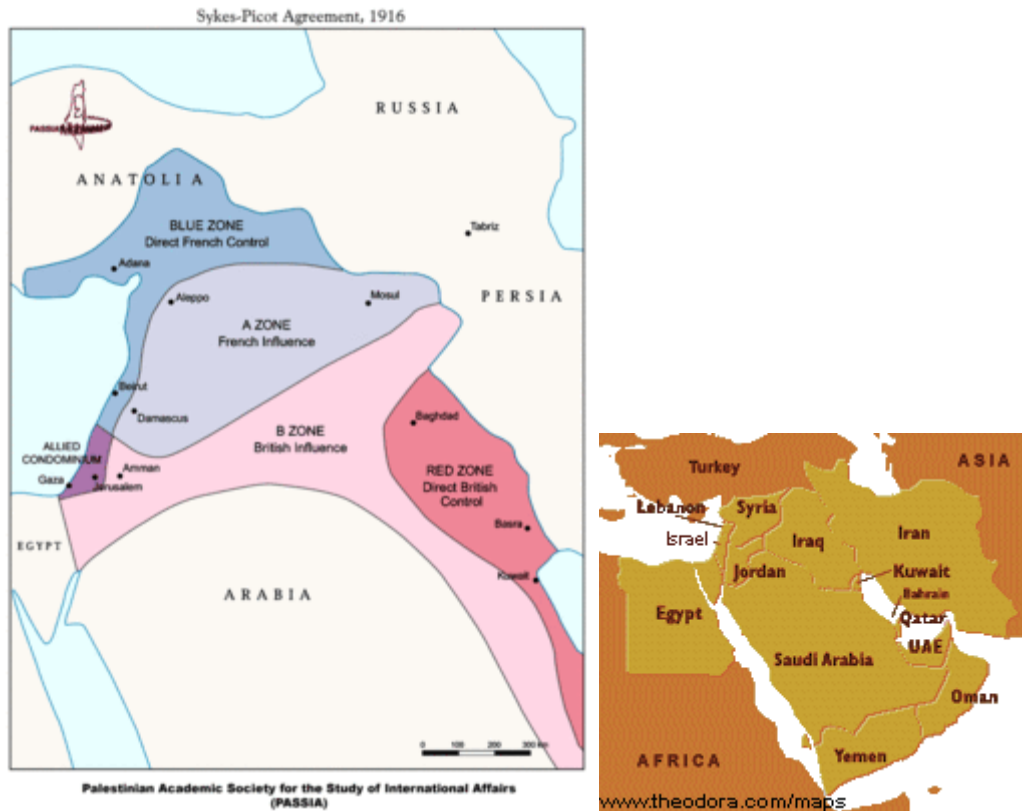


Snazzlefrag's Modern Middle East DSST Study Notes

Contact: <http://www.degreeforum.net/members/snazzlefrag.html>

Hosted at: <http://www.free-clep-prep.com>



Arab: Not a nationality. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan (Hashemite), Lebanon, Iraq, Syria.

Cities: Diverse. Modern=Haifa, Beirut. Old=Mecca, Sana.

Until 1960s, only 6 cities had >0.5million (Cairo, Alexandria, Istanbul, Beirut, Baghdad, Tehran). Most lg cities by Mediterranean Coast.

Crops: Concentrated in North (Turkey/Syria/Iraq/Iran) Wheat #1, Barley #2.

Farming: Most live in nearby villages, not on farm. Share-cropping (portion of crop 20-50%). Landlords own property and most profits.

Egyptian revolution (1952) brought agrarian revolution and changed conditions of tenancy throughout region.

Syria: Until recently, most agriculture was dominated by owners who lived in cities, little interest in farming.

Jew: Not a nationality. Made up of American, French, Russian, Arab Jews. Nordic, Negroes, Indians, Chinese etc.

Kurds: Linguistically related to Iranians. Eastern Turkey (half of all Kurds), N Iraq, N Syria, NE Iran, Russia. 15 million total.

Maintain language, culture, physical traits (b/c isolated). Large minorities in Turkey, Iran, Iraq (causes political problems).

Never been an independent Kurdish nation. Rather, a tradition of tribal autonomy within

other nations.

Language: #1 Semitic (Arabic/Hebrew). Akkadians > Babylonians > Assyrians. #2 Turkish. #3 Chaldean/Syriac (branch of Aramaic).

Livestock: Income for Nomads & Settled Cultivators. <1million camels (milk,meat, hair=tents/clothes,dung=fuel,urine=meds).

Mongols: #3 Genghis Khan. Overran most of Iran in 13C. Khan's grandson, Hulagu destroyed Baghdad & irrigation. Iraqis still dread Mongols.

Mongol dynasty disintegrated in 14C (ugly memory). Few thousand descendants still found in E Iran & W Afghanistan.

Nomads: Declining b/c centralized govt, and Western technology. Arab, Kurd, Persian Nomads (all organized similarly)

Horizontal: Travel in summer. **Vertical:** Climb mountains in summer.

Pastoral (sheep, goats, sell byproducts in towns). **Bedouin:** Dromidary Camel (one hump).

Organization: families, clans, tribes = Federations ruled by elected or hereditary leaders (Arabs=Sheikhs, Iran=Khans).

Loyalty to tribe is supreme over loyalty to state/govt. "Law unto themselves". Big problem for central governments.

Persians: Iran (Aryan 3-2BC). Province of Pars.

Turks: #2 Tribes which swept westward out of Central Asia (Turkestan) in 11-12C. Converted to Islam. Turk = Turkish-speaking Muslim now.

Water Supply: One cause of 1967 War. Syria & Iraq are wary of Turkey's control of Tigris/Euphrates.

Oasis: Families gather around springs/rainfall. Isolated pockets of people. Islands of Culture surrounded by desert.

Islam - ("Surrender"), Youngest religion, 1.2 Billion believers. Allah - "The One Who Is God"

Beliefs: Last judgment, predestination, hierarchy of evil, beneficent angels.

Muhammad - Peace Be Upon Him (Pbuh), Just a prophet/NOT god, Allah founded Islam/NOT Muhammad.

Born in Mecca (570 AD). Time of Polytheism, idolatry. Orphan. Worked as a trader ("The Trustworthy").

Married a wealthy widow (Khadija). Visions in his 40s (in Mecca). (Archangel Gabriel). Recited visions became Qur'an (Last word of God, and last prophet).

