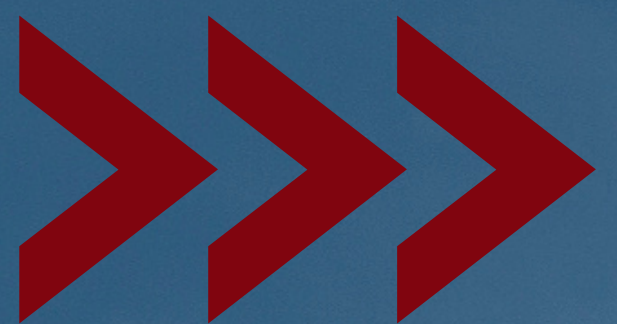




Palestine 101
*Understanding
The Context*





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

Green Palestinian

Blue Jewish

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)





Foreign Office.
November 2nd, 1917.

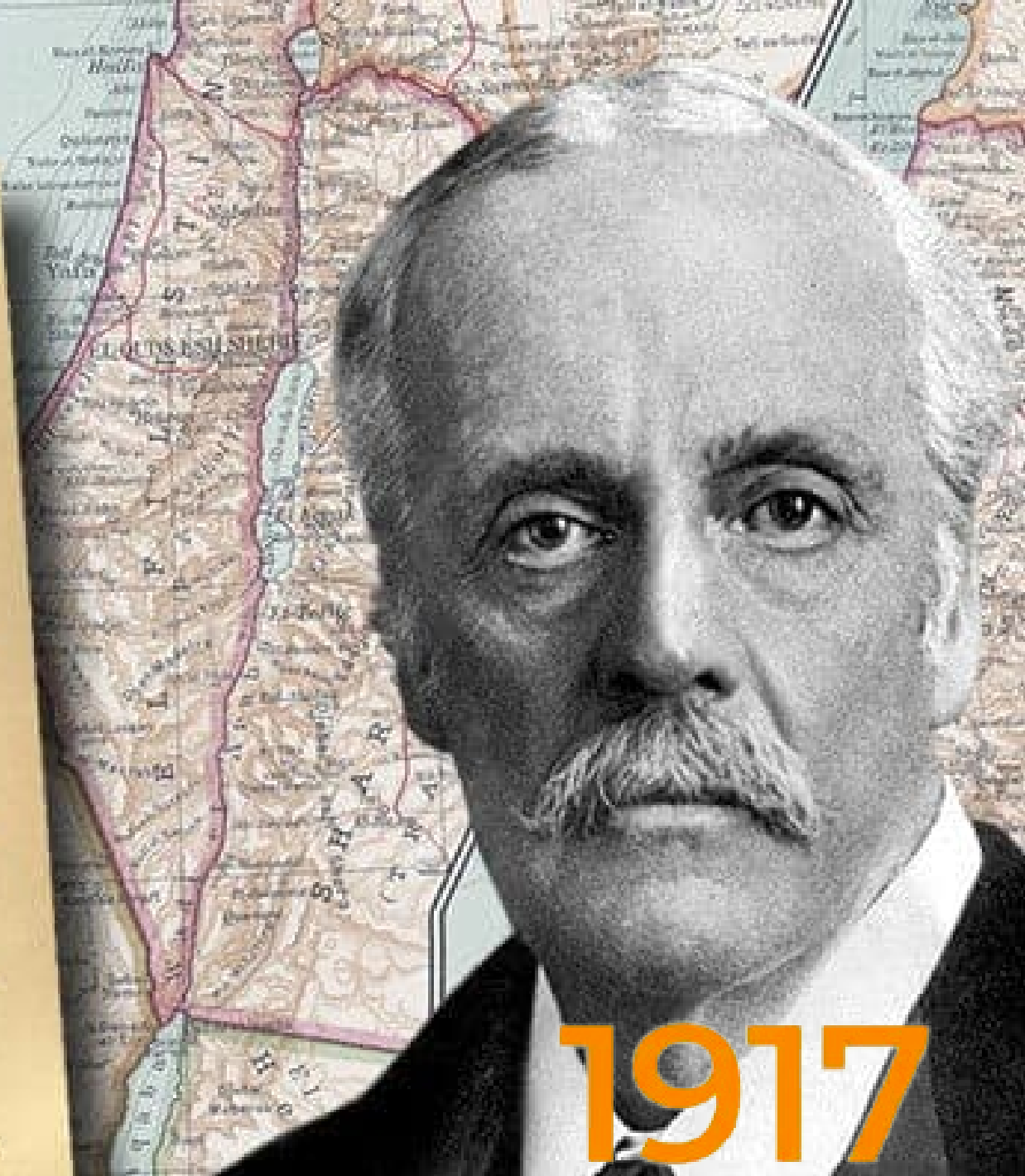
Dear Lord Rothschild,

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 endeavours 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".

