**Conflict: Israel and Palestine**

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Many Jews moved to Europe over the centuries but they see Palestine as their ‘promised land’. Many Jews moved back into Palestine during the 20th Century, having been persecuted (‘picked on’) in Europe, especially during Nazi attempts to exterminate (‘get rid of’) Jews in the Holocaust in World War II. Jews believed they needed their own country to be safe and that this had been promised to them in the bible.

However, Palestine was not an empty country. It was populated mainly by Palestinians, who had come from neighbouring Arab countries, and who had lived there for centuries. Palestinian people are mainly Muslim or Christian. This caused conflict between the Jews and Palestinians who both felt they had a right to this land.

After World War II, the United Nations attempted to solve the conflict by splitting the land into Israeli and Palestinian territories (‘areas’). It established the Jewish state of Israel in 1948 and inside it two separate territories for the Palestinian people; the West Bank and the Gaza strip. Many Palestinians were forced out of their homes to make way for Jewish settlements when Israel was created. Israel has gradually expanded its territory (‘got bigger’) between 1948 and the present day.

Today’s conflict is a continuing dispute over these borders, the fact that Israel’s army is stationed on the land and that Israel continues to build houses in the West Bank. Palestinians in the West bank complain that Israel’s army control their movements, making it hard to visit friends and family, or go to work, school or hospitals. The USA is a firm ally (‘friend’) of Israel. It provides it with a lot of money and military support (weapons/soldiers), which has made some Palestinians very angry.

Some Palestinians resort to violence against Jews and Israel in anger at the way they feel they have been treated. Israel responds by bombing Palestinian territories and insisting on greater control of Palestinian territories to protect their own security, which causes further anger and conflict. It is a vicious cycle, with both sides often blaming the other for the continuing conflict. It is possibly the longest conflict in world history.

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