Persecuted/Mocked

Hijrah: (622 AD) "Flight", he and 70 followers fled to Medina (200 miles). Final pilgrimage back to Mecca before he died.

Caliphs: Led Islam after Muhammad died. Abu Bakr (father-in-law) > Umar > Uthman > Ali (Sunni/Shiite split).

Scriptures: **Qur'an** - 114 chapters (Surahs, collected after his death). **Hadith** - Sayings of Muhammad (six collections=Sunna/common law).

Laws: **Tawhid** - What you should believe. **Shari'a** - What you should do.

Sunni: Traditionalist, literal qur'an.

4 Schools: Hanafite (India, Ottoman), Shafiite (S Arabia, Egypt, Palestine, E africa), Malikites (N Africa), Hanbalites (Saudi Arabia)

Shiite: (Party of Ali) Imams, coming messiah (Ali is true successor. Husband of Fatima/daughter of Muhammad). Non-arabs + Persia.

Sufi: "Wool", mystical, ascetic, rebel against intellectualism/legalism of conventional Islam. Personal relationship with Allah. 8C+.

Wahhabi: Anti-modernists, anti-change.

Ummah: Community of all Muslims (regardless of race or location).

Adam: First Muslim (also: Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, Solomon, Elijah, Job, Zachariah, Moses, John Baptist, Mary, Jesus)

Mosque: "Place of Prostration".

Festivals/Holidays: **Ramadan** - One Month, fast & pray. **Eid Al Fitr** - Feast at the end of Ramadan.

5 Articles of Faith: 1. God 2. Angels 3. Scripture (4): Torah, Psalms, Gospels, Koran 4. Prophets 5. Last Days

5 Pillars of Islam:

Shahada - Creed (morning & night), "No god but Allah, Muhammad is the prophet of Allah"

Salat - Prayer (5 times a day), if over 10 years old.

Sawm - Fasting (during Ramadan).

Zakat - Almsgiving (2.5%).

Hajj - Pilgrimage (Kaaba at Mecca. Black meteoric stone, Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac).

656 AD: **Ali became Caliph.** The Arabs had conquered almost all the Middle East (including Egyptian frontier to border of Pakistan).

North out of the peninsula = 2 powers: Christian Byzantium, Zoroastrian Sassanid Kingdom of Iran. 300yr fight for control of Middle East.

Byzantine Empire: Balkans, Asia Minor, Levantine Coast, Nile Valley, North Africa.

Iranian Empire: Pakistan west to Iraq.

Both powers were weakened by fighting with each other. Unable to resist Arab Muslims invading from southern deserts.

Within 25 yrs, Sassanid Persia collapsed and Byzantium was driven north into Anatolia.

661 AD: **Major schism in Islam (Shia vs Sunni).** Ali (4th Caliph) was assassinated.

Turkey: Ataturk, rejected Islamic/Ottoman institutions to modernize society. Used German/French/Italian/Swiss law codes.

Used Mosques to deliver govt sermons.

Safavid: 1501-1736. Native Iranian Dynasty from Iranian Azerbaijan. **Established Shi'a Islam** as Iran's official religion. United provinces.

Based on Sufi order "Safaviyeh" founded by Safi al-Din (1252-1334).

Safavid Rulers claimed to be descendant of Imam Ali and wife Fatima.

1447: Sheikh Junayd (descendant of al-Din), transformed Sufi Safavid into a revolutionary Shiite movement to seize power in Iran.

1501: Ismail I (15yrs old), captured Tabriz, made it his capital and declared himself the Shah of Azerbaijan.

1502 Cont'd to expand, Ismail declared Shah of Iran. Fought against Ottomans, Uzbeks, Russians, Afghans, India (Mughal Dynasty).

17C Trade routes b/n East & West shifted away from Iran. Shah's became decadent

and weak.

1722: Afghans conquered Iran (Safavid Empire).

1730: Nadir Shah (former slave in Iran) defeated the Afghans.

1736: Nadir Shah crowned himself Shah of Iran (end of Safavid Dynasty).

1747: Nadir Shah assassinated. Safavids re-appointed as puppet rulers of Iran (Shah Ismail III) until 1760.

1760: Karim Khan (Zand Dynasty) took over Iran as King of Persia.

Ottoman: (1299-1922) Turkish Warrior Tribes (From Central & East Asian Grasslands: Scythians, Huns, Mongols, Tatars).

Based in Anatolian Heartland (Turkey), Ottoman Empire spread over three continents (Europe, Asia, Africa).

Persecuted Shiites in Iran.

1516-17: Sultan-caliphate's armies captured Syria (Including Palestine & Egypt).

1683 Height of Ottoman Turkey stretched from Vienna to Iran to parts of Southern Russia.

Govt: Centralized bureaucracy. Sultan > **Grand Vezir** (Prime Minister) > Military Administrators.

Saray: Training college for administrators and officers. Sultan's quarters, palace, throne, council, stables, kitchens, baths, dorms.

Fatih Mehmet expanded: Christian Boys 8-18 (from Balkans). Every 5yrs, taken to Istanbul to be trained (**Janissaries**) 10-15k (16C)

Millet: Nations within Ottoman based on religion (own legal systems). Muslim, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Gregorian, Jewish.

Kadi: Muslim judge could issue judgment against all other nationals (b/c Islam was state religion).

Sipahi: Feudal Cavalry. Granted income from land in reward for military service.

Mufti of Istanbul (shiekh ul Islam): Highest RELIGIOUS rank. Could veto Sultans decisions if contrary to Sharia law, but appointed by Sultan.

Fetva: Declaration from Mufti that a Sultan's new law was compatible with Sharia.

Suez:

1855-1865: Palmerston (British PM) objected to Suez Canal. Feared Suez Canal would make Egypt (British) vulnerable to attack. Route to India.

Delay in Suez Canal allowed British to strengthen outposts between Egypt and India as safeguard when Suez Canal opened.

1869: Suez Canal opened.

Germany: Minor interest in Middle East until 1890 (Wilhelm II took over from Bismarck). Bismarck was more focused on European problems.

German Missions in Palestine and Syria. Germans Trained Ottoman Army. German capitalists invested in Anatolian railways

1890: New Kaiser Wilhelm II pushed German role in Middle East. Railway concessions, direct steamship b/n Germany/Ottoman Empire. Trade.

1903: Plans for Berlin to Baghdad railway. But needed capital. Invited French/British capitalists to invest.

In Britain, Balfour govt favored accepting the offer. Big business feared continued German growth in Ottoman Empire.

