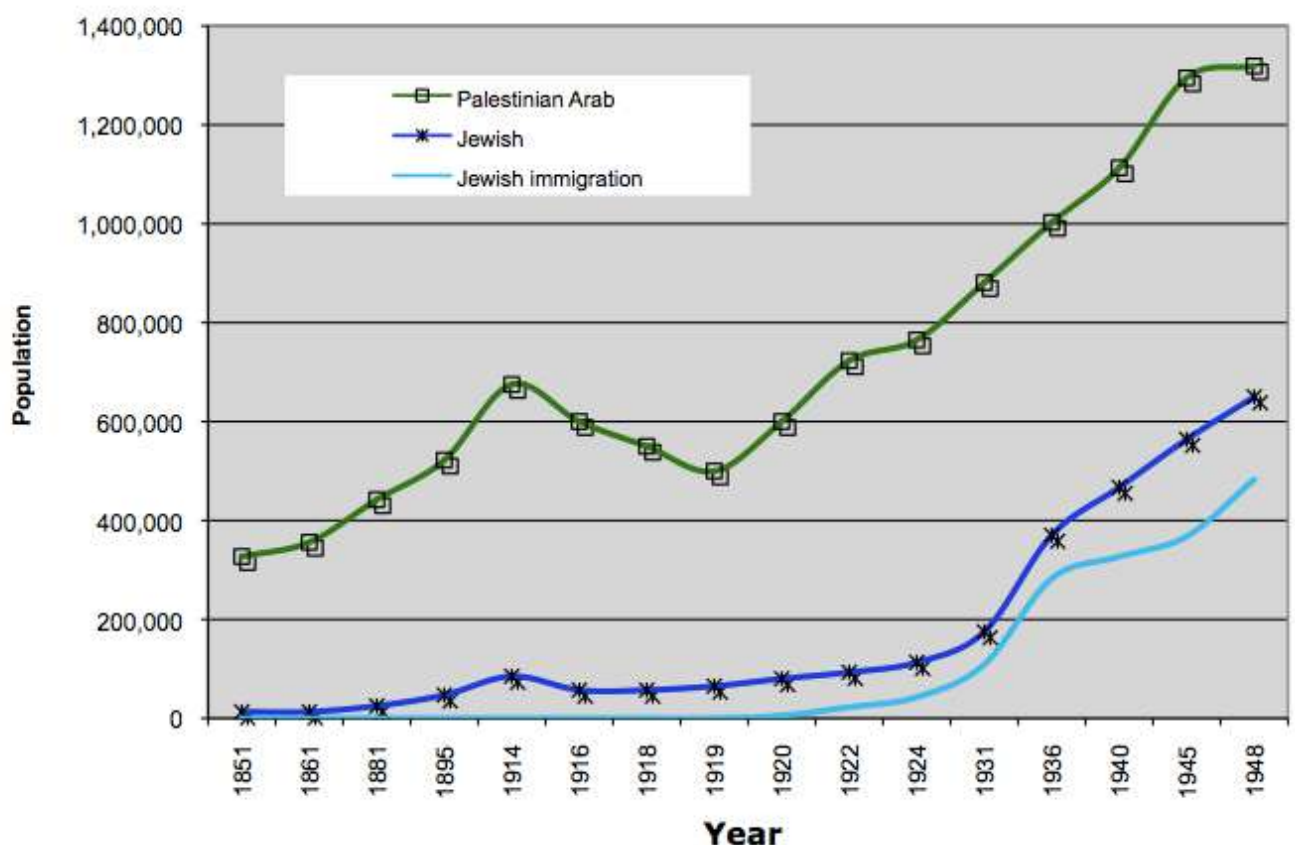
	JEWISH NATIONAL FUND		PALESTINE JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION		PALESTINE LAND DEVELOPMENT Co. LTD.		HEMNUTA LTD.		AFRICA PALESTINE INVESTMENT Co. LTD.		BAYSIDE LAND CORPORATION LTD.		PALESTINE KUPAT AM BANK LTD.		TOTAL
	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	in whole	in common	
GALILEE	272,000	49,600	123,800	8,900	2,200	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	451,700
HAIFA	112,600	—	60,800	—	6,000	200	—	—	9,900	—	8,500	—	6,300	2,100	206,400
SAMARIA	79,600	2,200	1,100	—	—	—	4,800	9,100	—	—	—	—	—	—	96,800
JERUSALEM	13,100	2,200	1,800	—	900	—	200	800	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,000
LYDDA	60,100	3,100	2,300	—	400	—	700	700	—	—	—	—	—	—	67,300
GAZA	63,400	2,200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65,600
TOTAL	600,800	59,300	189,800	3,900	9,500	200	5,700	10,800	9,900	—	8,500	—	6,300	2,100	906,800

Notes. (1) All areas have been taken to the nearest 100 dunums.
(2) Some areas are based on old records and will probably need revision when survey takes place.



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Source 12: Graph of Jewish immigration to Palestine versus Palestine Arab population





Israel had to defend itself from surrounding Arab enemies

Source 13: Photograph showing damage to civilian apartments in Tel Aviv caused by an Egyptian air strike on 16th May 1948





Israel's armed forces drove Palestinians from their ancient homelands

Source 15: Palestinians leaving Galilee during the Nakba, October - November 1948





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Source 16: Extract of Plan Dalet, a military operation carried out by Haganah during the 1948 war. It instructed on the clearing and dismantling of Arab communities.