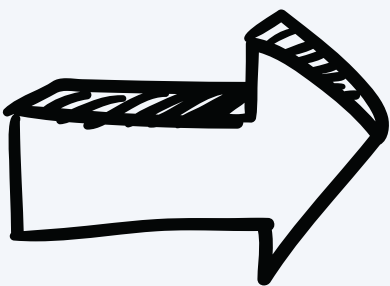
I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Arthur Balfour



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

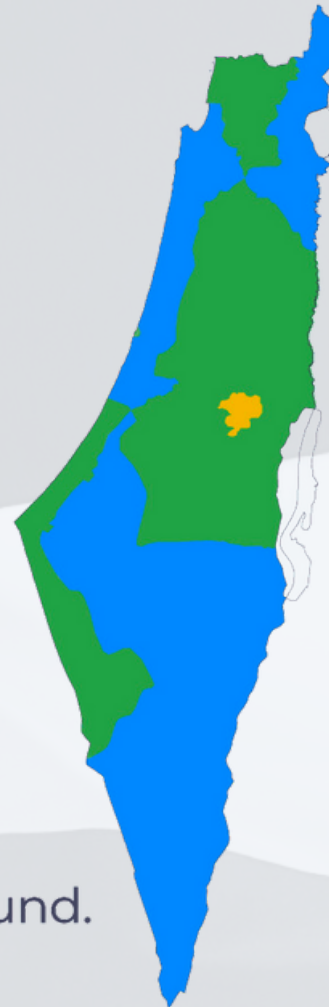
UN Partition Plan (Resolution 181)

- 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



Voted For (33)

- Australia
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Byelorussian SSR
- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- France
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Iceland
- Liberia
- Luxemburg
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Norway
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Sweden
- Ukrainian SSR
- Union of South Africa
- US
- USSR
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Voted Against (13)

- Afghanistan
- Cuba
- Egypt
- Greece
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Turkey
- Yemen

Abstained (10)

- Argentina
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Honduras
- Mexico
- United Kingdom
- Yugoslavia



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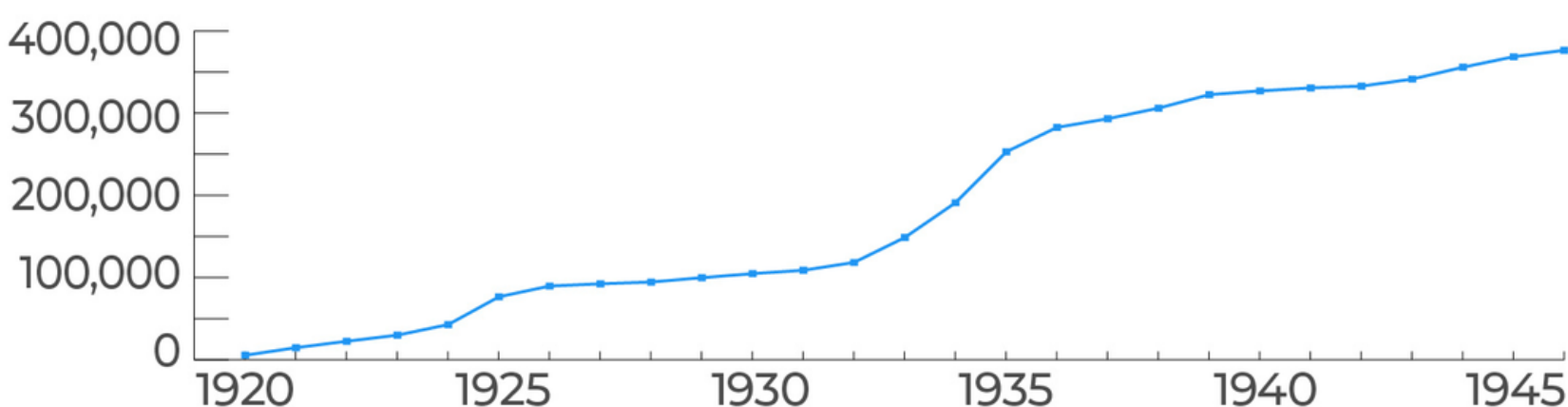


As a result, nearly 400,000 Jews from the whole world immigrated to Palestine between 1917 and 1948

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.