Europe 19C:

1683: Vienna is capital of Habsburg Empire. Ottomans tried but failed to take over Vienna.

1699: Ottomans sign treaty at Karlowitz. Ottomans ceded Hungary to the Habsburgs, and Aegean coast to Venetians (Venice).

1718: Ottomans cede Crimea to Russia.

1722-23: **1st Russo-Persian War**. Peter the Great expanded Russia to Caspian, S Caucasus. Prevent Ottoman from expanding.

1774: Ottomans allow Russia to speak on behalf of their Orthodox Christian subjects.

1796: **2nd Russo-Persian War**. Catherine the Great v Agha Khan (raised Georgian capital in Caucasus). Cath = punish Khan.

Zubov's troops were poised to attack Iran when Cath died. Paul took over, and recalled troops (assassinated 5yrs later).

1798-1801 Napoleon sent by French Revolutionary govt to conquer Egypt, and if possible Syria and Iraq.

Napoleon tried to win over Egyptians by posting Manifestos. "French are muslims too", "French respect Muslims and Koran".

Napoleon's invasion of Egypt led to competition for Egypt b/n Britain and France.

Destroyed notion that Ottoman Muslims had superiority over Europe.

Weakened the Mamluks (converted slave soldiers) in Egypt. Created a vacuum once the British pulled out in 1802. Muhammad Ali.

1804-13: **3rd Russo-Persian War**. Alex I v Fath Ali Shah Qajar (5x troops). Both wanted to consolidate Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia.

Russian superior technology won. Treaty of Golestan ceded Caucasus to Russia.

Khans decimated, pay homage to Russia.

1805-49 **Muhammad Ali** (Egypt) modernized his armies, industrialized Egypt (western style). Massacred his opponents.

Placed most private land under state control. State supplied farmers with seeds, tools, fertilizer. Sold national crops for a profit.

Drafted peasants to build roads and dig canals. Irrigation = 3 crops/yr instead of one.

1st Middle Eastern country to move from subsistence farming to cash crop. Tobacco, sugar, indigo, cotton.

1826-28 **4th Russo-Persian War**. Brits supported Fath Ali Shah to retake Caucasus. Abbas Mirza prevailed in Tehran in 1826.

Outbreak of Russo-Turkish War made urgent. Russia won.

Treaty of Turkamanchai ceded land, 20m roubles to Russia. Allowed Armenians to migrate to Russia. Gave Russia exclusive

rights to maintain a navy in the Caspian and allowed free trade to Russians, anywhere in Persia.

Undermined the dominant position of the British Empire in Persia.

1839: Ottoman defeated by **Muhammad Ali** Viceroy of Egypt. Ottoman Sultan Mahmoud died, succeeded by Abdulhamid I.

1839: Ottoman Sultan issued Noble Rescript of the Rose Chamber (**Tanzimat 1839-76**) = Political Reform ("reorganization").

Safeguarded rights, instituted fair taxes, conscript/train soldiers, economic reforms.
Ended tax farming, bribery, favoritism.

1839 Ottoman "**Tanzimat**": Western educated bureaucrats. Instituted Western uniforms, educational reforms (**Young Turks**)

Change in land laws allowed Russian Jews to purchase land in Palestine (**Start of Zionism**).

1846: Lebanon split in two by French.

1853-56 **Crimean War** "Russo-Ottoman" War. French/Brits/Sardinia support Turkey. Ended by Peace of Paris. Turkey Won.

Treaty of Paris: 4 Point Plan. Moldavia/Walachia (Danube) under Ottoman control. No warships in Black Sea (home to Russian Fleet).

Tsar & Sultan agreed not to establish naval/military arsenal on the Black Sea coastline. Independence of Ottoman Empire.

1871 Franco-Prussian (German) War. France crushed. Russia took the opportunity to denounce Paris Treaty. Est fleet in Black Sea again.

1876-1909 **Abdulhamid II**. Ottoman Dictator. Tried to institute reforms for 30yrs (failed). Decline of Ottoman Empire.

Allied with Germany. Germans trained Ottoman army/reorg finances.

1876 Suspended Constitution.

Borrowed money from Europe to fund reforms. Heavy debts = lost control to foreign powers. **European Debt Commission**.

Theodor Herzl offered to pay down Ottoman debt if allowed Zionists to colonize Palestine. Abdulhamid turned him down.

1882 Egypt fell under British Control because of Western debts.

1889 Young Turks formed to restore the constitution.

1890 Armenians protested for reforms of their own. Ottoman sent criminal militia to suppress Armenians (massacred 100-300k).

1899 **Baghdad Railroad** was given to the Germans.

Early 20th Century (Further Modernization):

1906 Young Turks form **Committee of Union and Progress** (CUP). Ottoman Freedom Society (OFS - Mehmed Talhat).

Goals: Restore 1876 Constitution, Strengthen Military, restore morality, all religious/ethnic groups to have equal rights.

1908 **Young Turk** revolution broke out. Forced Abdulhamid to restore the Constitution. Outlawed espionage, censorship.

1909 Despite Abdulhamid's efforts to appease Young Turks, he was deposed into captivity in Salonica > Istanbul in 1912.

Syria, Libya, Algeria, Egypt dismantled old ruling class through land reforms. Western technology, modernization projects.

Industrialization over agriculture, control of economy, education to masses, one party systems, weakened religious institutions.

Islamic Republic of Iran: "restore true Islamic govt", but did so in the form of Written Constitution, elected parliament (Western style).

Ayatollah Khomeini (Islamic Revolution): Used technology - Led revolution using cassettes, telephone etc.

WWI:

Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy. Ottoman joined 1914, Bulgaria joined 1915. (Mutual defense against France or Russia).

Ottoman Empire on side of Germans. Young Turks had relationship w/ Germans. Wanted win back Egypt from UK, Caucasus from USSR.

Turkish ships bombarded Russian port of Odessa. Sultan proclaimed military jihad against Britain, France, Russia.

1904: **Entente Cordiale:** "Friendly Understanding". Britain and France.

France: Felt threatened by central power's alliance. **Britain:** Concerned by growth of German Navy

1907: **Russia**, fearing growth in German Army, allied with Britain and France. "**Triple Entente**".

1914: Syrian's demanded decentralization of Ottoman Administration, and reform (wanted Arab Independence).

1915: **Jamal Pasha**, trying to tighten his control over **Syria**, attacked dissident Al Fatat members. 21 hanged in Damascus & Beirut.

