

# Historical, Social & Political Situation Of The Land Of The Prophets





SYRIA

Golan Heights

Mediterranean Sea

Tel Aviv

Ramallah

**WEST BANK**

Gaza City

Jerusalem

**GAZA STRIP**

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**ISRAEL**

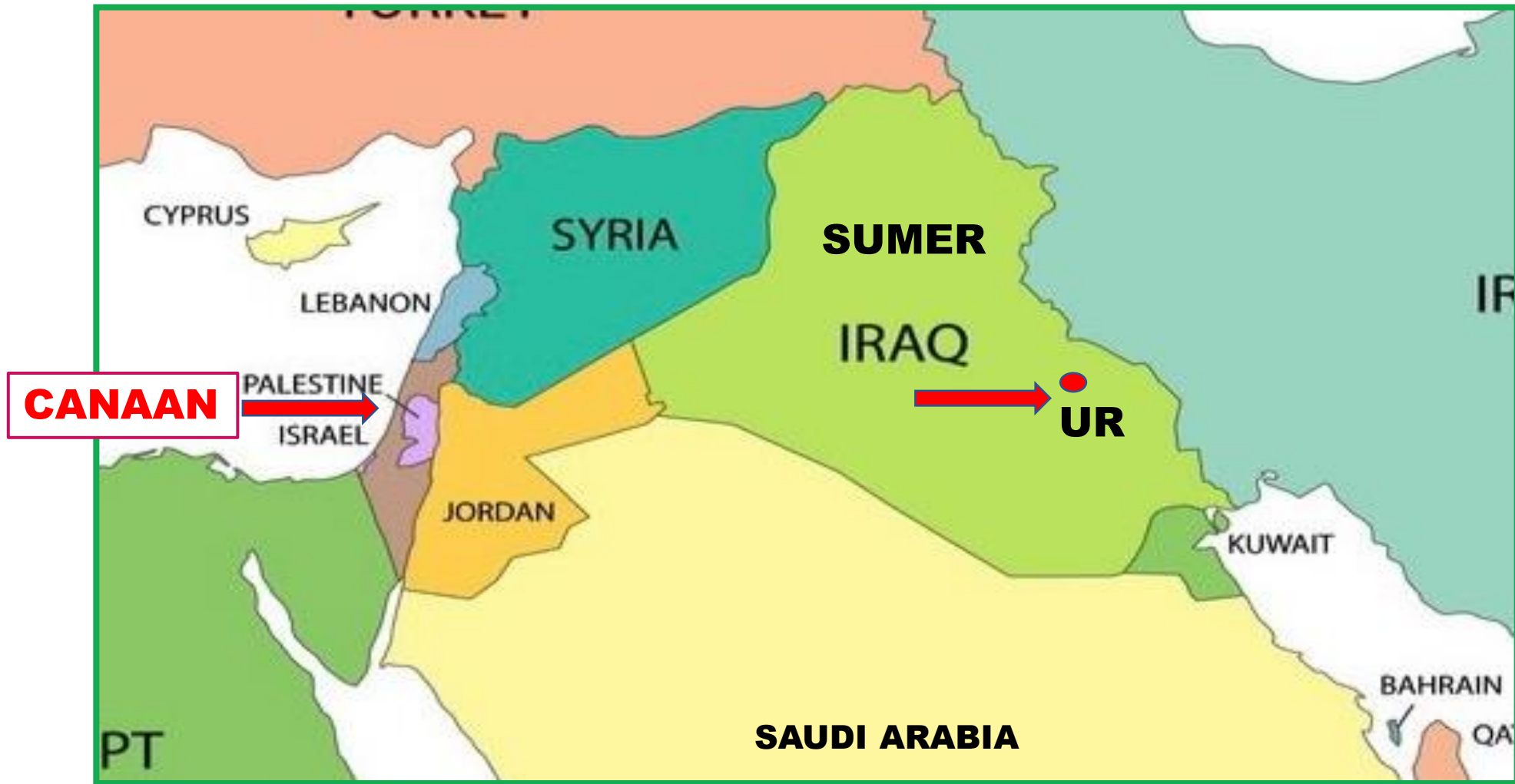
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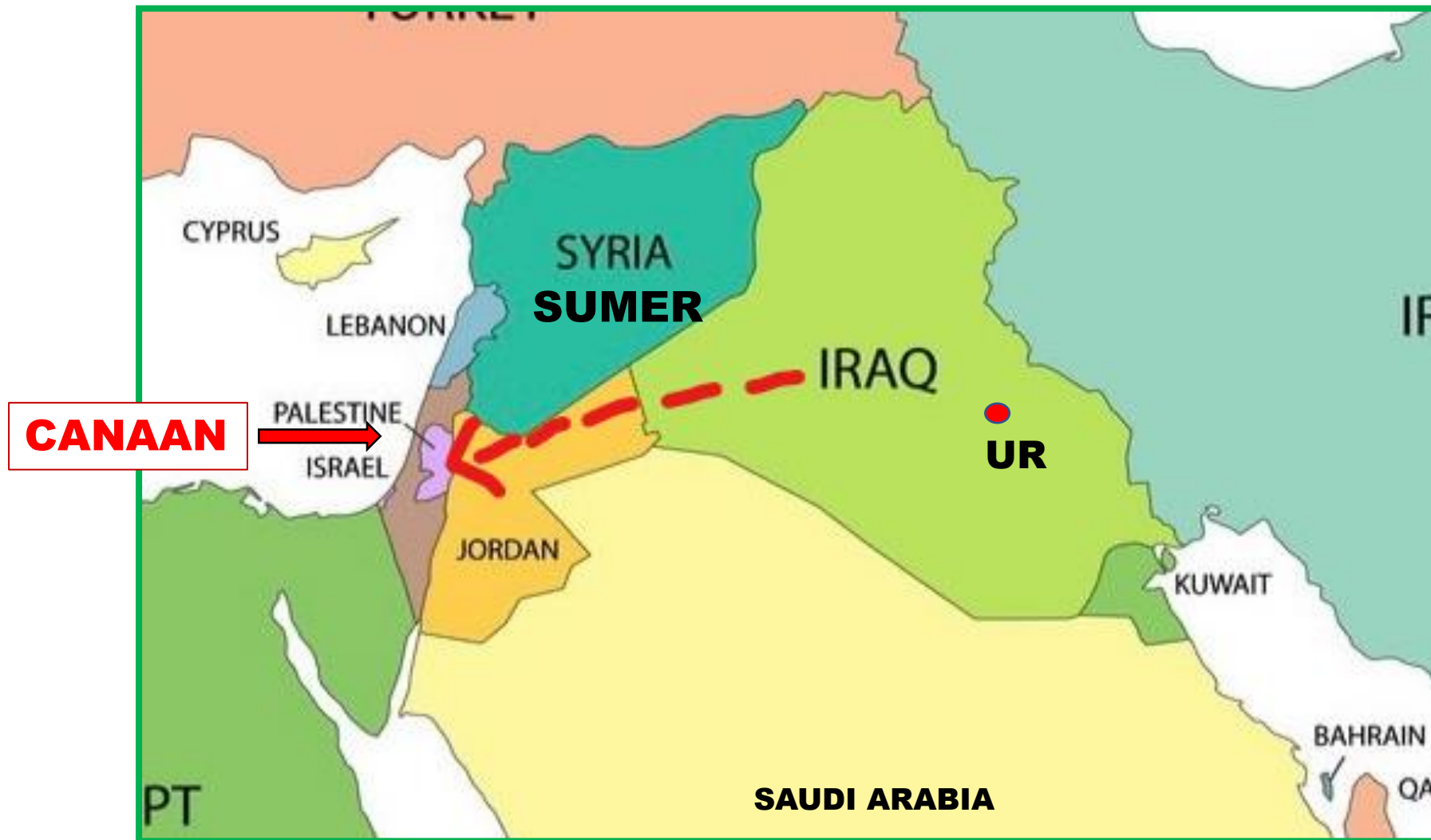


# HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

- Ādam ﷺ built **Masjid-al-'Aqṣā** (after building the Ka'bah).
- **10,000 BCE**- Jericho was built by Arab ancestors; the Nautifians.
- **5th millennium**, i.e., **5000 BCE**- permanent villages and working industries developed.
- **4th and 3rd millennium**- the Semites were the most ancient nation known to live on **Palestinian** land.
- They migrated from the Arabian Peninsula to **Palestine**, which they named **Canaan**. They lived therein for thousands of years.



East of **Canaan** there was a land called **Sumer**, its capital **Ur (in IRAQ)**. Amorites captured and ruled this land for **hundreds of years**, when finally, **Hammurabi of Babylon** captured and took the land.



Ibrāhīm عليه السلام was born in **Ur**.

His teachings conflicted with his people, so with his life in danger, he took his wife and nephew **Lūṭ** عليه السلام and migrated to **Canaan (Palestine)**.

- Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ settled in **Jerusalem**.
- Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ settled in Arabia.
- Ishāq عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ settled in **Palestine**.
- Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ rebuilt the Ka'bah with Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and **Masjid Al-'Aqṣā** with Ishāq عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ.
- Ishāq عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was the Father of Ya'qūb عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, who is referred to as 'Īsrā'īl. He migrated to **Egypt** with his sons during the rule of Yūsuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, forming the 12 tribes of **Banū 'Īsrā'īl**.

