

For centuries the land of Palestine was inhabited by a diverse population of Muslims, Christians, and Jews. That began to change when groups in Europe and the U.S. called Zionists began a colonial enterprise in the late 1800s to take over the land for a Jewish state.

"We came to a region of land that was inhabited by Arabs, and we set up a Jewish state. ... Jewish villages were built in the place of Arab villages. You do not even know the names of these Arab villages, and I do not blame you because geography books no longer exist, not only do the books not exist, the Arab villages are not there either."

- Former Israel Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, 1969

"We'll make a pastrami sandwich out of them. We'll insert a strip of Jewish settlements in between the Palestinians, and then another strip of Jewish settlements right across the West Bank, so that in twenty-five years' time, neither the United Nations nor the United States, nobody, will be able to tear it apart."

- Ariel Sharon, 1973 (who later became Israel's Prime Minister)

"I know what America is. America is a thing you can move very easily."
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 2001

News reports almost never tell Americans that the U.S. gives Israel over \$10 million per day.