Al Fatat "Young Arab Society" and Al Ahd (Army officers) "The Covenant":

Underground groups for Arab Independence.

Martyr's Day: Commemorates the martyrdom of the 21 Al Fatat Arabs

1915-16: **British promise to Arabs: Hussein-McMahon Correspondence.** Sharif of Mecca v. High Commissioner of Egypt (Cairo).

Hussein promised to incite armed revolt by Hijazi tribes (led by Hussein's sons) against Ottoman Empire's rulers.

Brits promised to support independent Arab states (self-determination) around Arabian Peninsula and Fertile Crescent.

Ambiguity: Palestine/Lebanon not specified in correspondence. Brits excluded areas "**not purely Arab rule**".

700k Arabs, 85k Jews in Palestine at that time. Jews owned only 7% of the land.

Brits also promised Ottoman-ruled Arab lands to other countries (Sykes-Picot). Only area left for Arabs was Arabian Desert.

1916: **British promise to French: Sykes-Picot Agreement.** SECRET agreement. Sykes wasn't aware of Hussein-McMahon.

UK gets Jordan/S Iraq/Kuwait/Haifa. **French** get SE Turkey/N Iraq/Syria/Lebanon.

Palestine=International. Italy gets Aegean Islands.

British promise to Russians: Russia gets Armenia/part of Kurdistan. Share in Palestine.

1917 Russian Revolution lost Russia its claims in Ottoman Empire. Lenin publicly released Sykes-Picot Agreement. Embarrass Allies.

1917: **British promise to Jews: Balfour Declaration:** Balfour to Lord Rothschild (Zionist Federation of Britain).

3 Points: 1) Jewish home in Palestine. 2) Uphold rights of Jews who choose not to live in Palestine. 3) Uphold rights of non-Jews in Pal.

Arab Objection: "**double crossed**". Jewish home would prejudice Arab majority. Not protect 'political' rights of non-Jewish.

1918 Jan: US Pres Woodrow **Wilson** issued **14 Peace Points**. Denounced secret

treaties, urge Arab independence, **League of Nations**.

"The world must be made safe for democracy"

1918 Jan: UK sent **Hogarth Message** to Hussein. Still needed help of the Arabs so promised "political/economic freedom of Arabs".

1918 Feb: UK sent **Bassett Letter** reiterating original promise of Arab independence to Hussein. *UK is lying again*

1918 Jun: UK releases "**Declaration to the Seven** (Syrian leaders)". Policy of HM Govt will always be independence for Arab nations.

1918 Nov: **Anglo-French Joint Declaration**. UK/France say they are at one in wanting independent govt for Syria(Pal), and Mesopot(Iraq).

Britain & France lied, cheated and double crossed Arabs. = Deep-seated mistrust by Arabs.

1918 **Paris Peace Conference** (end of WWI): US/UK/FR/Jewish Nationalists/Arab Rebels. Not Germany/Austria-Hung/USSR/Ottoman.

1918 **British is dominant power in ME after WWI**. Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon.

Ottoman Empire destroyed, Russia in civil war, French influence limited by minor military role in ME during the war.

British control Palestine (not Jews OR Arabs). Europeans replaced Turks as rulers in the Middle East.

Interwar period (1919-1939):

1919 Paris Peace Conference. UK/FR/IT/US agreed to form Inter-Allied Commission but it was never formed. So....King Crane (US only).

1919 **King Crane Commission**: Sent by Pres Wilson (USA) to find out what Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Anatolia (SW Turkey) people wanted.

6 weeks (Jun/Jul). 72% in Syria voted against Zionist claims. Commission says "Balfour Declaration didn't say make Pal Jewish state".

1919: **Syria**: Faisal (military governor) assumed immediate control of all Syria except Mediterranean coast where French garrison.

Faisal convened **General Syrian Congress**, declared Syria sovereign and free.

1919 **Paris Peace Conference**: Wilson asked that Arab independence be considered, invited Faisal to attend. **REJECTED** by UK/FR.

Faisal returned to Damascus and once again proclaimed Syria sovereign and free.

1920: Syrian congress declared Faisal King of Syria. **Reconstruction** began: Arabic=Official Language (not Turkish).

Reopened schools (Faculty of Law, Syrian University. Arab Academy, Damascus). Committee to create new constitution.

1920 **Supreme Allied Council** (San Remo, Italy): Rejected Syria's independence. Partitioned Arab world as outlined in Sykes-Picot.

Syria given to France. French troops began marching from Beirut to Damascus. Faisal fled to Europe (returned in 1921: King of Iraq).

1920 Jerusalem Arabs (led by Muslim-Christian Association), protested against Zionism to UK Governor of Jerusalem. Warned of **FIGHT**.

Arab Rioting began on Feb 27. Apr 4-8 riots against Jewish in Jerusalem's Old City.

Arab police helped and were disarmed by Brit Troops.

British Troops didn't stop the rioting though, and didn't allow Jews to organize defense. British Military Command in Palestine recommended King Faisal of Syria be put in charge of Jerusalem, and Balfour Dec be revoked.

Jews were furious with British Army. Compared to USSR Tsarist police during the pogroms.

Oil:

1899 Marcus Samuel (head of **Shell Oil**) began lobbying British govt to convert Royal Navy from coal to oil. Adm Fisher agreed.

Adm Fisher in turn convinced Churchill (Lord of the Admiralty).

1912 Churchill ordered the British Fleet be converted to oil. Enabled UK to defeat German navy in WWI.

Churchill chose **Anglo-iranian Oil Co** (now BP) to be supplier to Royal Navy. UK govt purchased 51% of shares in BP.

As a result, Britain HAD to make sure Iranian govt remained "safe".

Other western countries raced to obtain concessions in the Middle East and put favorable people in power.

1920s: Britain v US conflict for Iraq oil. On verge of war. War b/n

Hashemites/Jordan(UK) and Wahabis/Saudi Arabia(US) = proxy wars.

Mosul Issue: Turks (under Ataturk) refused to recognize UK control of Mosul and demanded its return.

Sykes-Picot Agreement originally gave Mosul to France.

But San Remo conference attached it to Iraq, & France received Germany's share in the Turkish Petroleum Company instead.

UK and Turkey took the issue to League of Nations. Ruled in favor of UK. Turks challenged LoN's authority.

Took it to Permanent Court of International Justice. Ruled in favor of UK.

Mosul was awarded to Iraq on condition that UK guarantee protection for Kurdish rights until 1950.