- A few hundred years later, **1500 BCE**, **Palestine** fell under **Egyptian rule**.
- The descendants of **Ishāq** عليه السلام were enslaved and oppressed. **Mūsā** عليه السلام born amongst these people.
- After crossing the Red Sea with the **Banū Isrāʿīl**, Allāh commanded them to fight the tyrannical Canaanites.
- The **Banū Isrāʿīl** were ungrateful and cowardly and said:  
 “They said, "O **Mūsā**, indeed we will not enter it, ever, as long as they are within it; so go, you and your Lord, and fight. Indeed, we are remaining right here.” {5:24}
- Allāh Taʿālā replied: “Then this land is forbidden to them for **forty years**, during which they will wander through the land. So do not grieve for the rebellious people.” {5:26}
- After these years passed, **Yūshāʿ ibn Nūn** عليه السلام entered **Palestine** and captured it from the Canaanites.
- It was then divided between the **12 tribes of Banū Isrāʿīl**.

- **1200 BCE** - after the Trojan War, the **Philistines** established themselves on the coast of **Can'an (Palestine)**.
- The **12 tribes of Banū Isrā'īl** united under **King Jālūt** and battled the **Philistines**. **Dāwūd** عليه السلام killed **Jālūt (Goliath)** as mentioned in the Qur'ān.
- He succeeded **King Tālūt** and united the tribes.
- He then moved towards **Jerusalem**, which was ruled by the Jebusites-a Canaanite tribe, and defeated them, designating **Jerusalem** as their capital.
- He then built the **Masjid in Al 'Aqṣā compound**.
- After his death, **Sulaymān** عليه السلام **completed the Masjid**.
- The **Jews** refer to it as their temple and believe it to be the first house of God.



- After Sulaymān's ﷺ death, enmity reappeared among the **Jewish tribes** and by **922 BCE**, the kingdom split into 2:
  1. **Northern Palestine** – named **Samaria**. It consisted of 10 tribes.
  2. **Southern Palestine** – named **Judea** with Jerusalem as its capital. It consisted of 2 tribes. ('**Jew**' originated from **Judea**.)
- **722 BCE** - the Assyrians took advantage of their rivalry and conquered **Samaria**, i.e., **Northern Palestine**.
- **Judea** fell into idolatry and in **586 BCE**, the **King of Babylon** attacked and destroyed everything taking **Jerusalem's** surviving population to **Babylon**.
- Around **550 BCE** - the **Persian Empire** captured **Babylon**, including **Jerusalem**. They allowed the **Jews** to return to **Jerusalem**.
- **538 BCE**- The **second temple** was reconstructed.

- 200 years later, in **330 BCE**, Alexander the 3rd conquered **Jerusalem**.
- **323 BCE**, he died, and the kingdom was split between the **Ptolemy** and **Seleucids**. The **Seleucids** took control of present-day **Palestine**, Syria, Jordan and Iraq.
- **164 BCE** the **Jews** rebelled against the **Seleucids** in the **Maccabean** revolt, recapturing **Jerusalem**, however internal conflict prevented any **Jew** from gaining power over the land.
- Whilst this was occurring, the **Roman Empire** was expanding.
- **63 BCE** - they conquered **Jerusalem**.
- **‘Isā** **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ** is born.
- **Maryam** **عَلَيْهَا السَّلَامُ** was born in Nazareth and there she gave birth to **‘Isā** **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ**. The **Jews** rejected him and approached the **Roman governor** to have him crucified. (Allāh forbid)
- During his time on Earth, **Palestine’s** population was a mixture of **Jews**, **Sabeans**, **Pagans** and **Romans**.

- **66 CE** - the **Jews** revolted against the **Romans** and were therefore, banished.
- For the next **249 years**, **Christians** ruled over **Palestine**.
- **614 CE** - the **Persian Empire**, with the help of the **Jews**, attacked and conquered **Jerusalem**.
- **624 CE** - **Heraclius** recaptured **Jerusalem**. This is mentioned in Sūrah al- Rūm.
- **Jews** were completely banished and persecuted across the entire empire.
- Up until this point, **Palestine** was ruled by many groups. However, there was no **Jewish** rule or kingdom. They only existed in small batches.

# ISLAM

- **570 CE** - The Prophet ﷺ was born.
- **637 CE** - Muslims conquered most of **Shām** and under the Khilāfah of ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ entered the city of **Jerusalem** peacefully.
- ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ signed a treaty and **Palestine** came under **Muslim rule**.
- In this Treaty, **Jews** were not allowed to settle **\*inside\*** **Jerusalem**, however for the first time in 500 years, they were allowed to **live and practice freely** in its **\*vicinity\***.
- **The city was in a state of stability it had never known before.**

- Many eras of caliphate passed until it reached to **al Hakim**, a **Shi'ite caliph**.
- He persecuted **Christians** and **Sunni Muslims**.
- His destruction of the church of **Holy Sepulcher** triggered a European invasion.
- In **1099**, the **Crusaders**, one of the gravest invaders which the region had suffered under the scourges of military expeditions, arrived at the gates of **Jerusalem**.
- Upon their entry, they massacred and slaughtered every **Muslim** and burnt many **Jews** to death.
- It was the **bloodiest massacre** the land had ever witnessed, **before today**.
- After this defeat, **Muslims** saw it as punishment for leaving the way of **Jihād**, therefore **Nur ul- Din al Zenghi** revived this by recapturing **Aleppo** and **Edessa**. This triggered a **second crusade**, which failed miserably, and **Europeans** were forced to retreat.