Year	Authorized Jewish Immigration
1920	5,514
1921	9,149
1922	7,844
1923	7,421
1924	12,856
1925	33,801
1926	13,081
1927	2,713
1928	2,178
1929	5,249
1930	4,944
1931	4,075
1932	9,553
1933	30,327
1934	42,359
1935	61,854
1936	29,727
1937	10,536
1938	12,868
1939	16,405
1940	4,547
1941	3,647
1942	2,194
1943	8,507
1944	14,464
1945	12,751
1946	7,851

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**.

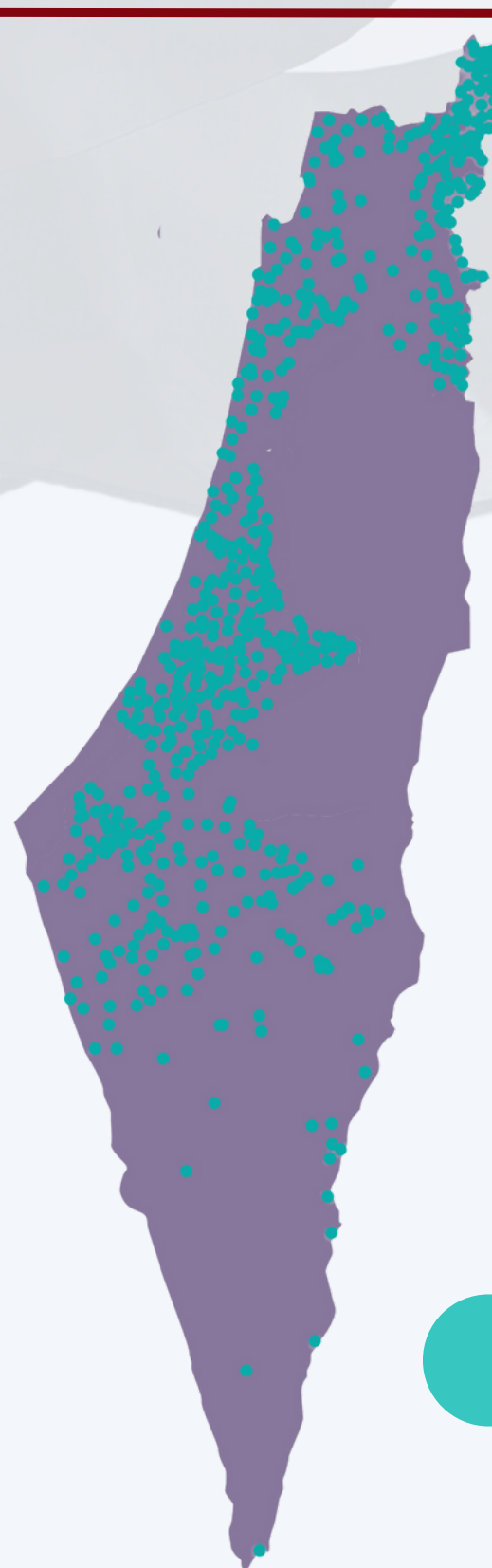
1948

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.




