

Evolution Of The Modern Middle East

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After the ancient Jewish kingdom was destroyed by the Romans, no independent nation rose in its place. Successive empires ruled until the Ottoman Empire fell during WWI. Ottoman lands were taken over by European powers.

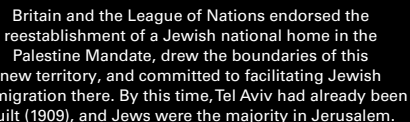
The League of Nations carved out states from the Ottoman Empire's lands. Set up as "mandates" they were to be administered by France and England until they could govern themselves. The international community created the "Palestine Mandate" and designated it as the "Jewish national home," recognising the unbroken connection between the Jewish people and their historic homeland.

Palestine:

Geographic area of the eastern Mediterranean region. The region (or at least a part of it) is also known as the Holy Land and is held sacred among Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The word Palestine derives from Philistia, the name given by Greek writers to the land.

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Responding to Arab pressure, Britain cut off 77 percent of the Palestine Mandate and forbade Jewish immigration to what became Jordan. In 1923, Britain cut off and gave the Golan Heights to the French Mandate for Syria. The British also appointed the racist Haj Amin al-Husseini as the leader of the Arabs in Palestine.

UN Resolution 181 recommended partitioning the remaining mandate between Arabs and Jews. Jewish leaders accepted while Arab leaders rejected the plan. They said no to the first ever Palestinian state and launched a war to destroy Israel at birth.

During the 1948 war, Jordan invaded and annexed an area previously known as Judea and Samaria and renamed it the "West Bank." Meanwhile, Egypt occupied Gaza. Neither country ever tried to establish a Palestinian state in these areas.

In 1967, Israel fought a preemptive war against Arab armies that had surrounded its borders. Israel captured the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, Gaza, and the West Bank.

Israel gave up the entire Sinai Peninsula in the 1979 Israel-Egypt peace treaty, withdrew from its security zone in southern Lebanon in 2000, and removed all Israeli settlements from Gaza in 2005. Today, the permanent borders between Israel and the West Bank must still be negotiated by Israelis and Palestinians.