

Milestones on road to Palestinian statehood

■ **1913:** Arab Nationalist Congress in Paris calls for provincial Arab autonomy from Ottoman Empire

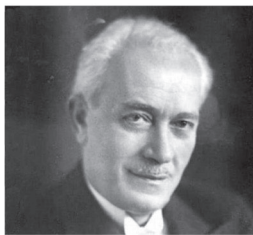
■ **1917:** Britain's **Balfour Declaration** calls for Jewish homeland in Palestine

■ **1918:** Defeat of Ottoman Empire. League of Nations gives Britain mandate to govern

■ **1919:** Palestinian National Congress calls for independence



Haj Amin al-Husseini
Mufti of Jerusalem, religious and political leader



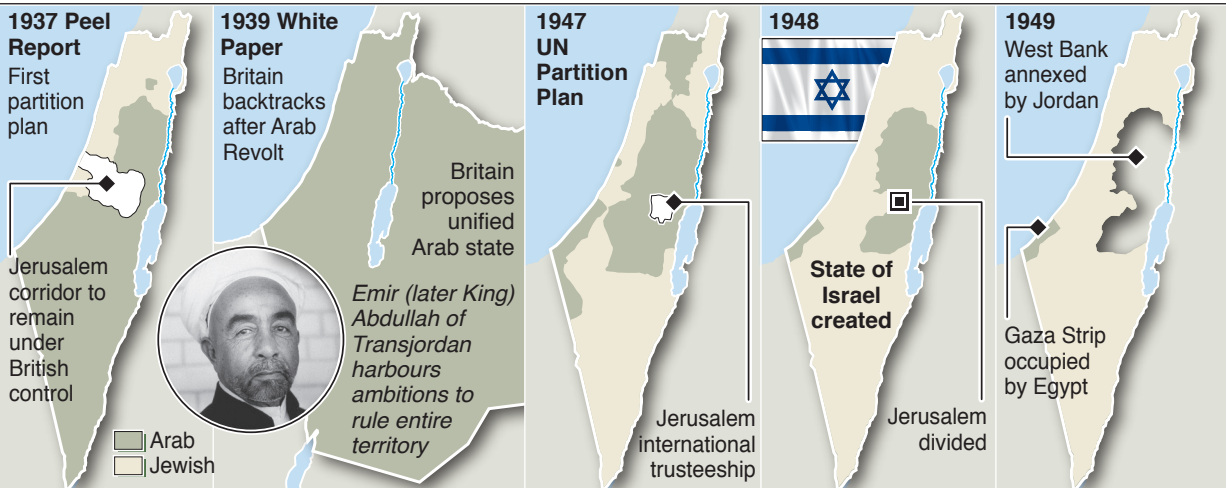
Raghib al-Nashashibi
Secular Jerusalem mayor. Clan and political rivalries divide Palestinian society

■ **1933:** Palestine stages general strike against Zionist immigration

■ **1936-39:** Arab Revolt of Palestine. Cycle of violence and reprisals begins as Jewish immigration accelerates

■ **1947:** UN General Assembly calls for separate Arab and Jewish states. Jewish leaders accept plan but Arab leaders reject it, sparking civil war

■ **1948:** Britain withdraws – **Israel** declares independence. Around 700,000 Palestinians flee fighting



■ **1948:** Arab League creates **All-Palestine Government** in Gaza

■ **1959:** **Yasser Arafat** founds **Fatah** in Kuwait

■ **1964:** **Palestine Liberation Organisation** founded by Arab states

■ **1967:** **Six-Day War**. Israel captures West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan. Over 200,000 Palestinians flee war

■ **1969:** Arafat takes over PLO

■ **1970:** King Hussein of Jordan expels PLO "state within a state"

■ **1974:** UN recognises PLO as Palestinians' sole representative

■ **1982:** Israel invades Lebanon – expels PLO

■ **1987:** Popular **intifada** erupts in West Bank and Gaza

■ **1988:** PLO renounces terrorism

■ **1991:** **Madrid Conference** Israel insists PLO is excluded from Palestinian delegation

■ **1993:** Israel and PLO sign **Oslo Peace Accords**



■ **1996:** First Palestinian election – Arafat becomes president of interim **Palestinian Authority**

■ **1999:** **Sharm el-Sheikh** peace deal – final status talks to conclude by 2000

■ **2000:** **Camp David summit** – Arafat and Israeli PM **Ehud Barak** fail to agree "historic compromise". Visit of opposition leader **Ariel Sharon** to Temple Mount sparks **Second Intifada**

■ **2001:** Taba Summit ends without agreement. Sharon wins election

■ **2002:** Construction of West Bank "separation" barrier begins

■ **2003:** U.S., EU, Russia and UN launch Roadmap peace plan. Israeli and Palestinian moderates unveil alternative Geneva Accords plan

■ **2004:** Arafat dies. **Mahmoud Abbas** takes over as PA president

■ **2005:** Israel withdraws from Gaza under Sharon's Disengagement plan

■ **2006:** Radical Islamist group **Hamas** wins Palestinian elections – forms unity government with Fatah

■ **2007:** Internecine fighting leaves Hamas in control in Gaza, Fatah in West Bank. Israel blockades Gaza

■ **2008:** PLO appoints Abbas as "President of State of Palestine"

■ **2009:** **Gaza War** – rocket attacks on Israel provoke massive air and ground assault on Hamas enclave

■ **2011:** Hamas, Fatah form new unity government. U.S. **President Obama** calls for peace based on pre-1967 borders. **Abbas requests seat at UN**