30+
Massacres committed


Israel declared on
78%
of historic Palestine


530
Villages destroyed


750,000
Forcibly displaced


13,000+
Killed

 **Destroyed Villages**



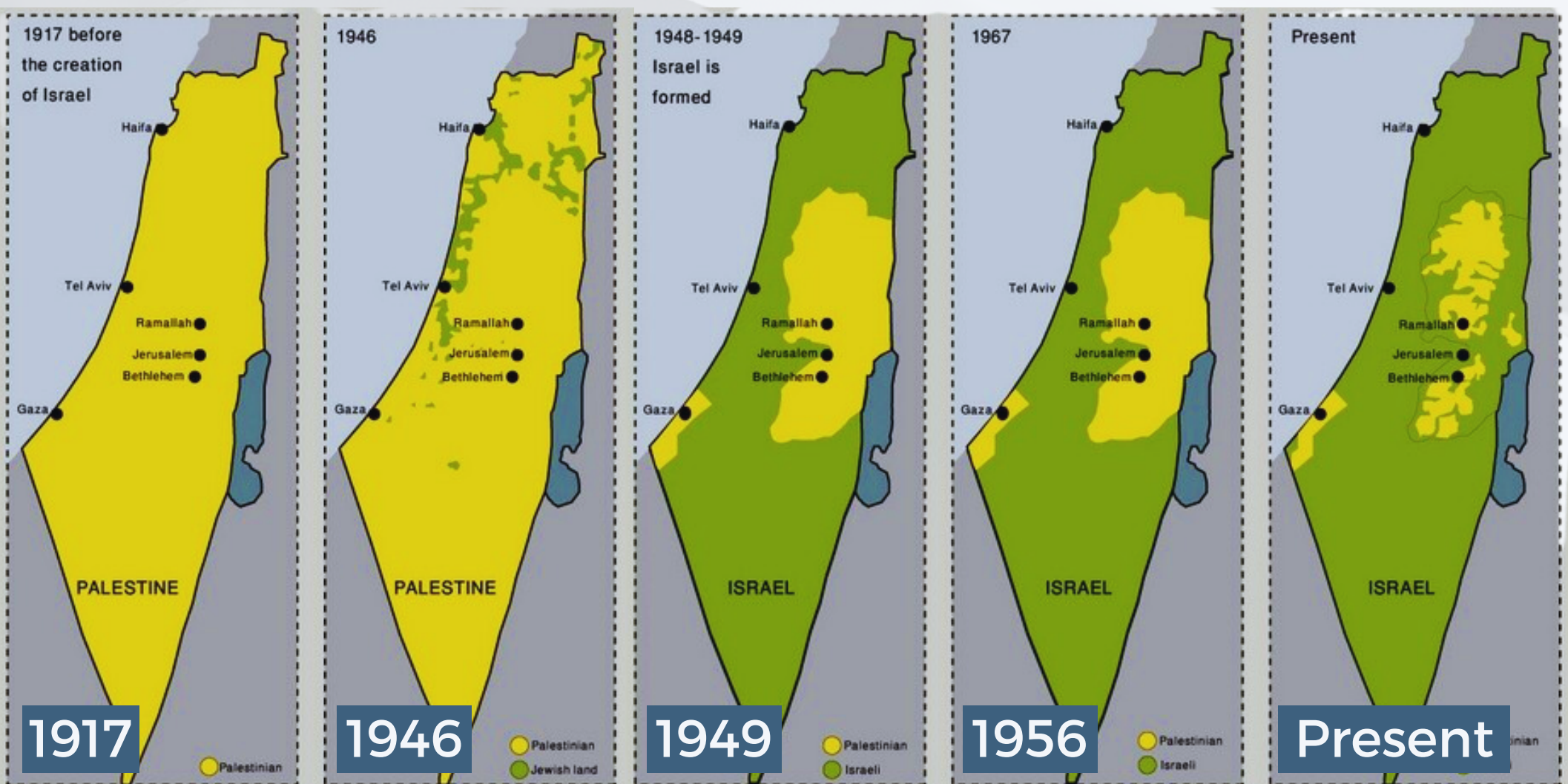
Pictures of **Palestinian** immigration while they are keeping their house keys to come back