➤ The key factor that contributed towards the **defeat** of the **Muslim Armies of Shām** against the **First Crusaders** was the '**Shia Menace**'!

• **Non- Muslim historians**, also agree with this, saying the success of the first Crusade was:

“not the size of any army of the **European** foot soldiers and knights. 10,000 knights and 30,000-foot soldiers were indeed a powerful force, but the **Muslims** could have easily matched it. However, the **crusades** benefitted from the **age-old split** in the **Muslim** population between the **Orthodox Sunni Muslims** and the **Shiite Muslims**.”

- **Salāḥuddīn Al-Ayyubī**, one of the greatest generals the world has ever seen began his journey of reconquering **Al 'Aqṣā** by dismantling the **Shia** regime.
- After 16 years of toil, this regime eventually collapsed, saving not only **Islām** but a kufri (heretical) ideology from spreading throughout the world.
- The next **15 years**- Muslim armies mobilized and launched attack upon attack against the **Christian** fort-holds of **Shām**.
- The **Battle of Hittin**- the largest **crusader** army was destroyed.
- On the night of **27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab 583 A.H / 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1187 CE**- - **Salāḥuddīn** along with the **Muslim** army emancipated **Al 'Aqṣā** from the hands of the **Christian** crusaders.

- During the centuries **1150-1550**, **Jews** in **Europe** were persecuted relentlessly, forcing them to flee.
- Only 2.3% of the **Jewish** population i.e., **55,000 Jews**, settled in **Palestine**.
- The **Ottoman Empire** was formed **100 years** after **Salāḥuddīn's** victory and was an extremely strong empire conquering lands and spreading **Islām**.
- Due to the infiltration of **European secular ideologies** and the instilment of nationalism into the **Muslims**, the empire weakened.
- Thereupon, came the last standing Sultan, **Sultan 'Abdul Ḥamid the 2nd**.
- He aimed to revive **khilāfah** and **unite Muslims** under the banner of **Islām**.



- Back in **Europe**, year **1881**, the **lovers of Zion** emerged. Their intent is to find a homeland for the **Jews**.
- **Theodore Herzl**, AKA **the father of Zionism**.
- His aim: a **Jewish home** in the land where **Banū Isrā'īl** once lived.
- **Herzl** wrote to the **Ottoman empire**, attempting to make deals so **Jews** can settle in **Palestine**.
- “I will not sell a single inch of the country, because it is not mine, it belongs to all **Muslims**. They paid for this empire with their blood. And we will redeem it with our blood. Let the **Jews** keep their millions. If the empire is partitioned, they can get **Palestine** for free, but that will happen over our dead bodies” i.e. at the collapse of the **Ottoman Empire**.

- **Herzl** was then, in need of a governmental body, so he turned to the **British**.
- **1896**- First **Zionist** congress- the birth of political **Zionism**.
- **1896-7**: **Zionist** manifesto was created and published.
- **British antisemitism + colonial thirst** coincided with **Jewish Zionism**.
- The **Jews** demanded **Palestine**.
- **WW1**- **Zionists** agreed to be outposts of the **British**. In exchange, a public declaration of political support for Zionism was to be made.

- **1916**- the British and French made a secret agreement to decide on who would take control of the Arab territories of the **Ottoman Empire** once **WW1** was over. This is referred to as the **Sykes Picot Agreement**. The **British** was given **Palestine**.
- The **Sultan** is overthrown, and **Palestine** is promised to the **Jews**.
- The **Balfour declaration** is written.

“The establishment in **Palestine** of a national home for the **Jewish people**.”

