



# Palestine 101

## *Understanding*

## *The Context*

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# Palestine in the world map

Palestine is in the heart of the Arab world, with a common language, culture, and shared social values.

Throughout history, Palestinians have been known for their hospitality, resilience, and strong sense of community.



**We had good economy, established educational and charitable institutions, and a peaceful social activities**

## Pictures of Palestine before the British Mandate



**Till 1917**

**Following World War II, which marked the beginning of the British mandate in Palestine...**

**1917**

**Pre-British Mandate Palestine**

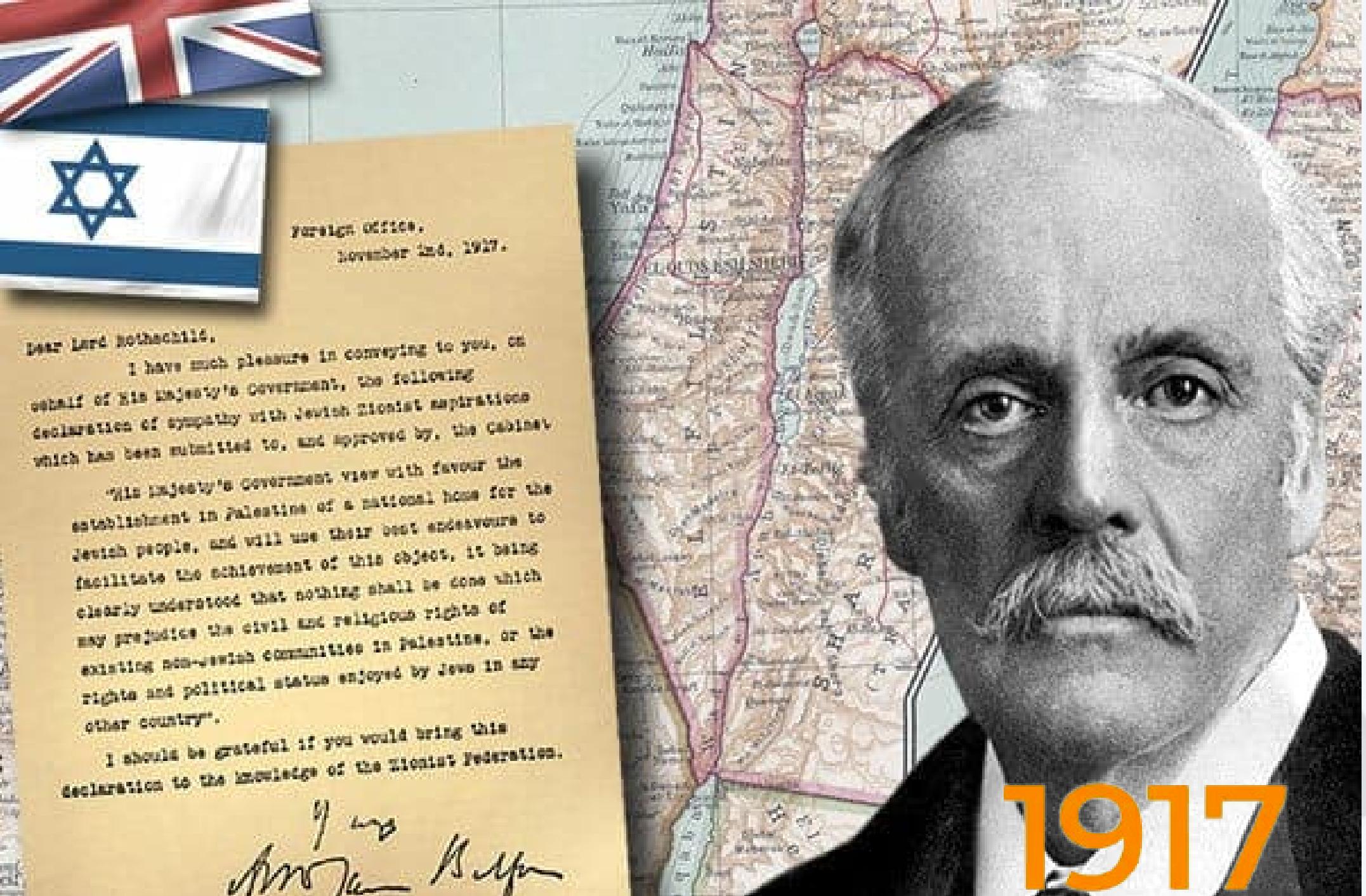
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**On October 31, 1917, British forces conquered Palestine from the Ottoman-Turks, ending 1,400 years of Islamic rule over the region.**

Before the British Mandate in Palestine, Jews made up around **six percent of the total population**.