1930: **Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance** = Iraq the first ME territory to attain independence.

UK still maintained indirect control of Iraq's foreign/military policy. Iraq obligated to allow UK use of rail/ports/airfields etc.

Seven Sisters:

BP, Shell, Texaco, Standard Oil of NY(Mobil), Standard Oil of CA(Socal/Chevron), Standard Oil of NJ(Exxon/Esso), Gulf Oil.

They controlled production, refining, marketing of virtually ALL Arab oil. Cartel until OPEC (1960s-70s).

ARAMCO: Arab-American Oil Company

1930 King Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia invites Charles Crane to visit. Conduct survey to assess SA's water mineral and oil resources.

1931 Karl Twitchell (engineer) arrived in Jiddah. Eastern region around Dhahran indicates presence of oil.

1933 Lloyd Hamilton (Socal/Chevron) negotiated concession for exclusive rights to oil in the eastern region (for 60yrs).

This agreement broke the British monopoly of ME oil.

Mandates: 1920 Ottoman empire divided b/n UK (Pal, Iraq, Jordan) and France (Syria, Lebanon).

To mollify the Arabs, British made two sons of Sharif of Mecca kings of two states: Faisal Iraq, Abdullah Jordan.

Ataturk: As Ottoman collapsed, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk created a new state in Anatolia and Thrace. Ataturk=Father of the Turks.

Kemalism = Western alphabet(1928), law code (Swiss), women's right to vote, Euro hats instead of fez, Surnames, rewrite history.

6 Arrows of Kemalism: republicanism, nationalism, populism, reformism, statism, secularism. (written into constitution).

One Party Rule: Ataturk's Republican People's Party (RPP Est. 1923).

Traditionalists opposed abolition of caliphate, secularization of society, revocation of Sharia law. Ataturk stayed strong.

1926 Plot to Assassinate Ataturk by former deputy who opposed abolition of caliphate. 15 hanged. Others exiled.

1931 Turkish Historical Society, new calendar, weights, measures, holidays, surnames. Weekend Act 1924, Time/Calendar Act 1925, Obligation Law & Commercial Law 1926, Measures Act 1933, Surname Act 1934.

Pahlevi Iran: After WWI **Reza Shah** Pahlevi (military) took power in Iran. **Centralized Iran.** His reforms didn't take root like Ataturks.

Ended up with a wealthy Westernized class separate from population which maintained traditional Islamic culture.

Built up 40k army. Instituted universal conscription in 1926. Used army to consolidate power and keep tribes under control.

Educational reforms ended cleric's monopoly on education. Created secular law to weaken clerics. No cleric judges.

1936 Abolished veil, allowed women to work and go to school, European dress.

Abolished **Majli** (Islamic Parliament)

Initial popular support. But harsh police, exiled leaders, executed tribal chiefs, bureaucrats, & Teimurtash (minister of court/friend).

WWII:

North Africa: NE **Libya** & NW **Egypt.** Tanks/aircraft played major role along the flat coastline.

Aug 1940: Italy occupied British Somaliland. Reached Sidi Barani (60mi in Egypt) then stalled.

Dec 1940: UK **8th Army** (Wavell) surprise counter with less men, forced Italy 500mi back up the coast Cyrenaica > El Agheila (Lib).

UK had fewer forces b/c it sent troops to Greece.

Collapse of Italian Army forced Germany to reinforce its ally with **Afrika Corp** (5th Light Division, 15/21st Panzer Div. - **Rommel**).

1941 Apr: Rommel drove the British (who had defeated Italians) back to the border of Egypt. Auchinleck replaced Wavell (8th Army).

1942 Jan: Auchinleck (8th Army) pushed Rommel back to El Agheila (Libya).

1942 May: Auchinleck set up defensive line North of Bir Hacheim at El Gazala (100mi in

Libya). Rommel attacked, but failed to breakthrough.

1942 Oct: Reinforced British forces launched their own offensive. Rommel began one of longest sustained retreats in history.

He retreated to a defensive position along the Mareth Line in S Tunisia.

1943 Jan: Rommel abandoned Tripoli (Libya) to the British.

Iran: Tried to counterbalance British and Russian pressures by building relationship with Germany.

1941: Reza Shah rejected Soviet/UK requests to use Iran as supply route to Russia (only route after Nazi invasion of Russia Jun 1941).

Reza Shah also rejected Soviet/UK request to expel German fifth column from Iran, and to est Allied transit facilities in Iran.

British/Russian troops invaded Iran, dividing the country along the lines of the 1907 Anglo-Russian Agreement.

1942: Iran, UK, USSR signed tripartite **Treaty of Alliance**. Gave Allies use of transit/communication facilities of Iran. USSR lied.

Promised not to occupy, independence to be respected, Allies to withdraw after war, help rebuild/develop Iran

1943 **Tehran Conference**. US joined "nonoccupation". 30k US troops (Persian Gulf Command). Iran=supply route to Russia.

Palestine: Quiet during WWII. Arab Rebellion of 1936 petered out by 1939.

When war broke out, Zionists called a halt to political manouvers against British, pledged support to Allies.

Rescued Jews from Europe by smuggling them into Palestine against wishes of Arab majority and British authorities.

Egypt: Center of Allied ME wartime activity. British ME Command, Office of Minister of State for ME, ME Supply Center based in Cairo.

500+k soldiers from Australia, NZ, Poland, Greece passed through Egypt during WWII.

1943 Conference b/n Roosevelt(US), Churchill(UK), Gen. Chiang Kai-shek(China), Inonu(Turkey) held in Cairo.

British: End of war, British still paramount Western power in ME. French had been displaced, America just developing ME relations.

Russia had reestablished control over Northern Iran (**double cross on 1942 Treaty of Alliance**).

British withdrawal from ME: Less abrupt than French withdrawal had been.

Withdrew from Palestine first: Hatred between Palestinian Arabs, Jews, British after WWII made it impossible for UK to stay.

1946 **Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry** failed to find a compromise.

1947: British handed Palestinian Issue over to **United Nations** to deal with.

Post WWII: New Nations and Soviet-US Rivalry (1945-1956):

1945 **League of Arab Nations:** Founded in Alexandria, Egypt. 7 Founders: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, SA, Syria, Yemen. 22 now.

1947 **UN Special Committee on Palestine(UNSCOP)** to resolve issue of British Mandate in Palestine.

Major powers were not represented in UNSCOP, to make it more neutral.