‘Mounting operations against enemy population centers located inside or near our defensive system in order to prevent them from being used as bases by an active armed force. These operations can be divided into the following categories:

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.’



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Source 17 : The Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. Egyptian President Sadat, US President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Begin in 1978





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Source 18: The Covenant of the Hamas, 1988

On the Destruction of Israel:

'Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.' (Preamble)

The Exclusive Moslem Nature of the Area:

'The land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf [Holy Possession] consecrated for future Moslem generations until Judgment Day. No one can renounce it or any part, or abandon it or any part of it.' (Article 11)

'Palestine is an Islamic land... Since this is the case, the Liberation of Palestine is an individual duty for every Moslem



Israel continues its military occupation of Palestine

Source 19: Women marching in Ramallah during the First Intifada, 1989





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Source 20: Israeli Prime Minister Rabin, US President Clinton and Palestinian leader Arafat, signing the Oslo Accords in 1993





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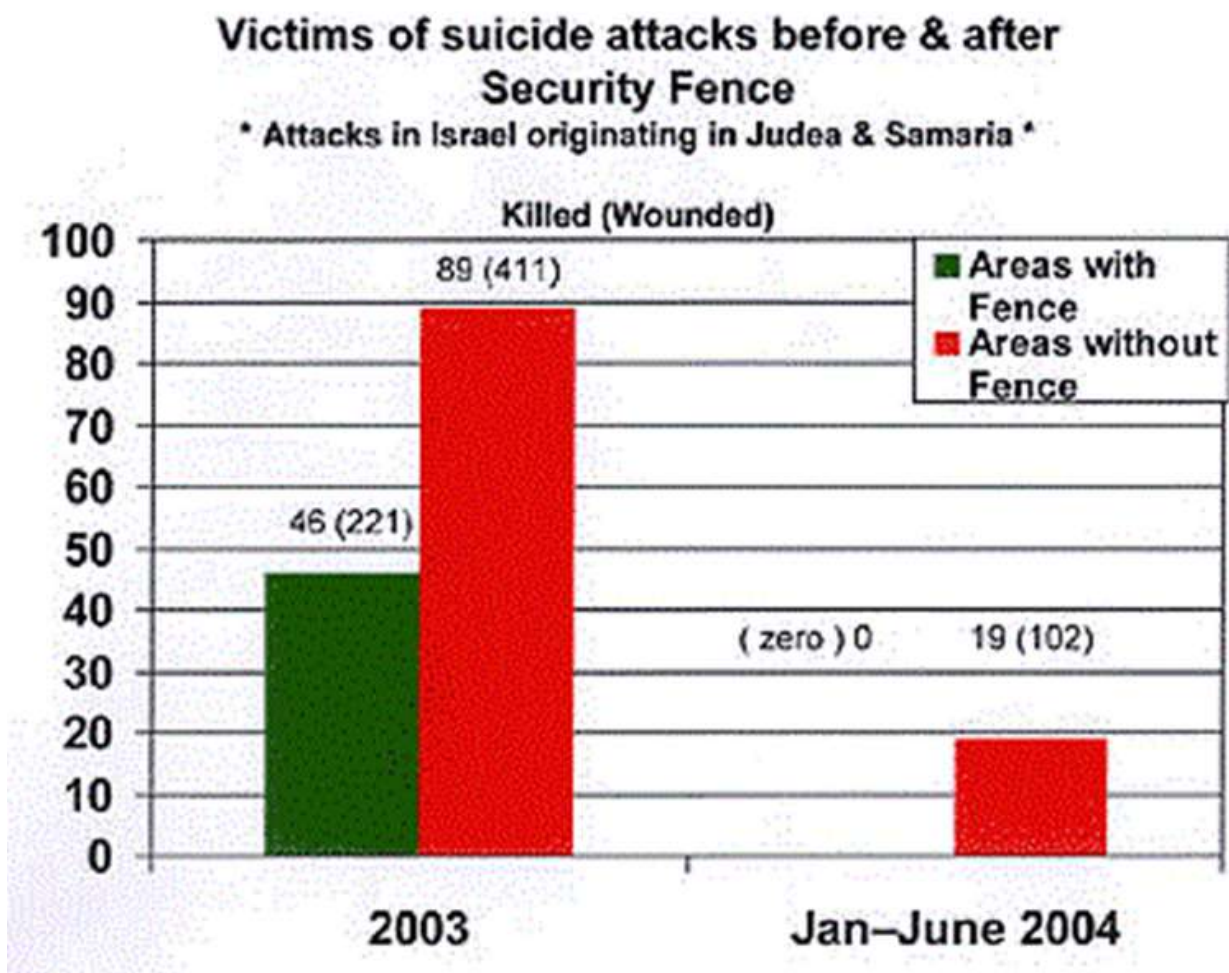
Source 21: Monument to the victims of a 2002 terror attack committed by a Palestinian suicide bomber near Afula, Israel





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Source 22: Graph published by the Jewish Virtual Library





Ignoring international law, Israel has taken more land from Palestinians

Source 23: A Palestinian map made to show a continuing loss of land, 1946 - 2010





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Source 24: Cartoon by artist Naji al-Ali. The child 'Handala' has come to represent Palestinian people for decades. His name is linked to bitter plants originating in Palestine, and he is always depicted as 10 years old, the age Naji-al-Ali was forced from his home