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 STRIP

2020

Blockade of the Gaza Strip

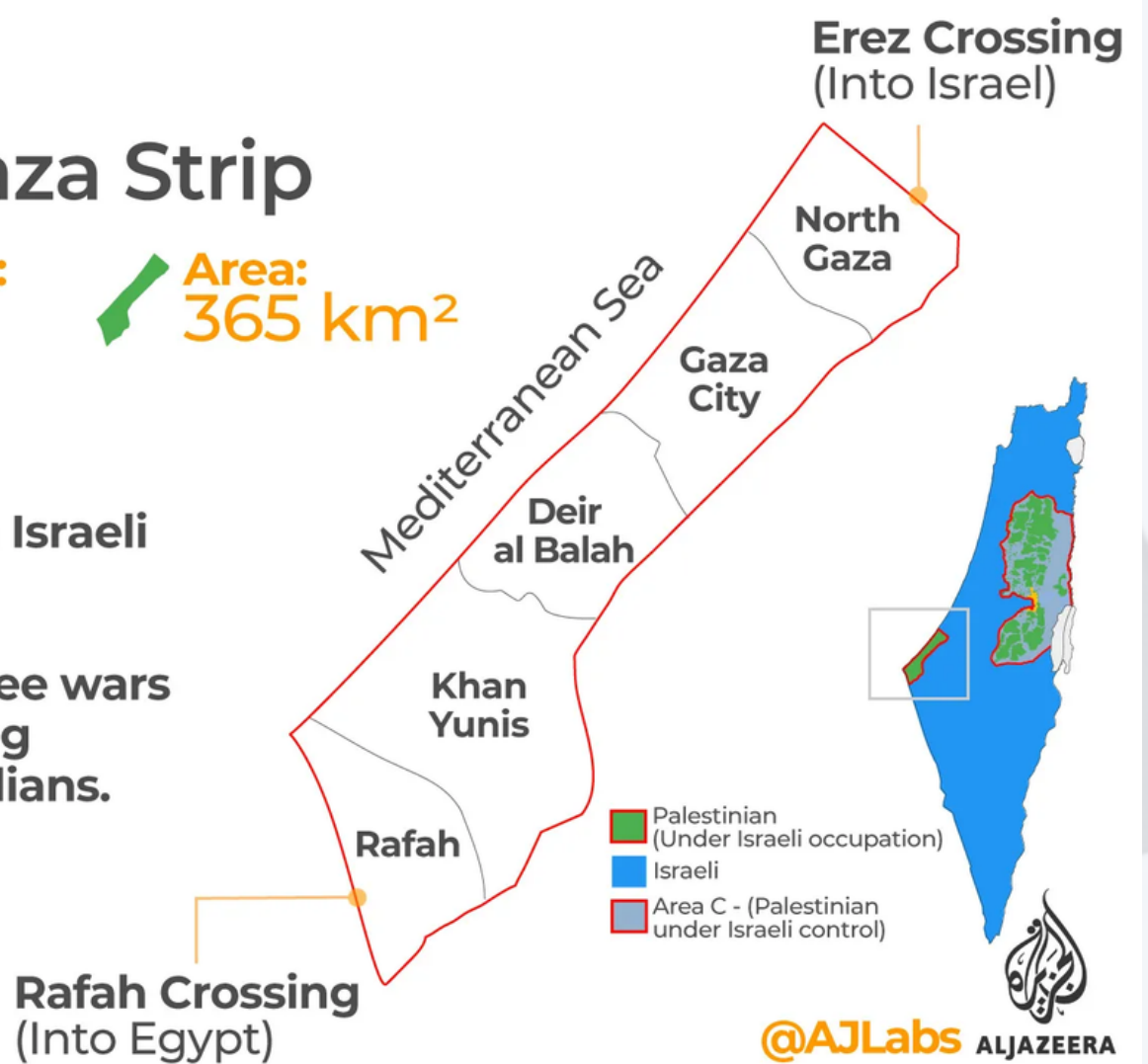
 Population:
2 million

 Refugees:
64%

 Area:
365 km²

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 SETTLER 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

