



## Palestine and Israel: The Zionist Version or the Facts

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*Do you believe the Likud Zionist version of history that, in 1946-8, out of nearly one million indigenous Arabs whose families had lived and farmed in Palestine for over a thousand years, 700,000 voluntarily abandoned their homes, farms and possessions merely because they didn't want to live next to a peaceful Jewish minority migrant community from Europe,*

or

*Do you believe that 3/4 million Palestinian Arabs were forced to flee for their lives, leaving everything behind, in the face of the massacre of innocent families by armed European Zionist gangs who had committed documented atrocities such as the massacre in the Arab village of Deir Yassin where 107 Palestinians were killed, including women and children—some were shot, while others died when hand grenades were thrown into their homes.*

Or the terrorist bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, in which 92 died. Or the incident in July 1947, during the Jewish insurgency, in which Irgun militants kidnapped two British Army Intelligence Corps NCOs, Sergeants Martin and Paice whose booby-trapped bodies were later found hanging from trees in a eucalyptus grove near Netanya.

During 1947-8 the LEHI and Irgun militants razed more than 400 Muslim villages in the UN-sanctioned occupation of Palestine. Most were subsequently replaced by Israeli towns and villages, and then renamed so there is now little trace. It was a catastrophe that was authorised by a then newly established (minority) United Nations Assembly, after WW2, that wanted to rid Europe of its thousands of stateless, Jewish survivors from the Nazi Holocaust. For Europe (and America) it was advantageous; for Palestine it was an unmitigated tragedy that dispossessed 700,000 innocent people in the name of political expediency.

That tragedy still persists today, more than half a century later. And is still denied by those who caused it. (There are, however, others who do admit it the ethnic-cleansing but, in defence, maintain it was balanced by the subsequent expulsion of Jewish communities from other Muslim countries).

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