

# Refugees key to Palestinian-Israeli solution

The Arab League is set to review a 2002 initiative to end the Arab-Israeli conflict but an earlier Saudi proposal – which calls for a “just solution” for refugees rather than a right of return – is receiving renewed interest in Israel where an influx of four million Palestinians would undermine the demographics of the Jewish state

## PALESTINIAN EXODUS

1948  726,000

1967  372,000

West Bank, Gaza, Golan (*Includes many displaced for second time*)

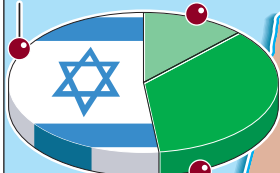
## JEWISH EXODUS

Over 900,000 Jews fled Arab and Muslim countries after 1948, around 600,000 to Israel

## 2005 POPULATION

**Jews**  
Inc. others  
5.57m

**Arabs**  
Israel, Golan  
1.36m



Palestinian territories  
3.76m

## REGISTERED REFUGEES

### LEBANON

1948	100,000
2006	405,400

### SYRIA

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1948	75,000
1967	116,000
2006	434,900

### JORDAN

1948	70,000
1967	245,000
2006	1,835,700

### WEST BANK

1948	280,000
2006	705,200

### GAZA STRIP

1948	190,000
2006	993,800

**Total: 4.375 million**  
A further two million refugees and descendants estimated to have been absorbed into host countries