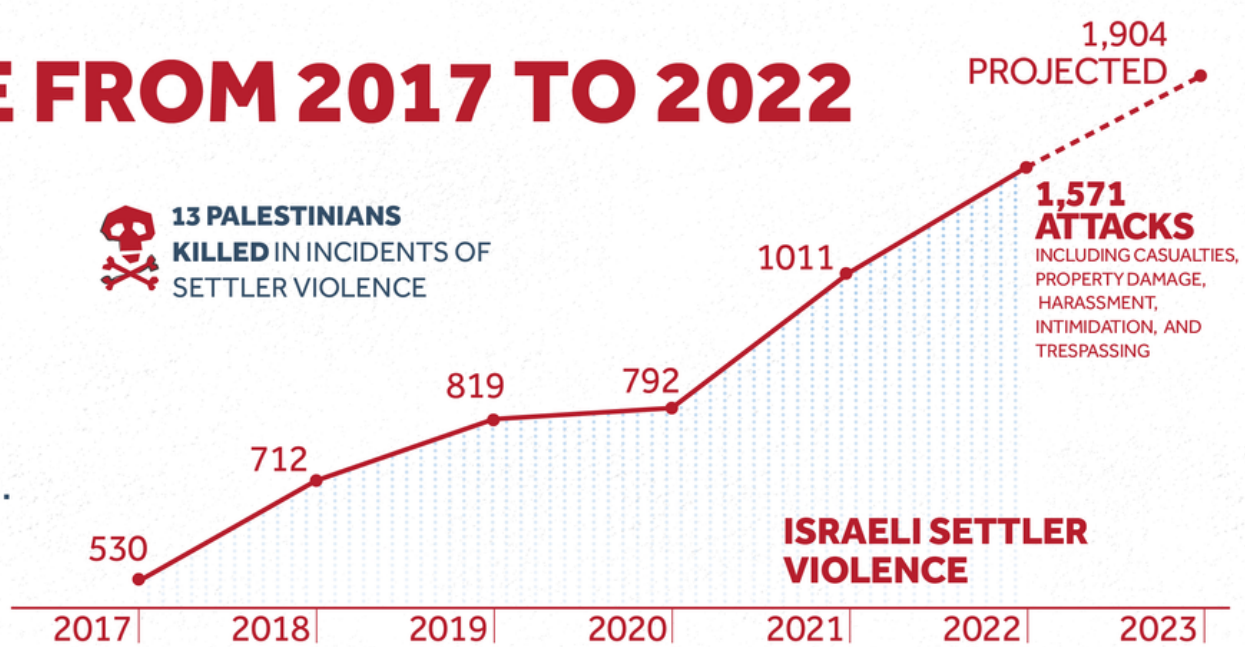
46 people injured | **241** trees vandalized | **6** livestock stolen, killed, or injured | **14** vehicles vandalized

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



VISUALIZING PALESTINE

SOURCE: Premiere Urgence Internationale Palestine
QUOTE: bit.ly/no-peace-of-mind
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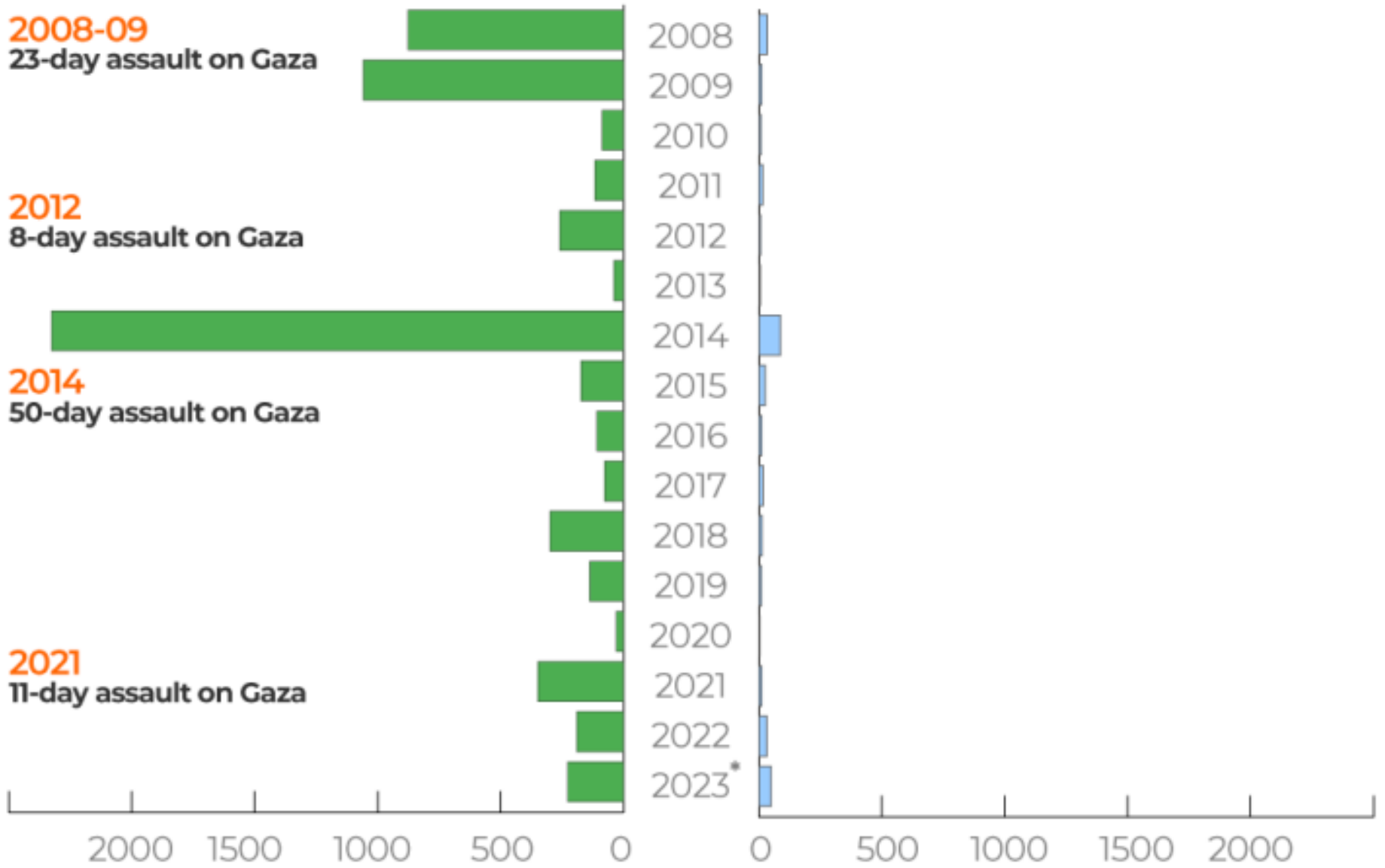



