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The Lasting Effects of British Decolonization in Palestine Recent Updates

The British decolonization in Palestine has left lasting effects for centuries in the country. In October 2020, an Israeli court ruled that several Palestinian families living in Sheikh Jarrah, a neighborhood in East Jerusalem, were to be evicted by May 2021 with their land handed over to Jewish families. In February 2021, several Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah filed an appeal to the court ruling and prompted protests around the appeal hearings, the ongoing legal battle around property ownership, and demanding an end to the forcible displacement of Palestinians from their homes in Jerusalem.

On May 21, 2021, Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire, brokered by Egypt, with both sides claiming victory and no reported violations.[1] More than two hundred and fifty Palestinians were killed and nearly two thousand others wounded, and at least thirteen Israelis were killed over the eleven days of fighting. Authorities in Gaza estimate that tens of millions of dollars of damage was done, and the United Nations estimates that more than 72,000 Palestinians were displaced by the fighting.

Most recently, on November 15, 2022, a Palestinian killed three Israelis and wounded three others in an attack in a settlement in the occupied West Bank before he was shot and killed by Israeli security personnel[2]. The Israeli military said the Palestinian, named by the Palestinian health ministry as 18-year-old Mohammad Souf, first attacked the Israelis at the entrance to the

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[1]"Israeli-Palestinian Conflict | Global Conflict Tracker." *Council on Foreign Relations*, https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/israeli-palestinian-conflict. Accessed 25 November 2022.

[2]"Palestinian shot dead in West Bank after killing Israelis." *Al Jazeera*, 15 November 2022, https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/11/15/palestinian-shot-dead-after-killing-israelis. Accessed 18 November 2022.

settlement's industrial zone, then proceeded to a nearby petrol station and stabbed more people there. The army said the man then stole a car, intentionally collided with a car on a nearby highway and struck and killed another person, before fleeing the scene on foot. Israeli forces raided Souf's family home and, according to Palestinian media outlets, physically attacked family members. No Palestinian faction has claimed responsibility for the attack, but it was hailed by spokespeople for Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. This conflict has been going on since 1923 and has ceased to stop, providing aid for the people affected in this conflict and promoting a peaceful resolution is incredibly important.

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