

Milestones in Palestinian History

- 1903 1st Palestinian women's organization founded, in Acre; wave of Zionist immigration.
- 1905 7th Zionist Congress rejects the East Africa scheme (Uganda as alternative to Palestine).
- 1908 Najib Nassar founds *Al-Carmel*; 'Young Turks' Revolt begins.
- 1909 Tel Aviv founded as first all-Jewish city.
- 1911 Al-Isa brothers found *Filastin* newspaper in Jaffa; *Al-Fatat* secret society founded to work towards Arab independence from Ottoman rule.
- 1913 1st Arab Nationalist Congress in Paris calls for provincial Arab autonomy from the Ottomans.
- 1914 The Ottoman Empire enters WW I on the side of Germany.
- 1915 Hussein-McMahon correspondence begins.
- 1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement signed; Sharif Hussein launches the Arab Revolt against the Ottomans.
- 1917 Balfour Declaration; Ottoman forces surrender to the British.
- 1918 Armistice effectively ends the Ottoman Empire.
- 1919 King-Crane Commission; 1st Palestinian National Congress in Jerusalem demands independence.
- 1920 San Remo Conference; British civil administration begins; Nabi Musa riots; Haycraft Commission
- 1922 League of Nations approve British Mandate of Palestine; 'Churchill' White Paper reaffirms the Balfour Declaration.
- 1923 British Mandate comes into effect.
- 1928 British Gov't White Paper confirms the status of the Wailing/Western Wall as Muslim property.
- 1929 Al-Buraq riots; Shaw Commission; Hope-Simpson Commission.
- 1930 British Gov't 'Passfield' White Paper.
- 1933 General strike in Palestine to protest Jewish immigration.
- 1936 Great Rebellion begins; Arab Higher Committee established.
- 1937 Peel Commission.
- 1938 Woodhead Commission.
- 1939 London Conference at St. James's Palace; British Gov't 'MacDonald' White Paper restricts Jewish immigration and land purchases.
- 1942 Zionist Conference at Biltmore Hotel formulates idea of 'Jewish Commonwealth' in Palestine.
- 1946 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry into Jewish immigration; Morrison-Grady Plan.
- 1947 UN Special Committee on Palestine formed; UN Res. 181 (Partition Plan).
- 1948 First Arab-Israeli War; An-Naqba; Deir Yassin massacre; Birth of the State of Israel; All-Palestine Government; Palestinian Declaration of Independence; UNGA Res. 194.
- 1949 UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine established; UNRWA founded; UNGA Res. 303; Fourth Geneva Convention.
- 1950 Israeli 'Law of Return' and 'Absentee Property Law'; Jordan 'unifies' the East and West Bank.
- 1951 Assassination of King Abdallah in Jerusalem.
- 1955 Israeli army attack and massacre in Gaza.
- 1956 Israeli massacres of Qalqilya, Kufr Qassem, and Khan Younis; tripartite invasion (UK, France, Israel) of Egypt (Suez Crisis).
- 1957 Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and Gaza.
- 1959 Fateh founded.
- 1963 PLO Draft Constitution issued at the Arab Summit in Cairo.
- 1964 PLO founded.
- 1965 Israel diverts the Jordan River; first military operation of Fateh in Palestine
- 1966 Israeli massacre in As-Samu' village.
- 1967 June or Six-Day War; occupation of Palestine; UNSC Res. 242; Arab League summit in Khartoum.
- 1968 PFLP founded; Battle of Karameh; Palestinian National Charter amended.
- 1969 DFPL founded; arson attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque; Arafat becomes PLO chairman.
- 1970 Black September in Jordan.
- 1972 King Hussein's United Arab Kingdom Plan.
- 1973 October or Yom Kippur War; UN Res. 338; Geneva Conference; Palestinian National Salvation Front created.
- 1974 Rejectionist Front formed; UN and Arab League recognize PLO as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians, Arafat addresses the UN.
- 1975 PLO granted access to the UNSC; UNGA Res. 3379 (Zionism as a form of racism).
- 1976 Land Day; West Bank municipal election.
- 1977 Begin's autonomy peace plan.
- 1978 National Guidance Committee formed; Israeli invasion of South Lebanon; Camp David Accords.
- 1979 Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty; International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People declared; UN Res. 446, 452 condemn Israeli settlement policy.
- 1980 EC's Venice Declaration; Israel's Basic Law on Jerusalem.
- 1981 King Fahd Plan.
- 1982 Fez Plan; Reagan Plan; Brezhnev Plan; Israeli invasion of Lebanon; Sabra and Shatila massacre; Palestinian Communist Party founded
- 1983 Geneva International Conference.
- 1986 'War of the Camps' (Lebanon).
- 1987 Intifada.
- 1988 Jordan's disengagement; Hamas emerges; Shultz Peace Plan; Palestinian Declaration of Independence.
- 1990 Rishon LeZion (Iyun Qarah), Al-Aqsa massacres.
- 1991 Gulf War; Madrid Conference.
- 1992 Multilateral talks; Labor wins Israeli elections.
- 1993 Closure policy begins; Declaration of Principles.
- 1994 Hebron massacre; Oslo I; PA established; Early Empowerment Agreement.
- 1995 Oslo II; Rabin assassinated.
- 1996 Palestinian elections; PLC; Netanyahu/Likud.
- 1997 Hebron Agreement; Sheikh Ahmad Yassin released.
- 1998 Wye River Memorandum.
- 1999 Sharm El-Sheikh Agreement.
- 2000 Camp David II Summit; *Al-Aqsa Intifada*.
- 2001 Taba Talks fail; Sharon defeats Barak, marking the end to Palestinian-Israeli talks.
- 2002 Israeli re-invasion/re-occupation of most of the West Bank; Saudi peace initiative; US "road map".