HUMAN COST IN NUMBERS

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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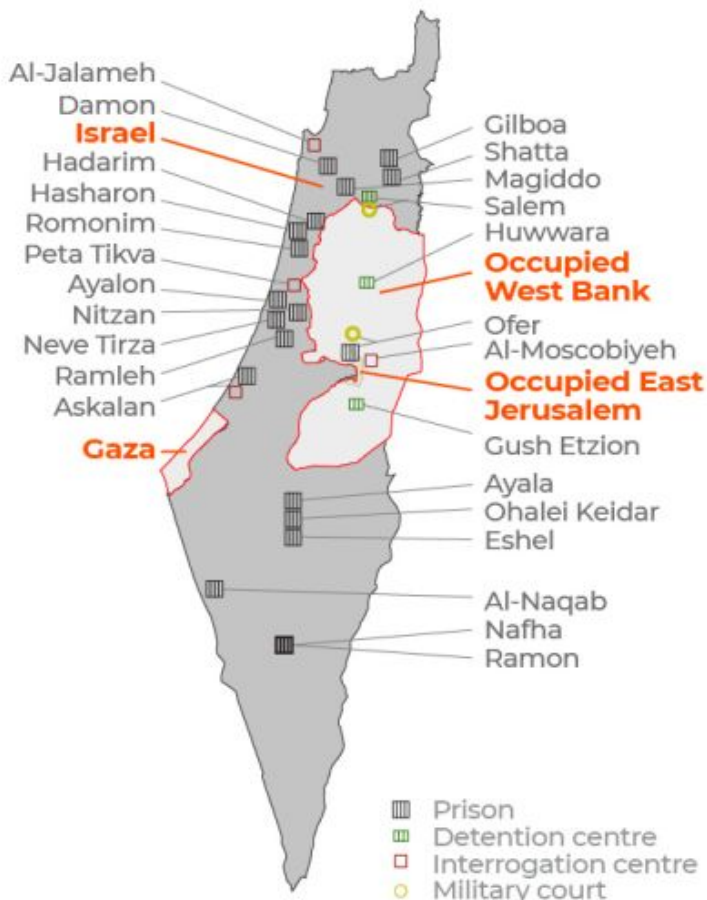


ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

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**

