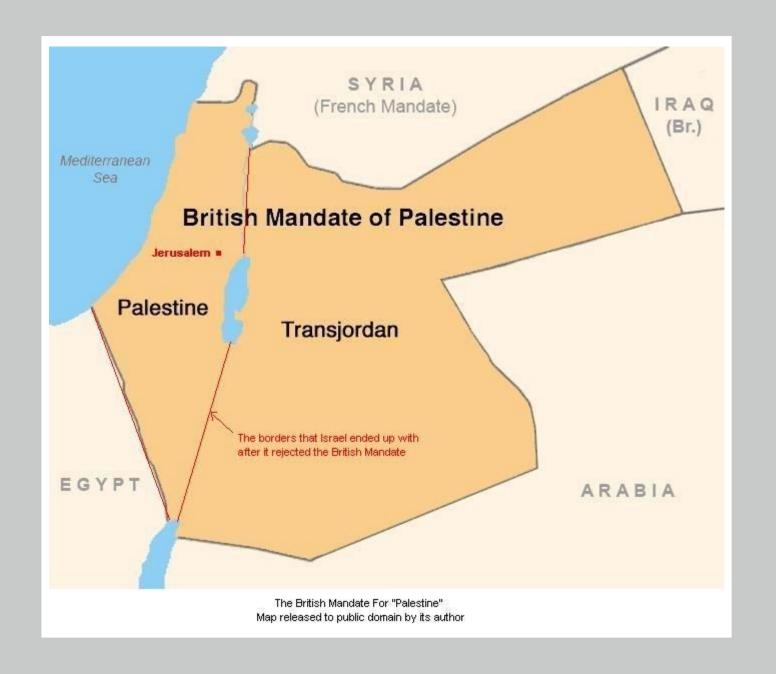


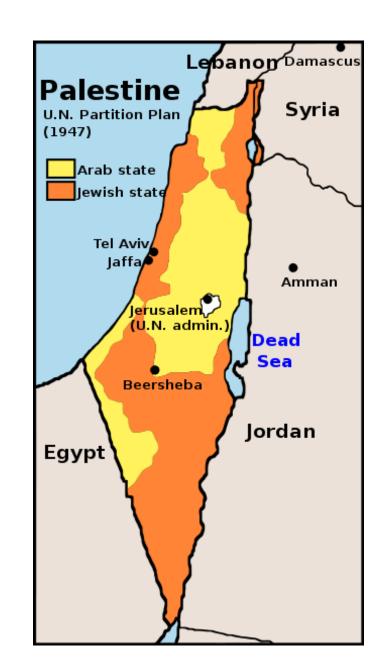
British mandate for Palestine following the end of Ottoman empire at the end of WW1

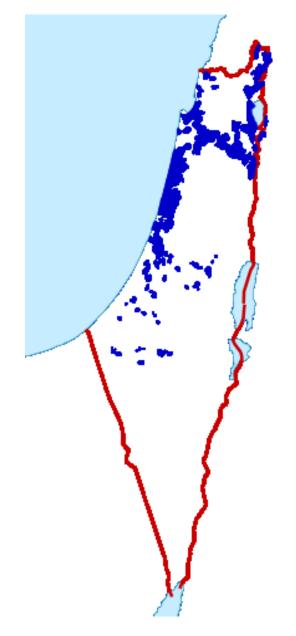
Mandate was granted by UN in 1919 to secure "national home for the jewish people"



Tensions between sionist organization and arabic league

Proposal of divison of Palestine into "jewish state" and "arabic state" by UN in 1947





1948 - Arab-Israeli war

End of the british mandate

Israeli declaration of independence (14 may)

Military coalition of Arab states entered Israel territory (15 may)