Australia/Canada/Czechoslovakia/Guatemala/India/Iran/Netherlands/Peru/Sweden/Urug

uay/Yugoslavia

Proposal #1: Divide Palestine into Arab State + Jewish State + International zone in Jerusalem.

For(7): Canada/Czech/Guat/Netherlands/Peru/Sweden/Uruguay. **Against(3):** India/Iran/Yugo. (Australia abstained).

Proposal #2: Single federal state containing both Jewish and Arab constituent states.

Proposed Division of Palestine: Pop: 67% Arab (1.237m), 33% Jew (608k). Jews get 55% of land (only owned 7%)

Jewish: Coastal plain from Haifa to Rehovot, Eastern Galilee, Negev, Umm Rashrash (in south).

Arab: W. Galilee, Town of Acre, Samarian Highlands, Judean Highlands, Southern Coast (Majdal, Gaza Strip), Desert on Egypt border.

Nazareth, Jenin, Nablus, Hebron, Beersheeba, Jaffa (enclave within coastal Israel).

International: Jerusalem, Bethlehem.

1947 **Truman Doctrine:** "Protect free people". Thwart USSR plans for Greece and Turkey. Made US protector of ME (Instead of UK).

1948-49 **Arab-Israeli War:** Jordan/Egypt/Syria/Lebanon/Iraq invaded Palestine after British withdrew and **Israel created May 14, 1948.**

900k Palestinians forced out of Israel.

1954 **Lavon Affair:** Israeli govt interferes with US-Egyptian relations by bombing US office in Cairo, blame it on Egyptians.

1955 Since 1948 Egypt/Israel War, displaced Palestinian Arabs conducted violent **raids into Israel** to regain property/possessions.

Israel responded with massive reprisal raids against entire villages in Arab countries. Feb 1955 Israel raided Gaza, killed men AND children. Egypt ended peace talks with Israel and turned to USSR for arms.

After Gaza raid, Egypt sponsors anti-Israeli guerillas (**Fedayeen**).

Aug 1955 Israel attacks Khan Yunis in Gaza, kills 39 Egyptian citizens. (**Ben-Gurion** anti-peace, **Sharett** pro-peace)

1955 Nasser(Egypt) plays US and USSR. Frustrates US by buying arms from USSR. US antagonizes **Nasser** by setting up Baghdad Pact (Later "Central Treaty Organization" CENTO). Pushes Nasser closer to USSR.

CENTO: Alliance between UK, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq (only Arab nation). Nasser mad "splitting Arab world".

1956 **Nasser** nationalized the **Suez Canal Company** (owned since 1869 by British and French with Egyptian concession).

British and French angry. US more calm (ownership doesn't affect freedom to navigate).

Israel not allowed to use Suez Canal.

Conference was planned, but Nasser refused to attend. UK/France/Israel prepared for **Suez War**.

1956: **Suez War:** Israel invaded Egypt and Gaza Strip. UK/French launch air attacks against Egypt. **US opposed** (Eisenhower).

1) Friction over armistice line after 1948 Egypt/Israel War. 2) Control of Suez Canal. 3) Suspicion about Nassers rel with USSR.

4) Nassers support of Algerian Independence against French. 5) Israel fuming over

Egyptian-backed raids on Gaza.

Result: US arranged with UN for cease-fire. Demanded UK/French withdrawal. Nasser GAINED popular support/prestige.

Baath Party: Est Damascus Syria 1947. Pan-Arab intellectuals. Inspired by two Syrians: Aflaq and Salah ad Din al Bitar.

1952 Baath party merged with Arab Socialist Party to form the Arab Baath Socialist Party.

Branch (fira/province) > Section (shabah/city) > Division (firqah/towns) > Cell (3-7 members/neighborhoods).

Iraqi Baath Party: est 1954 by Damin (1st Secretary General) and Khudaryi. Since 1968 wanted to create strong/unified Iraq.

21 Baath branches, one in each of 18 provinces and three in Baghdad.

Use govt to eradicate exploitation, social inequalities, sectarian loyalties, apathy, lack of civil spirit.

New lifestyle based on Patriotism, national loyalty, collectivism, participation, selflessness, love of labor, civil duty.

Emphasized military training for youth "new men in society". Defend against Zionism, Imperialism, anti-Arabs, right wing.

Since late 80s Baath succeeded in **socializing** economy, agriculture, industry, oil programs (govt owned iron, steel, oil).

Iran Oil: 1953 Hague asserts Iran's (**Mussadegh**) right to nationalize oil. West boycotts Iranian Oil. **CIA Ajax=Shah Reza Pahlevi.**

Resolution of Suez Crisis to Iranian Revolution (1956-1979):

1957 **Eisenhower Doctrine:** US would use armed forces in ME upon request, if imminent or actual aggression from Communists.

Reaction to increased Soviet influence in Syria and Egypt, and threat of Soviet assistance to Egypt during 1956 Suez War.

Lebanon (under Pres. Kamil Sham'um) was the only ME country to accept the Eisenhower doctrine.

Lebanese Arab Nationalists saw it as US replacing UK as "guardian", would threaten Lebanese neutrality.

Repeated Western 'double-crosses' made Arabs more afraid of Zionism/Western Imperialism than Communism.

1957 **Jordan's Nationalist** army threatened to seize King **Hussein's** palace. Hussein overcame, martial law, dissolved parliament.

Hussein became a **Royal Dictator**. US used Eisenhower Doctrine for first time. Sent ships/troops to E Mediterranean.

1958 **Iraq Revolution:** To abolish oppressive laws passed by Faisal regime. Freed pol prisoners (not crim). Free teachers/students.

Killed King **Faisal II** (and his uncle Abd al-Ilah). **Declared Iraq a Republic. Abdul Karim Qasim** became PM of Iraq (liberal/moderate).

Revolution welcomed by Iraqi people. Celebrated in the streets, vowed to defend the revolution.

Interim Constitution was adopted. Equality for all Iraqis. Freedom w/out regard to race, nationality, language, religion.

Kurds granted amnesty and welcomed by the new republican regime.

Three-man Sovereignty Council set up: 1 Sunni, 1 Shiite, 1 Kurd. Qasim symbolized unity (mother=Shiite, father=Sunni).

Social welfare improved life of Iraqis. Social Security, Rent Control, Savings Plans, Housing Projects for poor, Women's rights.

1967 UN Security Council adopted **Resolution 242**: peace and right of every nation to live free. Israel to give back SOME territories.

