

Some of the treaties, policies, declarations, operations, actions, plans & 'agreements' on/affecting the Middle East:

- 1914 **Hussein-McMahon Agreement** (promised independence to Arabs & carved up further the Middle East dividing it between Britain and France, 'refined' in the Sykes-Picot Agreement)
- 1915 Armenian genocide perpetrated by Ottoman authorities.
- 1916 **Sykes-Picot Agreement**, secret agreement dividing Middle East/Ottoman empire between Britain & France.
- 1917 **Balfour Declaration**, Nov, 2, British gov'ts decides Palestine should be the national home for the Jewish people, and vows to establish a Jewish national homeland there.
- 1919 **World Zionist Organization/Versailles Congress** (Weisman's document)
- 1920 **Treaty of San Remo**, April 24, mandates agreements on oil, pipelines etc as divided and planned by the European powers in the Middle East.
- 1921 **World Zionist Congress Resolution**, claiming the intention "to live with the Arab people on the terms of unity and mutual respect, and together with them to make the common home into a flourishing community, the upbuilding of which may assure to each of its peoples an undisturbed national development".
- 1922 **Churchill Memorandum**, July 1, 1922, reassured Jews in Palestine on Britain's intentions and attempted to calm the Arabs' fears of losing their land and rights.
The (British) Mandate for Palestine, July 24, League of Nations charter creating in Palestine, the Jewish national homeland and safeguarding the rights of all inhabitants.
- 19__ **King-Crane Commission**, U.S. investigating team researching the aspirations of the Arab people after the First World War.
- 1926 **Lebanese Constitution** - drafter, modeled after the French Third Republic's.
- 1929 **Shaw and Hope-Simpson Royal Commissions**, and 1930, reported on the Arabs' unrest and what was attributed to it, their fears and concerns etc., and upheld the Arabs claims.
- 1937? **Peel Commission**
- ? **Ankara-Baghdad Pact**, (Turkey-Iraq Pact)
- 1939 **The White Paper**, British mandate limiting Jewish immigration to Palestine to 75,000 over 5 yrs and restricting land sales in certain areas to Jews, rejected partition.
- 1943 **National Covenant**, French forced by Brits & US to cede independence to Leb., colonial designed constitution ensuring the first independent Christian political power in the Mid East since the Crusades. Allotted power along confessional lines guaranteeing a Maronite hegemony and non-alliance with the Arab states.
- 1945 **The Arab League**, formed.
- 1947 **Deir Yassin massacre**: April 1-9, Palestine, Irgun troops massacre Palestinian villagers, 250 killed including 100 women.
UN Partition Plan General Assembly **Resolution 181**, Nov. 29th, passed, withdraws British forces and divides Palestine into 3 areas, an Arab Palestinian state, a Jewish state and an International Regime for Jerusalem administered by the UN. Grants Zionist colonialists 54% of the land, Palestinian population at the time owned 92% of the land & outnumbered Zionist settlers 2 to 1.
- 1948 UN General Assembly **Resolution 194** (III), Dec. 11, guarantees the right of return for Palestinians.
Declaration of state of Israel: by Zionists in war launched against Palestinians using terror tactics and Western support and massive arms.
- 1948-9 **Palestinian refugee situation begins**: over 800,000 Palestinians (2/3 of the population) forced into exile. Zionists seize 77% of the land and destroy over 400 Palestinian villages.
- 1949 **UN Resolution 273**: May, 11, Israel unconditionally accepts Palestinian's right of return, and their right to receive financial compensation, accompanying signing of resolution 273 by which Israel is granted membership in the United Nations.
- 1952 **The Mutual Defense Assistance Act** (delimits the use of U.S. supplied weapons).
- 1955 **The Baghdad Pact**, signed Feb, annulled when King Faisal of Iraq overthrown in 1958.

