

# MILESTONES IN PALESTINIAN HISTORY

- 1903** 1<sup>st</sup> Palestinian women's organization founded, in Acre; wave of Zionist immigration.
- 1905** 7<sup>th</sup> 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Yunis; 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 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** DFLP 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 & 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".
- 2003** Road map officially publicized; amendment of PA Basic Law to provide for the post of PM (first Mahmoud Abbas); Geneva Accord.
- 2004** Pres. Yasser Arafat dies.
- 2005** Israeli "Disengagement" from Gaza.
- 2006** Hamas wins elections, forms govt.
- 2007** Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip; dissolution of Hamas govt. by Pres. Abbas; emergency govt.