

UNIT 16: THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, 1945-1979

16:1 The Creation of Israel:

- Britain had control of Palestine as a League mandate.
- The Holocaust greatly increased Jewish immigration into Palestine.
- Jewish terrorism caused Britain to turn Palestine over

to the UN and the state of Israel was created in 1948.

- Arab army attacked Israel and was defeated.



UN 1947 Partition for Palestine



Israel in 2008

16:2 The Six Day War (June 1967):

- Arabs did not recognize nation of Israel. PLO launched terrorist attacks.



- Egyptian President Gamal Nasser told the UN to move its forces from the Sinai and moved his forces to the Israeli border.
- On June 5, 1967 the Israeli Air Force (IAF) launched a preemptive strike on Egyptian forces.

- The Israeli Army seized the Sinai from Egypt, the Golan Heights from Syria, and captured the West Bank and Jerusalem from Jordan.

- The IAF attacked the *USS Liberty*.

- Israel increased its size by 350 percent.
- Palestinian nationalism greatly increased.
- Moderate Arab states became more anti-Israel.