June 1948: Arab armies invade



July 1948: Israeli army counterattacks





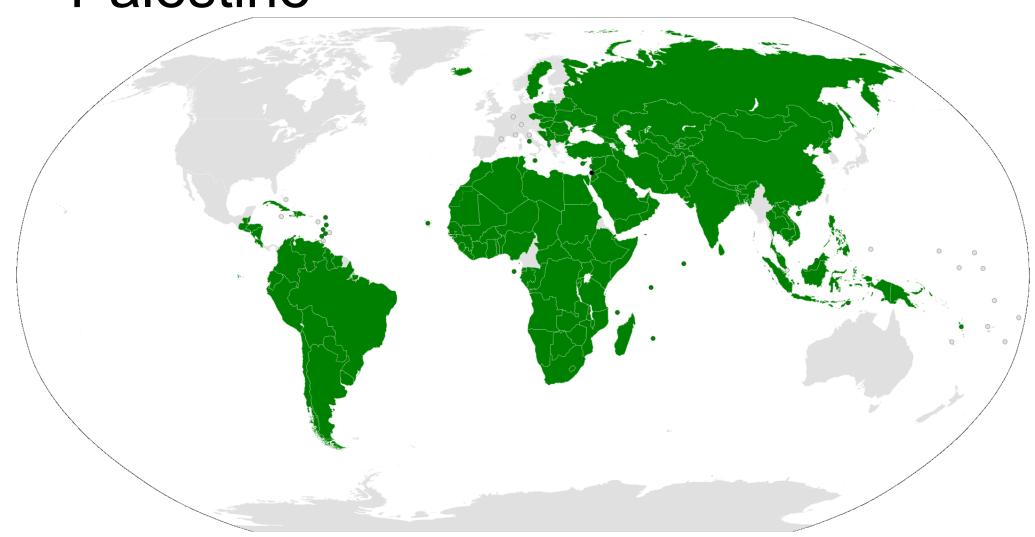
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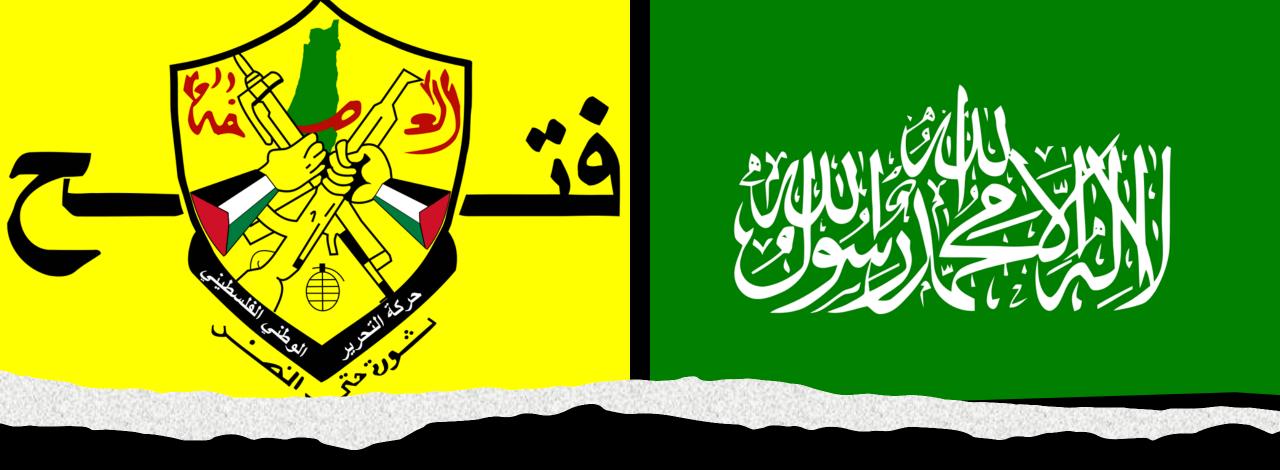
Divison of Israel:

- Israel territory
- West bank
- Gaza strip

West bank and Gaza strip are considered "occupied territories"

International recognition of Palestine





Fatah: West bank Negotiates with Israel Nationalistic party considered as non-terrorist Hamas: Gaza strip

Refuses to negotiate

Listed as a terrorist organization

(USA, EU, Canada, Japan, Egypt)

Practice of Hamas

Divided into two parts – civil and militant

Civil part - helping the poor in Gaza, supports construction of schools and social programs

Militant part – behind many attacks on Israel



Ideology of Hamas

Wants to establish Palestinian state on all of the territory

Members of militant part do NOT distinguish

between Israeli army and civilians

Trying to undermine Israel by rocket launching from Gaza