1967 Arab League responded with **Three No's** (Khartoum, Sudan): No Peace! No Negotiations! No Recognition of Israel!

1967 **Six Day War**: "The Setback". Israel v Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq. Israel won (though vastly outnumbered). Brezhnev, Johnson, Eshkol(Is).

Israel launched preemptive attack on Egyptian airforce (Nasser), then Syrian and Jordanian airforces. Won air superiority in 1hr.

Israel feared imminent attack by Egypt (expelled UN, build up on border, blockade of Straits of Tiran). Also, Syrian support of Fedayeen.

Jordan (King Hussein) responded by attacking Jerusalem and Netanya.

Result: Israel won Golan Heights from Syria, Gaza Strip & Sinai Peninsular from Egypt, West Bank (incl E. Jerusalem) from Jordan.

1973 **Yom Kippur War**: Holiest Jewish day, Egypt, Syria (plus Jordan, Iraq and others) attacked Israel. Same size force as NATO.

Golan Heights: 180 Israeli Tanks v 1400 Syrian Tanks.

[AKA

Ramadan War, October War]

Suez Canal: 500 Israeli Soldiers v 80,000 Egyptian Soldiers.

USSR requested meeting with Kissinger in Moscow to arrange cease-fire. Led to **UN Security Council Resolution 338**.

Gave 12 hours for both sides to cease fire. Plan for negotiations for lasting peace in ME.

Israel broke the cease-fire, threatening to destroy Egyptian 3rd Army. Brezhnev told Nixon USSR would attack if Israel didn't stop.

US pressured Israel to back down, final cease-fire took place on October 25, 1973.

Result: Israel devastated. 6k troops killed in 18 days of fighting. US\$7B lost equipment and lost production. (Israel GNP for a year).

Image of invincible Israel (since victory in 1967 War) was lost. Shook Israel's confidence in Labor Party.

Revealed Israel's increasing reliance on US military. Set off Arms race, Israel trying to match Arab states (wealthy from oil).

Oil gave Arabs more political power (only Portugal allowed US planes to land there during the Yom Kippur War).

1978 **Camp David Accords** (2 agreements): Sadat (Egypt), Begin (Israel), Carter (US). 12 days of secret negotiations.

Agreement #1: Future of Sinai Peninsular and led to Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. (relations, withdrawal, demilitarization etc.)

Agreement #2: Established framework for negotiations for autonomous regime in West Bank & Gaza Strip (Judea/Samaria/Gaza).

This agreement was later interpreted differently by Israel, Egypt, and the US.

Additional Memorandum: US set out its commitment to Israel if the treaty is violated.

Israeli Politics & Society: **Dati** (Religiously observant Jews, Halakah) or **Lo Dati** (Not Religiously observant Jews).

Agnostic or Atheistic Secularists (types of Lo Dati). Traditionalists (committed to Judaism in principle).

Ultra-orthodox (Such as Neturei Karta, or Heredi) anti-Zionist extremists, reject Israel as a state. Shut out modern world.

Agudat Israel Party: Accept the state but not its messianic pretensions. Exempt from military service but demand protection.

After 1948, Israel supposed to write a constitution. Instead, created unicameral legislative body (**Knesset**). Enacted **Transition Law**.

1950 Knesset passed **Harari Decision**. Approved a constitution but postponed until future date. Constitution is evolving/building blocks.

By 1988 Nine "Basic Laws" had been enacted. Only amended by special majority (80 of 120 Knesset members).

No Bill of Rights: Israel depends on court system to protect civil rights and liberties.

Knesset: 120 mems, unicameral, 4yr terms, proportional representation, unlimited power (no veto by President, PM, Supreme Court).

PLO: Est. 1964. Umbrella org for several Palestinian resistance movements. Al Fatah (Arafat) assumed control of PLO in 1968. 6.5k armed.

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (**PFLP**): PLO faction, close to USSR, led by a Christian (Habash). 1.5k. Deadly terrorists.

1972: **Black September** group seized Israeli Athlete in **Munich Olympics**. Demanded release of Palestinian prisoners in Israel.

Israelis said no deal. Germans talked them out of the Olympic Village, but disaster at Munich Airport.

Iran from Mussadegh to Khomeini:

1953: Kermit Roosevelt (CIA) created **Operation Ajax** (UK idea). Plot to overthrow democratically elected **PM Mussadegh**.

Because Mussadegh had nationalized Iranian Oil and cut off Western countries from Iranian oil.

Stage 1: Shah Pahlavi appointed Gen. Zahedi as PM. Mussadegh refused to step down and arrested the Shah's emissary.

Stage 2: Military coup to forcibly overthrow Mussadegh. **Initially failed:** Shah Pahlavi fled the country, Gen. Zahedi went into hiding.

But Iranian people rioted for 4 days, then pro-shah army units and street crowds defeated Mussadegh's forces.

Many Iranians later resented CIA role in ousting Mussadegh (set back political growth in Iran for many years).

Shah Pahlavi seen as "puppet" of the west. Suppressed opponents with SAVAK police.

Mid-1970s: Unhappy Muslims begin to call for replacing the monarchy(shah) w/ Islam Republic. Led to Iranian Revolution of 1979.

1978 Shah Pahlavi tried to appease masses by appointing **Bakhtiar** (an anti-monarchy rebel) as PM.

Bakhtiar reinstated freedom of the press, released political prisoners, ended SAVAK, lifted martial law, withdrew from CENTO,

canceled US\$7B of arms orders from US, banned sale of oil to South Africa and Israel. This appeased some moderate clerics, but not **Khomeini** who was committed to the overthrow of the monarchy.

Ayatollah Khomeini: Shiite supreme religious leader of Iran from 1950s. Exiled to Iraq in 1964 for criticism of Shah Pahlavi.

Khomeini continued criticism from Iraq. Developed strong religious/political following. Saddam Hussein forced him to leave Iraq in 1978. He fled to France.

After the 1979 Iranian Revolution that ousted Pahlavi, Khomeini returned to Iran. Iran became an Islamic Republic, Khomeini ruled.

Khomeini held conservative Islamic ideology and opposed the West. **Iran Hostage Crisis, Iran-Iraq War** happened during his rule.

His ideology survived the Iran-Iraq War and the death of Khomeini in 1989. Political life was strictly controlled, minorities suppressed.

Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan to Persian Gulf Crisis (1979-1990):

1970s: **PLO** gained influence in Lebanon as the govt authority diminished. Many regions in Lebanon were controlled by Palestinians(PLO).

