

Palestinian flag raised at UN

The Palestinian flag is raised for the first time at the UN headquarters in New York, a symbolic step for the Palestinian people in their quest for statehood

Palestinian flag flown separately from UN member states, arranged in English alphabetical order

ORIGINS OF PALESTINIAN FLAG



■ **1917: *Flag of Arab Revolt*** designed to foster united state encompassing present-day countries of Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestinian territories and Jordan

■ **1922: Order of stripes changed to improve visibility**

■ **1948:** Creation of State of Israel – Palestinians regard 1922 flag as symbol of their struggle for statehood



Black, green, and white stripes, as well as red triangle, represent Arab dynasties and eras

■ **1964: Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) formally endorses flag**

■ **1993:** After negotiations with PLO, Israel relaxes restrictions on flying flag which is subsequently adopted by Palestinian National Authority

■ **Sep 10, 2015: UN General Assembly passes resolution allowing non-member observer states – Palestine and Vatican – to raise their flags alongside those of 193 UN member states**

In favour 119

Includes France, Italy and Spain

Abstentions 45

Includes UK, Germany



Against 8

Includes Australia, Canada, Israel and U.S.