

How Israel has expanded into Palestinian lands since 1947

U.S. President Barack Obama has insisted that negotiations to establish a future Palestinian state must be based on 1967 borders prior to the Arab-Israeli Six Day War. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the borders “indefensible” before his visit to Washington



Britain was awarded mandates of Palestine and Transjordan after World War I. Jewish-owned land in 1947 amounted to about seven percent of Palestine



British mandate was to end in 1948, and UN recommended partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, with Jerusalem to be internationalized city. Arabs rejected plan



Israel declared independence in 1948 and five Arab armies invaded. After 1949 armistice, Jordan occupied West Bank, Egypt controlled Gaza, and Jerusalem was divided



Israel launched Six Day War in June 1967, capturing West Bank, Gaza, Sinai (returned to Egypt 1982) and Golan Heights from Syria. Israel occupied Gaza until 2005