Source: McCarthy, The Population of Palestine (1990)



**The Balfour Declaration was a public pledge by Britain in 1917 declaring its aim to establish “a national home for the Jewish people” in Palestine.**

The declaration was made through a letter sent by Arthur Balfour, the British foreign secretary at the time, to Lionel Walter Rothschild, a prominent leader within the British Jewish community.

**This is where the longest occupation in modern history commenced**

# The UN proposed the "Partition Plan"

which aimed to allocate a portion of Palestine for the establishment of a Jewish state. Interestingly, Palestine was not recognized as a UN member at that time, and 33 nations voted in favor of this proposal.

**Imagine if you had voted to allocate land that you do not possess to people who do not reside there!**

**1947**

## UN Partition Plan (Resolution 181)

- Arab State | 45%
- Jewish State | 55%
- Jerusalem under international control

Following the end of WWII, the newly formed United Nations proposed a plan that would grant **55 percent of historic Palestine to a Jewish state and 45 percent to a non-contiguous Arab one.**

This plan was never implemented on the ground.

Conceptual map



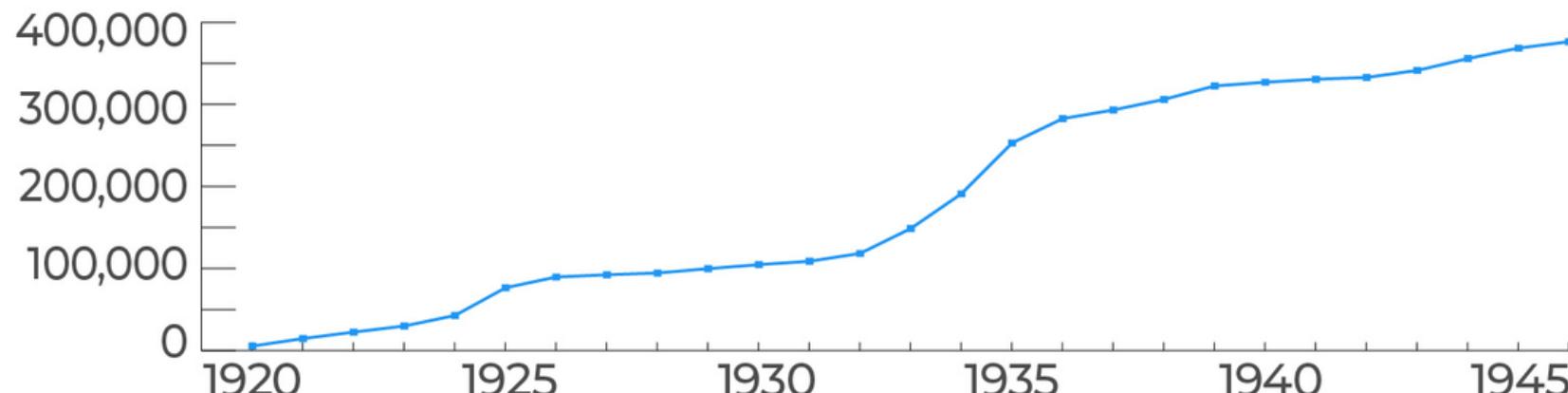
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**As a result, nearly 400,000 Jews from the whole world immigrated to Palestine between 1917 and 1948**

**1920-1946**

## Jewish immigration to Palestine

An estimated **376,415 Jewish immigrants, mostly from Europe**, arrived in Palestine between 1920 and 1946 according to British records.



