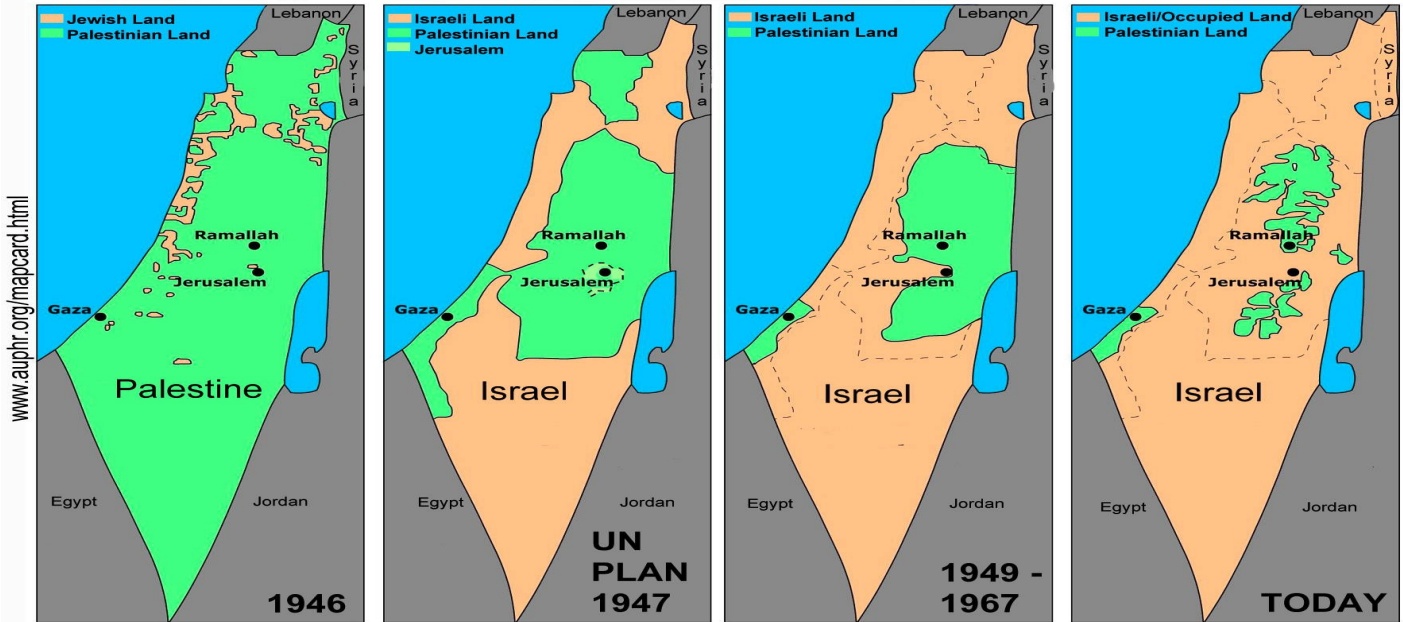


PALESTINIAN LOSS OF LAND 1946 TO PRESENT



The above four stage map, which *Pacific Call* has printed before, shows that it is the nation-state of Israel that has been in the long term **the expansive, imperialist power** in the Middle East. Yes, Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023 and killed many civilians. Yes, that was an act of violence and brutality that surprised the Israelis. But the Palestinians have tried many organized acts of nonviolent resistance like the First Intifada (1987-1991), and the Israeli police shot at the demonstrators. The key issue is **the theft of Palestinian land** by the state of Israel.

History did not begin on October 7, 2023.

Too many people in the United States do not know that most of the people in living in Gaza are people or descendants of people who were **pushed off their land by the Israelis in 1948, a period called the Nakba which is Arabic for catastrophe. Many more were pushed off their land in 1967 in the course of the six-day war won by Israel.** There is a powerful film entitled "All That is Left of You" that tells the story of three generations of a Palestinian family.

And now, in the last two years the world has witnessed **the first live-streamed genocide.** To us peace activist's horror, **the United States government has supported this genocide by sending bombs and other military equipment to Israel, a total of at least \$22 billions worth (measured from September 2025), despite U.S. laws obligating our country to prevent and refrain from supporting genocide.**

And now people, mostly young people, in the United States have been arrested for protesting this genocide, just exercising their right of free speech and assembly. Many think the Democratic Party's position on this issue led to the loss of the Presidential election in 2024 because fewer young people voted, as a kind of protest to the policy of Biden-Harris.

Bernie Sanders in January 2024, and again in July 2025, tried to get the U.S. Senate to pass a resolution to block U.S. arms sales to Israel. It did not pass.

There has been a lot of popular organizing around the country by many groups including Jewish Voice for Peace that understand the injustice of the Israeli massive bombing of Gaza, killing whole families. Over 20,000 children have been killed. As of Jan 29, 2026, 71,667 Gazans have been killed. Thousands more are missing under all the rubble.

The world attempted to set up system of international law to prevent the slaughter that happened during World War II, with organizations like the United Nations and the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The leaders of South Africa, who experienced apartheid, have taken the case of Gaza to the ICJ and it has been accepted. The case, formally known as the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel)*, was filed by South Africa in December 2023. The ICJ has not yet made a final ruling on the merits of whether genocide has occurred, which could take years.

A good book on the long-view history of Israel-Palestine is A Very Short History of the Israel-Palestine Conflict (2024) by Ilan Pappé. Another movie is "The Voice of Hind Rajab" (2025) about a little girl who is in a car where all her family members are killed. She uses a cell phone to call Palestinian authorities in the hope of being saved.