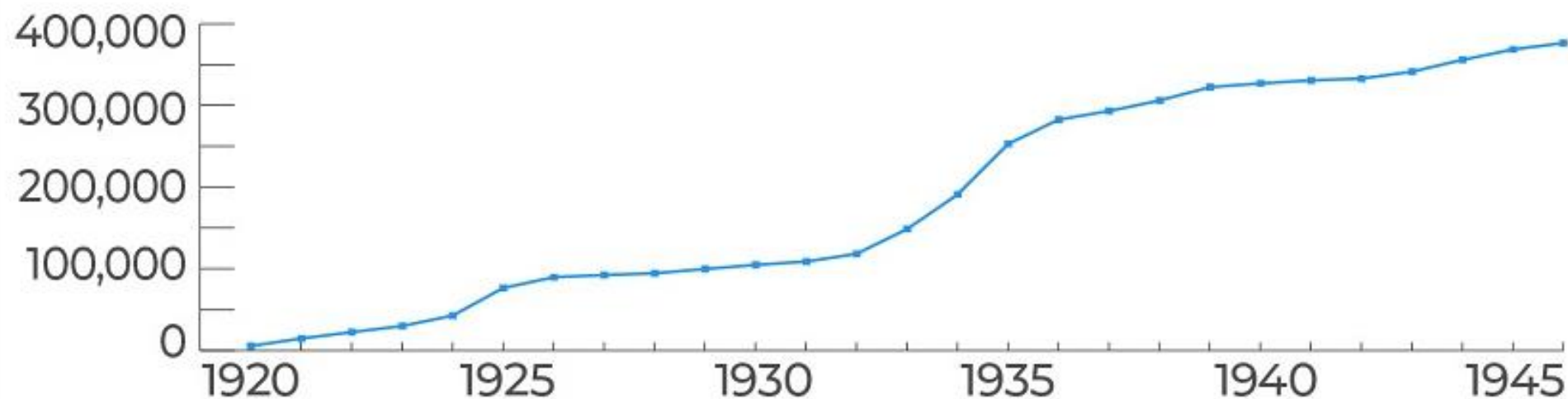
**White paper release:**

- **Zionists** will have **no authority** but will live as **refugees**.

- **1935- WW2- Nazi holocaust** in full effect
- Thousands of **Jews** immigrate to Palestine.
- **Zionists**, now **30%** of the population, have formed secret gangs and militia and begin killing the **British** and **Palestinians**. The **holocaust** continues.
- **1947-** The **British** leave. The **Zionists** become too difficult for them to handle.
- The **Zionists** now pressure the **US** to create a **Jewish State**.
- They implement a **partition plan**. **Jews** were given **55%** of **Palestinian** land despite constituting **37%** of the population and owning **less than 7%** land.

# 1920-1946

## Jewish immigration to Palestine



Year	Authorized Jewish Immigration
1920	5,514
1921	9,149
1922	7,844
1923	7,421
1924	12,856
1925	33,801
1926	13,081
1927	2,713
1928	2,178
1929	5,249
1930	4,944
1931	4,075
1932	9,553
1933	30,327
1934	42,359
1935	61,854
1936	29,727
1937	10,536
1938	12,868
1939	16,405
1940	4,547
1941	3,647
1942	2,194
1943	8,507
1944	14,464
1945	12,751
1946	7,851



Source: A survey of Palestine (1946)

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Before the creation  
of the **Israeli State**.



- **1948** - The state of '**Israel**' is declared.
- Thousands of **Palestinians** killed.
- **700, 000** displaced.
- Over **500** homes, destroyed
- This is known as the **Nakba** (the Catastrophe).

- **1967**- Six-Day War.
- **20,000 Palestinians** killed.
- **300,000** displaced.
- Entirety of **Palestine** fell under **Israeli** occupation.
- **Settlements** were built (against international law) and settlers are **permitted** to be armed.
- **1987**- **the first intifada/Palestinian** uprising. It lasted **6** years.
- **Hamas** was thereby founded.



# SOCIAL & POLITICAL

- The first intifada occurred (1987), lasting 6 years.
- In 1993, the Oslo Accords was signed.
- Israel accepted the PLO (Palestinian liberation Organization) as representatives of the Palestinians, and the PLO renounces 'terrorism' i.e., Hamas and the Islamic Jihād and recognizes Israel's right to exist in peace.
- In essence, this was Israel being formally recognized, whilst the Palestinians got nothing in return.
- The PLO took the prerequisites of power, mainly money and status and became the PA- Palestinian Authority who work as an administrative and police network for Israel. (bought out)

“Oslo was the greatest idea Israel ever had. It let them continue the occupation without paying any of the costs.”

- After the **first Intifada (1987)**, a **permit system** was introduced.
- **Palestinians** are required to show a **difficult-to-obtain** permit in order to **work** or **travel** to other occupied territories.
- **1995 - Israel** built an **electronic fence** and **concrete wall** around **Gaza**, barring them from other occupied territories.



In **2002**- **Israel** began constructing a wall that cuts off the **West Bank** from the rest of '**Israel**'. 85% of the wall itself is on the inside of the **West Bank**, decreasing the size of the **West Bank** and bringing more under **Israeli** control.



The **Palestinians** inside the wall must go through checkpoints and deal with **Israeli settlers** daily inside the **West Bank**. At the beginning of **2023**, it was reported that **645** movement obstacles were deployed by **Israeli** forces, including checkpoints, roadblocks, road gates, barriers, trenches, earth walls etc.



- It is **deliberately designed** in such a way that it ensures no viable system comes out of the **West Bank**.

- This **Wall** imposes many restrictions on the **Palestinians** in the **West Bank**, including but not limited to, **agriculture, import and export, food, water, etc.**

- Following the **second intifada** In **2005**, many permits were **cancelled**, and the number of permits issued, **reduced**.
- **2007**- a land, air and sea **blockade** was imposed on **Gaza**.
- **'Israel'** controls the **airspace** and **territorial waters**, as well as **2 of the 3** border crossing points (**the 3rd** is controlled by **Egypt**).

