



## The Middle East Online: Arab-Israeli Relations, 1917-1970

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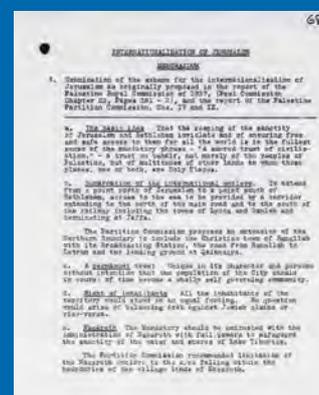
### In summary:

- 200,000 pages of text
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### Contents include:

- Typescript reports, minutes and correspondence by, to and from British government departments, embassies and consulates
- Government documents which set out major policy statements in their full contemporary context, with minor documents and marginalia revealing the workings of colonial administration
- The Balfour Declaration in 1917 and files from the British Occupation of Jerusalem
- The workings of the British Mandate in Palestine, 1922-48, from the ratification of the Mandate by the League of Nations in 1922, all the Palestine Sessional Papers 1924-48 to the partition plans dating from 1937-38
- Documents on the latter years of the Mandate (1937-48): the Zionist Revisionists, the Stern Group, Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Arab Higher Committee and the Arab Union
- Records of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry and Report of 1946 and the U.N. resolution to partition Palestine in November 1947
- The Palestine War, 1947-49 documents trace the civil war that erupted between Jewish and Palestinian urban centres following the Partition
- Key files from the Arab-Israeli conflict through the 1950s, including the "Border Wars"
- The Cold War in the Middle East as the old colonial axis of power shifted towards the new superpowers - US and USSR - with the U.S. backing Israel and the USSR backing Syria and Egypt
- The June War of 1967 when Israel shattered the armies of Syria and Jordan, then swept into the Gaza Strip, Sinai, Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights

### Topics covered:

- The Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the politics behind it
- Origins of British rule in Palestine
- The Palestine campaign of 1914-1918
- Britain's military occupation of Jerusalem from 1917
- The League of Nations mandate for Palestine in 1922
- Palestine sessional papers of 1924-1948
- The background to the establishment of the State of Israel
- Britain's early relations with Israel
- The assassinations of 1951
- The Suez crisis
- The effect of the Cold War in the Middle East
- The Six-Day War of 1967
- The PLO resistance movement

### SOURCES

#### Documents originate from:

- British Foreign Office
- Prime Minister's Office
- Maps and Plans Department
- Cabinet Papers
- War Office
- Dominions Office
- Colonial Office
- Foreign Office and Commonwealth Office

#### Types of materials:

- Maps
- Dispatches
- Memoranda
- Acts
- Sessional papers
- Protocols
- Reports
- Press cuttings



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