- 1957 **Eisenhower Doctrine**, Jan. 5th, policy of US Gov't aimed against nationalist movements, specifically Egypt and Syria's and used by American forces to crush Lebanese uprising in 1958, 14,000 US troops continued operations there for three and a half months.
- 1964 **Bourguiba Plan**, Jan., for peace in Palestine.
- 1967 **Six Day War**: Israel launches war & seizes remaining 23% of historic Palestine. Another wave of Palestinian refugees forced to flee, many for the second time. Over 300,000 expelled from the W. Bank & Gaza. As of the year 2000 over 3 million Palestinian refugees.
UN Resolution 242, Nov. 22, requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East: Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict; Termination of states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force; Affirms further the necessity, For guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area; For achieving a **just settlement of the refugee problem**; For guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every State in the area, through measures including the establishment of demilitarized zones;
- 1968 **Palestine National Charter**, July 10-17.1969, adopted by the 4th Palestine National Council.
Nixon Doctrine, (US policy of arming & aiding overseas allies but not fighting for them, called for close ties between US & Iran, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries).
- 1969 **The Cairo Accords** (PLO & Leb gov't signed; brokered by Nasser, consecrated the PLO as a 'state within a state' (Lebanon), November.
- 1970 **Rogers Plan**, proposed by the US, based on UN Res. 242, accepted only by Egypt & Jordan.
- 1972 **Operation God's Wrath**, under command of Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir with aim to assassinate 1,000 Palestinians capable of leadership to the Palestinian movement. Those murdered by the Israeli agents included celebrated author Ghassan Kanafani.
- 1973 **UN Resolution 338**, Oct. 22, *Calls upon* all (Mid-East) parties to cease all firing and terminate all military activity in the positions they now occupy; *Calls upon* the parties concerned to start immediately after the cease-fire the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) in all of its parts; *Decides* that, immediately and concurrently with the cease-fire, negotiations shall start aimed at establishing a just & durable peace in the Middle East. *Adopted 14 votes to none.*
- 1974 **Rabat Resolution**, Oct. 28, 7th Arab Summit Conference reaffirming Palestinian rights and the defense of them.
- 197_ **Good Fence Policy** (Israel & Leb. Major Haddad?)
- 1975 **Sinai II** (US agrees not to negotiate w/PLO, Israel returns territory to Egypt occupied since '73 war)
- 1976? **Red Line** (US negotiates w/Isr & Syria on division of Lebanon , strength of weapons & the rules of such)
- 1977 **The Sadat Initiative**, attempt to negotiate peace between the Arab states and Israel.
- 1978 **The Camp David Accords**, Sept. 17th. (Egypt-Israel/US), US brokered frmwrk for peace in the Middle East, between Israel & Sadat of Egypt – 1st Arab country to recognize Israel.
Operation Litani - March, Israeli invasion into South Lebanon, killing 2000 Lebanese and Palestinians with 250,000 civilians being displaced.
- 1982 **The Fez Plan**, Sept. 6, Arab League support for the implementation of Palestinian rights.
Reagan Plan, Sept. 1, reconciles Israel's security concerns w/the rights of the Palestinians.
- 1982 **Operation Peace for Galilee/Operation Big Pines**, starts June 6th, Israeli mass prolonged invasion, occupation and carpet bombing of Lebanon, led by Gen. Ariel Sharon.
Black Thursday, August 12, eleven hours of uninterrupted bombing of Beirut by Israel.
Sabra/Shatilla Massacre, Sept. 18, ending of massacre of Palestinians in their camps by the Phalange/Lebanese Forces militia with Israeli logistics, administration and support.
- 1983 **'The May' Lebanon-Israel Withdrawal Agreement**, (Amin Gemayel & Israel), May 17/83 (cancelled March 5, 1984 by the Conference of National Dialogue in Geneva).
- 1985 **Jordanian-Palestinian Accord**, between Jordanian gov't and the PLO, reaffirming commitment to Palestinian statehood rights and rights of self determination.