- **This siege led to a shortage of the basic necessities of life: food, water and fuel.**
- **1.3 million** out of **2.1 million** **Palestinians** require food assistance.
  - This was funded and provided by the **UNRWA**.
  - **2023**: countries have stopped their funding on suspicion of **0.04%** of **UNRWA** members being affiliated with **Hamas**.
  - **Offshore Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** have **reservoirs of oil and natural gas**. These resources, if developed can meet **Palestinian** needs for energy and export revenues.
  - The exploitation is prohibited by '**Israel**',
  - **Losses in the billions.**

- Since the beginning of the siege, **Israel** has launched **4 military assaults** in years:
  - **2008**
  - **2012**
  - **2014**
  - **2021**
- Each attack resulted in more **Palestinian** deaths and more destruction to infrastructure (**homes, schools and office buildings**).
- Rebuilding has been near impossible since the siege **prevents** construction materials from entering **Gaza**.



# Water and Energy

- The missile attacks have also damaged **Gaza's** pipelines and sewage infrastructure. Due to this, sewage water seeps into drinking water.
  - Increase in waterborne diseases.
  - More than 95% of **Gaza's** water is unsafe.
- Improving the water quality has been **unfeasible** due to the ongoing power crisis.
- To power **Gaza** 24/7, 600 megawatts of electricity is needed.
  - Receives- 180 megawatts
- **Israel** controls fuel, therefore controlling their electricity:
  - 8 hrs.- on    8 hrs.- off
  - In summer- 12 hrs. off

# Unemployment and Education

- Unemployment rate in Gaza = highest in the world
- Unemployment rate - 46.6% Youth unemployment = 62.5%
- Farmers source of income - destroyed or contaminated by Israel.
- Education- 31% of households have difficulty meeting essential education needs due to lack of financial resources.

# Arrests i.e., Palestinian Hostages

- Since **1967**, **Israel** has arrested an estimated of 1 Million Palestinians.
- An estimated **10,000** are **children**- as young as **9**.
- Arrested without **crime** or **trial**.
- Subjected to the worst of tortures. (Starvation, forced to stripped, rape etc.)

# West Bank: Settlements

- **Israel settlements** are scattered everywhere.
- Sizes of **towns** and **cities**.
- Completely **segregated**.
- It is a state driven **project**, and the **most expensive** project '**Israel**' has undertaken.
- **Settlers** commit **violent atrocities**:
  - **Raiding Palestinian** houses in the middle of the night.
  - **Burning** properties and trees.
  - **Injure and murder Palestinians.**
- **Palestinians** cannot retaliate or they may end up in **jail** for unknown periods of time.
- **Settlers**- 3% conviction rate.

# Housing

- **Palestinian** population is increasing at a rapid rate, yet housing remains **unavailable**.
- **Palestinians** born in **Jerusalem** are **required** to show a construction permit.
- **Permits = expensive and difficult to obtain.**
- Build their own homes with the **threat of demolition looming.**
- **Demand-15,000** houses annually. **Issued- 5,700.**
- As of **2022- 55,000** houses have been demolished.
- The **Jerusalem Municipality** has **expedited** the pace of house demolitions in East Jerusalem **since Oct.7th**, with **140 homes demolished in 2023**, marking a **60% increase** from the **preceding year**. Alongside these, **84** other structures, including **shops and warehouses**, were also demolished.

# Apartheid

## 3 elements:

1. Intent to **maintain domination** by one racial group over another.
2. A context of **systematic oppression** by the dominant group over the marginalized group.
3. **Inhumane acts** such as “**forcible transfer**” and “**expropriation** (dispossessing) of **landed property**.”

Hagai El-Ad, the former director of the **Israeli** human rights group B’Tselem, wrote, “**There is not a single square inch in the territory Israel controls where a Palestinian and a Jew are equal.**”

- Let us take a moment to talk about **UN resolutions** and **USA being complicit** in every Israeli scheme. **Israel** has been **condemned** in **45 resolutions** by year **2013** and **between 2015** and **2022**; **UN** has passed **140 resolutions** on **Israel** (68 in other countries). Since **1945**, a total of **36 UNSC** draft resolutions related to **Israel-Palestine** have been **vetoed** and of these **36**, **34** were **vetoed** by the **USA**. Regarding resolutions pertaining to **Israel alone**, **USA** has vetoed **46 times**.

