

Israel & Palestine Conflict



ISRAEL and...



PALESTINIAN LOSS OF LAND 1946-2010



1946 - Pre-Diaspora.
Majority is Muslim

1947- WW2 Ending. Flood
of Jews.

1967 - Palestine is slowly
becoming obsolete.

2010 - Israel and Palestine
have virtually flipped.

Historical Boundaries

The history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict began with the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948.

Came from the intercommunal violence in Palestine between Israelis and Arabs from 1920 and later erupted into full scale hostilities in the 1947-1948 civil war.

Series of Massacres that gave Israel about 78% of what was Palestine

Historical Boundaries

1947 the UN tried to establish the two state solution in what was palestine but failed because both claimed that it was their land. Pre-War.

Jews started using coordinated attacks on the British

- Any british policeman or soldier was a target.

News of the concentration camps and other gruesome details that happened in Germany were spreading, which increased pressure on Britain to let the Jews in.

Perspectives of both sides

There are two main points when it comes to this war. Religion and land.

The Israelis are Jewish whereas the Palestinians are Muslim. Both claim that the land is destined to be theirs' through their religions. There are also some religious monuments that concern both faiths present in contested territory.

One of the big factors of the territorial conflict is the important water resources that are present in the area. Israel controls most of them even though they are mainly in Palestinian territory.

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Another big land issue is the presence of Israeli settlements on Palestinian land(west bank). They are illegal under international law however ISrael defends itself by claiming the Geneva convention and UN security council articles justify their legality.

WEST BANK & GAZA

Under Israeli occupation
since 1967

- 1949 Armistice (Green Line)
- Palestinian Authority
- Israeli control
- Wall/fence
- Roads
- ▲ Israeli settlement

0 10 20 mi
0 10 20 30 km



Parts of the conflict

- Expressed struggle- Resources, power, and land
- Interdependence- Ceasefire from both sides
- Incompatible goals- Both want the land and control
- Scarce resources- Land, water, oil
- Interference- UN, US, Israel, and Hamas

Conflict Styles

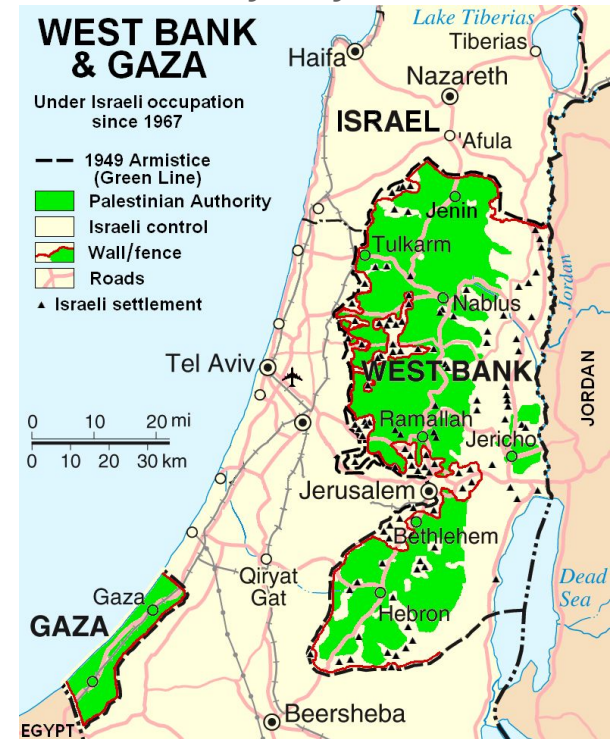
Dominance: Israel has power over most of the land and scarce resources.

Attempted to **compromise:** Camp David, Taba Summit, and Arab Peace Initiative.



Power

- Israel assumes complete administrative control over the holy city of Jerusalem
 - East Jerusalem still seen as Palestinian territory
- Israel currently controls the West Bank
 - Palestine believes they should have control
 - Palestinian Authority rule
 - West Bank Barrier built by Israel
- No adequate water supply available to OPT
- Israel also has road control in the West Bank
 - highly restricts Palestinian usage



Strides For Peace

- 1993- Oslo Peace Accord
- 1995- Oslo II Accord
- 2000- Camp David
- 2001- Taba Negotiations
- 2003- Mideast Peace Summit
- 2007- Annapolis Peace Conference
- 2012- Israeli-Palestinian Peace talks in Jordan
- 2013- Israeli-Palestinian Peace talks in Washington D.C.

U.S involvement and the “road map”

Historically, the U.S has viewed Israel as a crucial political and economic ally in the oil-rich Middle East

Because of this, provided Israel with the highest amount of financial and military assistance of any other foreign country.

U.S. financial and military assistance quadrupled after Syria and Egypt, supported by the Soviet Union, invaded Israel on Oct. 6, 1973.

U.S involvement and the “road map”

During the 1980s, Washington continued to dispatch high-level officials, in attempt to initiate serious discussions between the Israelis and Palestinians.

As time went on, each president kept sending ambassadors to mediate discussion between the Israelis and Palestinians.

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