Source: A survey of Palestine (1946)

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**AlNakba or “catastrophe”, referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestine and the near-total destruction of Palestinian society in 1948.**

## 1948 Palestinians expelled

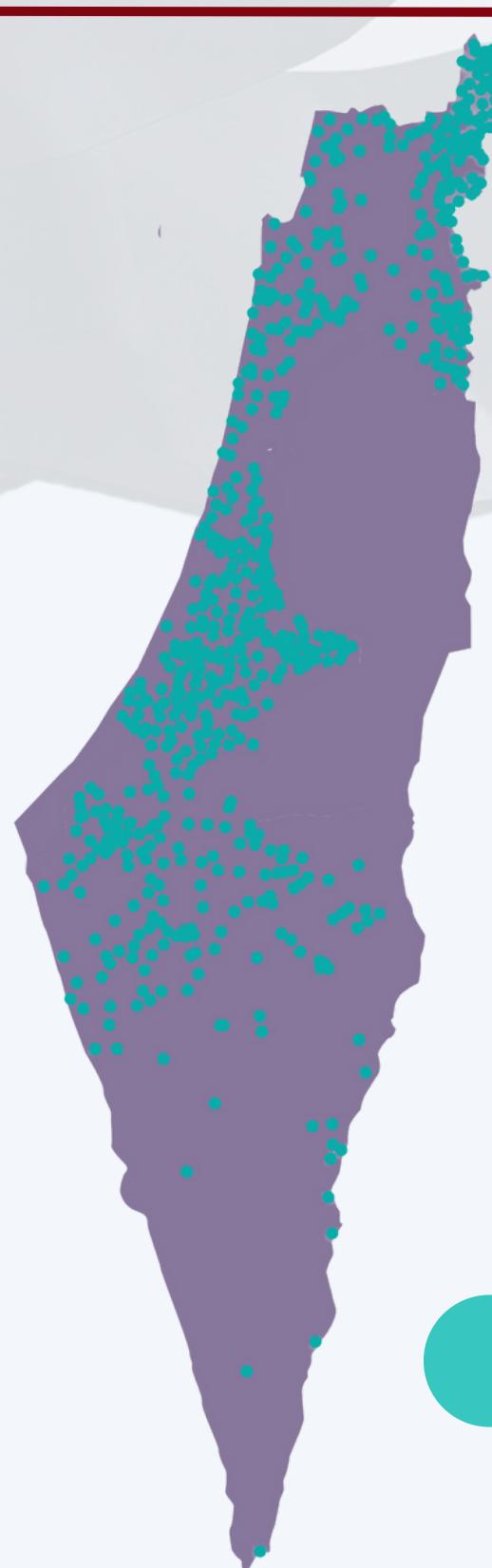
- █ Palestinian
- █ Israeli
- █ Armistice “Green” Line (Created in 1949)

Zionist military forces expelled at least **750,000 Palestinians and captured 78 percent of historic Palestine.**

The remaining 22 percent was divided into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



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**30+**  
Massacres committed

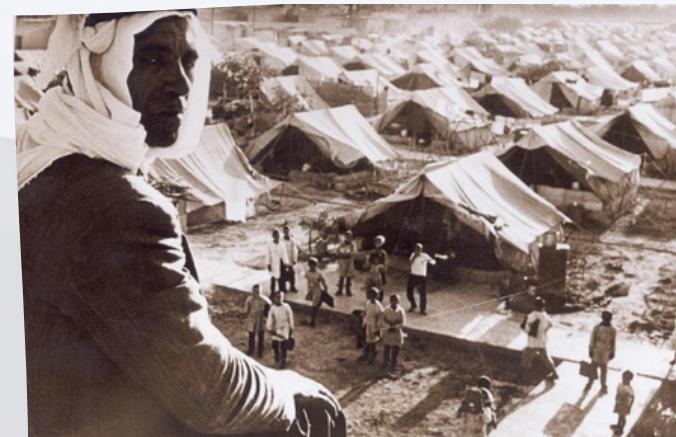
Israel declared on **78%** of historic Palestine