Israel (under Begin) sought to undermine the political influence of PLO and to eliminate guerrilla activity against N. Israel.

Arab League tried to find a compromise b/n Lebanese govt and PLO (withdrawl of PLO). But liberal Lebanese leaders feared Israel if no PLO.

1978: PLO attacked road b/n Haifa and Tel Aviv, killed several Israelis. 25k Israeli troops invaded/occupied south of Litani River for 3 months.

UN Interim Force (UNIFIL) replaced the Israelis during their phased withdrawal. Israelis distrusted b/c some of UN force were Arabs.

Begin's govt charged that UNIFIL was ineffective deterrent to terrorist attacks against N Israel settlements.

1979: Maj. **Haddad** (Lebanese Army) established autonomous **Free Lebanon** in 500 sq mi Lebanese border with Israel. 100k Shia+Christ.

State within a state. "Good Fence". Protected, trained, armed, uniformed by Israel. Population was allowed to work in Israel.

1979-80: Shiites gained political power in Lebanon (3rd to 1st largest community in Leb: 1mill). Had own military wing.

Until 1980s most Shiite vilages in S Lebanon were under PLO control. Israel v PLO made Shiites demand self govt for their own areas.

Shiites also fired up because their Imam (Sadr) disappeared (believed kidnapped by Libya).

Shiites inspired by Shiite Iranian Revolution in 1979.

Six Day War of 1967 gained land for Israel, but caused hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees to be under Israeli control.

This enthused the Palestinians to support PLO and lose faith in Arab governments.

1981-82: Lebanon's security deteriorated b/c of clashes in W Beirut, Tripoli, S Lebanon. Car bombings, terrorism against foreign diplomats.

Followed by terrorist attacks against Muslim and Christian religious leaders in 1982.

Lebanese Muslims lost hope in Syria, Leb Govt, PLO.

1982 **Lebanon War**: Israel lay seige to Beirut for 70 days. Barrage of air, naval, and

artillery. Israel wanted to decapitate PLO (kill leaders).

May 17th Agreement b/n Israel and Lebanese govts called for end of the war, sanctity of N Israel border,

integration of Haddad's army into the regular Lebanese Army, and Israeli withdrawal from Beirut.

Israeli withdrawal was contingent on Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon too.

Sept 1st **Reagan Peace Plan** (drafted by Shultz) Israel withdrawal from West Bank/Gaza, free elections, 5yr transition period. for Pal.

Result: Israeli invasion of Lebanon only made Shiites more militant. Caused upsurge in activity.

Palestinian Diaspora: Palestinian Refugees are indigenous Arab inhabitants of historic Palestine (Israel, Gaza, West Bank).

3 Groups of Dispersed Palestinians: 1) Displaced outside historic Palestine when Israel became a state in 1948.

2) Displaced within Israel. 3) Displaced from West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 war.

Postrevolutionary Iran: New revolutionary govt purged high-ranking military officers identified with the old Pahlavi regime.

Replaced old military with loyal **Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guard)**. Purpose was to defend the revolution.

When Iran-Iraq War began, Iran govt knew it needed help from purged officers.

1981 Dismissal of President Bani Sadr brought underlying conflict within political elite to a head.

Hezbollah (pro-Khomeini) gangs attacked anyone considered enemies of the revolution.

Mujahedin (People's Struggle) rose up in nationwide rebellion against Khomeini. Wants to set up own govt in Iran. Terrorism.

18 months of govt crackdown on Mujahedin virtually beseiged the country. No due process, eavesdropping, warrantless arrests.

The reign of terror came to an end in Dec 1982. Khomeini issued 9-Point Decree.

9-Point Decree: Courts must ensure civil rights, due process, no more forcible entry to homes, judge order for arrest etc.

Iran-Iraq War (1980-88): The Iranian Revolution of 1979 was a threat and an opportunity for Saddam Hussein.

Downfall of the Shah and the confusion in postrevolutionary Iran was an opportunity to project Iraqi power over the Gulf,

to regain control over the Shatt Al-Arab waterway, augment Iraqi claims of leadership over the Arab world.

The radical Shia Islam preached by Khomeini threatened to upset the Sunni-Shia balance in Iraq, a hostile Iran would threaten Iraqi

security in the Gulf. Saddam and Khomeini had personal animosity = Different ideologies, Saddam had forced Khomeini from Iraq.

The war strained Iraqi political and social life. Led to severe economic dislocations.

Many believe Saddam's decision to invade Iran was a miscalculation based on ambition and vulnerability.

Result: Stalemate. UN-mandated cease-fire.

OPEC (1960): Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela. 1973 Qatar, Indonesia, Libya, UAE, Algeria, Nigeria, Ecuador (until 1992), Gabon.

Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan (1979-1989): USSR defending Marxist Afghan govt against Mujahideen insurgents (trying to overthrow govt).

Soviets used **Friendship Treaty** (1978) as reasoning. Carter/Reagan freaked....end of detente. Amin/Karmal (Afg) Brez/Gorb (USSR)

90k Afghan combatants killed. 90k wounded (plus 10% of total pop, 13.5% of males). 1.5m total casualties.

Agriculture reduced by 50%, livestock by 50%, 70% of paved roads were destroyed.

Result: Soviet withdrawal, Afghan Civil War continued.

Intifada: Palestinian uprising of the 1980s early 1990s in West Bank and Gaza Strip. Traffic accident in Gaza killed 4 Palestinians (1987).

Sparked immediate local protests in Gaza and West Bank. Stones, molotov cocktails v tear gas, rubber bullets, home demolitions.

Conflict led to Israeli military crackdown which stagnated the Palestinian economies.

Palestinian self-rule and accord b/n Israel and PLO in 1983 eased the violence significantly.

Persian Gulf War (Jan/Feb 1991): Iraq v Coalition of 32 nations (incl US, UK, Egypt, France, Saudi Arabia).

Caused by Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug 2, 1990. Iraq annexed Kuwait. Saddam claimed response to Kuwaiti overproduction of oil, which cost Iraq \$14m when oil prices fell. He also accused Kuwait of illegally pumping oil from Iraq's Rumaila Oil Field.

UN Security Council called for withdrawal by Jan 15, 1991. Placed embargo against trade with Iraq.

Aug 1990: US troops moved into Saudi Arabia to protect Saudi oil fields.

Jan 18, 1991 Operation Desert Storm began with air strikes. Coalition forces invaded on Feb 24, 1991. Lasted 4 days.