

UN Resolution 181: The Partition of Arab Palestine in 1947

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In May 1947, the then newly constituted United Nations had 55 states as members. There are now 193 members representing the global community of nation states. Out of that then (current) minority of 55 states, in 1947, just 33 voted for UN Resolution 181 to partition then Arab Palestine that had been overwhelmingly Muslim-settled for more than a thousand years, with only a very small Jewish minority, extant.

On 29 November 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted 33 to 13, with 10 abstentions and 1 absent, in favour of the modified Partition Plan. The final vote, was: in favour (33 countries, 72% of total votes) at that time.

There are currently 193 member states of the UN representing the entire global community.

In 1947, 33 member states were just a fraction of the total global membership today and represented primarily only America and its political allies, who were then, and are now, geographically on the other side of the world.

That Resolution would never pass today because it was the last gasp of a colonial empire structure that still existed post-WW2, which was patently unlawful by international standards today and whereby the massacre of an indigenous population and/or its dispossession would be a criminal offence and/or a war crime with those alleged responsible being subject to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

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