**530**  
Villages destroyed

**750,000**  
Forcibly displaced

**13,000+**  
Killed

**Destroyed Villages**



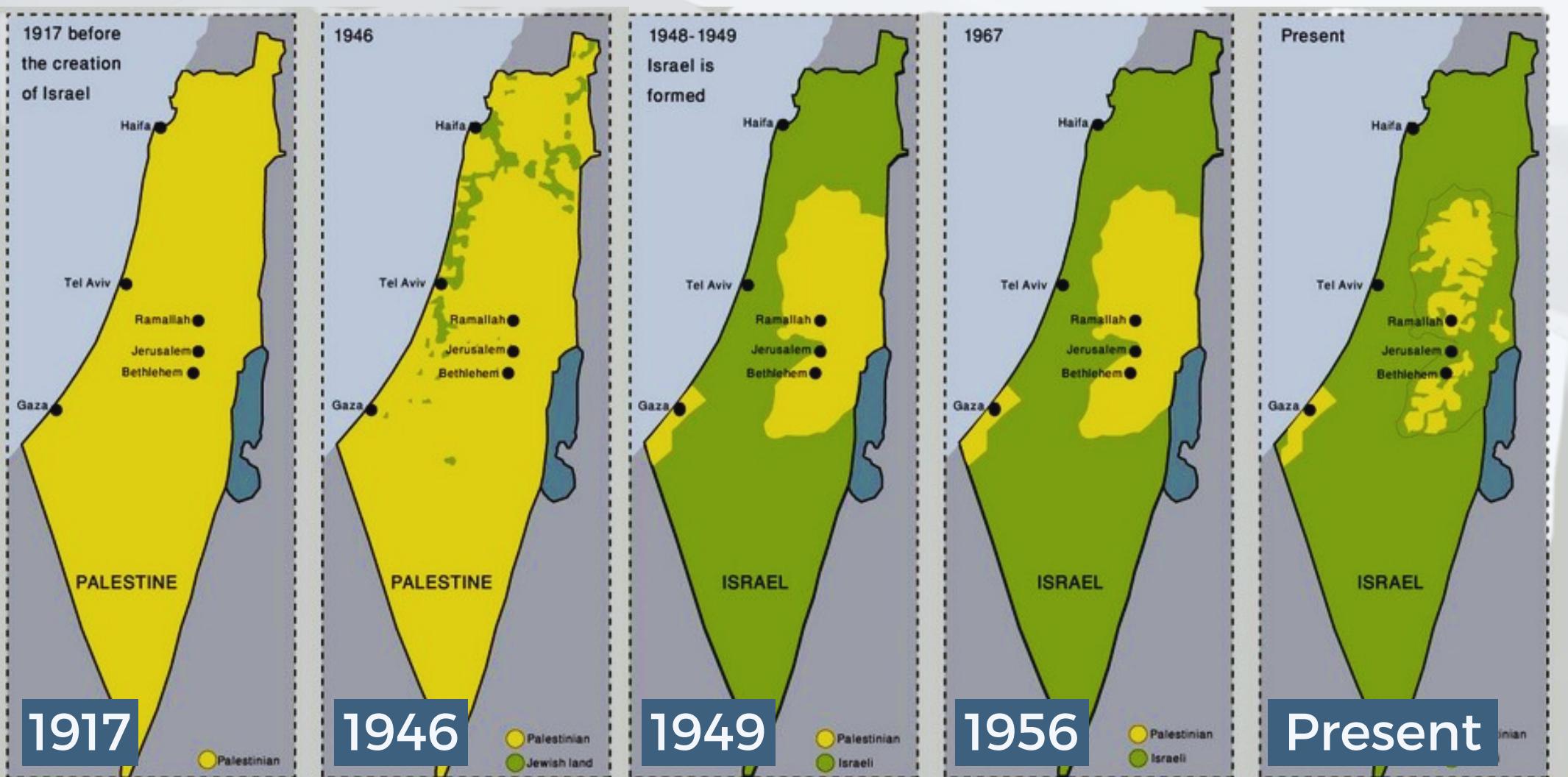
**Pictures of Palestinian immigration while they are keeping their house keys to come back**



# A FAST FORWARD HISTORY

Palestine has been divided into two regions:

- The "**Palestinian Territories**" which encompass:
  - The West Bank Area, where 60% of it is under Israeli control, allowing them to construct and expand their settlements.
  - The Gaza Strip, considered one of the most densely populated areas globally, with 2.5 million Palestinians residing there, most of whom are refugees due to the AlNakbah event.
- "**Israel**" is the occupier of this land recognized as an independent country on a global scale.