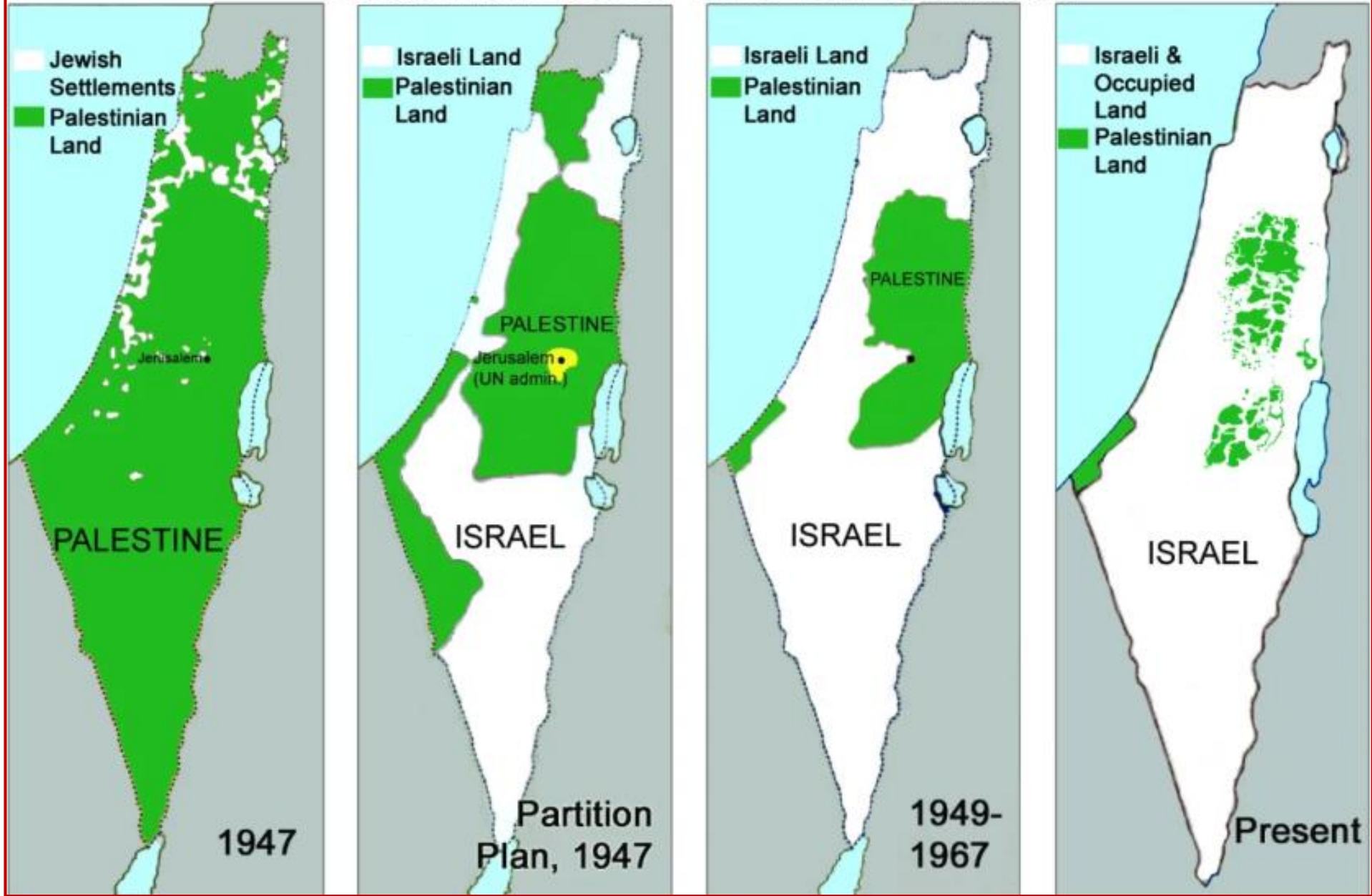
# Al-ʿAqṣā

- The most contested piece of territory since Israel's occupation in 1967.
  - Land belongs to international community.
  - Internal matters- Waqf/ Islamic Trust.
  - External matters- 'Israel'.
- Despite this, Israel violates such rules by:
  - Wounding, arresting and murdering Palestinians entering the Masjid.
  - Enforcing permits.
  - Extreme checkpoints.
  - Raiding the Masjid.
  - Even closing it the compound.

Hence the “Ṭūfān Al-ʿAqṣā/Flood of Al-ʿAqṣā” carried out by Hamas.



# Palestinian Loss of Land 1947 to Present



**Palestinian land in 2023**

# Who Is **H A M A S**?

## **H.A.M.A.S- Islamic Resistance Movement**

- Governs the **Gaza Strip** after winning the elections in **2007** .
- Founded in **1987** by **Shiekh Ahmed Yassin**, the political and religious leader, along with his aide **Abdul Aziz al Rantissi**.
- Military Wing- **Izz al Din Al Qassam Brigade** .
- **Hamas** does not recognize **Israels** statehood as **Khaled Meshaal** said:

