

OUTCOMES OF THE CREATION OF ISRAEL

1. Israel: A Jewish nation in an Arab Sea
2. Palestinian refugees: Subjects of Israel in **the occupied territories** of Gaza & the West Bank
3. Creation of OPEC
4. USA fully support Israel as a client state
5. Camp David Accords: The start of a peace process
6. Rise of Fundamentalism

THE CONFLICTS SPREAD

LEBANON: 1964-80

-Palestinians seek refuge in Lebanon (Northern Israel) after they are expelled from Syria

The Arab League creates and supports Palestinian Liberation Organization whose stated goal is the destruction of Israel.

- (PLO) continue terrorist attacks against Israel using Lebanon as a base.

1982

-Israel invades Lebanon in response to retaliate for previous attacks and in an attempt to stop further attacks

-Coalitions of troops (British, French, US, Syrian, Italian) move into Lebanon to “keep the peace” and create a buffer zone

*A truck bomb blows up an American military building. Two hundred marines die.

- **1987: PLO withdraws from Lebanon, but split into a series of factions that have different agendas.**
- **Hamas is created by Islamic fundamentalists to pursue the destruction of Israel (The PLO is seen as going soft as it begins to negotiate)**

Yassar Arafat, leader of the PLO, tries to maintain control, but the splits in the PLO are fundamental lines based on how to deal with Israel

1993

- Yassar Arafat begins the first of a series of peace talks with the Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin

-OSLO ACCORDS: In principle, a Palestinian homeland would be created in the occupied (settled) territories. President Clinton orchestrates these actions.

1995: Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated by Israeli extremists





Rabin – Clinton - Arafat

PROBLEMS WITH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Jewish claims to the occupied territories are fueled by the Jewish settlers that have made their home in the areas gained by Israel in the 6-Day War.

The politics between the parties on the left, who are open to negotiations, and hard-line parties on the right, who refuse to deal with the PLO, are polarized

KEY: For political reasons (global image), the USA continues to pressure the Israelis to settle the Palestinian question. The USA's goal is to create a stable environment from which they could get oil

BY 2003 The Arab League had grown to 22 nations (from 7)