# A ZOOMED-IN PICTURE ON GAZA STIP

2020

## Blockade of the Gaza Strip

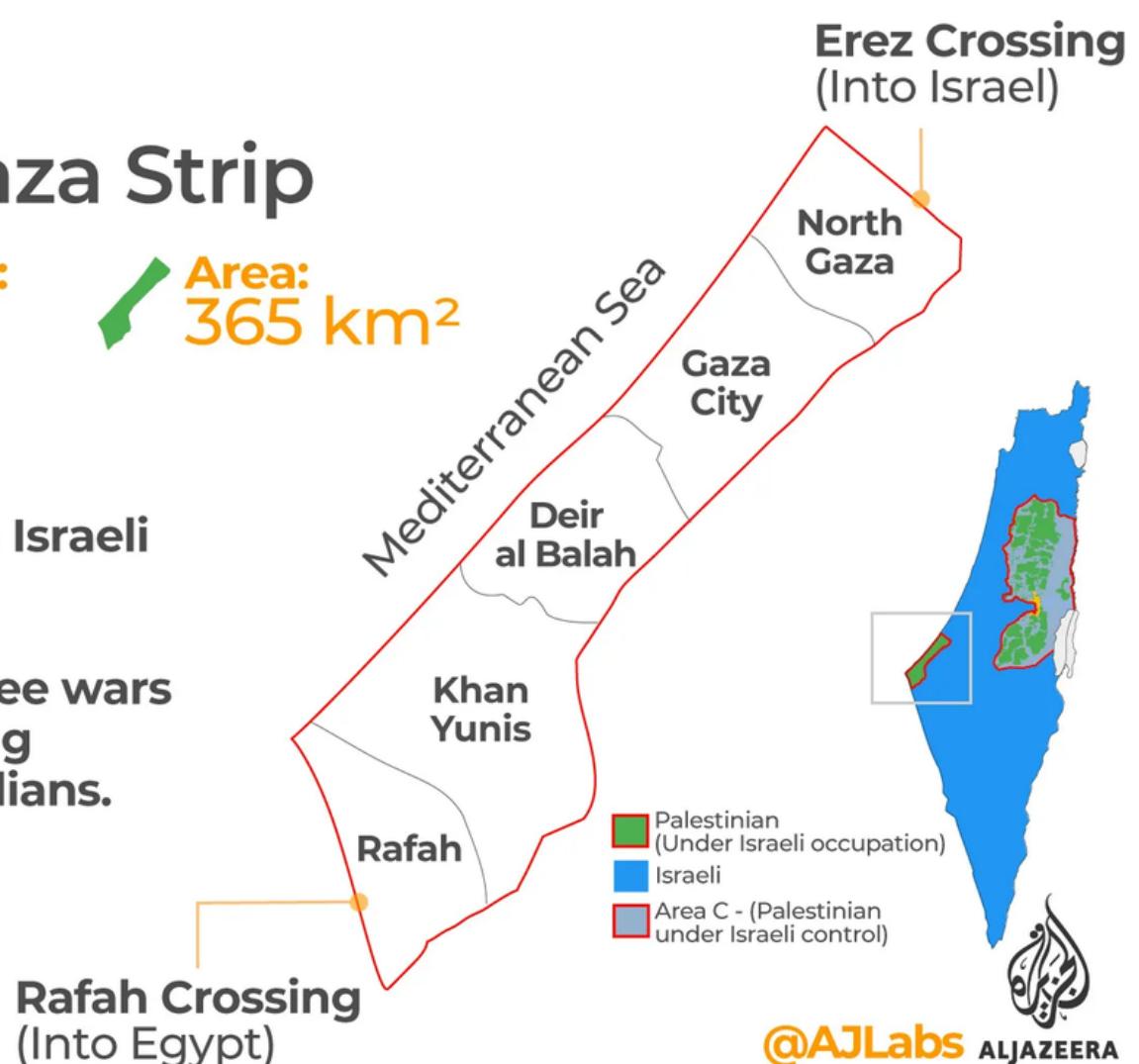
Population: 2 million

Refugees: 64%

Area: 365 km<sup>2</sup>

The Gaza Strip has been under an **Israeli sea and air blockade since 2007**.

Since 2008, Israel has waged three wars on the Palestinian territory, killing thousands of people, mostly civilians.