- 1988 **Palestinian Declaration of Independence**, Nov. 12-15, PNC declaration of an independent Palestinian state based on UN res. 242 & 338.
- 1989 **Lebanese National Reconciliation Pact - Taif Agreement** - Oct. 1-24, 'Document of National Accord', brokered peace agreement by Leb parliamentarians at Taif, Saudi Arabia. Proposed changes to the Leb constitution, ends state of war, dissolves militia, prescribes Lebanon-Syria relations etc.
Baker Plan, 5 point plan by US sec't of state aimed at a tripartite US, Israeli & Egyptian meeting to set up Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.
Declaration on the Middle East by the European Council, upholding rights of all states in the area based on UN resolutions, 242 & 338 and urges implementation of 605, 607 & 608.
'Damascus Agreements' - first agreement between Amal and Hizballah concluded 1/10/89. Second agreement concluded on 11/5/90.
- 1990 **Greater Beirut security plan**- negotiated between Lebanese and Syrian officials.
- 1991 **Damascus Declaration'**, March 6, Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Qatar, Oman and Bahrain meet in Damascus and agree to the creation of a joint force for maintaining security in the Gulf region with Egyptian and Syrian troops already there forming a nucleus of this force.
Brotherhood, Coordination & Cooperation Treaty, (Lebanon-Syria), May 22.
Operation Desert Storm/Operation Desert Shield, US led invasion of Iraq and 'liberation' of Kuwait.
Mideast Peace Conference - announced July 7, 1991 by U.S. Pres. George Bush, commenced later in Madrid, Spain, still underway, co-sponsored by the 'Soviet Union'.
Pact of Defense & Security - between Syria and Lebanon, Sept. 1, 1991.
- 1993 **Horizon 2000 Economic Plan** - the Lebanese government's economic recovery plan.
Syrian-Lebanese Social and Economic Agreements, 'harmonizes' the affairs of the two countries and sets the frame work for the treaty of 1991.
Gaza-Jericho First Agreement, on interim Palestinian self-rule, Sept. 13, 1993(?)
Damascus Agreement, between Hizballah and Israel
Oslo: US/Isr/PLO agrees to a mini-state of their own without any provisions or compensations offered for the return of 4 million Palestinian refugees. Jerusalem would remain under Israeli control.
- 1994 **PLO-Israeli Agreement**
Jordanian-Israeli Agreement
- 1995 Blockade of (1800 fishermen of) Southern Lebanese ports begins by Israeli navy, February 8th.
SLA (South Lebanon Army) placed under the direct supervision of Israeli officers, June, 25th,
- 1996 **Operation Grapes of Wrath**, March/April; in Lebanon, massive IDF assaults and intentional IDF massacre (Qana/Fiji-Bat.) of/against Lebanese predominantly civilian targets and Palestinian refugee camps throughout Lebanon. Approx. 180 Lebanese killed and 200 wounded, approx 11 Israeli's wounded none killed. Blockades continue of the whole coast. Cluster/elevated exploding bombs used etc.
Free Trade Agreement: Canada signs agreement with Israel and Canada continues to give tax deductions for funds that go to 'Canada Park', Israel, built on the ruins of 3 Palestinian villages. Canada allow the purchase of Israeli bonds with Canadian RRSP monies.
- 1998 **Wye Agreement**: Israel supposed to return ca. 40% of the occupied West Bank to full or partial control of the Palestinian Authority (PA), resulting in Palestinian control of 50% of less than 25% = 10% of their original land area. Israel would control the other 90%.
- 1996 **Operation Summer Rain**, continuous Israeli Army invasion of Gaza Strip begins June 28, attack condemned by international community as it causes major destruction to civilian infrastructure and massive death.
Operation Autumn Clouds, Nov. 1, more Israeli attacks on Gaza, over 50 Palestinians in Beit Hanoun slaughtered.

2007 **Hot Winter**, Israeli troops attack the West Bank Palestinian town of Nablus and hold it under curfew for weeks, using children as young as 11 years old as human shields, going house to house capturing local men.

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