



Israel-Palestine Conflict

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The Israel-Palestine conflict is a long-standing geopolitical dispute over territory and self-determination in the Middle East.

BEGINNING

- UN adopted **Resolution 181** – the Partition Plan in 1947
- State of Israel created in 1948, sparking the **first Arab-Israeli War** (Israel won)
 - ▶ Palestinians displaced
 - ▶ Division of territory into – State of Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip

INITIAL TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS (1956-1979)

- Suez Crisis** and Israeli **invasion of Sinai Peninsula** in 1956
- Six-Day War (1967)** – Israel gained control over Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights

Controversy over Jerusalem as Capital

- **Israel view:** Complete and united Jerusalem
- **Palestinians view:** East Jerusalem future capital

- Yom Kippur War (1973)** – Surprise attack by Egypt and Syria
- Camp David Accords (1979)** b/w Egypt and Israel

Intifada (Arabic for 'shake off')

- **First Intifada** – 1987 to 1993
 - ◆ Led to the foundation of Hamas (1987) – a Palestinian political party designated as a foreign terrorist org by US
 - ◆ Response – **Madrid Conference 1991** (chaired by the US and Russia)
- **Second Intifada** – 2000-2005
- The latest escalation (2023) is being called the beginning of “Third Intifada”

OSLO ACCORDS (MEDIATED BY US)

- First (1993)**
 - ▶ Estd framework for **Palestinian self-governance** in West Bank and Gaza
 - ▶ Enabled mutual recognition between Israel and Palestine

Second (1995)

- ▶ Expanded on Oslo I Accords
- ▶ Mandated **complete Israeli withdrawal** from several cities and towns **in West Bank**

POST 2000 CONFLICT AND RESPONSES

- 2013** – US-led peace process began
- 2014-18** – Gaza Conflict (2014)
 - ▶ Palestine announced break from territorial divisions under Oslo Accords (2015)
- 2018-20** – US Cancelled funding for Palestinian refugees under UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)
 - ▶ US proposed **"Peace to Prosperity"** plan
- 2020** – **Abraham Accords**
- 2022-2023:**
 - ▶ Israel raids on **Jenin refugee camp**
 - ▶ Hamas launched **"Operation Al-Aqsa Flood"** and Israel launched **"Operation Iron Swords"** (both in 2023)
 - ◆ Israel declared a **State of War**
 - ▶ **India's Stand:**
 - ◆ Supports a **Two State solution** for Israel and Palestine
 - ◆ **Condemned the recent attack** by Hamas on Israel



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