

Israel since 1948

- **May 1948-** Israel became a state after the UN General Assembly **voted** to divide the Jewish & Arab states in November 1947. Jews were initially given Tel Aviv, Haifa, West Jerusalem, and Jaffa. Prior to becoming Israel, the territory was known as the British mandate Palestine. Though there was conflict, the area was occupied by both Jews and Arabs. The Jews accepted the resolution, but Arabs did not. Iraq, Jordan, Egypt,, Lebanon, and Syria attacked Israel the day after statehood went into effect, and were soon joined by Saudi Arabia.
 - Fighting continued in 1949, and while Israel gained some land, Egypt and Jordan maintained Gaza & West Bank (WB) control. Note that WB is made of two of the most important Jewish biblical sites: Judea and Samaria. **The word “Jew” indirectly comes from “Judea,”** challenging the notion that Israelis are colonizing the land (Jews have been living in Israel for 3500 years). In fact, many Jews refer only to the area as their biblical names to emphasize the need for inclusion in a modern Israeli state.
- **May 1967-** Egyptian president, Abdul Nassar, ordered UN emergency forces meant to keep peace at borders since 1948 to leave in order to facilitate war. He stated “As of today there no longer exists an international emergency force to protect Israel. The sole method we shall apply against Israel is total war which will result in the extermination of Zionistic existence.” He announced that “armies of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait are on the border of Israel to face the challenge [Israeli statehood], which is clear: to wipe Israel off the map.”
 - **Assad, head of Syria:** “Our forces are now entirely ready in order not only to oppose aggression [becoming a state] to explode Zionist presence in the Arab homeland. The time has come to enter into a battle of annihilation.”
 - **465,000 Arab soldiers were poised at borders.** The UN told Israel if they fired first they would not receive support. Israel had to choose: wait to be attacked to receive support, or go at it alone with the element of surprise and no support. Israel chose to go at it alone and won despite lack of UN support.
 - They gained Gaza, Golan Heights, and more of Jerusalem fighting Syria in the north, Egypt in the south, and Jordan in the middle. Note that **Israel had no initial interest in capturing any Arab land: had they not been surrounded in 1967, they would have kept the land given in 1948.**
 - The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was created in 1964 to kick Jews out of Gaza. However, Israel did not win Gaza until 1967.
- **October 6, 1973-** Egypt and Syria jointly launched a surprise attack on Yom Kippur, one the holiest days of the year. After less than a week, Israel pushed back both armies (Syria in the north, Egypt in the south) and the war ended in a ceasefire on October 25.
 - **1978 Camp David Accords-** Israel returned Sinai Peninsula to Egypt (won in 1967) in exchange for peace. Egyptian President, Anwar Sadat, was later assassinated by Jihadists for making peace with Israel.

- **1992 Oslo Accords-** Gave Palestinian National Authority (PNA) the right to govern Gaza and parts of WB. The PLO recognized Israel's right to exist and pledged to end terrorism.
- **2000 Camp David Summit-** Meeting between US President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and PNA chairman Yasser Arafat to end Israel-Palestinian conflict. PM Barak offered a **proposal for Palestinian state: the entirety of Gaza, 90% of WB, and Jerusalem as shared capital** in exchange for peace. Arafat rejected the proposal.
- **Late 2000-2005-** Second Intifada, Palestinians **targeted Israeli civilians** with suicide bombings, guns, rockets, and stone throwing.
- **2005-** Israeli PM Ariel Sharon ordered a complete disengagement of Israeli settlements from Gaza. 8,000 Israelis were relocated, and those who did not leave voluntarily were forced out. He also returned parts of WB to Jordan. The only motive was to "grant Israeli citizens maximum levels of security." There was no discussion, compromise, or concession with PNA.

Hamas era

- Hamas was founded in 1988 and is a **recognized terrorist organization**.
- Their goal is to "obliterate" Israel. They believe that "the day of Judgment will come when Muslims fight Jews and kill them." According to "The Covenant of Islamic Resistance Movement," Jews are responsible for the facilitation of all international wars, including WWII (Holocaust) where "[Jews] made huge financial gains."
<https://irp.fas.org/world/para/docs/880818a.htm>
- **2007-** Hamas was voted into power by Palestinians. They had billions of dollars in resources and equipment left by Israelis. Instead of creating a thriving society, they chose to spend the money creating rockets, tunnels, and terrorizing Israel, subsequently desecrating Palestinians' way of life.
 - Hamas leaders are billionaires living in luxury in Qatar.
- Israel retains control over air space, water, and electricity as a result of Hamas rule in order to protect the rest of the State.
- Palestinian civilians are dying because Hamas is shooting from innocent spaces--hospitals, schools, etc.
 - Once they do this, they are no longer innocent spaces, they are military launching pads.
 - Recently released photos show that Hamas specifically chose these spaces as military bases.
 - **Hamas does this in order to increase Palestinian deaths to fuel anti Israel rhetoric in the West.**
- Under the **Palestinian Authority Martyrs Fund**, Hamas and other anti Israel parties **pay stipends to the families of Palestinians killed, injured, or imprisoned while carrying out politically motivated violence against Israel.**