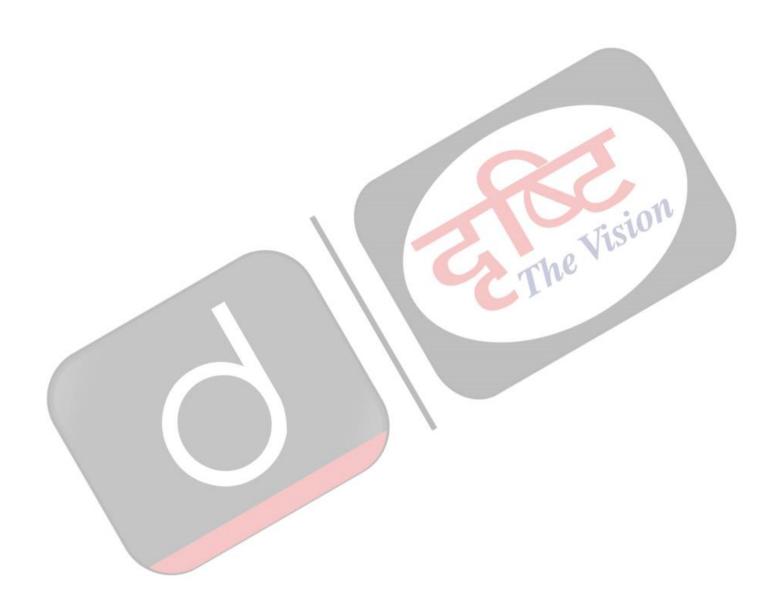


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The Israel-Palestine conflict is a long-standing geopolitical dispute over territory and self-determination in the Middle East.

### 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
- Solution 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
- 9 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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