## Shocking statistics highlight the dire situation in the Gaza Strip:

- It stands as the most densely populated area in the world, with over 2 million people residing there (approximately 5,500 people per square kilometer, whereas in China, the density is around 155 people per square kilometer).
- Approximately 64% of the Gaza Strip's population consists of refugees, who are internal refugees due to the Alnakbah event.
- Since 2007, it has been the largest open-air prison globally, with Israel controlling access to electricity, water, infrastructure equipment, medicine, and even the movement of people in and out of the Gaza Strip.
- Despite being on the Mediterranean Sea, Gaza's fishermen are only permitted to operate within 6 kilometers from the coastline and face threats from Israeli forces.
- Unemployment affects over half of the workforce in Gaza, leading to nearly 60% of the population living in poverty.



# AND ISRAELI VIOLATIONS IS UNSTOPPALE

However, Israel has persisted in its policy of ethnically cleansing Palestinians from their lands, disregarding the "OSLO" agreement with the Palestinian Authority dating back to 1994. This has been carried out through various methods, including:

- Continuously building settlements in the West Bank
- Several wars last few years that was targeting Palestinians civilians where thousands of murdered from Elderlies, Women and children in Gaza Strip
- Expel Palestinians from their land last few years such as Msafer Yatta Village
- Threats posed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank.
- The construction of the Apartheid wall and the establishment of checkpoints that divide the regions.



**A Palestinian kid from Msafer Yatta Village witnessing the forcible transfer and demolition by the Israeli soldiers in his village where over 1000 Palestinian residents are under this risk there.**

**The Bombs Raining Down on Gaza strip throughout the 17 years continuously. Not to mentions over 4 major wars in this period alone.**



# FEW CASES OF ISRAELI SETTLERS VIOLATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIANS



## Mohammed Abu Khdeir

A Palestinian teen who was brutally tortured and burned to death by Israeli settlers in July, 2014

Saad Dawabsheh, 31, his wife, Reham, 27, and their 18-month-old son Ali were killed in the attack when settlers set on fire their home in the village of Duma in Nablus in July 2015.

Their firstborn son, then four-year-old Ahmad, was the sole survivor and sustained severe burns to over 60 percent of his body.



Israeli settlers, with the support of the Israeli military, assault Palestinian farmers. Furthermore, they intimidate Palestinians as they travel between cities in the West Bank.



# ISRAELI SETTLERS VIOLENCE AGAINST PALESTINIANS

## RISING ISRAELI SETTLEMENT VIOLENCE IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

2017  
**10 ATTACKS\***  
EACH WEEK, ON AVERAGE

\*3 attacks resulting in casualties or property damage and 7 cases of harassment, intimidation, or trespassing

2 people injured | 114 trees vandalized | 1 livestock stolen, killed, or injured | 2 vehicles vandalized

= 10 trees

2022  
**30 ATTACKS\***  
EACH WEEK, ON AVERAGE

\*16 attacks resulting in casualties or property damage and 14 cases of harassment, intimidation, or trespassing

46 people injured | 241 trees vandalized | 6 livestock stolen, killed, or injured | 14 vehicles vandalized

**196% INCREASE FROM 2017 TO 2022**

“SETTLERS ATTACKED US AT NIGHT. THEY STOLE THE SHEEP AND HAD WEAPONS WITH THEM. THEY RAN AFTER MY CHILDREN... NOW EVERY TIME WE HEAR THE SOUND OF A CAR WE ARE SCARED.

Palestinian woman from Al-Mughayyir

 13 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN INCIDENTS OF SETTLER VIOLENCE

1,904 PROJECTED  
1,571 ATTACKS  
INCLUDING CASUALTIES, PROPERTY DAMAGE, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND TRESPASSING