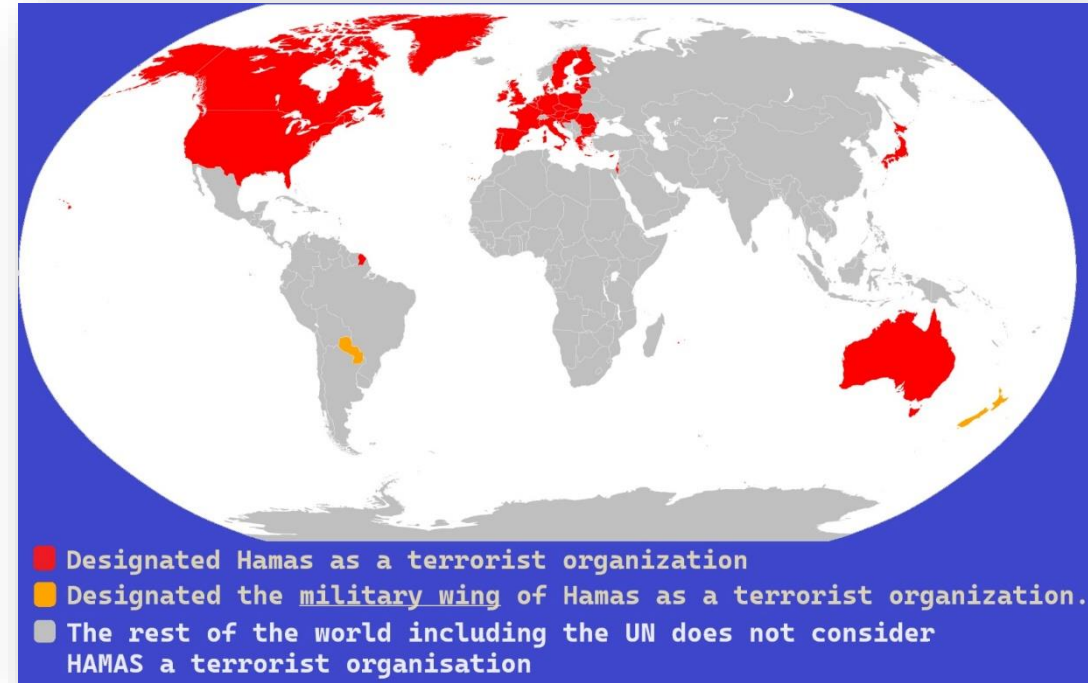
*“We shall not waive an inch of the Palestinian home soil no matter what the recent pressures are and no matter how long the occupation lasts.”*



# Does The International Community Consider Hamas A Terrorist Organization?

- Only **Western Colonial Powers** (NA and EU), Japan, Paraguay and **Israel** have designated **Hamas** or only its military as a terrorist organization.
- Most states including the **UN** do not deem **Hamas** such.
- Furthermore states, including **Russia, China, Syria, Turkey** and **Iran** consider the (ARMED) STRUGGLE waged by **Hamas** to be **LEGITIMATE**.

(Refer to Wikipedia for further details)



# What Triggered October 7<sup>th</sup>?

- **Hamas**  spokesperson Khaled Qadomi told Al Jazeera:

“We want the international community to stop atrocities in Gaza against  **Palestinian people** , our holy sites like Al-ʿAqṣā [Mosque]. All these things are the reason behind starting this battle.”

- **Hamas**  had become aware of 'Israel's' plan to destroy the  **Al Aqṣā site**  and clear the area to build a  **Third Temple** .

“The trigger for the 7<sup>th</sup> October attack was  **Hamas's**  concern that  **far-right Jews**  intended to  **sacrifice an animal**  at the site of  **Al Aqṣā Mosque** , thus laying the ground for the  **demolition of the Dome on the Rock**  shrine and the  **Building**  of the  **Third Temple** .”

➤  **Hamas's aim: Defending Al 'Aqṣā - as is the responsibility of every Muslim.**

# 2023 Genocide & Ethnic Cleansing

- 100 days into these atrocities.
- Everyone should be informed and be aware and up to date about what is occurring in Gaza.
- Do not become desensitized and do not stop praying and spreading the word.
- This is, the least we can do, this is our duty.

- Over 28,000 Martyrs. (Feb. 2024)
- **Palestinians** kicked out of their home.  
Forced from the North, now it is the south, towards Rafah.
- Families ripped apart.
- Children, babies, with amputated limbs.
- Patients undergoing surgeries without anesthesia.
- No food, water or fuel allowed in. They are starving to death
- Over 8,000 hostages taken.
- Hospitals, schools, camps, everything, bombed into oblivion.

**They are making Gaza unlivable. Can we feel their pain?**

- The ICJ- the highest Non-Muslim judicial court in the world along with the UN and all government bodies have proven to us that **they are useless**, and they do not care whatsoever about humans, specifically **Muslim lives**.

**The world remains sitting and watching.**

# 2024 RAMADĀN FOR GAZANS

- Over 1 million **Gazans** will spend Ramadān in tents.
- 2 million will spend Ramadān displaced.
- 1000+ children will spend Ramadān with missing legs.
- 24,000+ children will spend Ramadān as orphans.
- 34,000+ didn't live to see this Ramadān.

**Understand the gravity of these statistics!**

**Yā Rabb! Have Mercy on this 'Ummah.**



وَإِنَّهُ لَجِهَادٌ: نَصْرٌ أَوْ إِسْتِشْهَادٌ!

**Indeed, it is a Jihād:  
of Victory or Martyrdom!**