VISUALIZINGPALESTINE

SOURCE: Premiere Urgence Internationale Palestine  
QUOTE: [bit.ly/no-peace-of-mind](https://bit.ly/no-peace-of-mind)  
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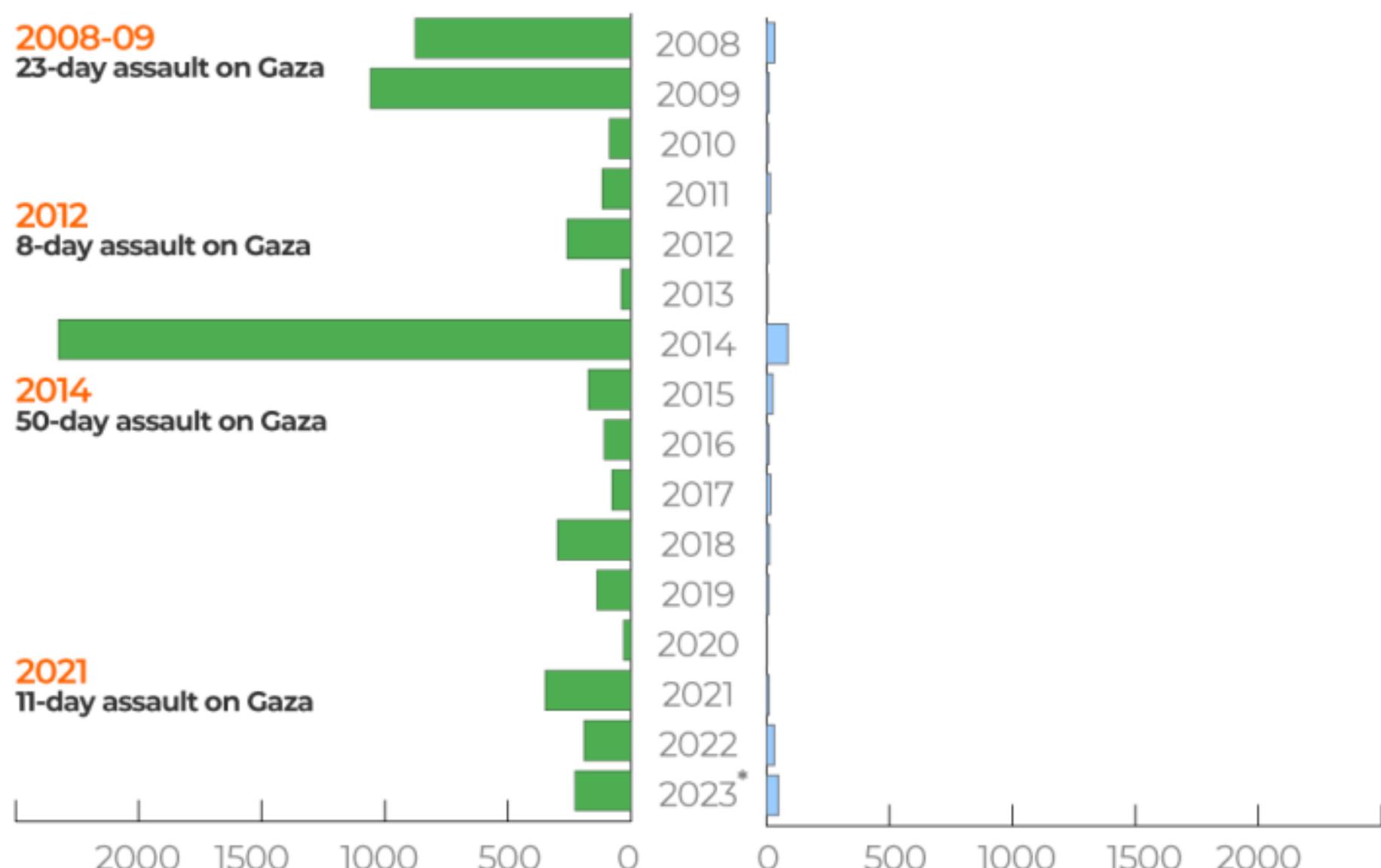



# HUMAN COST IN NUMBERS

The human cost - from 2008 to 2023

Palestinian deaths  
**6,407**

Israeli deaths  
**308**



At least 152,560 Palestinians and 6,307 Israelis were injured



\*Until August 31, 2023

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs | October 7, 2023

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## ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

### Palestinians held in Israeli prisons

As of August 10, there were **4,450 Palestinians** held in Israeli jails in Israel and the occupied territory. For Palestinians, they are political prisoners fighting to end Israel's illegal occupation.

#### Israeli prisons and detention centres



**4,450**

Total number of political prisoners held in Israeli prisons

**670**

Administrative detainees (held without charge or trial)

**175**

Child prisoners

**27**

Female prisoners

**551**

Serving life sentences



Source: Addameer.org | Updated: August 10, 2022

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*"Peace to the  
land created for  
peace, a land that  
has never seen a  
day of peace."*

**Mahmoud  
Darwish**

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